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# DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR KNOLLWOOD LAKES

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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 Knollwood Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., a nonprofit Georgia corporation, its successors and assigns.
- (b) "Approved Builder" means Ashton Atlanta Residential, L.L.C., a Georgia limited liability company and any other home builder approved by Declarant for the construction of houses on Lots.
- (c) "Board of Directors" or "Board" of the Association shall be the appointed or elected body, as applicable, having its normal meaning under Georgia law.
- (d) "Bylaws" shall refer to the Bylaws of Knollwood Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (e) "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.
- (f) "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 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.
- (g) "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- (h) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Vintage 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 undeveloped or unsold portions of the real property described 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 "Declarant" hereunder at any one point in time.

#### EXHIBIT "A" (continued)

- (i) "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 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.
- (j) "Mortgage" means any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, and any and all other similar instruments used for the purpose of encumbering real property in the Community as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.
  - (k) "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.
- (l) "Occupant" shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a residence or other property located within the Community for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.
- (m) "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.
- (n) "Person" means any natural person, as well as a corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), limited liability company, association, trust, or other legal entity.
- (o) "Supplementary Declaration" 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.
- (p) "Total Association Vote" means all of the votes attributable to members of the Association (including votes of Declarant), and the consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community.
- (q) "Architectural Review Committee" (ARC) shall mean and refer to a one to five member committee made up of Declarant and/or qualified members appointed by Declarant. The members of the ARC need not be owners of lots in the project.

# DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR KNOLLWOOD LAKES

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date hereinafter set forth by Vintage Communities, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes called "Declarant").

#### Background Statement

Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration. 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 encumbered 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.

#### 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 described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants and restrictions hereafter set forth and, 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.

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, that 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 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 Bylaws. 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 vote be cast for each Lot owned.

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Section 2. <u>Voting.</u> Members shall be entitled to one 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.

Section 3. Notice of Sale, Lease or Acquisition. Prior to the sale or lease of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Association with written notice of the name of the purchaser or lessee, as the case may be, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Lot each new Owner shall provide the Association with written notice of the name and mailing address of the Owner and such other information as the Board may reasonably require.

#### 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, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots, including the maintenance of real and personal property and payment of ad valorem taxes, 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 Association: (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 Lot 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 rate permitted by law, and costs, including, without limitation, 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, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's 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 the portion of each assessment coming due while the Owner of a Lot, and each grantee of an Owner shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings or deed in lieu of foreclosure. The Association shall, within five (5) days after receiving a written request thereof and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance. Annual assessments shall be levied at a uniform rate per Lot 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 annual installments.

Section 3. Computation. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, which may include a capital contribution or reserve in accordance with a capital budget separately prepared. The budget may also include, as necessary, a separate line item for any regular maintenance expenses incurred by the Association in maintaining any of the lakes and dams within the Community. The Board shall cause the assessments to be levied against each Lot for the following year and to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date (or at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date of the first installment in the case of the initial budget). The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the

event the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for the succeeding year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined, as provided herein, the budget in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year.

Section 4. Special Assessments. In addition to the other assessments authorized herein, the Association may levy special assessments any year. So long as the total amount of special assessments allocable to each Lot does not exceed 40% of the annual assessment in any one fiscal year, the Board may impose the special assessment. Except as provided in Article VII, Section 3 hereof, any special assessment which would cause the amount of special assessments allocable to any Lot to exceed this limitation shall be effective only if approved by a majority of the Total Association Vote. 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.

Section 5. Lien for Assessments. All sums assessed against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with late charges, interest, costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, as provided herein, shall be secured by a lien on such Lot in favor of the Association and the Association shall be entitled to file a document evidencing such lien in the land records of the county in which the Lot is located. 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 delinquent. Any 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. The Association may 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, of the due date or of the delinquent notice, a lien, as herein provided, shall attach and, in addition, the lien shall include interest, not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the principal amount due from the date first due and payable, all late charges, all costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and any other amounts provided or permitted by law. 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/or 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 such Owner 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 Bylaws, 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, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.

Section 7. <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to a Lot subject to this Declaration on the first day following the conveyance of such Lot to a Person who has not purchased such Lot for the purpose of construction of a residence and resale of such Lot and residence. Lots which are owned solely for the purpose of construction of a residence and resale of such Lot and residence, shall not be subject to assessment. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide.

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 for which the Owner is responsible under Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of this Declaration shall be specific assessments. The Board may also specifically assess Owners for the following Association expenses:

- (a) Expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received.
- (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.
- (c) A transfer fee to be collected upon each resale of a home after the initial sale of the home. Fee to be determined by the Board.

