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**VAQUERO RIVER ESTATES
MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS
FIRST AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

This Declaration, made on the date hereinafter set forth by Vaquero River Estates, L.P., a Texas limited partnership managed by Vaquero River Estates, L.L.C., hereinafter referred to as "Developer" or "Declarant."

WITNESETH:

WHEREAS, Developer is the title holder of that certain tract of land known as "Vaquero River Estates" being a subdivision of 131.78 acres of land situated in surveys of Josiah Tilley A-93, Eli Hunter A-195 and Perry Reed A-376, Matagorda County, Texas, and being a part of the same property described as 278.87 acres in Exhibit "A" of File No. 073501 of the Official Records of Matagorda County, Texas and also a part of the same property described as Tract One, Tract Two and Tract Three in Special Warranty Deed dated July 22, 1999 from Dorothy Powell Harvey to Harry Lane Powell recorded in Volume 548, Page 237 of the Official Records of Matagorda County, Texas and being a part of the same property surveyed by Max Hagan, R.P.L.S. No. 937 on September 26, 2006 containing 278.87 acres; lying North of and adjacent to the North R.O.W. line of Texas State F.M. Road 2853 and South of the Mean High Water Line of Tres Palacios River, all in Matagorda County, Texas, as described in the plat (the "Plat") recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Matagorda County, Texas on the 25th day of August, 2008, after having been approved as provided by law, and being recorded in Plat File Number 466A-468B of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "Property" or the "Subdivision"); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Developer to place certain restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, stipulations and reservations (herein sometimes referred to as the "Restrictions") upon and against such Property in order to establish a uniform plan for the development, improvement and sale of the Property, and to insure the preservation of such uniform plan for the benefit of both the present and future owners of Lots in said Subdivision, such present and future owners being referred to herein as "Owner," "Owners," "Lot Owner" or "Lot Owners;" and

WHEREAS, Developer filed the initial Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions on September 10, 2008, which was recorded in the Official Records of Matagorda County under document number 086987. Pursuant to section D(4) below, Developer elects to amend the following sections: sections A(4), A(11) and B(7) below for clarification purposes; and section B(2) below to increase the minimum square feet of Dwellings from one thousand two hundred square feet (1200 sf) to one thousand eight hundred square feet (1800 sf) and to clarify that all windows of a dwelling must meet standards as promulgated by Matagorda County, Texas;

WHEREAS, Developer has complied with Section D(6) below in that prior to this document being filed of record, it was agreed to by written agreement by the Owners (including the Developer) entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of all of the Owners.



NOW, THEREFORE, Developer hereby adopts, establishes and imposes upon the Subdivision, and declares the following reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, applicable thereto, all of which are for the purposes of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of said Property, which Restrictions shall run with said Property and title or interest therein, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof, except that no part of this Declaration or the Restrictions shall be deemed to apply in any manner to the areas identified or platted as a Reserve or Unrestricted Reserve on the Plat or to any area not included in the boundaries of said Plat. Developer also declares that this Subdivision shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the "Property Owners' Association" (as hereinafter defined as "Association").

RESTRICTIONS

A. LAND USE

1. Permitted Uses. The Property described above, together with any tracts subsequently added by the Declarant as aforesaid, are intended for one single family dwelling unit per Lot and other roads, reserves and amenities in support of such purpose, and use is restricted to that purpose. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land identified as a Lot or tract on the Plat of the Subdivision. For purposes of this instrument, Lot shall not be deemed to include any portion of any "Common Areas," "Reserves," "Restricted Reserves" or "Unrestricted Reserves", (defined herein as any Common Areas, Reserves, Restricted Reserves or Unrestricted Reserves shown on the Plat) in the Subdivision, regardless of the use made of such area. No Lot may be subdivided. Occupancy of a Lot shall be limited to one (1) family, which shall be defined as any number of persons related by blood, adoption or marriage living with not more than one (1) person who is not so related as a single household unit, or no more that two (2) persons who are not so related living together as a single household unit. It is not the intent of the Developer to exclude any individual from a dwelling who is authorized to so remain by any state or federal law. If it is found that this section, or any other section, of the Restrictions are in violation of any law, then the prohibited section shall be interpreted to be as restrictive as possible to preserve as much of the original section as allowed by law. No commercial enterprise of any sort shall be situated on any tract included therein unless the Declarant chooses, in its sole discretion, to designate a tract commercial. Except however Declarant reserves the right to own, maintain, or lease an office upon any portion of the described Property for the purpose of promoting or closing future land sales or administering the business of the Declarant, and may permit prospective purchasers of property within the boundaries of the Property, who are not Owners or Members of the Association, to use any Common Area at reasonable times and in reasonable numbers; and may refer to the services offered by the Association in connection with the development, promotion and marketing of the Property. Further, the Developer, or the Board of Directors of the Association following the Transfer of Control Date (as such terms are defined below), may establish "Rules and Regulations" for the use of the Common Areas in the Subdivision.

