# Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Of Woosley Palms, Phase I,

# Woosley Palms, Phase I, An Addition to the City of Lumberton Hardin County, Texas

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "Declaration") is made and executed on the date hereinafter set forth by King Homes. Inc. (the "Declarant"), a Texas corporation.

WHEREAS, Declarant is the sole owner of a certain 31.119\_acre tract in the J.F. Callihan Survey, Abstract NO. 588 Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas (the "Land"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant has caused the Land to be subdivided and platted into an addition to the City of Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas, known and to be known as "WOOSLEY PALMS, PHASE I, an Addition to the City of Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas" (the "Addition"), in accordance with the Final Plat of said Addition prepared by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. and filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas, contemporaneously with the filing of this Declaration (the "Plat"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to (i) dedicate the easements for streets, utilities and storm sewer reflected on the Plat; (ii) reserve in favor of itself and/or the Association herein established certain easements on and across the Lots in the Addition; and (iii) impose the protective and restrictive covenants set forth later herein on the Lots in the Addition and on the Common Area of the Addition;

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that Declarant hereby adopts the Plat of the Addition and hereby dedicates the easements for streets, utilities and storm drainage as reflected upon the Plat, and hereby imposes on the Lots in the Addition the basic restrictions set forth on the Plat and below herein.

For the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, attractiveness, and desirability of the lots in the Addition, and for the purpose of providing for the orderly development, use and enjoyment of the Lots in the Addition, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Land in the Addition shall be held, sold and conveyed subject the easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions after herein set forth, which shall constitute covenants running with the Land and shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in the Land, or any part thereof, and upon such parties' respective heirs, successors, legal representatives, devisees and assigns, and shall to the benefit of such parties and their respective heirs, successors, legal representatives, devisees, lessees and assigns.

#### ARTICLE I

# **Definitions.**

<u>Section 1.</u> "Association" Shall mean and refer to Woosley Palms Owners' Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one (1) or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is part of the Addition, including contract sellers, but excluding (a) those holding title merely as security for the performance of an obligation, or (b) those holding title to, or an interest in, the mineral estate only, with no title to, or interest in, the surface estate.

<u>Section 3.</u> "Lot" shall mean and refer to each and every platted lot shown and reflected upon the final recorded plat or plats of said Addition.

<u>Section 4.</u> "Member" shall mean and refer to each and every person or entity who holds membership in the association, as provided herin.

Section 5. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to King Homes, Inc., its successors and assigns. However, as sued in this paragraph, the term "assigns" shall not be construed to mean, refer to or include any person or entity which shall acquire from King Homes, Inc. one (1) or more of the Lots in the Addition, whether improved or unimproved, for occupancy or resale., unless King Homes, Inc., or its successor or assign expressly assigns to such assignee all of its rights and privileges as "Declarant" under this Declaration.

Section 6. "Common Area" shall mean and refer to and include any real property (including all improvements now or hereafter placed, erected, constructed, installed or located thereon) owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The Common Area to be owned by the Association shall be all of the property in the Addition, excluding:

- (a) The platted Lots reflected on the recorded plat or plats of the Addition and the improvements located thereon; and
- (b) The street easements (inclusive of all concrete streets constructed therein) reflected on the recorded plat or plats of the Addition, and all water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, electric, telephone, natural gas, cable television and other utility lines (and all appurtenances thereto) now or hereafter lying, installed and maintained in any street, utility or storm sewer easements reflected on the recorded plat or plats of the Addition or in any utility or storm sewer easements herewith or hereafter granted, conveyed or dedicated in, on or across any Lots in the Addition or the Common Area of the Addition.

Without limitation of the foregoing, the Common Area of the Addition includes:

- (1) The "Landscaping Area" (Hwy 69 entrance)
- (2) (Mailbox area)
- (3) (Detention Pond Area)

<u>Section 7.</u> "Future Development Tract" shall mean and refer to all or any part of any adjacent tract now or hereafter owned by Declarant.