Section 9. <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control</u>. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may in his sole discretion: (I) advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves), and the sum of the annual, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year, and such advances shall be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant; or (ii) cause the Association to borrow such amount from a commercial lending institution at the then prevailing rates for such a loan in the local area of the Community. The Declarant in its sole discretion may guarantee repayment of such loan, if required by the lending institution, but no Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan.

### Article V Maintenance; Conveyance of Property to Association

Section 1. Association's Responsibility. 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 also maintain: (a) all entry features for the Community including the expenses for water and electricity, if any, provided to all such entry features; (b) streetscapes located at other street intersections within the Community; (c) all cul-de-sac islands located in the Community; (d) landscaping originally installed by the Declarant whether or not such landscaping is on a Lot or public right-of-way; (e) any pedestrian and/or bicycle paths located within the Community; (f) all Community recreational facilities; (g) all drainage and detention areas which were originally maintained by the Declarant, to the extent such areas are not maintained on an ongoing basis by a local governmental entity; (h) all street signs within the community to the extent any such signs are not maintained on an ongoing basis by a local governmental entity; and (i) all property outside of Lots located within the Community which was originally maintained by Declarant. 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, or the family, guests, lessees, or invitees of any Owner, and is not covered and paid for by insurance, in whole or in part, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs thereof shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject and shall become a lien against the Lot of such Owner. The foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Association shall also maintain any lake(s), dam(s) or shorelines(s) which may exist within the Community, to the extent such maintenance is not performed on an ongoing basis by a local governmental entity. Such maintenance responsibility shall include, without limitation, inspecting and maintaining the dam(s) and performing any necessary dredging or other necessary maintenance.

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 the Board of Directors of the Association determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly any of such Owner's obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair, or replacement of items for which such Owner is responsible hereunder, the Association may 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 a reasonable period after receipt of such notice within which to commence and/or complete such maintenance, repair, or replacement. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, levy a fine, 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. Conveyance of Property by Declarant to Association; No Implied Rights. The Declarant, or any Person with the consent of Declarant, may transfer or convey to the Association any personal property and any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement, or other property interest. 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 and shall have no duty or obligation to convey any property or property rights to the Association regardless of whether or not any such property has been made available for the use of Owners. The Declarant may reserve, by lease, license, easement or otherwise such rights of use and enjoyment in and to all or any portion of the property so conveyed as Declarant may reasonably require so long as such reservation is not materially inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community. Neither the recordation of any subdivision plat nor the use by the Owners or maintenance by the Association of any property shall create any rights, easements or licenses, in the Association or the Owners, express or implied, unless and until any such property rights, easements or licenses are conveyed by the Declarant or the owner of such property to the Association or the Owners, as the case may be, by an instrument recorded in the real estate records of the County where the property is located.

Section 4. <u>Partition</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided and no Owner 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 limited to, the Lots located within the Community.

### 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. These use restrictions may only be

amended in the manner provided in Article XII, Section 4 hereof regarding amendment of this Declaration. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the members, promulgate, modify, or delete other use restrictions and rules and regulations applicable to the Community. Such use restrictions and rules shall be distributed to all Owners and Occupants prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless overruled, cancelled, or modified in a regular or special meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote.

Section 2. Residential Use. All Lots shall be used for residential purposes exclusively. No business or business activity shall be carried on, in or upon any Lot at any time except with the written approval of the Board except that a sole individual may maintain an office without employees and without client visits. Leasing of a Lot shall not be considered a business or business activity. However, the Board may, but shall not be obligated to, permit a Lot to be used for business purposes so long as such business, in the sole discretion of the Board, does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration or Bylaws, does not create a disturbance and does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities.

Section 3. Architectural Standards. No exterior construction, alteration, addition, or erection of any nature whatsoever shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Community, except such as is installed by the Declarant, or as is approved in accordance with this Section, or as is otherwise expressly permitted herein. No exterior construction, addition, erection, or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications showing at least the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by an Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Any Approved Builder may submit its standard plans for approval by Declarant hereunder, and thereafter no further approval shall be required under this Article for such Approved Builder to construct improvements on Lots consistent with the approved standard plans. The ARC may be established such that it is divided into two subcommittees, with one subcommittee having jurisdiction over modifications and the other having jurisdiction over new construction. The Board may employ architects, engineers, or other persons, as it deems necessary to enable the ARC to perform its review. The ARC may, from time to time, delegate any of its rights or responsibilities hereunder to one 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 guidelines and procedures may be promulgated for the exercise of this review, which guidelines may provide for a review fee. So long as the Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the ARC. Upon the expiration or earlier surrender in writing of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the ARC. If the ARC fails to approve or to disapprove submitted plans and specifications within sixty (60) days after the plans and specifications have been submitted to it, the foregoing will be deemed approved. However, all activities commenced pursuant to plans which have been deemed approved shall be consistent with such plans.