2. Maintenance of Lots. All tracts shall be kept in a clean and orderly condition at all times, and all trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers. Such maintenance, which is Owner's responsibility, includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and wastes.
 - b. Lawn mowing (outside of the natural vegetation areas).
 - c. Tree and shrub pruning (outside of the natural vegetation areas).
 - d. Keeping exterior lighting and mechanical facilities in working order.
 - e. Keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive.
 - f. Keeping parking areas, walkways and driveways in good repair.

- g. Complying with all government health and policy requirements.
- h. Repainting of improvements.
- i. Repair of exterior damage to improvements.

In the event Owner fails to comply with the above requirements upon the expiration of ten (10) days written notice thereof, the Association or its designated agents may, in addition to any and all remedies either at law or in equity available for the enforcement of these Restrictions, and without liability to the Owner, any person or entity constructing improvements on the Lot (collectively a "Builder") or any occupants of the Lot in trespass or otherwise, enter upon (and/or authorize one or more others to enter upon) said Lot, to cut, or cause to be cut, such weeds and grass and remove, or cause to be removed, such garbage, trash and rubbish or do any other thing necessary to secure compliance with this Declaration, so as to place said Lot in a neat, attractive, healthful and sanitary condition, and may charge the Owner, Builder or occupant of such Lot for the cost of such work and associated materials, plus a fee of not less than \$50.00 for each instance. Payment thereof shall be collected as an additional Maintenance Charge and shall be payable on the first day of the next calendar month.

- 3. No Junk Yards. Consistent with the foregoing, no wrecking yard, junk yard or salvage yard is permitted. Automotive vehicles not in running condition shall not remain on the Lot for more than thirty (30) days.
- 4. No Camping/Restriction on Campers, Travel Trailers, Boats and Recreational Vehicles. No camping is allowed on unimproved Lots. Campers, travel trailers, boats, recreational vehicles and the like are only permitted if they stored a minimum of thirty-five feet (35') from the building line and covered on all sides so as not to create an unsightly view.
- 5. No Hunting. Hunting is prohibited anywhere within the Subdivision.
- 6. No Farm Animals. No farm animals are allowed in the Subdivision or Lots
- 7. Composite Building Sites. Any Owner of one or more adjoining Lots (or portions thereof) may, with prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee (as hereinafter defined as "Committee") consolidate such Lots or portions into one building site, with the privilege of placing or constructing improvements on such resulting composite site, in which case the side set-back lines along the common Lot lines shall be eliminated and said set-back lines shall thereupon be measured from the resulting side property lines rather than from the center adjacent Lot lines as indicated on the Plat (a "Composite Building Site"). Further, any Utility Easements (as defined below) along said common Lot lines shall be eliminated and abandoned upon approval of a Composite Building Site provided such easements are not then being used for utility purposes. Any such Composite Building Site must have a front building set-back line of not less than the minimum front building set-back line of all Lots within that area, and such Composite Building Site will still be considered as individual Lots for purposes of the Maintenance Charge set forth herein.
- 8. No Mobile Homes. No mobile, prefabricated or factory built home shall be situated on any Lot, permanently or otherwise.

