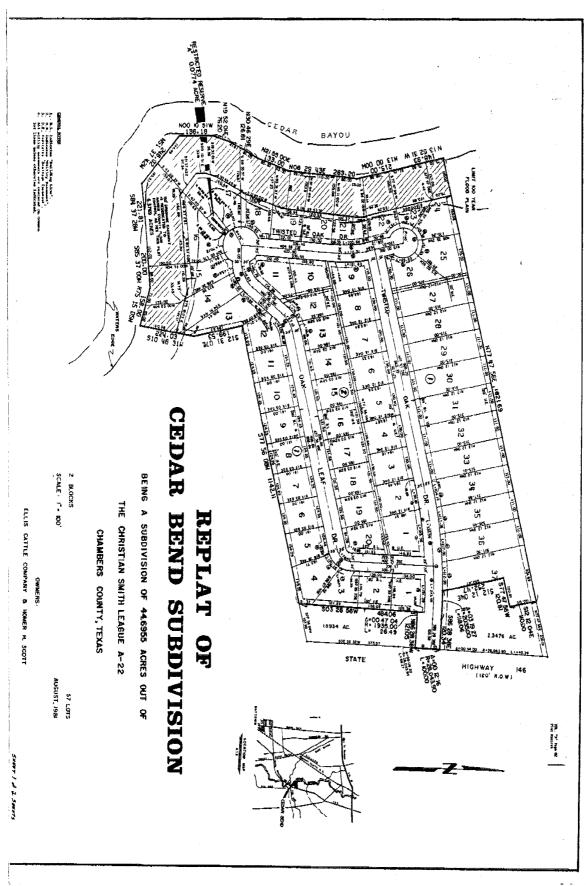
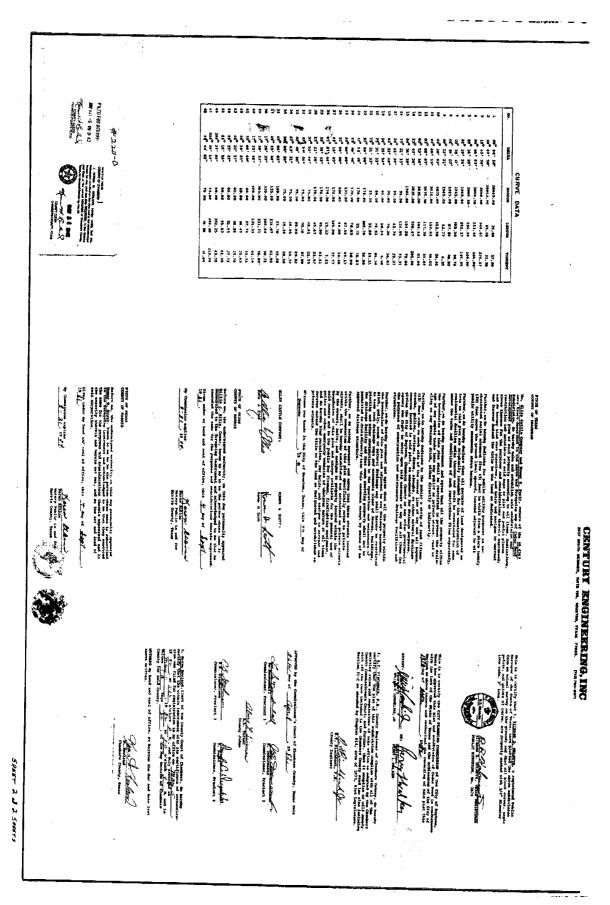
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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR CEDAR BEND
A SUBDIVISION IN CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS LVO. 503 PAGE 620

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS

This Declaration made by ELLIS CATTLE CO., a Texas corporation, and HOMER H. SCOTT having its principal office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, hereinafter called "Declarant"

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WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Article III of this Declaration and desires to Create thereon a residential community with designated "Lots" (as that term is defined herein) for the benefit of the present owner of the real property described in Article III and the future owners of said Lots, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Declarant to place certain restrictions, covenants, conditions, stipulations and reservations upon and against the real property described in Article III in order to establish a uniform plan for the development, improvement and sale of such property, and to insure the preservation of such uniform plan for the benefit of both the present owner of the real property described in Article III and the future owners of said Lots in the said real property:

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby adopts, establishes and imposes upon the real property described in Article III and declares the following reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions applicable thereto, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the land, which reservations, easements, covenants, restrictions and conditions shall rum with the land and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest therein, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

Definitions

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to CEDAR BEND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., its successors and assigns, provided for in Article VI hereof.

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to the real properties described in Article III hereof which are subject to this Declaration.

Bection 3. "The Subdivision" shall mean and refer to the Properties and any additional properties which may hereafter be brought within the scheme of this Declaration pursuant to the provisions set forth herein and hereafter brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to that portion of the Properties described by lot and block number in each and every Deed conveying a fee simple title in and to any portion of the Properties from Declarant to any Owner (unless such Deed specifies otherwise) or that portion of the Properties described or designated by lot and block number as a Lot by a written instrument executed

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by Declarant and filed in the Official Public Records of Real Property or Map or Plat Records of Chambers County, Texas. In all contracts, deeds, other conveyances, mortgages, deeds of trust, releases and other legal instruments, each Lot shall be described by lot and block number description thereof unless Declarant, subsequent to the date hereof, shall elect to record a plat of the Properties depicting the Lots thereon, whereupon description of the Lots shall be by reference to such recorded plat. "Lots" shall mean and refer to more than one of the Lots described in this Section 4. of Article 1.

