

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR COMMONS WATERWAY, SECTION TWO (2)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

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This Declaration is made on the date hereinafter set forth by THE COMMONS OF LAKE HOUSTON, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, (hereinafter called "Declarant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the following tract of land (hereinafter referred to as "the Property"):

Commons Waterway, Section Two (2), a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded under Film Code No. 623139 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas

and, WHEREAS, Declarant desires to establish and preserve a general and uniform plan for the improvement, development, sale, and use of the Property for the benefit of the present and future owners of lots therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant does hereby declare that the Property shall be held, transferred sold, conveyed, occupied and enjoyed subject to the covenants, conditions, easements, charges, liens and restrictions herein set forth.

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. "Appointed Board" shall mean the Board of Directors appointed by Declarant pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 1, of this Declaration.

Section 2. "Architectural Control Committee" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee established and empowered in accordance with Article III of this Declaration.

Section 3. "Association" shall mean and refer to The Reserve at The Commons of Lake Houston Property Owners Association, Inc. its successors and assigns.

Section 4. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association, whether the Appointed Board, the First Elected Board or any subsequent Board.

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Section 5. "Common Area" shall mean any property and Improvements thereon owned by the Association or reserved for or dedicated for the common use and enjoyment of all Owners.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean The Commons of Lake Houston, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, its successors and assigns that have been designated as such by Declarant pursuant to a written instrument duly executed by Declarant and recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.

Section 7. "First Elected Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association elected at the first meeting of the Members of the Association.

Section 8. "Improvement" shall mean any building, structure, fixture or fence, any transportable building or structure placed on a Lot, whether or not affixed to the land, and any addition to, or modification of, an existing building, structure, fixture or fence.

Section 9. "Member" shall mean every Lot Owner who is a member of the Association as provided in Article VI of this Declaration.

Section 10. "Mortgage" shall mean a security interest, mortgage, deed of trust, or lien instrument granted by an Owner to secure the payment of a loan made to such Owner, duly recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas, and creating a lien or security interest encumbering a Lot and some or all Improvements thereon.

Section 11. "Owner" shall mean any person or persons, firm, corporation or other entity or any combination thereof that is the record Owner of fee simple title to a Lot, including contract sellers, but excluding those having an interest merely as security for performance of an obligation.

Section 12. "Property" shall mean all of Commons Waterway, Section Two (2) and any other property that may be subjected to this Declaration by annexation document duly executed by Declarant and recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.

Section 13. "Plat" shall mean the plat for Commons Waterway, Section Two (2), recorded under Film Code No. 623139, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the Map Records of Harris County, Texas and any replat thereof.

Section 14. "Residential Dwelling" shall mean the single-family residence and appurtenances constructed on a Lot.

Section 15. "Subdivision" shall mean the Property, together with all Improvements now or hereafter situated thereon and all rights and appurtenances thereto.

**ARTICLE II
EASEMENTS, DRIVES, ROADS, AND PRIVATE ROADS**

Section 1: Private roads, drives, or access easements and easements for installation and maintenance of utilities, irrigation and drainage, are established by separate instrument or instruments of record or to be placed of record in the office of the County Clerk and as hereinafter set forth. Within such easements and private roads, no structure, planting, or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage, interfere with, or change the direction or flow of drainage facilities in the easements, or which may interfere with passage along such common or private road easements or which would interfere with maintenance thereof. The easement area of each Lot and all improvements thereon shall be continuously maintained by the Owner of such Lot, except for Improvements or maintenance of which a public, private, or quasi-public authority or utility company is responsible. Easements established as Common Areas for greenbelts, riding trails, hiking trails, and the like shall be maintained by the Association and may not be fenced into private property except as hereinafter prescribed.

Section 2: No Residential Dwelling or other structure of any kind shall be built, erected, or maintained on any easement, reservation, or right of way, and such easements, reservations and rights of way shall at all times be open and accessible to representatives of the Association, to public and quasi-public utility corporations, their employees and contractors, and open to Declarant, its successors and assigns, all of whom shall have the right and privilege of doing whatever may be necessary in, or under, and above such locations to carry out any of the purposes for which such easements, reservations, and rights of way are reserved.

Section 3: The Association, through its duly authorized employees and contractors, shall have the right, after reasonable notice to the Owner thereof, to enter any Lot at any reasonable time to perform such maintenance as may be authorized herein.

Section 4: The private drive or roadway easements as set forth herein or by separate instruments or as established within the Common Area, are for the private use and benefit of the Owners of the Lots and under the conditions as therein set forth, and are not dedicated to the general public.

Section 5: The Declarant or the Association may take unto itself or execute unto any fresh water supply, electric utility, gas utility, telephone or other utility entity right of way easements in the form and under the conditions as may at that time be required by said entity as a prerequisite to service of the Property with fresh water, electricity, gas, telephone, T.V. cable, or other utility or service.

Section 6: The Declarant or the Association may take unto itself or execute unto others right of way easements in the form and under the conditions as at that time may be required by said entity to distribute to each and every Lot herein water for the purposes of irrigation.

Section 7: It is understood and agreed that the easements granted herein and to be granted hereafter are reserved as permanent easements for the purpose set forth and are not subject to the time limit applicable to other restrictions.

Section 8: There is hereby reserved and established on each Lot a twenty-five (25) foot easement adjacent to and parallel to all private and public roadway easements. Said easement includes a ten (10) foot utility easement and a fifteen (15) foot drainage easement upon the ground and twenty-five (25) feet above the ground and extends from the outside boundary of the roadway easement or right of way into and upon the adjoining property on each Lot. There is further reserved on each Lot an easement forty (40) feet into all property for the purpose of installation of guy wires where necessary for securing utility poles. Said guy wire easement extends from the outside boundary of the roadway easement into and upon the adjoining property for the sole purpose of guy wires being extended into the Lot on or within five (5) foot of a pole line and/or elsewhere to secure a pole in a turn or curve of the line. There is further reserved on each lot an easement twenty (20) feet into all property, measured from the front property line inward, for the purpose of the protection of a natural vegetation area along the frontage of each lot.

Section 9: There is hereby reserved and established for the Association an easement for any purposes of recreation, including, but not limited to, greenbelt, hiking, biking, horse trails, drainage and service of utilities 20 feet in width upon the ground in and across the rear tract line of each Lot and also elsewhere as indicated on the subdivision Plat. If the Common Areas or greenbelts are not indicated on the Plat, there is hereby reserved and imposed in and upon the rear of every Lot a greenbelt easement for hiking, biking and horse trails. Said greenbelt easement is also reserved and imposed in and upon every area where a utility or drainage easement is indicated upon the Plat across any rear or non-street side line portion of a Lot, but not upon the front or any street side portion of a Lot. It is understood that said easement is not limited by dedicated easement reserved and imposed in and upon each Lot per the recorded Plat.