9. **Docks, Piers and Boat Houses.** Docks, piers and boathouses are permitted for Lots which border a navigable river ("River Front Lots") only. Buyer must obtain all permits required by State, Local, and/or Federal authorities before the installation of any dock, pier and/or boathouse or making any change for improvement within the River Front Lots, bulk-heading shall be erected as approved in writing by the Committee based upon standards and of materials established by the Committee, and piers, docks and/or boathouses shall be constructed of treated wood or similar material and must be approved in writing by the Committee prior to being erected, altered or placed on the Property.
10. **Easements.** The areas designated as "Easements" thereto on the Plat are the designated easement locations for the purposes indicated on the Plat and as further provided herein. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right, without the consent of any other Owner or the Association, to grant or create additional temporary or permanent easements, for access, utilities, pipeline easements, cable television systems, communication and security systems, drainage, water and other purposes incident to development, sale, operation and maintenance of the Subdivision, located in, on, under, over and across (i) the Lots or other property owned by Developer, (ii) the Common Area, and (iii) existing utility easements ("Utility Easements"). Furthermore, Developer has the right to grant or assign to the Association any or a portion of any right, title and interest in any real property contained within the Subdivision to the Association for the benefit of the Association, including but not limited to any Easements. Developer, subject to the provisions for Composite Building Sites, reserves for public use the Utility Easements shown on the Plat or that have been or hereafter may be created by separate instrument recorded in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing a system or systems of electric lighting, electric power, telegraph and telephone line or lines, gas lines, sewers, water lines, storm drainage (surface or underground), cable television, or any other utility the Developer sees fit to install in, across and/or under the Property. All Utility Easements in the Subdivision may be used for the construction of drainage swales in order to provide for improved surface drainage of the Reserves, Common Area and/or Lots. The Association, the Developer and its assigns, further expressly reserves the right to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of improving, constructing or maintaining any natural drainage pattern, area or easement. Should any utility company furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, Developer, without the joinder of any other Owner, shall have the right to grant such easement on said Property without conflicting with the terms hereof. Any utility company serving the Subdivision and/or any utility provider serving the Subdivision shall have the right to enter upon any Utility Easement for the purpose of installation, repair and maintenance of their respective facilities. Neither Developer nor any utility provider, water district, political Subdivision or other authorized entity using the easements herein referred to shall be liable for any damages done by them or their assigns, agents, employees, or servants, to fences, shrubbery, trees and lawns or any other property of the Owner on the Property covered by said easements. No building, swimming pool or other structure shall be located over, under, upon or across any portion of any Utility Easement. The Owner of each Lot shall have the right to construct, keep and maintain concrete drives, walkways, fences, and similar improvements across any Utility Easement, and shall be entitled to cross such easements at all times for purposes of gaining access to and from such Lots, provided, however, any concrete drive, fence or similar improvement placed upon such Utility Easement by the Owner shall be constructed, maintained and used at Owner's risk and, as such, the Owner of each Lot subject to said Utility Easements shall be responsible for (i) any and all repairs to the concrete drives, walkways, fences and similar improvements which cross or are located upon such Utility Easements and (ii) repairing any

damage to said improvements caused by the utility provider or any public utility in the course of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing, or removing its facilities located within the Utility Easements. The Owner of each Lot shall indemnify and hold harmless Developer, and utility provider having facilities located over, on, across or under Utility Easements from any loss, expense, suit or demand resulting from death, injuries to persons or damage to Property in any way occurring, incident to, arising out of or in connection with said Owner's installation, maintenance, repair or removal of any permitted improvements located within Utility Easements, including where such death, injury or damage is caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of such public utility or the Developer, their employees, officers, contractors, or agents.

11. No For Sale Signs. No "for sale" signs shall be placed on unimproved Lots until Developer has sold at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the unimproved lots or two (2) years from the date this document is filed, whichever is earlier. As to Owner's who purchased prior to the date this document is filed, the above sentence shall read "No "for sale" signs shall be placed on unimproved Lots until Developer has sold at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the unimproved lots or September 10, 2010, whichever is earlier.
12. Water. All Lots are to be serviced by a private water provider designated by the Developer. The Owner shall be responsible for any and all costs associated therewith including any tap fee and ongoing fees for water use. Furthermore, any Lot Owner shall have the right to drill and operate a well on their Lot to access non-potable water for irrigation purposes only.
13. No Outside Toilets. No outside, open or pit type toilets are permitted in this Subdivision.
14. Common Area Maintenance. The Association will be responsible for maintaining all Common Areas and regulating their uses.
15. Landscape Easement. The easement shown on the Plat within Lots 5 & 6 Block 1 Section 1 as a "Landscape Easement" shall be for use in constructing and maintaining entrance monuments, columns, landscaping and fencing, which shall be owned and maintained by the Association. Lot Owners subject to this Landscape Easement shall be prohibited from improving or accessing the area designated for the Landscape Easement.

B. CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

1. Construction Approval Requirements. No building or other improvements of any character shall be erected or placed, or the erection or placing thereof commenced, or changes made in the design or exterior appearance thereof, (including, without limitation, painting, staining or siding), or any addition or exterior alteration made thereto after original construction, or demolition or destruction by voluntary action made thereto after original construction, on any Lot in the Subdivision until the obtaining of the necessary approval (as hereinafter provided) from the Committee of the construction plans and specifications for the construction or alteration of such improvements or demolition or destruction of existing improvements by voluntary action. Approval shall be granted or withheld based on matters of compliance with the provisions of this instrument, quality of materials, drainage, harmony of external design and color with existing and proposed structures in the Subdivision and location with respect to topography and finished grade elevation. The granting of approval shall in no way serve as a guaranty or warranty as to the quality of the plans or specification nor the habitability, feasibility or quality of the resulting improvements. The sole authority for determining whether construction plans and specifications for proposed improvements are in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration as to quality and color of

materials, drainage, harmony of external design and color with existing and proposed structures and location with respect to topography, finished grade elevations and other relevant factors, rests with the Committee. Disapproval of plans and specifications, including location of the proposed improvements, may be based by the Committee, for any reason that shall seem sufficient in the sole discretion of the Committee. Each application made to the Committee shall be accompanied by two sets of professionally drawn plans and specifications for all proposed construction (initial or alterations) to be done on such Lot, including the drainage plan for the Lot, plot plans showing the location and elevation of the improvements on the Lot and dimensions of all proposed walkways, driveways, and all other matters relevant to architectural approval. The address of the Committee shall be the address of the principal office of the Developer or the Association, unless otherwise changed by the Association. If approved, one of the two sets of plans submitted shall be returned to the Owner with said approval noted thereon. The Committee may set reasonable application and inspection fees, and deposits. The Owner must obtain from the Committee a receipt for said plans indicating the date said plans are received by the Committee.

2. Dwelling Specifications. Dwellings shall be erected containing a minimum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) square feet, one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet of which must be on the ground floor, of living (heated) area exclusive of porches screened or unscreened, and all of such construction, once commenced, shall be completed expeditiously and without any delay of more than thirty (30) days of construction activity after construction has commenced (each a "Dwelling"). Once construction has begun, a Dwelling must be completed within one (1) year from the commencement date. Dwellings can be a maximum of height of forty feet (40'). Dwellings must be of earth tone colors and the construction materials of vinyl, aluminum or vertical siding is not permitted to be installed on the Dwelling. The exterior of all buildings on any of the Lots must be constructed from brick, stucco, stone, hardiplank, or any combination of the above and all windows must meet the requirements as set forth by Matagorda County, Texas as amended and/or supplemented from time to time.
3. Elevation. First floor elevation must be at least one (1) foot above the one hundred (100) year flood plane and no dwelling may be built in the floodway.
4. Building Setbacks. Every building constructed on a Lot shall be set back: (a) with regard to any boundary line of a subject Lot adjacent to any street shown on the Plat: the greater distance of (i) twenty-five feet (25') from said boundary line of the subject Lot; or (ii) outside of any easement that runs along said boundary lines; and (b) with regard to any boundary line of a subject Lot NOT adjacent to any street shown on the Plat: the greater distance of (i) ten feet (10') from said boundary line of the subject Lot; or (ii) outside of any easement which runs along said boundary lines. If a contiguous tract (or tracts) is later consolidated with the tract conveyed hereby, these set back provisions shall be applied not to this original tract, but to the Consolidated Tract (as herein defined). Additionally, with regard to River Front Lots, buildings shall be set back at least fifty feet (50') from the Water Line of the River or the Floodway Line as shown on the Plat, whichever is greater.