Section 5. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation and those having only an interest in the mineral estate.

Section 6. "Architectural Control Committee" shall mean and refer to Cedar Bend Architectural Control Committee provided for in Article V hereof.

Section 7. "Member" shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are members of the Association as provided in Article VI, Section 4. hereof.

Section 8. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to ELLIS CATTLE CO., a Texas corporation, and HOMER H. SCOTT, its successors and assigns, if such successors and assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

 $\underline{\text{Section 9}}$. "Residential Structure" shall mean and refer to a dwelling and appurtenances thereto constructed on a Lot.

Section 10. "Mobile Home" shall mean and refer to Section 10. "Mobile Home" shall mean and refer to a structure, transportable in one or more sections, meeting the physical requirements set forth in Section 1. of Article IV hereof, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling, with or without a permanent foundation, when connected to utilities, and includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein.

ARTICLE II

Reservations, Exceptions and Dedications

Section 1. Existing Easements. Declarant and Declarant's predecessors in title have heretofore reserved, created and dedicated by separate recorded instruments utility easements in favor of all public utility companies, and municipal and other governmental authorities servicing the Properties as shown and provided in such separate, recorded instruments, and such instruments are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Declaration for all purposes as if fully set forth herein, and shall be construed as being adopted in each and every contract, deed or other conveyance executed or to be executed by or on behalf of Declarant conveying any part of the Properties. Declarant has also heretofore dedicated by separate instruments public street rights-of-way and or roadway easements in favor of Chambers County, as shown and proved in such separate, recorded instruments, and such instruments are also incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Declaration for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Changes and Additions. Declarant reserves the right to make changes in and additions to the above easements for the purpose of most efficiently and economically installing

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the improvements. Further, Declarant reserves the right, without the necessity of the joinder of any Owner or other person or entity, to grant, dedicate, reserve or otherwise create, at any time or from time to time, easements for public utility purposes (including, without limitation, gas, electricity, telephone, and drainage) in favor of any person or entity furnishing or to furnish utility services to the Properties, along and on either or both sides of any side Lot line, which such easement shall have a maximum width of ten (10) feet on each side of such side Lot line.

Section 3. Title to Easements and Appurtanances Not Conveyed. It is expressly agreed and understood that the title conveyed by Declarant to any Lot or parcel of land within the Properties by contract, deed or other conveyance shall be subject to [a] any easement affecting same for roadways or drainage, water, gas, sewer, storm sewer, electric light, electric power, telegraph, telephone or other utility purposes and shall convey no interest in any pipes, lines, poles or conduits, or in any utility facility or appurtenances thereto, constructed by or under Declarant or any easement owner, or their agents through, along or upon the premises affected thereby, or any part thereof, to serve said land or any other portion of the Properties and (b) the right of Declarant, its successors and assigns, to maintain repair, sell or lease such apportenances to any municipality or other governmental agency or to any public service corporation or to any other party (and such right is hereby expressly reserved).

Section 4. Installation and Maintenance. There is hereby created an easement upon, across, over and under all of the Properties for ingress and egress, installation, replacing, repairing and maintaining all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, telephone, electricity, gas and appurtanances thereto. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible for the utility comanies and other entities supplying service to affix and maintain pipes, wires, conduits, service lines or other utility facilities or appurtenances thereto, on, above, across and under the Properties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this paragraph, no sewer, electrical lines, water lines, or other utilities or appurtenances thereto may be installed or relocated on the Properties until approved by Declarent or the Association's Board of Directors. The utility companies furnishing service shall have the right to remove all trees situated within utility easements, and to trim overhanging trees and shrubs located on portions of the Properties abutting such easements.

Section 5. Emergency and Service Vehicles. An easement is hereby granted to all police, fire protection, ambulance and other emergency vehicles and to postal service employees and vehicles to enter upon the Properties in the performance of their duties. Further, an easement is hereby granted to the Association, its officers, agents, employees, and management personnel to enter the Properties to render any service.

Section 6. Surface Areas. The surface of easement areas for underground utilities may be paved for streets, driveways and may be used for planting of shrubbery, trees, lawns, and flowers and the construction of fences to the extent permitted in Article IV hereof. However, it is expressly agreed that neither the Declarant nor any supplier of any utility or service using any easement area shall be liable to any Owner or the Association for any damage done by them or either of them or their agents, employees, servants or assigns, to the pavement or to any of the aforesaid vegetation or fencing as a result of any activity relating to the construction maintenance or repair of any facility in any such easement area.

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ARTICLE III

Property Covered by This Declaration

Section1. Description. The real property which is, and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration consists of the following:

Being a tract of land out of and a part of the Christian Smith Survey, Abstract No.22, Chambers County, Texas, consisting of 44.66 acres, also being out of that same tract of land conveyed from R.A. Plummer, Trustee, to Westchester Development Corp. and record-ed in volume 325, page 716 of the Deed Records of Chambers "County, Texas more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. Mineral Exception. There is hereby except-ed from the Properties and Declarant will hereafter except from all its sales and conveyances of the Properties, or any part thereof, all oil, gas, and other mineral in, on, and under the Properties.