ARTICLE III ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 1. As used in this Declaration, the term "Architectural Control Committee" shall mean a committee of three (3) members, all of whom shall be appointed by Declarant, except as otherwise set forth herein. Declarant shall have the continuing right to appoint all three (3) members of the Architectural Control Committee until the earlier of (a) the date the First Elected Board is elected, or (b) the date Declarant elects to discontinue such right of appointment by written notice to the Board. Thereafter, the Board shall have the right to appoint all members of the Architectural Control Committee. Members of the Architectural Control Committee may, but need not be, Members of the Association. Members of the Architectural Control Committee appointed by Declarant may be removed at any time and shall serve until resignation or removal by the Declarant. Members of the Architectural Control Committee appointed by the Board may be removed at any time by the Board, and shall serve for such term as may be designated by the Board or until resignation or removal by the Board. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to designate a Committee Representative by recordation of a notice of appointment in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas, which notice must contain

the name, address, and telephone number of the Committee Representative. All third parties shall be entitled conclusively to rely upon such person's actions as the actions of the Architectural Control Committee itself until such time as the Architectural Control Committee shall record a notice of revocation of such appointment in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.

Section 2. In order to preserve the architectural and aesthetic appearance and the natural setting and beauty of the Subdivision, to establish and preserve a harmonious design for the Subdivision and to protect and promote the value of the Property, the Lots and Residential Dwellings and all Improvements thereon, no Improvements of any nature shall be commenced, erected, installed, placed, moved onto, altered, replaced, relocated, permitted to remain on or maintained on any Lot or Residential Dwelling by any Owner, other than Declarant, which affect the exterior appearance of any Lot, Residential Dwelling or Improvement on a Lot, unless plans and specifications therefor have been submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Article. Without limiting the foregoing, the construction and installation of any Residential Dwellings, sidewalks, driveways, mailboxes, decks, patios, swimming pools, tennis courts, greenhouses, playhouses, awnings, walls, fences, exterior lights, garages, guest or servants quarters, or alteration be made (including, without limitation, painting or staining of any exterior surface) to any Residential Dwelling or Improvement, unless the plans and specifications for the same have been submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Article.

The Architectural Control Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to approve all plans and specifications for the construction of all Residential Dwellings and other Improvements on any part of the Property and the builder of all Residential Dwellings and Improvements provided that, the approval of a builder shall not be construed in any respect as a representation or warranty by the Declarant, the Association or the Architectural Control Committee to any person or entity that the builder has any particular level of knowledge or expertise or that any Residential Dwelling or other Improvement constructed by the builder shall be a particular quality. Although the Architectural Control Committee has the authority to approve or deny a builder, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner of the Lot to determine the quality of that builder's workmanship, the builder's reputation and the suitability of the builder to construct the Residential Dwelling or other Improvement on that Owner's Lot. Owner shall hold the declarant harmless from any claims that could arise through the fault of the builder. Prior to the commencement of any Residential Dwelling or other Improvements on any Lot, the Owner thereof shall submit to the Architectural Control Committee plans and specifications and related data for all such Improvements, which shall include the following:

(1) Two (2) copies of an accurately drawn and dimensioned site development plan indicating the location of any and all Improvements, including, specifically, the Residential Dwelling to be constructed on said Lot, the location of all driveways, walkways, decks, terraces, water lines, water wells, patios and outbuildings and the relationship of the same to any setback requirements applicable to the Lot or Residential Dwelling and any utility easements affecting the Lot.

(ii) Two (2) copies of a foundation plan, floor plans and exterior elevation drawing of the front, back, and sides of the Residential Dwelling to be constructed on the Lot.

(iii) Two (2) copies of written specifications and, if requested by the Architectural Control Committee, samples indicating the nature, color, type, shape, height and location of all exterior materials to be used in the construction of the Residential Dwelling on such Lot or any other improvements thereon, including, without limitation, the type and color of all brick, stone, stucco, roofing and other materials to be utilized on the exterior of a Residential Dwelling and the color of paint or stain to be used on all doors, shutters, trim work, eaves and dormers on the exterior of such Residential Dwelling.

(iv) Information sufficient to show that the landscaping and irrigation plans comply with the Declaration, The Reserve Construction Application and the Architectural Guidelines, if any.

(v) Two (2) copies of information or documentation which clearly identifies all trees with a caliper of six (6) inches or more proposed to be removed from the Lot.

(vi) A written statement of the estimated date of commencement, if the proposed improvement is approved, and the estimated date of completion.

(vii) Such other plans, specifications or other information or documentation as may be required by the Architectural Control Committee, The Reserve Construction Application, and/or the Architectural Guidelines, if any.

The Architectural Control Committee shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether the plans and specifications and other data submitted by any Owner for approval are acceptable. One copy of all plans, specifications and related data so submitted to the Architectural Control Committee shall be retained in the records of the Architectural Control Committee and the other copy shall be returned to the Owner submitting the same marked "approved", "approved as noted" or "disapproved". The Architectural Control Committee may establish and change from time to time, if deemed appropriate, a fee sufficient to cover the expense of reviewing plans and related data and to compensate any consulting architects, landscape architects, designers, engineers, inspectors and/or attorneys retained in order to approve such plans and specifications and to monitor and otherwise enforce the terms hereof ("the Submission Fee").

The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications upon any ground which is consistent with the objectives and purposes of this Declaration, including purely aesthetic considerations, any failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Declaration or the Architectural Guidelines, if any, failure to provide requested information, objection to exterior design, appearance or materials, objection on the ground of incompatibility of any such proposed improvement with the scheme of development proposed for the Subdivision, objection to the location of any proposed improvements on any such Lot or Residential Dwelling, objection to the landscaping plan for such Lot or Residential Dwelling.

objection to the color scheme, finish, proportions, style of architecture, height, bulk or appropriateness of any improvement or any other matter which, in the sole judgment of the Architectural Control Committee, would render the proposed improvement inharmonious with the general plan of development contemplated for the Subdivision. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to approve any submitted plans and specifications with conditions or stipulations by which the Owner of such Lot or Residential Dwelling shall be obligated to comply and must be incorporated into the plans and specifications for such Improvements or Residential Dwelling. Approval of plans and specifications by the Architectural Control Committee for Improvements to one particular Lot or Residential Dwelling shall not be deemed an approval or otherwise obligate the Architectural Control Committee to approve similar plans and specifications of any of the features or elements for the Improvements for any other Lot or Residential Dwelling within the Subdivision. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the authority to deny approval of any Builder that does not meet the minimum criteria established for consideration.