5. Detached Buildings. Detached garages, work shops, and barns may be constructed on the Property after or while the main dwelling is being built, so long as they are in harmony with the main Dwelling and are of good construction, maintained in good repair, and are not used for residential purposes. Any workshops, barns or other outbuildings shall be located to the rear of the main Dwelling. All Dwellings, detached garages, workshops, and barns must be approved in writing by the Committee prior to being erected, altered or placed on the Property and must be in harmony with the main structure on the Lot. Barns may only be placed on properties of two (2) acres or more.
6. Sewage Disposal System. Every Dwelling shall have an individual sewage disposal system that meets or exceeds the minimum standards of State and County health regulations. Prior to occupancy, all Dwellings constructed in this Subdivision must have a septic or sewage disposal system installed by the Owner to comply with the requirements of the appropriate governing agency. All residents of the Subdivision will be required to install aerobic septic systems serving any Dwelling constructed on any Lot.
7. Fences. Fences on River Front Lots shall be constructed of ornamental design not to obstruct views. No barbed wire or chain link fences are permitted in the Subdivision, provided, however, an Owner may obtain approval from the Committee to construct a cage, kennel or dog run out of chain link fence. All fences shall be constructed in harmony with the guidelines established and adopted by the Committee. Owner may obtain approval to erect a private fence on Owner's property line with respect to property that adjoins and/or abuts property owned by a neighboring development.
8. Driveways and Culverts. All driveways must be of hard surface from the street to the Dwelling, and Matagorda County and Committee approved culverts shall be installed at the Owner's expense to cross any roadside drainage ditch. All driveway culverts shall be installed at the original ditch flow-line, and any additional modifications needed for Matagorda County and Committee review will be at the Owner's sole expense. While the driveways and culverts will be the responsibility of the Property Owners' Association, if Matagorda County requires the removal, replacement, correction, modification or repair of any culvert, it shall be the responsibility of the Owner to pay for such work. Should Matagorda County require Developer to remove, replace, correct, repair or modify any culvert as a precondition to acceptance of the Subdivision roads into the county road system, Developer shall have to right to undertake such work and Owner shall reimburse Developer for all costs incurred.

C. PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, ASSESSMENTS, AND LIEN.

1. Property Owners' Association. A "Property Owners' Association" is hereby created to consist of the Owners of the Property described herein together with the Owners of the Subdivision, which will be named Vaquero River Estates Homeowners' Association (the "Association"). On or prior to the Control Transfer Date at the discretion of the Developer, and thereafter, upon the approval of the Board of Directors (as provided below), the Association may form and be operated as a non-profit corporation and governed by its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws upon incorporation, provided that such incorporation documentation is not in conflict with the terms and provisions hereof. Every person or entity who is a record Owner of any Lot which is subject to the Maintenance Charge (or could be following the withdrawal of an exemption therefrom) and other assessments provided herein, including contract sellers, shall be a "Member" of the Association.

The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those having only an interest in the mineral estate. No Owner shall have more than one (1) membership for each Lot owned by such Member. Memberships shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of the Lots. Regardless of the number of persons who may own a Lot (such as husband and wife, or joint tenants, etc.) there shall be but one (1) membership for each Lot. Additionally, upon the Control Transfer Date, the Directors of the Association must be Members of the Association (as more particularly described in the By-laws). Ownership of the Lots shall be the sole qualification for membership. The voting rights of the Members are set forth in the Bylaws of the Association. The initial Board of Directors of the Association shall be designated by the Developer. Upon the Control Transfer Date, Owners may elect a five (5) member board of directors to the Association, with three (3) alternates (the "Board of Directors").

2. Board of Directors. Through its Board of Directors, the Association shall have the authority to:
 - a. Declaration of Maintenance Charge. Declare and collect an assessment per year per Lot from each Property Owner. Such assessment shall be made for the purpose of maintaining roads and other areas of common use and benefit to the Subdivision Owners. The exact amount of the Maintenance Charge applicable to each Lot will be determined by the Developer until the Control Transfer Date, and thereafter by the Board of Directors of the Association during the month preceding the due date of the Maintenance Charge. All other matters relating to the Maintenance Charge and the collection, expenditures and administration of the Maintenance Fund shall be determined by the Developer or the Board of Directors of the Association, subject to the provision hereof. The initial assessment shall be \$300.00 ("Maintenance Charge"), and each such Maintenance Charge, except as otherwise hereinafter provided, shall be paid by the Owner of each Lot (or residential building site) to the Association annually, in advance, on or before the tenth day of January of each calendar year, or on such other date or basis (monthly, quarterly or semi-annually) as the Developer or the Board of Directors of the Association may designate in its sole discretion. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempt from the Maintenance Charge and all other charges and assessments created herein: (a) all properties dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority; (b) the Common Area; and (c) all properties owned by the Developer or the Association or a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Texas; however, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said Maintenance Charge.
 - b. Failure to Pay Maintenance Charge. Any Maintenance Charge not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the lesser of (i) the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or (ii) the maximum rate permitted by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the hereinafter described lien against the Owner's Lot. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Maintenance Charge by non-use of any Common Areas or recreational facilities available for use by Owners of the Subdivision or by the abandonment of his Lot.