As a condition of approval under this Section, each Owner, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance to and on any change, modification, addition, or alteration. In the discretion of the ARC, an Owner may be made to verify such condition of approval by a recordable written instrument acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest. The ARC 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 purpose of ascertaining whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with. Such Person or Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry. In addition to any other remedies available to the

Association, in the event of noncompliance with this Article, the Board may, as provided in Article XII, Section 1 hereof, record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation naming the violating Owner.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE NOT APPROVED FOR ENGINEERING OR STRUCTURAL DESIGN OR QUALITY OF MATERIALS, AND BY APPROVING SUCH PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS NEITHER THE ARC, THE MEMBERS THEREOF, NOR THE ASSOCIATION ASSUMES LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY THEREFOR, NOR FOR ANY DEFECT IN ANY STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED FROM SUCH PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. NEITHER DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE ARC, THE BOARD, NOR THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS OF ANY OF THEM SHALL BE LIABLE IN DAMAGES TO ANYONE SUBMITTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO ANY OF THEM FOR APPROVAL, OR TO ANY OWNER OF PROPERTY AFFECTED BY THESE RESTRICTIONS BY REASON OF MISTAKE IN JUDGMENT, NEGLIGENCE, OR NONFEASANCE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OR FAILURE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ANY SUCH PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS. EVERY PERSON WHO SUBMITS PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS AND EVERY OWNER AGREES THAT SUCH PERSON OR OWNER WILL NOT BRING ANY ACTION OR SUIT AGAINST DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE ARC, THE BOARD, OR THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS OF ANY OF THEM TO RECOVER ANY AND ALL DAMAGES AND HEREBY RELEASES, REMISES, OUITCLAIMS, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY JUDGMENT, NEGLIGENCE, OR NONFEASANCE AND HEREBY WAIVES THE PROVISIONS OF ANY LAW WHICH PROVIDES THAT A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION NOT KNOWN AT THE TIME THE RELEASE IS GIVEN.

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

Section 5. <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration and the architectural guidelines if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is dictated by unique circumstances, such as, but not limited to, topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic considerations or environmental considerations and would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community. No variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing, (b) be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community, or (c) prevent the Declarant from denying a variance in other similar circumstances. For purposes of this provision, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency or the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.

Section 6. Enforcement. Any structure or improvement placed or made in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from the Declarant, Owners shall, at their own cost and expense, remove such nonconforming structure or improvement and restore the land to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required, the Declarant and its agents shall have the right to enter the property, remove the nonconforming structure or improvement, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. All costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, may be assessed against the Lot as a specific assessment. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article and the architectural guidelines may be excluded by the Declarant from the Community, subject to any applicable notice and hearing procedures contained in the Bylaws. In such event, neither the Declarant, the Association nor the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them shall be held liable to any person for exercising the rights granted by this paragraph. In addition to any other remedies

available to the Declarant, in the event of noncompliance with this Article, the Declarant may record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation hereunder naming the violating Owner. In addition to the foregoing, the Declarant shall have the authority and standing to pursue any and all remedies available at law and equity to enforce the provisions of this Article.

Section 7. Architectural Review Committee. Until (a) the Declarant no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community; and (b) each Lot has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, the Declarant shall have the sole right, power and authority in regards to architectural review and standards. There shall be no surrender of this right except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant and recorded in the land records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county where this Declaration is recorded. Upon expiration or earlier surrender in writing of all or a portion of such right and authority, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Architectural Review Committee of the Association, which shall then have such jurisdiction over architectural control under this Article as may have been relinquished by the Declarant. The Board appointed committee shall serve at the pleasure and direction of the Board. The Declarant may in its sole discretion relinquish architectural control as to certain types of improvements or modifications to the Architectural Review Committee while retaining control over all other building and construction in the Community. For example and without limitation, the Declarant may relinquish control over modifications of existing structures to the Architectural Review Committee while retaining all authority to review and approve new home construction. Any right, power or authority of the Declarant which may be relinquished to the Association prior to the termination of the rights of Declarant hereunder shall be by written recorded instrument only and no such right, power or authority shall be relinquished by implication or otherwise. The establishment of an advisory Architectural Review Committee shall not be deemed to be a relinquishment by Declarant of any of its right, power and authority hereunder. After the termination of all rights of Declarant hereunder, the Architectural Review Committee shall have all right, power and authority to review and approve building and construction activity within the Community. These sections pertaining to architectural review and standards shall then be read and interpreted as if any reference to the Declarant were a reference to the Architectural Review Committee.

Section 8. <u>Signs</u>. No signage or lettering of any kind shall be erected or placed on any structure by an Owner or Occupant within the Community without the prior written consent of the ARC except (a) when offering a Lot or residence for sale or for lease, not more than one professionally lettered "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and having a maximum area of four square feet and a maximum height of four feet above ground level, (b) professional security signs consistent with the Community-Wide Standard, (c) any signs required by legal proceedings, and (d) signs erected by Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs.