ARTICLE IV

Use and Building Restrictions

Section 1. Land Use and Building Type. All Lots shall be known, described and used as Lots for residential purposes only (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "residential Lots"), and no structure shall be erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on any residential Lot other than one single-family dwelling not to exceed two (2) stories in height or a Mobile Bome at least sixty (60) feet by twelve (12) feet in size, in good condition, skirted prior to occupying, adequately anchored in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Architectural Control Committee, and no older than three (3) years at the time it is placed on a Lot, and a garage or carport for one (1) or more, but not more than three (3) cars and quarters for boma fide domestic employees; provided that the Architectural Control Committee may, in its discretion, permit a garage for more than three (3) cars, such permission to be granted in writing as hereinafter provided. As used herein, the term "residential purposes" shall be construed to prohibit the use of the Lots for duplex houses, garage apartments, or apartment houses, and no Lot shall be used for business or professional purposes of any kind, nor for any commercial or manufacturing; purpose. No building of any kind or character other than a Mobile Home meeting the requirements of this Declaration shall ever be moved onto any Lot, it being the intention that only new construction and Mobile Homes meeting the requirements hereof shall be placed and erected thereon.

All exterior construction of the Residential Structure, garage, porches and any other appurtenances or appendages of every kind and character on any Lot and all interior construction (including but not limited to, all electrical outlets in place and functional, all plumbing fixtures installed and operational and

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connected to the sewage and drainage system or systems, all cabinet work completed, all interior walls, ceilings, and doors completed and covered by paint, wallpaper, paneling, or the like, and all floors covered by wood, carpet, tile or other similar floor covering) shall be completed not later than one (1) year following the commencement of construction. For the purposes hereof, the term "commencement of construction" shall be deemed to mean the date on which the first foundation forms are set.

Any Mobile Home moved onto a Lot shall meet the requirements set forth herein, including but without limitation, the securely anchoring of same, and the matters set forth in the immediately preceeding paragraph shall be accomplished prior to the occupying thereof.

Section 2. Architectural Control. No building or other structure, including but without limitation, Residential Structures and Mobile Homes, shall be erected, placed or altered on any Lot until the construction plans and specifications therefor and a plot plan showing the location of the structure thereon have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee as to harmony with existing structures, with respect to exterior design and color with existing structures, as to location with respect to topography and finished grade elevation as to compliance with minimum construction standards, all as more fully provided for in this Article IV and Article V hereof, and as to compliance with regulations promulgated by the Architectural Control Committee pertaining to Mobile Homes.

Section 3. Dwelling Size. The groundfloor of the main Residential Structure, exclusive of open or screened-in porches, carports and garages, shall not be less than 1,400 square feet for a one (1) story dwelling nor shall the ground floor area plus the upper floor area of a one and one-half (1-1/2) or a two (2) story dwelling be less than 1,600 square feet. Minimum Mobile Home size shall be as stated in Section 1. above.

Section 4. Type of Construction and Materials.

- (a) Each Residential Structure and other outbuildings shall have masonry construction and/or natural wood siding on the exterior wall area of a type and design approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
- (b) External roofing material shall be wood, composition or other material of long lasting quality approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
- (c) In all cases where fencing is installed forward of the front building lines as established in Section 5. below, said fencing shall be of either cedar or cyclone metal, with cedar posts being three (3) inches in diameter on eight (8) foot centers and galvanized posts being one and three-fourths (1-3/4) inches in diameter and being no less than four (4) feet in height. All front lot fencing shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to installation.
- (d) Culverts constructed on any Lot in connection with the construction of a driveway are to have a minimum inside diameter of eighteen (18) inches and be of reinforced concrete.
- Section 5. Building Location. No portion of any main Residential Structure, Mobile Home, garage or carport shall be erected closer than thirty (30) feet to the front property line (twenty (20) feet on cul-de-sacs), and no portion of any accessory building shall be erected closer than fifty (50) feet to said front property line (thirty (30) feet on cul-de-sacs). For the purpose of this Section 5., air conditioning compressors, eaves,

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steps, and open porches shall not be considered as a part of the building; provided, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building on any Lot to encroach upon another Lot. The front property line shall be the shortest property line of each Lot which is closest, and parallel or adjacent to the street.

Section 6. Resubdivided Lots. No Lot shall be resubdivided without the express written consent of the Architectural Control Committee and in no event shall any Lot be resubdivided unless such resubdivision results in each parcel of such resubdivided Lot containing not less than 13,500 square feet of land. Provided, however, Declarant shall have and reserves the right, at any time, or from time to time, upon the joinder and consent of the Board of Directors of the Association, but without the joinder and consent of any other party, to effect a resubdivision or reconfiguration of any Lots in the Properties then owned by Declarant. The privilege to resubdivide Lots in the Properties owned by Declarant reserved in this Section 6. shall be exercisable only by Declarant or any successor to Declarant's ownership of such Lots who acquires such ownership other than by purchase, and such privilege shall not be exercisable by, inure to the benefit of, or be assignable to any purchaser from Declarant or from any successor or assign of Declarant, of any Lot in the Properties.