Any revisions, modifications or changes in any plans and specifications previously approved by the Architectural Control Committee must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee in the same manner specified above.

If construction of the Residential Dwelling or the Improvements has not substantially commenced (e.g., by clearing and grading, pouring of footing and otherwise commencing framing and other related construction work) within ninety (90) days of approval by the Architectural Control Committee of the plans and specifications for such Residential Dwelling or other Improvements, then no construction may be commenced (or continued) on such Lot or Residential Dwelling and the Owner of such Lot or Residential Dwelling shall be required to resubmit all plans and specifications for any Residential Dwelling or other Improvements to the Architectural Control Committee for approval in the same manner specified above.

Section 3. The address of the Architectural Control Committee shall be at the principal office of the Association.

Section 4. The Architectural Control Committee may from time to time promulgate, supplement or amend Architectural Guidelines, which provide an outline of minimum acceptable design standards for proposed Improvements; provided, however, that such outline will serve as a minimum guideline only and the Architectural Control Committee may impose other requirements in connection with its review of any proposed Improvements. If the Architectural Guidelines impose requirements that are more stringent than the provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of the Architectural Guidelines shall be superior for all approvals.

Section 5. Any request for approval of a proposed Improvement on a Lot shall be deemed approved by the Architectural Control Committee, unless disapproval or a request for additional information or materials is transmitted to the applicant by the Architectural Control Committee within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt by the Architectural Control Committee of all required materials; provided, however, that no such deemed approval shall operate to permit any Owner to construct or maintain any Improvement on a Lot that violates any provision of this Declaration or the recorded Architectural Guidelines, the Architectural Control Committee at all

times retaining the right to object to any Improvement on a Lot that violates any provision of this Declaration or the recorded Architectural Guidelines.

Section 6. After approval of any proposed Improvement on a Lot, the proposed Improvement shall be prosecuted diligently and continuously and shall be completed within the time frame approved by the Architectural Control Committee and in strict conformity with the description of the proposed Improvement in the materials submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. No building materials shall be placed upon a Lot until the Owner is ready to commence construction. Owners shall keep the job site and all surrounding areas clean during the progress of construction. All construction trash, debris and rubbish on each Lot shall be properly disposed of at least weekly. In no event shall any used construction material be buried on or beneath any Lot or Residential Dwelling. No Owner shall allow dirt, mud, gravel or other substances to collect or remain on any street. All construction vehicles must be parked on the Lot or in areas designated by the Architectural Control Committee. Construction on a Lot is permitted only between dawn and dusk Monday through Saturday, unless special permission to proceed with construction at other times is given by the Architectural Control Committee. During the construction of a Residential Dwelling on a Lot, the Owner's builder is required to maintain one (1) port-o-can on the Lot for use by all persons working on the Lot. The port-o-can must be placed on the Lot at the location designated by the Architectural Control Committee, which is intended to be the least obtrusive location that still enables the port-o-can to be regularly serviced. For purposes hereof, the phrase "during the construction of a Residential Dwelling on a Lot" means the period beginning with the clearing and grading of the Lot and continuing until the Residential Dwelling is ready for occupancy. All builders and their subcontractors must use the contractor entrance designated by Declarant, if any, for both ingress to and egress from the Subdivision. Declarant shall have the authority to impose a fine in the amount of \$100.00 per violation for each occasion that a builder or one of its subcontractors fails to use the designated contractor entrance for ingress to or egress from the Subdivision. Any fines imposed against a builder in accordance with this Section shall be payable to the Association. Payment of such fines shall be the personal obligation of the builder, provided that payment of such fines shall also be secured by the lien referred to and established in Article V of this Declaration against each Lot in the Subdivision owned by such builder. No Improvement on a Lot shall be deemed completed until the exterior fascia and trim on the structure has been applied and finished and all construction materials and debris have been cleaned up and removed from the site and all rooms in the Residential Dwelling, other than attics, have been finished. Removal of materials and debris shall not take in excess of thirty (30) days following completion of the exterior.

Section 7. The Architectural Control Committee may authorize variances from compliance with any of the provisions of this Declaration (except for the provisions relating to single family residential construction and use), including restrictions upon placement of structures, the time for completion of construction of Improvements on a Lot, or similar restrictions, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic, environmental, or other relevant considerations may require. Such variances must be evidenced in writing and shall become effective when signed by at least a majority of the members of the Architectural Control Committee. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, the Committee Representative shall not have the power to grant a variance. If any such variance is granted, no violation of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the

matter for which the variance was granted; provided, however, that the granting of a variance shall not operate to waive any of the provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and particular provision hereof covered by the variance, nor shall the granting of any variance affect the jurisdiction of the Architectural Control Committee other than with respect to the subject matter of the variance, nor shall the granting of a variance affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental laws and regulations affecting the property concerned.

Section 8. The members of the Architectural Control Committee shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder as the Board from time to time may authorize or approve.

Section 9. None of the members of the Architectural Control Committee, any Committee Representative, the Association, any member of the Board of Directors, or Declarant shall be liable for any loss, damage, or injury arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of the duties of the Architectural Control Committee, except to the extent caused by the willful misconduct or bad faith of the party to be held liable. In reviewing any matter, the Committee shall not inspect, guarantee or warrant the workmanship of the Improvement, including its design, construction, safety, whether structural or otherwise, conformance with building codes, or other governmental laws or regulations or whether the Improvement is suitable or fit for its intended purpose. Furthermore, none of the members of the Architectural Control Committee, the Committee Representative, any member of the Board of Directors, or Declarant shall be personally liable for debts contracted for or otherwise incurred by the Association or for any torts committed by or on behalf of the Association, or for a tort of another of such individuals, whether such other individuals were acting on behalf of the Association, the Architectural Control Committee, the Board of Directors, or otherwise. Finally, neither Declarant, the Association, the Board, the Architectural Control Committee, or their officers, agents, members, or employees shall be liable for any incidental or consequential damages for failure to inspect any premises, Improvements, or portion thereof, or for failure to repair or maintain the same.

Section 10. The approval of plans and specifications by the Architectural Control Committee for any Residential Dwelling or other Improvement on a Lot shall not be construed in any respect as a representation or warranty by the Architectural Control Committee or Declarant to the Owner submitting such plans or to any of the successors or assigns of such Owner that the surface or subsurface conditions of such Lot are suitable for the construction of the Improvements contemplated by such plans and specifications. It shall be the sole responsibility of each Owner to determine the suitability and adequacy of the surface and subsurface conditions of any Lot for the construction of any contemplated Improvements thereon.