Section 9. Vehicles. 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. Vehicles shall not be parked on any streets within the Community. Vehicles shall not be parked on the Common Property (except in designated parking areas) or on any portion of a Lot other than the driveway and the garage. Unless and except to the extent that the Occupants of a Lot shall have more vehicles than the number of garage parking spaces serving their Lot, all vehicles shall be parked within such garage parking spaces. Vehicles may be parked in the driveway on a Lot only after all of the garage parking spaces serving such Lot have vehicles parked in them. All parking shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt. All single-family detached homes shall contain a garage; carports shall not be permitted. Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times, except during times of ingress and egress from the garage. No towed vehicle, boat, boat trailer, recreational vehicle, motor home, mobile home, bus, truck with camper top, commercial vehicle, truck over one ton capacity, trailer, motorcycle, minibike, scooter, go-cart or similar recreational vehicle shall be permitted on any Lot, except if kept in an enclosed garage, for periods longer than 48 consecutive hours (the intent of this provision is that the aforementioned vehicles may not be stored on a Lot except if in a garage and the temporary removal of such vehicle from a Lot to break the continuity of the 48 consecutive hours shall not be sufficient to establish compliance with this restriction). Any such vehicle 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 subject to the restrictions contained in this paragraph provided such vehicles are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored out of public view upon removal from the vehicle. No vehicle may be left upon any portion of the Community, except in a garage, if it is unlicensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable of being operated upon the public highways. Any such vehicle 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 10. Leasing. Lots may be leased for residential purposes. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the tenant acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Declaration, Bylaws, use restrictions, and rules and regulations of the Association. The lease shall also obligate the tenant to comply with the foregoing. The Board may restrict the term of a lease to a reasonable period.

Section 11. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, 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 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 12. Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, poultry of any kind or naturally migrating animals may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Lot or in the Common Property areas, except that dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the Board, may be kept on a Lot; provided, however, those pets which are permitted to roam free, or, in the sole discretion of the Board endanger the health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners or Occupants of other Lots or the owner of any property located adjacent to the Community may be removed by the Board. 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 a Lot be confined on a leash. 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. Pets are not allowed to use the Common Property areas for elimination of waste. This is a violation of the covenants.

Section 13. Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition of such Owner's Lot. No property within the Community shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Community, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Community. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Community. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except such devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any Lot unless required by law.

Section 14. <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 15. Antennas. No radio antenna or solar equipment of any sort shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of a Structure or Lot without prior written approval by the ARC. No antennae shall be installed or used for the purpose of transmitting of electronic or ham radio signals. Exterior television satellite dish receivers or antennas shall not be visible from the street, shall be limited to the rear of each Residence or Lot, and the ARC may require adequate landscaping or planting to accomplish said visibility requirements. No other form of exterior television satellite dish receiver or antenna will be allowed.

Section 16. <u>Tree Removal.</u> No trees shall be removed from any portion of the Community without the prior written consent of the ARC except for (a) trees that are located within ten (10) feet of a drainage area, a septic field, a sidewalk, a residence or a driveway, (b) diseased or dead trees, and (c) trees removed by Declarant.

Section 17. <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 may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Declarant hereby reserves for the benefit of Declarant and the Association and their respective successors and assigns a perpetual easement across the 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 18. Sight Distance at Intersections. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would create a traffic or sight problem.

Section 19. Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc. All garbage cans, woodpiles, swimming pool pumps, filters and related equipment, air conditioning compressors, brush piles, grass clippings, building and construction materials and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to dump and bury rocks and trees on property within the Community as needed for efficient construction and to allow developers and builders within the Community to bury rocks and trees removed from a building site on such building site. Trash, garbage, debris, or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned within the Community.

Section 20. <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the ARC. 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 21. <u>Guns</u>. The use of firearms in the Community is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes without limitation "B-B guns", pellet guns, and small firearms of all types as well as bows and arrows or cross bows and slingshots using metal balls, etc. Section 22. <u>Fences</u>. No fence or lencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot without the prior written consent of the ARC. The ARC may issue guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications, but in no event may a chain link, wire mesh or barbed wire fence be approved.