- c. Use of Maintenance Charge. The Maintenance Charge levied by the Developer or the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the Owners of the Subdivision. In particular, the Maintenance Charge shall be used for any improvement or services in furtherance of these purposes and the performance of the Association's duties described herein, including the maintenance of the Common Areas, any greenbelt or easements, roads, rights-of-way, and any common use pier, and the establishment and maintenance of a reserve fund for maintenance thereof. The Maintenance Fund may be expended by the Developer or the Association for any purposes which, in the judgment of the Developer or Association, will tend to maintain the property values in the Subdivision, including, but not limited to, providing funds for the actual cost to the Association of all taxes, insurance, repairs, energy charges, replacement and maintenance of the Common Area, etc. as may from time to time be authorized by the Association. Payment of all legal and other expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement of all charges and assessments, conveyances, restrictions, and conditions affecting the properties to which the maintenance fund applies, payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with the collection and administration of the maintenance charges and assessments, landscaping in common areas, utilities, insurance, taxes, employing policemen and a security force and doing any other things or things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Association to keep the Properties neat and in good order, or which is considered a general benefit of the Owners or occupants of the Subdivision, it being understood that the judgment of the Association in the expenditure of said fund shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgment is exercised in good faith. The Maintenance Charge is for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the Owners of the Subdivision.
- d. Lien for Failure to Pay Maintenance Charge. Each Lot shall be subject to a lien to secure unpaid assessments. Said lien shall be foreclosed by formal court proceeding after written notice to the delinquent property Owner. This lien shall be subordinate to any lien holder who has provided work or materials for the improvement of any tract and also to any lien holder who has financed construction on the Property, and valid purchase money liens. As additional security for the payment of the Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments hereby levied, each Owner of a Lot in the Subdivision, by such party's acceptance of a deed thereto, hereby grants to the Association a contractual lien on such Lot which may be foreclosed by formal foreclosure and pursuant to the provisions of Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code (and any successor statute); and each such Owner hereby expressly grants the Association a power of sale in connection therewith. The Association shall, whenever it proceeds with non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code and said power of sale, designate in writing a Trustee to post or cause to be posted all required notices of such foreclosure sale and to conduct such foreclosure sale. The Trustee may be changed at any time and from time to time by the Association by means of a written instrument executed by the President or any Vice-President of the Association and filed for record in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas. In the event that the Association has determined to non-judicially foreclose the lien provided herein pursuant to the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code (and any successor statute) and to exercise the power of sale hereby granted, the Association shall mail to the defaulting Owner a copy of the Notice of Trustee's Sale not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date on which said sale is scheduled by posting such notice through the U.S. Postal

Service, postage prepaid, certified, return receipt requested, properly addressed to such Owner at the last known address of such Owner according to the records of the Association. If required by law, the Association or Trustee shall also cause a copy of the Notice of Trustee's Sale to be recorded in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas. Out of the proceeds of such sale, if any, there shall first be paid all expenses incurred by the Association in connection with such default, including reasonable attorneys' fees and a reasonable trustee's fee; second, from such proceeds there shall be paid to the Association an amount equal to the amount in default; and third, the remaining balance shall be paid to such Owner. Following any such foreclosure, each occupant of any such Lot foreclosed on and each occupant of any improvements thereon shall be deemed to be a tenant at sufferance and may be removed from possession by any and all lawful means, including a judgment for possession in an action of forcible detainer and the issuance of a writ of restitution thereunder. In the event of nonpayment by any Owner of any Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may, in addition to foreclosing the lien hereby retained, and exercising the remedies provided herein, upon ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to such nonpaying Owner, exercise all other rights and remedies available at law or in equity. It is the intent of the provisions of this Section to comply with the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code relating to non-judicial sales by power of sale and, in the event of the amendment of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code hereafter, the Developer, President or any duly authorized officer of the Association, acting without joinder of any other Owner or mortgagee or other person may, by amendment to this Declaration filed in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas, amend the provisions hereof so as to comply with said amendments to Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code. In addition to the right of the Association to enforce the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may file a claim or lien against the Lot of the delinquent Owner by recording a notice ("Notice of Lien") setting forth (a) the amount of the claim of delinquency, (b) the interest and costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which have accrued thereon, (c) the legal description and street address of the Lot against which the lien is claimed and (d) the name of the Owner thereof. Such Notice of Lien shall be signed and acknowledged by an officer of the Association or other duly authorized agent of the Association. The lien shall continue until the amounts secured thereby and all subsequently accruing amounts are fully paid or otherwise satisfied. When all amounts claimed under the Notice of Lien and all other costs and assessments which may have accrued subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Lien have been fully paid or satisfied, the Association shall execute and record a notice releasing the lien upon payment by the Owner of a reasonable fee as fixed by the Board of Trustees to cover the preparation and recordation of such release of lien instrument.