ARTICLE IV. USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1: Each Owner shall use his Lot and the Residential Dwelling on his Lot for single family residential purposes only. As used herein, the term "single family residential purposes" shall be deemed to specifically prohibit, but without limitation, the use of any Lot for a duplex apartment, a garage apartment or any other apartment or for any multi-family use or for any

business, professional or other commercial activity of any type, unless such business, professional or commercial activity is unobtrusive and merely incidental to the primary use of the Lot and the Residential Dwelling for residential purposes. No Owner shall use or permit such Owner's Lot or Residential Dwelling to be used for any purpose that would (i) void any insurance in force with respect to the Subdivision; (ii) make it impossible to obtain any insurance required by these Restrictions; (iii) constitute a public or private nuisance, which determination may be made by the Board in its sole discretion; (iv) constitute a violation of the Restrictions or any applicable law or (v) unreasonably interfere with the use and occupancy of the Subdivision by other Owners. No Owner shall be permitted to lease his Lot for hotel or transient purposes; for purposes of this Section, any lease term that is less than six (6) months shall be deemed to be a lease for hotel or transient purposes. Every lease shall provide that the lessee shall be bound by and subject to all the obligations under this Declaration and a failure to do so shall be a default under the lease. The Owner making such lease shall not be relieved from any obligation to comply with the provisions of this Declaration. For the purpose of this Section, one (1) full-time, live-in domestic servant or "nanny" shall be considered a member of the family occupying a Lot. No garage sales, rummage sales, estate sales, moving sales or similar types of activities are permitted on any Lot.

Section 2: No structures shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than (i) one detached single family dwelling, together with an attached or detached private garage for not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) vehicles and (ii) permitted accessory buildings, all of which are subject to approval by the Architectural Control Committee. A two (2) story garage with living area on the second level may be permitted with the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee. The minimum allowable area of interior living space in a Residential Dwelling shall be Two Thousand (2,000) square feet. Provided that, the minimum allowable area of interior living space in the ground floor of a one and one-half (1½), two (2) or two and one-half (2½) story Residential Dwelling shall be one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "interior living space" excludes steps, porches, exterior balconies and garages.

Section 3: The Residential Dwelling constructed on each Lot must be constructed by a builder approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee, each Residential Dwelling, garage and carport shall consist of not less than 50% masonry materials or the equivalent on the exterior wall area. Masonry includes stucco, brick, and stone. For purposes of this Declaration, hardy plank is not considered to be masonry. Mailboxes must be constructed of masonry matching the material used on the Residential Dwelling. All materials must be installed per the manufacturer's specifications. All yards shall be landscaped. The landscaping must be completed within three (3) months of the date the Residential Dwelling becomes occupied. Driveways and sidewalks, if any, must be constructed of concrete, patterned or stamped asphalt, natural stone or unit masonry. Other materials (e.g. brick) may be used only if approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All driveways shall be paved: chert, gravel or loose stone driveways are not permitted.

Section 4: No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, or other outbuilding shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently, except for permitted guest houses and quarters for domestic workers. Storage

buildings may not be utilized as a residence on the Lot. No guest house, quarters for domestic workers or other permitted accessory building, or structure shall by constructed or placed on a Lot prior to the construction of a Residential Dwelling on such Lot.

Section 5: No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or trash, and no garbage or other waste shall be kept except in sanitary containers. No garbage or trash shall be maintained on a Lot so as to be visible from any street in the Subdivision or any neighboring Lot except to make same available for collection and then only the shortest time reasonably necessary to effect such collection. All other equipment for the storage and disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition.

Section 6: Not more than three (3) generally recognized house or yard pets shall be maintained on any Lot and then only if they are kept thereon solely as domestic pets and not for commercial purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Owner of a Lot may keep one (1) horse on the Owner's Lot for each full acre of land with that Lot; provided, that each horse shall be kept solely for recreational purposes and not for commercial purposes. No horses may be kept on any Lot on which there is no Residential Dwelling, unless the owner has multiple contiguous lots and a residential dwelling on one of the lots. No animal or bird shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise, or to become a nuisance. No structure for the care, housing or confinement of any animal or bird shall be maintained on a Lot if visible from any street in the Subdivision or any neighboring Lot without the written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. The Board shall have the authority to determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, whether, for the purposes of this paragraph, a particular animal or bird is a generally recognized house or yard pet, or a nuisance, and the Board's determination shall be binding on all parties. If the Owner or occupant of a Lot, or an immediate member of the family of the Owner or occupant, is a member of 4-H or Future Farmers of America, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, allow one (1) animal per project (per 4-H or FFA member) not specifically permitted by this Section to be kept, raised and maintained on the Lot for the term of the project under such terms and conditions as may be specified in writing by the Board of Directors; provided that, under no circumstances is a pig permitted on a Lot. Further, if during the term of the project, the Board of Directors determines, in its sole discretion, that the animal constitutes a nuisance or is otherwise undesirable in the Subdivision, the Board of Directors may revoke its consent and require the animal to be removed from the Lot.

Section 7: No Owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of a Lot, including all persons who reside with such Owner, lessee or occupant on the Lot, shall park, keep or store any vehicle on any Lot which is visible from any street in the Subdivision or any neighboring Lot other than a passenger vehicle or pick-up truck and then only if parked on the driveway for a period not exceeding forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "passenger vehicle" is limited to any vehicle which displays a passenger vehicle license plate issued by the State of Texas or which, if displaying a license plate issued by another state, would be eligible to obtain a passenger vehicle license plate from the State of Texas, and a sport utility vehicle used as a family vehicle (whether or not the sport utility vehicle displays a passenger or truck vehicle license plate); the term "pick-up truck" is limited to a one (1) ton capacity pick-up truck which has not been adapted or modified for commercial use. No passenger vehicle or pick-up truck owned or used by the residents of a Lot shall be permitted to be parked on any street in the Subdivision or any

unpaved portion of a Lot. No guest of an Owner, lessee or other occupant of a Lot shall be entitled to park on any street in the Subdivision overnight or on any uncovered portion of the driveway of a Lot for a period longer than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours.

No trailer, mobile home trailer, recreational vehicle or boat shall be parked, kept or stored on a Lot if visible from any street in the Subdivision or any neighboring Lot. A trailer, mobile home trailer, recreational vehicle or boat may be parked in the garage on a Lot or other structure approved by the Architectural Control Committee out of public view; if parked in the garage, there must be adequate space in the garage and on the driveway for all passenger vehicles used or kept by the Owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of the Lot. No passenger vehicle, pick-up truck, mobile home trailer, recreational vehicle, boat, or other vehicle of any kind shall be constructed, reconstructed, or repaired on any Lot within the Subdivision if visible from any street in the Subdivision or any neighboring Lot.