Section 7. Annoyance or Nuisances.

- (a) No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood or the other owners.
- (b) No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets (not to exceed three (3) adult animals) may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose; provided, however, the Architectural Control Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit a maximum number of one (1) horse or one (1) head of cattle. In the event such livestock is allowed, they shall be kept on that portion of the Lot (which such Lot must contain an area of at least one (1) acre, to the rear of the plane of the rear exterior wall of the residential structure and appropriately fenced so as to prevent them from leaving said area unattended (it being intended that no such horse or cattle shall be kept or maintained on any Lot until after completion of a residential structure on such Lot in accordance with this Declaration unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee). In any case where animals are permitted, other than household pets, any fences, stable facilities, cages, or outbuilding constructed in connection with the maintenance of such animals must be submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to its construction. All such permitted buildings as well as the grounds where such animals are kept shall at all times, be maintained in a neat, clean and orderly condition.
- (c) No spirituous, vinous, malt liquor or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication shall ever be sold or offered for sale on any Lot, or any part of the Properties, nor shall any Lot or any part thereof be used for illegal or immoral purposes.
- (d) No truck, trailer, boat, automobile, motor home or other vehicle shall be stored, parked, or kept on any Lot or in the street in front of the Lot unless such vehicle is in day-to-day use off the premises and such parking is only temporary, from day-to-day; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall

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be construed to prohibit the storage of an unused vehicle in an enclosed garage on any Lot.

- (e) Septic Tanks. Septic tanks shall be placed in back of the home. Field lines are to run inside the twenty (20) foot utility easement along the rear property line.
- (f) Water Wells are to be placed along the front of the property facing the road within the twenty (20) foot utility easement; however the water storage tanks and any exterior pumps are to be placed behind the home.
- (g) No cesspool or outside toilet shall be permitted on any Lot. Septic tanks will be permitted on each Lot but their construction and location shall comply with all existing state, county, and other laws and regulations relating thereto, and the plans and specifications therefor must be expressly approved by Chambers County prior to their construction. No septic tank shall be used in connection with structures other than those upon the Lot upon which it is constructed. No more than two (2) septic tanks may be constructed and maintained on any Lot unless the Owner of such Lot secures a certificate from a registered professional civil engineer that the construction, location, and maintenance of more than two (2) septic tanks will not create any pollution danger or nuisance to adjoining Lot owners. At such time that a central sewage system is installed in The Subdivision, each Owner, at the time such system becomes available for use by such Owner, shall, not later than the first day of the month next following such system's svailability to such Owner, cause all structures situated on his Lot to be connected to such central sewer system and cease use of the septic tanks, the Thereafter, the installation and/or use of septic tanks shall be prohibited.
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- (i) No repair work, dismantling, or assembling of motor vehicles or any other machinery or equipment shall be done on any streat or roadway within the Properties, or in any front or side yard of any Lot or on any portion of the Lot where such repair work, dismantling or assembling may be viewed from any street or roadway within the Properties.
- Section 8. Temporary Structures. Other than Mobile Homes in accordance herewith, no structure of a temporary character, whether basement or tent or otherwise shall ever be maintained or used on any Lot at any time as a residence wither temporarily or permanently. Declarant reserves the exclusive right to erect, place and maintain such facilities in or upon any portions of the Properties as in its sole discretion may be necessary or convenient while selling Lots, selling or constructing residences and constructing other improvements upon the Properties. Such facilities may include, but not necessarily be limited to sales and construction offices, storage areas, model units, signs and portable toilet facilities. Additionally, Owners may construct or cause to be maintained on their Lot such storage and maintenance buildings as are necessary, provided such facilities shall be located to the rear of the residence on the Lot and otherwise in compliance with the architectural standards set forth herein.

Section 9. Signs and Billboards. No signs, billboards, posters, or advertising devices of any character shall be eracted, permitted or maintained on any Lot except one sign of not more than four (4) square feet advertising the particular Lot on which the sign is situated for sale or rent. The right is reserved by Declarant to construct and maintain such signs, billboards or advertising devices as is customary in connection with the general

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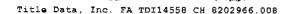
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sale of property in The Subdivision. In no event shall any sign, billboard, poster or advertising device of any character, other than as specifically prescribed in the first sentence of this Section 9., be erected, permitted or maintained on any Lot without the express prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

The term "Declarant" as used in this Section 9. and Section 8. above shall refer to Declarant as defined in Article I of this Declaration and such of its successors or assigns to whom the rights under this Section 9. and/or Section 8. above are expressly and specifically transferred.

Section 10. Storage and Disposal of Garbage and Refuse. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, garbage, trash, junk or other waste matter. Trash, garbage, or other waste materials shall not be kept except in sanitary containers constructed of metal, plastic or masonry materials with sanitary covers or lids. Equipment for the storage or disposal of such waste materials shall be kept in clean and sanitary condition. No Lot shall be used for the open storage of any materials whatsoever, which storage is visible from the street, except that new building materials used in the construction of improvements erected upon any Lot may be placed upon such Lot at the time construction is commenced and may be maintained thereon for a reasonable time, so long as the construction progresses without undue delay, until the completion of the improvements, after which these materials shall either be removed from the Lot or stored in a suitable enclosure on the Lot.