Section 23. <u>Utility Lines</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ARC, 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 24. <u>Air-Conditioning Units</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ARC, no window air conditioning units may be installed.
- Section 25. <u>Lighting</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ARC, exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (b) one decorative post light, (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Community; or (d) seasonal decorative lights.
- Section 26. <u>Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Sculpture, and 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 ARC.
- Section 27. <u>Energy Conservation Equipment</u>. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless they are an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the ARC.
- Section 28. Swimming Pools. No in-ground swimming pool shall be constructed, erected or maintained upon any Lot without the prior written consent of the ARC and in no event shall any above-ground swimming pool be permitted.
- Section 29. <u>Gardens, Play Equipment, etc.</u> No vegetable garden, hammock, statuary, or play equipment (including, without limitation, basketball goals), shall be constructed, erected or maintained upon any Lot unless the type and location thereof has been previously approved by the ARC.
- Section 30. <u>Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes located on Lots shall be of a similar style approved by the ARC and shall be installed initially by the original home builder. Replacement mailboxes may be installed after the ARC has approved the type in writing.
- Section 31. <u>Exteriors</u>. Any change to the exterior color of any improvement located on a Lot, including, without limitation, the dwelling or any fence located on a Lot, must be approved by the ARC.
- Section 32. <u>Clotheslines</u>. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Lot.
- Section 33. Exterior Security Devices. No exterior security devices, including, without limitation, window bars, shall be permitted on any residence or Lot. Signs placed on the Lot or the exterior of the residence stating that such residence is protected by a security system shall not be deemed to constitute an exterior security device.
- Section 34. <u>Entry Features</u>. Owners shall not alter, remove or add improvements to any entry features constructed by the Declarant on any Lot, or any part of any easement area associated there with without the prior written consent of the ARC.
- Section 35. Lakes. This Section, Article XI, Section 8 of this Declaration, and any rules, use restrictions and design guidelines issued by the Board or its designee shall govern the use of such lakes as may exist in the Community. Owners are prohibited from withdrawing water from the lakes which exist within the Community for irrigation of the lawns and gardens on a Lot. Ice skating, water skiing and swimming are specifically prohibited in any lake located within the community. Declarant, the Association, the Board and the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them, shall not be held liable in any manner whatsoever for, and hereby disclaims any and all such liability and responsibility for, any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of lakes within the Community. Each Owner of a Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, on behalf of such Owner and such owner's family members, guests, and invitees, hereby agrees not to bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association, the Board, or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them, and hereby releases, remises, quitclaims, and covenants not to sue any or

all of the foregoing, for any claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with the authorized or unauthorized use of lakes within the Community and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

### Article VII Insurance and Casualty Losses

Section 1. Insurance on Common Property. The Board of Directors or the duly authorized agent of the Association shall have the authority to and shall obtain or cause to be obtained insurance for all insurable improvements whether or not located on the Common Property which the Association is obligated to maintain. This insurance shall provide, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost, taking into consideration any deductible held in reserve, 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 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). 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 upon Declarant and the Association agreeing 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 benefited parties, as further identified in subparagraph (b) below. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall govern such insurance:

- (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 one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the county where the Community is located.
- (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 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, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"), or the U.S. Department of Housing and urban Development ("HUD").

Section 2. Individual Insurance. By virtue of taking title to Lot subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner acknowledges that the Association has no obligation to provide any insurance for any portion of individual Lots, and each owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance on the Lot and all structures constructed thereon and a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on a Lot. The casualty insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire and other hazards commonly insured under an "all-risk" policy, if reasonably available, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. If all-risk coverage is not reasonably available, Owners shall obtain, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times. Authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by an Owner shall be vested in the Owner. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, at the expense of the Owner, to acquire the insurance required to be maintained by the Owner if the Owner fails to provide a valid policy to the Association with a prepaid receipt within ten (10) days after receipt by the Owner of a written request from the Association. If the Association does acquire insurance on behalf of any Owner, the cost thereof shall be assessed against the Owner and the Lot as a specific assessment.

#### Section 3. Damage and Destruction - Insured by Association.

- (a) In General. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board 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. Any damage or destruction to property covered by insurance written in the name of the Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote otherwise agree. 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

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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 neat and attractive condition.

Section 4. <u>Damage and Destruction - Insured by Owners</u>. The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement on a Lot shall be repaired by the Owner thereof within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction or, where repairs cannot be completed within seventy-five (75) days, they shall be commenced within such period and shall be completed within a reasonable time thereafter. Alternatively, the Owner may elect to demolish all improvements on the Lot and remove all debris therefrom within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction. In the event of noncompliance with this provision, the Board of Directors shall have all enforcement powers specified in Article XII, Section 1 of this Declaration.

Section 5. <u>Insurance Deductible.</u> The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall, in the event of damage or destruction, be allocated among the Persons who are responsible hereunder, or under any declaration or contract requiring the Association to obtain such insurance, for any meanage of the damaged or destroyed property.