Section 8: No Residential Dwelling or garage shall be placed nearer to the front property line than twenty-five (25) feet or nearer to any side property line than fifteen (15) feet unless otherwise provided on the Plat. No permitted accessory building shall be placed nearer to the front property line than the front of the Residential Dwelling. A variance for the side property line setback may be considered for atypical shaped properties as well as those that are contiguous to a drainage easement. Setback Variances are to be limited to the most exigent circumstances.

Section 9: All Lot Owners shall provide for the disposal of waste material through a sewer treatment system approved by the appropriate governmental authority and the Architectural Control Committee. The sewer system will be aerobic type plant with a sprinkler system to utilize the treated effluent for surface disposal or other disposal approved by appropriate authorities. No septic tanks are allowed. Any system installed will have an alarm system to notify the Owner if the system malfunctions.

Section 10: No Lot shall be subdivided, except that the Declarant may replat Lots for better utilization and function. However, any such replat will be subject to approval by all governmental authorities having jurisdiction, and all purchasers of Lots herein hereby waive the right or necessity of approval. No Lot shall be utilized for more than one (1) Residential Dwelling.

Section 11: Any fence erected on a Lot must be constructed of wood, masonry, wrought iron, white vinyl (pvc) or other materials approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All fences must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to the commencement of construction, as to location, height, design, color and materials. Chain link materials are strictly prohibited.

Section 12: No oil drilling or development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or in any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Lot in this Subdivision.

- A. The lake or lakes (other than Lake Houston), if any, shown on the Plat is/are to be used only by Owners and their guests.
- B. Boats may be placed in the lake for fishing and other recreational purposes. No boat used in the lake(s) shall have any type of engine or motor other than an electric motor powered by batteries.
- C. Sailboats, paddleboats and rowboats are permissible.
- D. All fishing must be done in compliance with local, state and federal fishing laws, as well as in compliance with any rules and regulations promulgated and published by the Association.
- E. No trash or waste shall be thrown into the lake.
- F. The Association shall have the authority to adopt and publish reasonable rules and regulations relating to the use of the lake(s). The Association shall have the right

Section 17:

Declaration. No livestock may be pastured on a Lot.

Section 16: Storage of equipment, materials, or any other products, is strictly prohibited prior to construction of a Residential Dwelling on a Lot and then only as permitted by this

Section 15: Should any person violate the provisions of this Declaration, Declarant, the Association and any Owner shall have the power to enforce compliance.

Section 14: No "For Sale" sign shall be placed on any vacant Lot. As used herein, "vacant" means a Lot on which there is no Residential Dwelling. The Association shall have the right to remove and dispose of any unauthorized sign(s) on a Lot. No other signs are permitted without approval of the Architectural Control Committee except not more than one (1) political sign having a face area not larger than four (4) square feet for a period of time commencing three (3) weeks before the corresponding election day and ending two (2) days after the election day, unless otherwise provided by law. No political sign of any type is permitted for any length of time on a vacant Lot.

Section 13: No culvert, bridge, or crossing may be installed by a Lot Owner unless approved by any governmental authority having jurisdiction and the Architectural Control Committee. Conformance to size and grade requirements are mandatory. All culverts will be installed with headers, or retainers, on each end to prevent erosion and dress culvert ends, and must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to installation of culvert or wings. It is the responsibility of each Lot Owner to verify culvert installation meets county specifications, including proper elevations and slope. If modification or removal of a culvert, bridge or crossing becomes necessary to comply with the provisions of this Declaration or any governmental authority having jurisdiction, modification or removal shall be at the sole expense of the Lot Owner.

to suspend an Owner's right to use the lake(s) for any violation of this Declaration or any published rule.

Section 18: All live streams and creeks may be designated as Common Areas upon the Plats from normal flow lines to normal flow lines. All streams and creeks are bounded by a common easement, and a common easement is hereby granted on all streams and creeks, both dry and wet, extending 20 feet from the normal water flow line of each side of the stream or creek into the property adjacent thereto whether or not so marked upon a Plat. This section does not apply to dry bed drains originating on the Owner's Lot.

Any areas adjacent to or overlying this common easement extending further into the adjacent property will be set forth upon the subdivision Plat or otherwise described in recorded documents.

Owners of properties adjacent to live streams and creeks may use these Common Areas as access to the streams and creeks; however, they may not fence or otherwise obstruct or deter access to the Common Areas and use thereof by other property Owners. Such adjacent Owners may help to maintain these Commons Areas, free of trash, sticks and floats; however, they may not cut and remove trees or brush therefrom without written permission from the Declarant or the Association. Any berms or other landscaping or structures installed adjacent to or near streams in the Subdivision for the purpose of minimizing the sanding or silling of such streams may not be modified or removed except upon specific written authorization of the Declarant or the Association.

Section 19: The use of all Common Areas is subject to rules and regulations adopted and published by the Association and the Association is hereby granted authority to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations.

Section 20: The Common Areas may be used for any purpose deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of Declarant including, without limitation, the installation of utilities and the granting of easements and right of ways.

ARTICLE V. OWNERS OBLIGATION TO REPAIR

Each Owner shall, at his sole cost and expense, repair and maintain his Residential Dwelling, and all other Improvements on his Lot, keeping the same in a condition comparable to the condition of such building at the time of its initial construction, excepting only normal wear and tear. Each individual Lot Owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of fences constructed on or along the Owner's Lot including fences constructed along the road frontage of each Lot. If an Owner fails or refuses to maintain any such fence, the Association shall have the authority to repair or maintain the fence and the Owner shall be obligated to reimburse the Association for all costs incurred.

**ARTICLE VI.
MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION: VOTING RIGHTS**

Section 1. The affairs of the Subdivision shall be administered by the Association. The Association shall have the right, power and obligation to provide for the management, acquisition, construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, administration, and operation of the Subdivision as herein provided for and as provided for in the ByLaws of the Association. The Declarant shall determine the number of directors and appoint, dismiss and reappoint all of the members of the Board until the First Meeting of the Members of the Association is held in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article and a Board of Directors is elected (the Board of Directors appointed by Declarant, at any given time, being referred to herein as "the Appointed Board"). The Appointed Board may engage the Declarant or any entity, whether or not affiliated with Declarant, to perform the day to day functions of the Association and to provide for the maintenance, repair, replacement, administration and operation of the Subdivision. The Association, acting through the Board, shall be entitled to enter into such contracts and agreements concerning the Subdivision as the Board deems reasonably necessary or appropriate to maintain and operate the Subdivision in accordance with this Declaration, including without limitation, the right to grant utility and other easements for uses the Board shall deem appropriate and the right to enter into agreements with adjoining or nearby land owners or governmental entities on matters of maintenance, trash pick-up, repair, administration, security, traffic, operation of recreational facilities, or other matters of mutual interest.