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ARTICLE V

Architectural Control Committee

Section 1. Approval of Building Plans. No Residential Structure, Mobile Homs, or other permitted building or structure shall be erected, placed, or altered on any Lot until the construction plans and specifications and a plot plan showing the location thereof have been approved in writing as to harmony of exterior design and color with existing structures, as to location with respect to topography, finished ground elevation and orientation relative to Lot lines and building setback lines, and as to compliance with minimum construction standards by the Architectural Control Committee. A copy of the construction plans and specifications and a plot plan, together with such information as may be deemed pertinent, shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee, or its designated representative, prior to commencement of construction or the placing of a Mobile Home upon any Lot. The Architectural Control Committee may require the submission of such plans, specifications, and plot plans, together with such other documents as it deems appropriate, in such form and detail as it may elect at its entire discretion. In the event the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or disapprove such plans and specifications within thirty (30) days after the same are submitted to it, approval will not be required and the requirements of this Section will be deemed to have been fully complied with; provided, however, failure to timely approve or disapprove such plans and specifications shall not be deemed to permit the erection, construction, placing, or altering of any Residential structure, Mobile Home, or any other structure on any Lot in a manner prohibited under the terms of this Declaration.

Section 2. Committee Membership. The Architectural

Section 2. Committee Membership. The Architectural Control Committee shall be initially composed of Lea Beasley, Billie J. Ellis, and Homer H. Scott, who by majority vote may designate a representative to act for them.

Section 3. Replacement. In the event of death or resignation of any member or members of said committee, the remaining member or members shall appoint a successor member or or members, and until such successor member or members shall have been so appointed, the remaining member or members shall have full authority to approve or disapprove plans, specifications and plot plans submitted or to designate a representative with like authority.

Section 4. Minimum Construction Standards. The Architectural Control Committee may from time to time promulgate an outline of minimum acceptable construction standards and specifications (including, without limitation, a limited number of acceptable exterior materials and/or finishes and methods of skirting and anchoring Mobile Homes) provided, however, that such outline will serve as a minimum guideline and such Architectural Control Committee shall not be bound thereby.

Section 5. Term. The duties and powers of the Archi tectural Control Committee and of the designated representative may be assigned at any time, at the election of a majority of the members of the Architectural Control Committee, to the Board of Directors of the Association. In any event after ten (10) years from the date hereof, the Board of Directors of the Association shall assume the duties and powers of the Architectural Control Committee, and thereafter the Board of Directors of the Association shall have all of the rights, benefits, and powers provided herein for the Architectural Control Committee.

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Section 6. Variances. Article IV of this Declaration contains a number of provisions wherein the Architectural Control Committee is expressly granted the authority, in its discretion, to permit variances from a particular requirement of construction. The Architectural Control Committee may require the submission to it of such documents and items (including, as examples but without limitation, written request for and description of the variances requested, plans, specifications, plot plans and samples of materials) as it shall deem appropriate, in connection with its consideration of a request for a variance. If the Architectural Control Committee shall approve such request for a variance, the Architectural Control Committee may evidence such approval, and grant its permission for such variance, only by written instrument, addressed to the Owner of the Lot(s) relative to which such variance has been requested, describing the applicable restrictive covenant(s) and the particular variance requested, expressing the decision of the Architectural Control Committee to permit the variance, describing (when applicable) the conditions on which the variance, describing (when applicable) the conditions on which the variance has been approved (including, as examples but without limitation, the type of alternative materials to be permitted or the alternate fence height approved), and signed by a majority of the then members of the Architectural Control Committee (or by the Committee's designated representative if one has been designated under the authority contained in Section 2 above). Any request for a variance shall be deemed to have been disapproved for the purposes hereof in the event of either (a) written notice of disapproval from the Architectural Control Committee to respond to the request for variance within thirty (30) days after it has been submitted. In the event the Architectural Control Committee o

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ARTICLE VI

Cedar Bend Homeowners Association, Inc.

Section 1. Organization. The Association has been organized and formed as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Association in general is to provide for and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Members, to collect the annual maintenance charges, to administer the Maintenance Fund, to provide for the maintenance, repair, preservation, upkeep and protection of the Properties and such other purposes as are stated in its Articles of Incorporation consistent with the provisions of this Declaration.

Section 3. Directors. The Association shall act through a five (5) member Board of Directors, which shall manage the affairs of the Association. The initial Directors of the Association have been selected by Declarant. Each initial Director shall serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association. Any vacancy, from whatever cause, occurring in the Board of Directors during its term shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Director or Directors. The person appointed by the remaining Director or Directors to fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. The Directors shall have the power to select one or more advisory directors from the residents of The Subdivision to serve for such periods of time as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate, for the purpose of providing advice and counsel to the Board of Directors, provided that such advisory directors shall have no right to act on behalf of the Association.