#### Article VIII Condemnation

In the event of a taking by eminent domain of any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Property to the extent lands are available therefor. The provisions of Article VII, Section 3 above, 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 <u>Annexation and Withdrawal of Property</u>

Section 1. 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 fifteen(15) 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, together with any other real property now owned or hereafter acquired by Declarant lying and being in Land Lots either 86, 87, 106 and/or 107 of the 5th Land District of Gwinnett County, Georgia, to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the

county in which the property to be annexed is located a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being subjected. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration unless otherwise provided therein. As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of existing Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property.

(b) The rights reserved unto Declarant to subject additional land to the Declaration shall not impose any obligation upon Declarant to subject any of such additional land to this Declaration or 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 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.

Section 2. Other Annexation. Subject to the consent of the owner (s) thereof and the consent of the Declarant (so long as the Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community), upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots (other than Lots owned by Declarant so long as the consent of Declarant is required), the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the county in which the property to be annexed is located a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall be signed by the President of the Association whose signature shall be attested by the Secretary of the Association, and any such annexation shall be effective only upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration, unless a later effective date is provided therein.

Section 3. Withdrawal of Property. Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration so long as it has a right to annex additional property pursuant to this Article for the purpose of removing any portion of the Community then owned by Declarant or the Association from the coverage of this Declaration, to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Community, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Community.

### Article X Mortgagee Provisions

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

- Section 1. <u>Notices of Action</u>. 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 Lot number, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Community or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, not with standing this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by the Owner of the encumbered Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or Bylaws 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. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws 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 3. <u>Notice to Association</u>. 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 4. <u>VA/HUD Approval</u>. As long as the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove the directors of the Association, the following actions shall require the prior approval of the VA so long s 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 plan of annexation previously approved by the VA and/or HUD as applicable; dedication of Common Property to any public entity; mortgaging of Common Property; mergers and consolidations; dissolution of the Association; and material amendment of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
- Section 5. <u>Applicability of Article X</u>. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, Bylaws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.
- Section 6. <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. 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.
- Section 7. Amendments by Board. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, HUD or VA subsequently revise 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.

#### Article XI Easements

### Section 1. 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, if any, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (i) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Lot Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his family, tenants, guests, and invitees;
- (ii) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of a 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 such Owner's Lot which is hereby provided for remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, 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 constructing, 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 or a pledge against any future assessments and/or collections; 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 not withstanding, 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.);
- (iv) the right of the Association to dedicate or grant licenses, permits or easements over, under and through the Common Property to governmental entities for public purposes; and
- (v) 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 the affirmative vote of members who are Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots (other than Lots of Declarant so long as the consent of Declarant is required) and the consent of Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community).
- (b) any Lot Owner may delegate such Owner's right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property and facilities located thereon to the members of such Owner's family and to such Owner's 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 2. 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 3. <u>Easement for Drainage</u>. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association and each Approved Builder an easement for creating and maintaining satisfactory drainage across Lots in the Community, over and across an area five feet wide along each side Lot line and ten feet wide along each rear Lot line; provided however such easement area shall not include any portion of a Lot upon which the foundation of a dwelling is located.
- Section 4. <u>Easement for Entry</u>. In addition to the right of the Board to exercise self-help as provided in Article XII, 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 reasons, 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. 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. <u>Easement for Maintenance</u>. 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, including, without limitation, the maintenance of a lake(s), lakebed(s), dam(s) and shoreline(s) which are within the Community. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Lots, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense. In order to allow the exercise of the rights created pursuant to this easement concerning the maintenance of lakes, no tree or structure may be placed within fifteen (15) feet of the line formed by the highest normal pool elevation of any lake without the prior written approval of the Board or its designee.

Section 6. <u>Easement for Entry Features</u>. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association an easement for ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features and similar streetscapes for the Community, over and upon each Lot as more fully described on the recorded subdivision plats for the Community. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around such entry features and the right to grade the land under and around such entry features.

Section 7. Construction and Sale Period Easement. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, 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 and thereafter so long as Declarant owns any property in the Community for development and/or sale, Declarant reserves an easement across all Community property for Declarant and any builder or developer approved by Declarant to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Community as Declarant may reasonably 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: (a) the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in the Community, including, without limitation, any Lot; (b) the right to tie into any portion of the Community with driveways, parking areas and walkways; (c) 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; (d) the right to grant easements over, under, in or on the Community, including, without limitation, the Lots, for the benefit of neighboring properties for the purpose of tying into and/or otherwise connecting and using sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (e) the right, in the sole discretion of Declarant, to construct recreational facilities on Common Property;(f) the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community; and (g) the right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, 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, if any, 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 until the Declarant's rights hereunder have terminated as herein above provided.

### Article XII General Provisions

Section 1. Enforcement. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply strictly with the Bylaws, 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 such Owner's 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 Bylaws 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. In any such action for damages or injunctive relief brought by the Association, the Association shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred and court costs incurred by the Association in bringing such action. 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, Bylaws, 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.