Section 2. Each Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a Lot shall, upon and by virtue of becoming such Owner, automatically become and shall remain a Member of the Association until his ownership ceases for any reason, at which time his membership in the Association shall automatically cease. Membership in the Association shall be apportioned to and shall automatically follow the ownership of each Lot and may not be separated from such ownership.

Section 3. Subject to any limitations set forth in this Declaration, each Member other than Declarant shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned on each matter submitted to a vote of the Members. Declarant shall also be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned; Declarant is also entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in the Subdivision sold by Declarant as long as Declarant retains any financial interest or any ownership interest in the Subdivision. No Member shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association until such Owner has presented evidence of ownership of a Lot in the Subdivision to the Secretary of the Association. In the event that Members shall exercise their right to vote in such manner as they may among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than the number of votes be cast than applicable to the Lot(s) owned by such Members. Such Members shall appoint one of them as the Member who shall be entitled to exercise the vote of that Lot at any meeting of the Association. Such designation shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors and shall be revocable at any time by actual written notice to the Board. The Board shall be entitled to rely on any such designation until written notice revoking such designation is received by the Board. In the event that a Lot is owned by more than

one Member of the Association, and no single Member is designated to vote on behalf of the Members having an ownership interest in such Lot, then the Member exercising the vote for the Lot shall be deemed to be designated to vote on behalf of the Members having an ownership interest in the Lot. All Members of the Association may attend meetings of the Association and may exercise their vote at such meetings either in person or proxy. The decision of the Board of Directors as to the number of votes which any number is entitled to cast, based upon the number of Lots owned by him, shall be final. Fractional votes and split votes will not be permitted. Any Member who is delinquent in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association against his/her Lot or any interest, late charges, costs or reasonable attorney's fees added to such assessment under the provisions of this Declaration or as provided by law or who has any condition on his/her Lot that violates any provision of this Declaration which has progressed to the stage of a certified demand for compliance by the Association, or beyond, and which remains unsolved as of the date of the meeting of the Members, may have his/her right to vote suspended by the Board of Directors. No formal notice to the Member is required except as otherwise provided by law.

Section 4. The First Meeting of the Members of the Association shall be held when called by the Appointed Board upon no less than ten (10) and no more than fifty (50) days' prior written notice to the Members. Such written notice may be given at any time but must be given not later than the seventh (7th) anniversary of the date this Declaration is recorded. The First Elected Board shall be elected at the First Meeting of the Members of the Association. Thereafter, annual and special meetings of the Members of the Association shall be held at such place and time and on such dates as shall be specified or provided in the ByLaws.

Section 5. The Board shall have the authority to retain, hire, employ or contract with such professional management companies or personnel as the Board deems appropriate to perform the day to day functions of the Association and to provide for the construction, maintenance, repair, landscaping, administration and operation of the Subdivision as provided for herein and as provided for in the ByLaws.

Section 6. Any action, inaction or omission by the Board made or taken in good faith shall not subject the Board or any individual member of the Board to any liability to the Association, its Members or any other party.

ARTICLE VII. ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. All annual maintenance charges collected by the Association and all interest, penalties, assessments and other sums and revenues collected by the Association constitute the Maintenance Fund. The Maintenance Fund shall be held, managed, invested and expended by the Board, at its discretion, for the benefit of the Subdivision and the Owners of Lots therein. The Board shall by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, expend the Maintenance Fund for the administration, management, and operation of the Subdivision; for the maintenance, repair and improvement of the Common Areas; for the maintenance of any easements granted to the Association; for the enforcement of this Declaration by action at law or in equity, or otherwise, and the payment of court costs as well as reasonable and necessary legal fees; and for all other

purposes that are, in the discretion of the Board, desirable in order to maintain the character and value of the Subdivision and the Lots therein. The Board and its individual members shall not be liable to any person as a result of actions taken by the Board with respect to the Maintenance Fund, except for willful neglect or intentional wrongdoings.

Section 2. Subject to Section 7, below, each and every Lot in the Subdivision is hereby severally subjected to and impressed with an annual maintenance charge or assessment in an amount to be determined annually by the Board, which annual maintenance charge shall run with the land. Each Owner of a Lot, by accepting a deed to any such Lot, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is hereby conclusively deemed to covenant and agree, as a covenant running with the land, to pay to the Association, its successors or assigns, each and all of the charges and assessments against his Lot and/or assessed against him by virtue of his ownership thereof, as the same shall become due and payable, without demand. The charges and assessments herein provided for shall be a charge and a continuing lien upon each Lot, together with all improvements thereon, as hereinafter more particularly stated. Each charge or assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Lot at the time the obligation to pay such assessment accrued, but no Member shall be personally liable for the payment of any assessment made or becoming due and payable after his ownership ceases. No Member shall be exempt or excused from paying any such charge or assessment by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the Common Areas, or any part thereof, or by abandonment of his Lot or his interest therein. Contiguous one-owner properties will be assessed one maintenance fee so long as those properties are improved with one homestead. In the event multiple homes are constructed, multiple fees will be assessed.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the Association shall establish the rate of each annual assessment based upon the anticipated needs to manage, administer and operate the Subdivision during the ensuing year. No increase over a prior year's annual assessment shall require a vote of the Members of the Association. The annual assessment levied against each Lot shall be uniform.

Section 4. The initial maximum annual assessment provided for herein shall be established as to all Lots on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas. However, the annual assessment shall commence as to each Lot on the date of the conveyance of the Lot by the Declarant and shall be prorated according to the number of days remaining in the calendar year. On or before the 30th day of November in each year, the Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the amount of the annual assessment to be levied against each Lot in the next calendar year. Written notice of the figure at which the Board of Directors of the Association has set the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner.

Section 5. If the Board at any time, or from time to time, determines that the annual maintenance charges assessed for any period are insufficient to provide for the continued operation of the Subdivision or any other purposes contemplated by this Declaration, then the Board shall have the authority to levy such special assessments ("special assessments") as it shall deem necessary to provide for such continued maintenance and operation. No special assessment shall be effective until the same is approved in writing by at least a majority of the Members present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Members called for that purpose at which a quorum is present. Any such special assessment shall be payable in the manner determined by the

Board and the payment thereof may be enforced in the manner herein specified for the payment of the annual maintenance charges.