Section 4. Members. The Declarant, for so long as it owns any portion of the Properties and each Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a Lot in The Subdivision shall, upon and by virtue of becoming such Owner, automatically become a Member of the Association and shall remain a Member thereof until his ownership ceases for any reason, at which time his membership in the Association shall automatically cease. Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and shall automatically follow the legal ownership of each Lot in The Subdivision and may not be separated from such ownership. Whenever the legal ownership of any Lot in The Subdivision passes from one person to another, by whatever means, it shall not be necessary that any instrument provide for transfer of membership in the Association, and no certificate of membership will be issued.

 $\underline{\text{Section S. Voting Rights.}}$ The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall be all the Members of the Association, with the exception of the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in The Subdivision in which they hold the interest required for membership by this Declaration. When more than one person holds such interest or interests in any such Lot, all such persons shall be Members, and the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but, in no event, shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any such Lot.

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The Class B Member shall be the Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot in The Subdivision in which it holds the interest required for membership by this Declaration; provided that the Class B membership shall cease and become converted to Class A membership on the happening of whichever of the following events occurs earlier;

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership;
- (b) on January 1, 1985.

From and after the happening of whichever of these events occurs earlier, the Class B Member shall be deemed to be a Class A Member entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in The Subdivision in which it holds the interest required for membership by The Declaration or any supplemental Declaration. any supplemental Declaration.

ARTICLE VII

Covenants for Maintenance Assessments

Section 1. Creation of the Lein and Personal Obligation of Assessments. Each Lot in the Properties is hereby subjected to an annual maintenance charge, and each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, it hereby conclusively deemed to covenant and agree, as a covenant running with the land, to pay to the Association, its successor and assigns, each and all of the annual maintenance charge assessments against his Lot as the same shall become due and payable, without demand. Such assessments shall be established and collected as hereinafter provided and shall constitute the proceeds of a fund (here called the "Maintenance Fund") to be used for the purposes hereinafter provided. The annual maintenance charge assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a charge on the Lot and shall be a continuing lein upon the Lot, together with all improvements thereon, against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a continuing lein upon the Lot, together with all improvements thereon, against which each such assessment, together with interest costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a continuing lein upon the Lot, together with all improvements thereon, against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such lot at the time the assessment became due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The annual maintenance charge assessments shall be used to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents in The Subdivision, and the Association shall use the Maintenance Fund for the use and benefit of all residents of The Subdivision provided, however, that each future section of The Subdivision (and any other property or properties included in The Subdivision) to be entitled to the benefit of this Maintenance Fund, must be impressed with and subjected to an annual maintenance charge and assessment on a uniform, per Lot basis, substantially equivalent to the maintenance charge and assessment inposed hereby, and further made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association in the manner provided in Article VIII hereof. The uses and benefits to be provided by said Association shall include, by way of example but without limitation, at its sole option, any and all of the following: maintaining parkways, right-of-way, streets, easements, and esplanades; furnishing and maintaining landscaping, lighting and beautification of The Subdivision; payment of all legal and other expenses incurred in

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connection with the enforcement of all recorded charges and assessments, covenants, restrictions, and conditions affecting The Subdivision; payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with the collection and administration of the maintenance charge and assessment; employing policemen and watchmen; and doing such other things and taking such other actions as are necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Association to keep The Subdivision neat and in good order, or which is considered of general benefit to the Owners or occupants of the Lots in The Subdivision, it being understood that the judgement of the Association in the expenditure of said funds shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgement of the Association in the expenditure of said funds shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgement is exercised in good faith.

In the event Daclarant shall designate and set aside an area of land owned by Declarant (or affiliated or subsidiary entities) (whether within The Subdivision or not) and the facilities thereon (if any) for the common use and benefit of all Owners of any portion of the Properties, the Association shall have the right and authority to allocate and expand such amounts from the maintenance fund for repair, maintenance, upkeep, beautification, improvement or replacement of such property and facilities as its Board of Directors shall determine, in its sole discretion. Further, if all or any such property or facilities are not then subject to the plan of this Declaration and further, are also for the use and benefit of persons or entities other than Owners in The Subdivision, the Association shall have the right and authority to enter into agreements with other persons or entities enjoying the use and benefit of such property or facility (or their designee), in such instances and on such terms as its Board of Directors may deem appropriate and acceptable, obligating the Association to contribute from the maintenance fund a ratable portion of the amounts necessary from time to time to provide for the repair, maintenance, upkeep, beaufification, improvement, or replacement of such property or facilities, and providing for other agreements relative to the use and enjoyment of such property and facilities (including limitations on the extent of the use and enjoyment transcenticled thereto.

Section 3. Covenants for Assessments. Subject to the provisions set forth below in Section 5. relating to the rate at which the maintenance charge and assessment imposed herein shall be paid on unimproved Lots, each and every Lot in the Properties is hereby severally subjected to and impressed with an annual maintenance charge or assessment in the amount of \$60.00 per Lot (hereinafter referred to as the "full maintenance charge") which shall run with the land, subject to increase and decrease as provided below.