3. Architectural Control Committee. The authority to grant or withhold architectural control approval as referred to above is initially vested in the Developer; provided, however, the authority of the Developer shall cease and terminate upon the election of the Architectural Control Committee of the Association as provided pursuant to this Section C.3. (the "Committee"), in which event such authority shall be vested in and exercised by the Committee, hereinafter referred to, except as to plans and specifications and plot plans theretofore submitted to the Developer which shall continue to exercise such authority over all such plans, specifications and plot plans. The term "Committee," as used in this Declaration, shall mean or refer to the Developer or to the Architectural Control Committee composed of members of the Association appointed by the

Board of Directors, as applicable. At the discretion of the Developer or in any event at such time as eighty percent (80%) of the Lots in the Subdivision are conveyed by Developer (from time to time hereafter referred to as the "Control Transfer Date"), the Developer shall cause an instrument transferring control of the Subdivision to the Association to be placed of record in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas (which instrument shall include the Control Transfer Date). Thereupon, Developer shall designate a committee of three (3) Members to be known as the "Architectural Control Committee". Thereafter, each member of the Committee must be an Owner of Property in the Subdivision and shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association. Additionally, the Developer shall have the right to discontinue the exercise of architectural control privileges and arrange for the transfer to the Association at any time prior to the Control Transfer Date by filing a statement and instrument to such effect in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas. Declarant shall designate and appoint a Committee consisting of not less than three (3) qualified persons which Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Declarant. The Committee shall be named by vote of the Owners of all the Property in the Subdivision — each Owner casting the number of votes and fractions of votes as the acres of land for the candidate of his choice for each post. There shall be no cumulative voting.

4. **No Construction Without Review.** No building, fence, wall, bulkhead or other structure shall be commenced, erected, or maintained upon any tract, nor shall any exterior addition to; or change or alteration therein, be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Committee as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography.
5. **Failure to Timely Approve.** In the event that any plans and specifications are submitted to the Committee as provided herein, and such Committee shall either fail to approve or reject such plans and specifications for a period of forty five (45) days following such submission, approval by the Committee shall not be required, and full compliance with this Restriction shall be deemed to have occurred.
6. **Enforcement.** The Association (and any Owner with respect only to the remedies described in (ii) below) shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations and shall take such action as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable to cause such compliance by each Member and each Related User. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and of Rules and Regulations of the Association by any one or more of the following means: (i) By entry upon any Property within the Subdivision after notice and hearing (unless a bona fide emergency exists in which event this right of entry may be exercised without notice (written or oral) to the Owner in such manner as to avoid any unreasonable or unnecessary interference with the lawful possession, use or enjoyment of the improvements situated thereon by the Owner or any other person), without liability by the Association to the Owner thereof, for the purpose of enforcement of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (ii) by commencing and maintaining actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (iii) by exclusion, after notice and hearing, of any Member or Related User from use of any recreational facilities within the Common Areas during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or any Related User, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case exclusion shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (iv)

by suspension, after notice and hearing, of the voting rights of a Member during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach by such Member or a Related User of a provision of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case such suspension shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (v) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, an assessment against any Member for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Related User which assessment reimbursed the Association for the costs incurred by the Association in connection with such breach; (vi) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, reasonable and uniformly applied fines and penalties, established in advance in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, from any Member or Related User for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Related User; and (vii) by taking action itself to cure or abate such violation and to charge the expenses thereof, if any, to such violating Members, plus attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to exercising such remedy. Before the Board may invoke the remedies provided above, it shall give registered or certified notice of such alleged violation to Owner, and shall afford the Owner a hearing. If, after the hearing, a violation is found to exist, the Board's right to proceed with the listed remedies shall become absolute. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Failure of the Association, the Developer, or of any Owner to take any action upon any breach or default with respect to any of the foregoing violations shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take enforcement action thereafter or upon a subsequent breach or default.

D. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Enforcement By Declarant. Declarant shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all Restrictions now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Deed. Failure to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
2. Covenants Running with the Land. The covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Deed shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, Declarant or any tract Owner subject hereto, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.
3. Severance. Invalidation of any one or more of these Restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other restriction, and all other Restrictions shall remain in full force and effect.
4. Developer's Ability to Correct Errors. The Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged, and filed for record for the purpose of correcting any typographical or grammatical error, oversight, ambiguity or inconsistency appearing herein, provided that any such amendment shall be consistent with and in furtherance of the general plan and scheme of development as evidenced by this Declaration and shall not impair or adversely affect the vested property or other rights of any Owner or his mortgagee. Additionally, Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of permitting the Owners to enjoy the benefits from technological advances, such as security, communications or energy-related devices or equipment which did not exist or were not in common use in residential Subdivisions at the time


this Declaration was adopted. Likewise, the Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of prohibiting the use of any device or apparatus developed and/or available for residential use following the date of this Declaration if the use of such device or apparatus will adversely affect the Association or will adversely affect the property values within the Subdivision.

5. **Term of Covenants.** The provisions hereof shall run with all Property in the Subdivision and shall be binding upon all Owners and all persons claiming under them for a period of forty (40) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument, signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the then Owners (including the Developer) of the Lots has been recorded agreeing to cancel, amend or change, in whole or in part, this Declaration.
6. **Amendment.** This Declaration may be amended or changed, in whole or in part, at any time by the written agreement or signed ballot of Owners (including the Developer) entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of all of the Owners. If the Declaration is amended by a written instrument signed by those Owners entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of all of the votes of the Owners of the Association, such amendment must be approved by said Owners within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the date the first Owner executes such amendment. The date an Owner's signature is acknowledged shall constitute prima facia evidence of the date of execution of said amendment by such Owner. Those Members (Owners, including the Developer) entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of all of the votes of the Members of the Association may also vote to amend this Declaration, in person, or by proxy, at a meeting of the Members (Owners, including the Developer) duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Owners at least ten (10) days and not more than sixty (60) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting. Notwithstanding any provision contained in the Bylaws to the contrary, a quorum, for purposes of such meeting, shall consist of not less than seventy percent (70%) of all of the Members (in person or by proxy) entitled to vote. Any such amendment shall become effective when an instrument is filed for record in the Real Property Records of Matagorda County, Texas, accompanied by a certificate, signed by a majority of the Board of the Association, stating that the required number of Members (Owners, including the Developer) executed the instrument amending this Declaration or cast a written vote, in person or by proxy, in favor of said amendment at the meeting called for such purpose. Copies of the written ballots pertaining to such amendment shall be retained by the Association for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of filing of the amendment or termination. The Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged, and filed for record for the purpose of correcting any typographical or grammatical error, oversight, ambiguity or inconsistency appearing herein, provided that any such amendment shall be consistent with and in furtherance of the general plan and scheme of development as evidenced by this Declaration and shall not impair or adversely affect the vested property or other rights of any Owner or his mortgagee. Additionally, Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of permitting the Owners to enjoy the benefits from technological advances, such as security, communications

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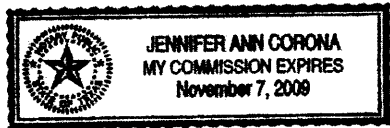
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Developer herein, has hereunto set its hand as of this 22nd day of June, 2009.

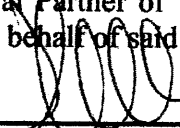
VAQUERO RIVER ESTATES, L.P.
a Texas limited partnership

By: 
Name: A. C. "Sonny" DuBose
Title: Manager of VAQUERO RIVER ESTATES, L.L.C.
General Partner

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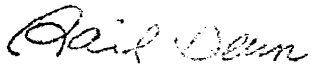
This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 22nd day of June, 2009, by A. C. "Sonny" DuBose, Manager of VAQUERO RIVER ESTATES, L.L.C., General Partner of VAQUERO RIVER ESTATES, L.P. a Texas limited partnership, in the capacity therein stated on behalf of said entity.




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