Section 6. The annual maintenance charge assessed against each Lot shall be due and payable, in advance, on the date of the sale of such Lot by Declarant for that portion of the calendar year remaining, and on the first (1st) day of each January thereafter. Any annual maintenance charge which is not paid and received by the Association by the thirty-first (31st) day of each January thereafter shall be deemed to be delinquent, and, without notice, shall bear interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum from the date originally due until paid. Further, the Board of Directors of the Association shall have the authority to impose a monthly late charge on any delinquent annual maintenance charge. The monthly late charge, if imposed, shall be in addition to interest. To secure the payment of the annual maintenance charge and special assessments levied hereunder and any other sums due hereunder (including, without limitation, interest, late fees, attorney's fees or delinquency charges), there is hereby created and fixed a separate and valid and subsisting lien upon and against each Lot and all improvements thereon for the benefit of the Association, and superior title to each Lot is hereby reserved in and to the Association. The lien described in this Section and the superior title herein reserved shall be deemed subordinate to any mortgage for the purchase or improvement of any Lot and any renewal, extension, rearrangements or refinancing thereof. The collection of such annual maintenance charge and other sums due hereunder may, in addition to any other applicable method at law or in equity, be enforced by suit for a money judgment and in the event of such suit, the expense incurred in collecting such delinquent amounts, including interest, costs and attorney's fees shall be chargeable to and be a personal obligation of the defaulting Owner. Further, the voting rights of any owner in default in the payment of the annual maintenance charge, or other charge owing hereunder for which an Owner is liable, and/or any services provided by the Association, shall be automatically suspended without the necessity of action by the Board for the period during which such default exists, unless otherwise provided by law. Notice of the lien referred to in the preceding paragraph may, but shall not be required to, be given by the recordation in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas of an affidavit, duly executed, and acknowledged by an officer or authorized representative of the Association, setting forth the amount owned, the name of the Owner or Owners of the affected Lot, according to the books and records of the Association, and the legal description of such Lot. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to his Lot, hereby expressly recognizes the existence of such lien as being prior to his ownership of such Lot and hereby vests in the Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner or Owners personally for the collection of such unpaid annual maintenance charge and other sums due hereunder as a debt, and to enforce the aforesaid lien by all methods available for the enforcement of such liens, including both judicial and non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Texas Property Code (as same may be amended or revised from time to time hereafter) and in addition to and in connection therewith, by acceptance of the deed to his Lot, each Owner expressly grants, bargains, sells and conveys to the President of the Association from time to time serving, as trustee (and to any substitute or successor trustee as hereinafter provided for) such Owner's Lot, and all rights appurtenant thereto, in trust, for the purpose of securing the aforesaid annual maintenance charge, and other sums due hereunder remaining unpaid hereunder by such Owner from time to time and grants to such trustee a power of sale. The trustee herein designated may be changed any time and from time to time by execution of an instrument in writing signed by the President or Vice President of the Association and filed in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris

County, Texas. In the event of the election by the Board to foreclose the lien herein provided for nonpayment of sums secured by such lien, then it shall be the duty of the trustee, or his successor, as hereinafove provided, to enforce the lien and to sell such Lot, and all rights appurtenant thereto, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 51 of the Texas Property Code as same may hereafter be amended. At any foreclosure, judicial or non-judicial, the Association shall be entitled to bid up to the amount of the sum secured by its lien, together with costs and attorney's fees, and to apply as a cash credit against its bid all sums due to the Association covered by the lien foreclosed. From and after any such foreclosure the occupants of such Lot shall be required to pay a reasonable rent for the use of such Lot and such occupancy shall constitute a tenancy-at-sufferance, and the purchaser at such foreclosure sale shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver, if necessary, to collect such rents and, further, shall be entitled to sue for recovery of possession of such Lot by forcible detainer. In the event of a judicial foreclosure, the provisions of Chapter 209 of the Texas Property Code, as such chapter now exists or may hereafter be amended, shall be applicable.

Section 7. Lots owned by Declarant are subject to assessments; provided that Declarant shall not be liable for unpaid or past due assessments, costs, penalties and interest on or related to Lots foreclosed on by Declarant or received by Declarant as the result of the cancellation or termination of a contract. However, it is fully understood that Declarant may pay such payments, including in advance any amount of funds in the form of improvements, maintenance, repairs, leases, rentals, and property donation at market value (collectively, "contributions"), and will receive full credit against assessments for such contributions. Such contributions shall accrue interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum on such funds and market value of property contributed until such funds or value are charged against by the Association. Each year the Association will charge against such contributions and any accrued interest thereon the amount of any assessments due by Declarant, and shall carry forward any credit balances to the next and ensuing years. Should Declarant have a credit balance remaining after the sale of all Lots in the Subdivision, such credit balance will not be a charge to the Association, but will, in fact, be written off by Declarant.

Section 8. Upon the written request of an Owner, the Association shall provide to such Owner a written statement setting out the then current total of all maintenance charges, special assessments, and other sums, if any, owing by such Owner with respect to his Lot. In addition to such Owner, the written statement from the Association so advising the Owner may also be addressed to and be for the benefit of a prospective lender or purchaser of the Lot, as same may be identified by said Owner to the Association in the written request for such information. The Association shall be entitled to charge the Owner a reasonable fee for such statement.

Section 9. In the event of a foreclosure of a mortgage on a Lot, the purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall not be responsible for maintenance charges, special assessments, or other sums, if any, which accrued and were payable to the Association by the prior Owner of the Lot, but said purchaser and its successors shall be responsible for maintenance charges, special assessments, and other sums, if any, becoming due and owing to the Association with respect to said Lot after the date of foreclosure.

Section 10: It is specifically stipulated that should Declarant, its successors or assigns, foreclose on any Lot under deed or contract such, the Lot will revert to status of Declarant's inventory free of the obligation of any accrued and unpaid assessments or costs and/or liens therefor that became due or were incurred prior to such reversion. Any such liens of records will

be released by the appropriate officer or officers of the Association upon presentation of release thereo by Declarant. Upon failure of such action, Declarant may file a release executed on and by its own behalf (and send a copy to the Association), which will be conclusive evidence to all persons that such lien is thereby released.

Section 11: The Declarant will sell Lots within this Subdivision to purchasers. It is specifically stated and agreed that if one or more Lots or parcels of land are sold to any purchaser by Declarant, by contract for deed, or deed with lien and note or other instrument, and purchaser defaults in payments due under said instruments in any manner, such as failure to pay principal, interest, taxes, insurance or assessments set out hereunder and said property be repossessed, or such contract canceled by Declarant, or any assignee or Declarant's right, title and interest in any such lien or contract, then Declarant or said assignee, will not be required to pay to the Association any delinquent or past due assessments, costs, interest, or penalties, and any liens for non-payment of same filed by the Association are deemed released with regard to such property. Evidence of such cancellation, repossession or foreclosure will, in and of itself, be sufficient to effect such release. No further release or action will be required by the Association for this purpose; however, this stipulation does not, by any means, relieve the purchaser in default who failed to pay such assessments and/or penalties and cost, and from who said property was repossessed, of his personal liability to pay such delinquent funds. This provision does not affect the rights of the Association, as a creditor, to pursue other remedies and liens.