The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence on the date (which shall be the first day of a month) fixed by the Board of Directors to be the date of commencement. The first annual assessment shall be made for the balance of the calendar year in which it is made and shall be payable on the day fixed for commencement or in equal monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments, over the balance of the year, at the election of the Board of Directors of the Association. The assessments for each calendar year after the first year shall be due and payable to the Association in advance on January 1st each year, or in equal monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments over such year, at the election of the Board of Directors of the Association. Provided, however, that, upon the purchase of his Lot (as evidenced by the date of his term Contract of Sale or Dead, or his occupancy, whichever is earlier), and Declarant by executing this beclaration, each Member shall be obligated to pay to the Association a pro rata part of the applicable percentage (as determined

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pursuant to the terms hereof) of the regular annual maintenance charge assessed on such Lot, which shall bear the same ratio to the applicable percentage of the full annual maintenance charge as the number of full calendar months remaining in the year of purchase bears to twelve (12), and which shall be payable in full upon such purchase or in equal monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments over the balance of the year of purchase, as the Board of Directors of the Association may elect.

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The Board of Directors of the Association may decrease or increase the amount of the regular annual maintenance charge or assessment provided for herein at any time and from time to time by the adoption of a resolution for such purpose, but no resolution increasing the annual maintenance charge assessment shall become effective prior to the expiration of ninety (90) days from date of its adoption, and the Owner of each Lot shall, within thirty (30) days from such effective date, pay to the Association the proportionate part of such increase for the balance of the year in which such resolution is adopted, provided, however, that no resolution of the Board of Directors which fixes the amount of the regular annual maintenance charge or assessment on a Lot in. excess of ten percent (10%) above the maximum permitted assessment for the previous year, or in excess of the annual maintenance charge or assessment last ratified by the Members of the Association in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, whichever is greater, shall become effective unless and until such resolution is ratified either (1) by the written assent of the Members of the Association who in the aggregate then own at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Lots in The Subdivision if no meeting of the membership is held for ratification, or (1i) by the assent of fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of the Kembers of the Association who are present and voting in person or by proxy at a special meeting of the membership of the Association called for this purpose and at which a quorum is present. The written assent or the vote of the Members must be given prior to the effective date of the resolution of the Board of Directors. No increase in the annual maintenance charge or assessment shall take effect retroactively.

If any resolution of the Board of Directors which requires ratification by the assent of the Members of the Association as above provided shall fail to receive such assent, then the amount of the regular annual maintenance charge or assessment last in effect shall continue in effect until duly changed in accordance with the above provisions. The Board of Directors may decrease the amount of the annual maintenance charge or assessment without ratification by or assent of the Members of the Association.

Section 4. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 3. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3. shall be Sent to all Members not less that thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance fo the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more that sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 5. Rate of Assessments. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may fix, by resolution specifying such amount, the annual assessment at any amount not in excess of the maximum then permitted under the terms of Section 3. above, and such annual assessment for the Lots shall be assessed and paid at the following uniform rates:

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(a) The rate for all Lots, other than those owned by Declarant, shall be fifty percent (50%) of the annual assessment fixed by the Board of Directors until the first day of the month following completion and occupancy of a permanent residence on such Lot; thereafter, such rate shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the annual assessment fixed by the Board of Directors.

(b) The rate for all Lots owned by Declarant shall be separately determined by the Board of Directors of the Association, but in no event shall such rate be less than twenty-five percent (25%), nor more than one hundred percent (100%) of the annual assessment fixed by the Board of Directors

The Association shell, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid.

Section 6. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments; Rememdias of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (3D) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the highest rate allowed by the laws of the State of Texas and, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or if suit is filed thereon or if collected through probate or other judicial proceedings, there shall be paid to the Association an additional reasonable amount, but not less that ten percent (10%) of the amount owing, as attorney's fees. The Assocation may bring an action at law or equity against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien created hereby against the Lot.

Section 7. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The regular annual maintenance charges and assessments, as hereinabove provided for, shall constitute and be secured by a valid and subsisting lien, hereby created and fixed, which shall exist upon and against each Lot, and all improvements thereon, for the benefit of The Association and all Members. Subject to the conditions that the Association be made a party to any Court proceeding to enforce any lien hereinafter deemed to be superior, the lien hereby created shall be subordinate and inferior to

- (a) all liens for taxes or special assessments levied by the City, County, and State governments, or any political subdivision or special district thereof, and
- (b) all liens securing amounts due or to become due under any term Contract of Sale dated, or any mortgage, vendor's lien, or deed of trust filed for record, prior to the date payment of any such charges or assessments become due and payable, and
- ic) all liens, including, but not limited to, vendor's liens, deeds of trust, and other security instruments which secure any loan made by any lender to an Owner for any part of the purchase price of any Lot when the same is purchased from a builder or another Owner of for any part of the cost of constructing, repairing, adding to, or remodeling the residence and appurtenances situated on any Lot to be utilized for residential purposes.

Any foreclosure of any such superior lien under the power of sale of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security instrument, or through court proceedings in which the Association has been made a party, shall cut off and extinguish the liens securing maintenance assessments or special assessments which became due and payable

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prior to such foreclosure date, but no such foreclosures shall free any Lot from the liens securing assessments thereafter becoming due and payable, nor shall the liability of any Member personally obligated to pay maintenance assessments or special assessments which become due prior to such foreclosure, be extinquished by any foreclosure. No sale or transfer of a Lot shall relieve the Owner of such Lot from liability for any assessments theretofore having become due on such Lot from the Lien thereof.