Section 2. <u>Self-Help</u>. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter upon any Lot or any other portion of the Community to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the Bylaws, 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 exercise self-help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles may be towed after reasonable notice. All costs of self-help, including, without limitation, 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 provided by law; provided, however, if Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting land to certain uses may run, any provisions 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 (a) automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless a written instrument reflecting disapproval signed by the then Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and the Declarant (so long as the Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community) has been recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a ten (10) year renewal period agreeing to change such provisions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same, in which case this Declaration shall be modified or terminated to the extent specified therein; or (b) extended as otherwise provided by law. 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 or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration, provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Owner's Lot unless any such Lot Owner shall consent 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 the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots (other than Lots of Declarant so long as the consent of Declarant is required) and the consent of Declarant (so long as the Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community). 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 for development and/or sale in the Community, or subject to annexation to the Community.

Any lawsuit challenging any aspect of an amendment to this Declaration must be filed in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia within one (1) year of the date of recordation of such amendment in the Gwinnett County, Georgia land records.

Section 5. <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.

Second 5. Sever the line war 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 7. <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 8. <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, her 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 9. <u>Indemnification</u>. To the fullest extent allowable by applicable Georgia law, the Association shall indemnify every officer and director against any and all expenses, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer or director in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which such officer or director may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have

no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.

#### Section 10. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. This Declaration, the Bylaws, 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 the duly appointed representative of any member and by holders, insurers, or guarantors of any first Mortgage at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a member or holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage at the office of the Association or at such other reasonable place as the Board shall prescribe.
  - (b) Rules for Inspection. The board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to:
    - (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;
    - (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents.

and

- (iv) the cost of time for management to supervise the inspection of documents
- (c) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make extra copies of documents at the reasonable expense of the Association.
- Section 11. <u>Financial review</u>. A review of the books and records 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 financial statements at the annual meeting, by a majority of the Total Association Vote, the Owners may require that the accounts of the Association be audited as a common expense by a certified public accountant. Upon written request of any institutional holder of a first Mortgage and upon payment of all necessary costs, such holder shall be entitled to receive a copy of audited financial statements within ninety (90) days of the date of the request.
- Section 12. Notice of Sale or Lease. In the event an Owner sells or leases such Owner's Lot, the Owner shall give to the Association, in writing, prior to the effective date of such sale or lease, the name of the purchaser or lessee of the Lot and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Lot, each new Owner shall give the Association, in writing, the name and mailing address of the Owner and such other information as the Board may reasonably request.
- Section 13. Agreements. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community) 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 14. Implied Rights. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, 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 15. <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 Bylaws 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 16. <u>Litigation</u>. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote. This Section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens), (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided in Article IV hereof, (c) proceedings involving challenges to <u>ad valorem</u> taxation, (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it, or contract compliance, management and Director and Officer fraud, malfeasance. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is made by the Declarant pursuant to Article XII, Section 4 hereof, or is approved by the percentage votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

Section 17. Recreational Facilities. All Owners shall have the right to use certain recreational facilities which may include tennis courts and a swimming pool ("Recreational Facilities"). The Recreational Facilities shall be used by Owners of Lots within the Knollwood Lakes subdivision in Gwinnett County, Georgia. After completion, the Recreational Facilities shall be owned by the Knollwood Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, the Declarant herein, hereby executes this instrument by and through its duly authorized members and under seal this 1st day of April, 1999.

Vintage Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation,

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

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JUNE 2, 2002

My Commission Expires:

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#### EXHIBIT "B"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING and being in Land Lots 106 and 107, 5th District, Gwinnett County, Georgia and being Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 Block C; Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 Block E; Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 1 Block F, Knollwood Lakes, Unit One, Phase One, as Plat recorded in Plat Book 80, Page 219, Gwinnett County, Georgia records.

# EXHIBIT "C" ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

#### TRACT NO. ONE:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 86 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District, Gwinnett County, Georgia, containing 23.7101 acres as shown on that certain Composite Plat Prepared for Helen B. Hutchens dated December 14, 1992, prepared by McNally & Patrick, Lloyd C. McNally, GRLS #2040 and being more particularly described according to said survey as follows:

BEGINNING at a point marked by an iron pin found at the corner common to Land Lots 86, 87, 106 and 107, said District, said County and thence leaving said common corner run thence South 83 degrees 10 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 878.74 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found; run thence South 79 degrees 10 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 458.14 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found; run thence North 75 degrees 39 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 484.09 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set on the easterly right of way line of GA. Hwy. 124; run thence along the aforesaid right of way line North 14 degrees 47 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 872.17 feet to a point; thence leaving the aforesaid right of way line run South 76 degrees 29 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 254.19 feet to a point; run thence South 14 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 71.99 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found; run thence South 76 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 1,149.02 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found on the land lot line common to Land Lots 86 and 107, run thence along the aforesaid land lot line South 30 degrees 46 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 435.52 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found at the corner common to Land Lots 86, 87, 106 and 107, which point marks the TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING.