Section 12: Any Owner may delegate his right of enjoyment to the Common Areas and facilities to the members of his immediate family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the Owner's Lot.

Section 13: The Association is authorized to contract with a utility company for the operation and maintenance of street lighting in the Subdivision and to pay for security lights installed in Common Areas at the rate of \$2.00 (two dollars) per month per Lot to be paid in cash or added to such owner's electric bill each month. This fee may be adjusted up or down in accord with the rates of the utility company. The Association may include funds for said lights in the general assessment.

**ARTICLE IX.
UTILITY STANDBY CHARGES**

Section 1: The Association shall have the right to establish utility standby charges and in such case there shall be levied against every individual Lot, severally, a standby charge not to exceed the exact cost per month to the Association or utility. Such charge shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association, which charge shall be due and payable in monthly installments in advance, or as otherwise required, and the payment of such standby charge or charges shall be and is secured by a lien hereby created on each individual Lot. The Association does hereby reserve unto itself, its successors and assigns, and establish and impose, a lien securing the assessment as herein set forth for the prescribed utility standby charge.

Section 2: This lien may be foreclosed upon after notice of delinquency to the Owner of any Lot, as and in the same manner as provided for the non-judicial foreclosure of a mortgage upon

real property under the laws of the State of Texas. Any such foreclosure will entitle the lien holder to reasonable attorney's fees and other allowed costs and penalties. In addition, the Association may pursue any other procedures of collection as may be provided under the law.

Section 3: It is specifically stated herein that all property held by the Declarant, its successors and assigns, for sale or resale within this project is hereby totally exempt from any of and all of the requirements of this Article and no lien shall become effective on any of Declarant's property until said property is sold to individual Lot purchasers by contract or deed.

Section 4: Such standby charge, the liens securing the payment thereof, and the right and responsibility for the enforcement thereof, are hereby reserved unto and given over to the Association. The right of the Association to levy such charge, and the creation of all liens securing the payment thereof, except for delinquent payments and liens securing same, shall be released and discharged automatically (without further action) on any Lot upon the conveyance of the Lot to the initial person or persons who will reside on the property, the completion of a dwelling or residence on the property, and connection to the utility with continued service. Such completion may be evidenced by the creation and recording of the first lien mortgage or deed of trust on the improved property or by the execution of a release by the holder of said lien or by the Board of Directors of the Association of the lien created hereunder to secure the standby charge; however, prior to same any and all due or past due charges and fees must be paid in full.

Section 5: The Association may assign or pledge to any utility provider this right of assessment and security for standby charges. In such instance, the standby charges will be set at a rate in conformance with published or approved tables of any state agency or authority, if any. In the absence of such an agency or authority, the rates will conform to normal and usual rates. This authority granted and created in this Section is reserved unto Declarant until the creation of the Association is accomplished.

Section 6: Should a state approved central water system be provided in the Subdivision with adequate volume of potable water served to any Lot, then the purchaser(s) of said Lot (s) will be obligated to connect to the system, be subject to any standby fee, and all other fees.

Section 7: Declarant has the sole and exclusive right to install a central water system and may transfer this right to any other entity at Declarant's sole discretion.

**ARTICLE X
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STREET RIGHTS**

Section 1: Notwithstanding the fact that some roads in the Subdivision are not or may not be dedicated to the public, it is hereby stipulated that the County Commissioners Court or other public governing body will have the full authority to establish speed limits or other traffic laws and rules, and penalties for violation thereof applicable to the roads in the Subdivision and the law enforcement officers of the County or of the State of Texas or any other official body having such authority, may enforce such laws the same as if said roadways were public roads.

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Section 6: A central water system will be installed by Declarant or Declarant's designee which will be the sole source of water for household use. Rates for water will be as set by a State of Texas governing agency.

Section 5: Additional land may be annexed and subjected to the provisions of this Declaration by Declarant, at any time, without the consent of the Members. The annexation of additional land shall be effective upon filing of record an annexation instrument in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.

Section 4: The provisions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association or any Owner for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date recording of this Declaration, and thereafter shall continue in effect for additional, successive and recurring periods of ten (10) years, unless amended or terminated as provided herein.

Section 3: The provisions of this Declaration may be amended upon the written consent of Owners representing not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total land area of the Subdivision, excluding roads and Common Areas. Until the First Elected Board is elected, termination of this Declaration must also be approved in writing by Declarant. No amendment shall be valid until recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas. The provisions of this Declaration may be terminated upon the written consent of Owners representing not less than ninety (90%) of the total land area of the Subdivision, excluding roads and Common Areas. Until the First Elected Board is elected, any amendment of this Declaration must also be approved in writing by Declarant. No amendment shall be valid until recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.

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

Section 1: Declarant, the Association, or any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions and covenants set forth in this Declaration. Declarant and the Association shall have the right to enforce, by proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, liens, assessments and charges imposed by this Declaration. Failure by Declarant, the Association, or by any Owner to enforce any covenant, or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the rights to do so thereafter.

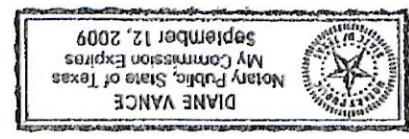
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XI

Section 2: Notwithstanding the fact that some roads in the Subdivision are not or may not be dedicated to the public, it is hereby stipulated that any law enforcement officer, City, County, State, or Federal, is hereby authorized to enter the Subdivision for all purposes just as though all roads were dedicated unto the public, and every law enforcement officer shall have the same rights, privileges and duties within the Subdivision as he would in any subdivision whereby the streets and other facilities were dedicated to the public.

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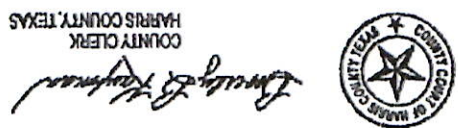
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ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, MORTGAGE, OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR OR RACE IS VOID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW. THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in the Number Sequence on the date and at the time stamped hereon by me, and was duly RECORDED, in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas on

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Notary Public, State of Texas
Notary's printed name: Diane Vance

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 17th day of August, 2008, by Daniel K. Signorelli, President of Platinum Land Operating Company, L.L.C., the general partner of Platinum Land, Ltd, General Partner of The Commons of Lake Houston, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, on behalf of said partnership.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

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PLATINUM LAND, LTD.,
Its General Partner

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PLATINUM LAND OPERATING
COMPANY, L.L.C.,
Its General Partner

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