ARTICLE VIII

General Provisions

Section 1. Term. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Properties, and shall run with and bind the Properties, and shall inure to the benefit of the Association and all Owners, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for an initial term commencing on the effective date hereof and ending December 31, 2002. Upon the expiration of such initial ter, said covenants and restrictions (if not previously terminated and as changed, if changed), and the enforcement rights relative thereto, shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. During such initial term and such ten (10) year extension periods, the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be changed or terminated only by an instrument signed by the then Owners of not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of all the Lots in The Subdivision or, if prior to the designation of all Lots in The Subdivision (in accordance with Section 4. of Article I hereof and in accordance with the applicable provisions of any Supplemental Declaration(s) with respect to any additional properties brought within the scheme of this Declaration as hereinafter provided), by the then Owners of not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the area of land within the Properties, and properly recorded in the appropriate records of Chambers County, Texas.

Section 2. Enforcement. Declarant, or Declarant in and for the Association, and/or the Association, as a common expense to be paid out of the Maintenance Fund, or any Owner at his own expense, shall have the right to enforce by proceedings at law or in equity all restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations, liens, charges, assessments, and all other provisions set out in this Declaration, or any Supplemental Declaration, except as may be otherwise provided in such instruments. Failure of the Association or of any Owner to take any action upon any breach or default of or in respect to any of the foregoing shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take enforcement action upon any subsequent breach or default.

Section 3. Amendments by Declarant. The Declarant shall have and reserves the right at any time, and from time to time, without the joinder or consent of any 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, ambiguity, or incohsistency appearing herein, provided that any such amendment shall be consistent with and in furtherance of the general plan of development as evidenced by this Declaration and shall not impair or affect the vested property or other rights of any Cwner or his mortgagee.

Section 4. Interpretation. If this Declaration, or any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, or other part thereof shall be susceptible of more than one or confliting interpretations, then the interpretation which is most nearly in accordance with the general purposes and objectives of this Declaration shall govern.

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Section 5. Omissions. If any punctuation, word, clause, sentence or provision necessary to give meaning, validity, or effect to any other word, clause, sentence or provision appearing in this Declaration shall be omitted herefrom, then it is hereby declared that such omission was unintentional and that the omitted punctuation, word, clause, sentence, or provision shall be supplied by inference.

Section 6. Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Owner under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person who appears as Member or Owner on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing.

Section 7. Gender and Grammar. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply either to corporations or individuals, males or females, shall in all cases be assumed as though in each case fully expressed.

Section 8. Severability. Invalidation of any one or more of the covenants, restrictions, conditions, or provisions contained in this Declaration, or any part thereof, shall in no manner affect any of the other covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Additions to Existing Property. Additional lands may become subject to the scheme of this Declaration in the following manner:

(a) Additions by Declarant. The Declarant, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to bring within the acheme of this Declaration additional properties in future stages of the development of The Subdivision, upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association, in its sole discretion. Any additions authorized under this and the succeeding subsection, shall be made by filing of record a Supplemental Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with respect to the additional property which shall extend the scheme of the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration to such property and the execution thereof by members of the Board of Directors of the Association shall constitute all requisite evidence of the required approval thereof by such Board of Directors. Such Supplemental Declaration must impose an annual maintenance charge assessment on the property covered thereby, on a uniform, per lot basis, substantially equivalent to the maintenance charge and assessment imposed by this Declaration, and may contain such complementary additions and/or modifications of the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration as may be applicable to the additional lands.

(b) Other Additions. Upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association, in its sole discretion, the owner of any property who desires to add it to the scheme of this Declaration and to subject it to the jurisdiction of the Association may file of record a Supplemental Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions upon the satisfaction of the conditions specified in subsection (a) above.

(c) Mergers. Upon a merger or consolidation of the Association with another association, the Association's properties, rights, and obligations may be transferred to another surviving or consolidated association or, alternatively, the properties, rights and obligations of another association may be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated association shall administer the covenants and restrictions

applicable to the properties of the merging or consolidating associations as one plan. No such merger or consolidation, however, shall effect any revocation, change or addition to the covenants and restrictions established by this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration.

Section 10. Approval of Lienholder. The First State Bank of Cypress, a state banking association, the holder of the only lien on any portion of the Properties, joins in the execution hersof to evidence its consent to and ratification of the foregoing reservations, easements, covenants, restrictions, charges and conditions.

EXECUTED this Luday of June ,1982

ATTEST:

ELLIS CATTLE CO.

President

FIRST STATE BANK OF CYPRESS

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HOMER H. SCOTT , acting by and through his Kuly appointed Agent and Attorney-in-fact , BILLIE J. ELLIS

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared BILLIE J. ELLIS, President of ELLIS CATTLE CO., a Texas corporation, known to me to bethe person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said corporation.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this and day of

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for Harris County, T E X A S

LEA BEASLEY

Notary Public in and for Harris County, Taxas
My Commission Explies October 22, 1984.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mason Managery President of FIRST STATE BANK OF CYPRESS, a state banking association, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said deed of said association.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared BILLIE J. ELLIS, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for HOMER H. SCOTT, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and scknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpositis and tonsideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

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