#### TRACT NO. TWO:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 86, 106 and 107 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District of Gwinnett County, Georgia, being shown on a boundary survey for Linton Swindell, prepared by Precision Planning, Inc. and dated September 16, 1998, as last revised October 28, 1998, Job No. 98228, and being more particularly described according to said survey as follows:

BEGINNING at an axle found at the corner common to Land Lots 106, 107, 118 and 119 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District and leaving said corner run along the land lot line common to Land Lots 106 and 119 South 30 degrees 24 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 1217.23 feet to a point marked northwest right of way of Webb Gin House Road (80 foot

right of way); run thence along the aforesaid right of way South 51 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 174.62 feet to a point; continue thence along the aforesaid right of way in a generally southwest direction along an arc of a curve to the right an arc distance of 111.60 feet to a point, said arc having a radius of 1243.24 feet and being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 54 degrees 22 minutes 01 West 111.56 feet; thence leaving the aforesaid right of way North 19 degrees 42 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 289.10 feet to a point marked by a 1 inch open top pipe; run thence South 57 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds West a distance of 499.46 feet to a point marked by a 1 inch crimped top pipe; run thence South 16 degrees 35 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 218.47 feet to a point marked by a by a ½ inch rebar found located on the northwest right of way of Webb Gin House Road (80 foot right of way); continue thence along the aforesaid right of way South 67 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 297.55 feet to a point; run thence along the aforesaid right of way in a generally southwesterly direction along an arc of a curve to the left an arc distance of 311.33 feet to a point, said arc having a radius of 1254.60 feet and being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 60 degrees 15 minutes 14 West a distance of 310.53 feet to a point marked by a 1 inch open top pipe; thence leaving said right of way line run thence North 30 degrees 01 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 1051.88 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; run thence South 61 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds West a distance of 1202.02 feet to a point; run thence South 60 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 789.91 feet to a point located at the corner common to Land Lots 106, 107, 86 and 87; run thence along the approximate land lot line common to Land Lots 86 and 107 North 30 degrees 44 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 435.73 feet to a point marked by a 1 inch open top pipe; run thence North 76 degrees 24 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 1148.84 feet to a point; run thence North 14 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 72.08 feet to a point; run thence North 76 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 254.17 feet to a point located on the eastern right of line of Georgia Highway No. 124; run thence along the aforesaid right of way North 14 degrees 51 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 876.32 feet to a point located in the center of Pughs Creek; run thence along the centerline of Pughs Creek the following courses and distances:

South 57 degrees 07 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 75.28 feet; South 61 degrees 51 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 57.91 feet; South 86 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 181.40 feet; South 87 degrees 30 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 96.48 feet; South 84 degrees 56 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 77.04 feet; South 77 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 105.87 feet; South 81 degrees 13 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 283.22 feet; North 88 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 63.75 feet; South 76 degrees 23 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 71.24 feet; North 74 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 56.84 feet; North 65 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 26.32 feet; North 75 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds East a distance of 66.60 feet; North 76 degrees 53 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 76.57 feet;

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North 79 degrees 31 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 129.14 feet;
North 81 degrees 29 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 114.21 feet;
North 67 degrees 36 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 23.94 feet;
North 88 degrees 20 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 39.06 feet;
North 81 degrees 28 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 98.52 feet;
North 80 degrees 33 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 224.00 feet;
North 71 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 230.00 feet;
North 89 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 146.00 feet;
South 86 degrees 39 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 120.00 feet;
North 86 degrees 21 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 117.00 feet;
North 63 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 101.00 feet;
North 40 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 104.00 feet;
North 29 degrees 45 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 111.00 feet;
North 28 degrees 22 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 112.00 feet;
North 29 degrees 45 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 111.00 feet;
North 50 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 137.00 feet;
North 28 degrees 21 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 65.98 feet;
North 02 degrees 27 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 27.21 feet;
North 30 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 63.68 feet;
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thence leaving said creek run South 53 degrees 12 minutes 13 seconds East 76.00 feet to a point marked by a 36 inch oak; run thence North 58 degrees 02 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 808.21 feet to a point marked by a rock found on the land lot line common to Land Lot 107 and 118; run thence along said land lot line South 30 degrees 33 minutes 07 seconds East a distance of 1109.15 feet to a point marked by an axle found at the corner common to Land Lots 106, 107, 118 and 119, said point being the TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH any other real property now owned or hereafter acquired by Declarant which lies within the bounds of either Land Lots 86, 87, 106, or 107 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District of Gwinnett County, Georgia.

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