<u>Section 8,</u> "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to any supplemental or supplementary declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions bringing additional property within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association, as provided later herein.

Section 9. "Mortgage" or "Deed of Trust" shall mean and refer to a creation of a lien upon a Lot (or Lots), together with any improvements thereon, to secure repayment of a loan made to the Owner(s) of such Lot or Lots (or made to another, but secured by such Lot or Lots).

<u>Section 10.</u> "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to the beneficiary of a Mortgage on a Lot or Lots.

## **ARTICLE II**

# **Property Subject to Declaration: Additions Thereto**

Section 1. Existing Property. The real property which is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the terms, covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements and reservations contained in this Declaration is the defined below and as Addition as shown and reflected upon the above referenced Plat of the Addition, which property may be sometimes referred to herein as the "Existing Property" or "Woosley Palms, Phase I".

Section 2. Additions of Property. Declarant, at its sole election, may bring within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association all or any part of the Future Development Tract by Declarant's filing of record in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas, a Supplemental Declaration describing such additional property and expressly subjecting such additional property to the scope and coverage of this Declaration and to the jurisdiction of the Association, together with a plat of such additional property. Such Supplemental Declaration may contain complementary and supplementary provisions, conditions, covenants, restrictions and reservations, and may amend and modify the provisions, conditions, covenants, restrictions and reservations contained herein as they relate to or affect such additional property, but such Supplemental Declaration shall not in any manner revoke. modify or add to the covenants established by this Declaration as to the Existing Property. After an additional part or parts of the Future Development Tract are brought within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph or section, the term "Addition", as used herein, shall be deemed to mean, refer to and include Woosley Palms, Phase I, together with such additional part or parts of the Future Development Tract so brought within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to this Section 2.

Section 3. Waiver of Right to Add Property to Addition. At any time, the Declarant, in its sole discretion, may waive and relinquish its right to bring all or any specifically described part of the Future Development Tract within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to Section 2 above. Such waiver or relinquishment shall be offered by Declarant's execution and filing for record in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas, a written statement stating (in essence) that the Declarant waives and relinquishes its right to bring the Future Development Tract, or any specifically described part or parts of the Future Development Tract, within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and

within the jurisdiction of the Association. Subsequent to the execution and recordation of any such waiver, Declarant shall have no further right to bring any additional part or parts of the Future Development Tract within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association; provided, however, that if the waiver or relinquishment is only as to any specifically described part or parts of the Future Development Tract, then Declarant shall have the right to thereafter bring such specifically described part or parts within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association, and shall have the right to bring all or any other part or parts of the remainder of the Future Development Tract within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 above.

# **ARTICLE III**

#### **Property Rights and Easements**

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Each and every Owner shall have a right and easement of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Area, subject, however, to the provisions, limitations and restrictions contained in this Declaration, or in the Bylaws of the Association, and to any reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the Association, from time to time, relating to the use of the Common Area. Such right and easement shall be appurtenant to and pass with the title to every Lot, whether or not so stated in any deed or another instrument of conveyance or encumbrance affecting any Lot in the Addiction.

Section 2. Platted Utility Easements. Easements for streets and for installation and maintenance of utilities, including storm sewers are shown and designated as such on the recorded plat or plats of the Addition. Except as provided below in this Section 2, no building or structure of a permanent nature may be erected or constructed within these easements, nor shall any structure, planting or other material be placed or permitted to remain in any such easements which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities in the easements. Easements for installation and maintenance of underground utilities may be crossed with sidewalks and driveways. provided that (a) there are prior arrangements made for such crossings with the public authority or utility company providing services therein, and (b) neither the Declarant, the Association or any public authority or utility company using such easements shall be liable for any damage done by them, or their respective agents, employees, representatives or contractors, to such sidewalks or driveways in the course of installing, repairing, maintaining, relocating or removing any utility lines or another installations, or any appurtenances thereto, Within any of such easements, each Owner shall mow and maintain the utility easement area of his Lot, together with any unpayed portion of the street easement (s) abutting his Lot.

Section 3. Blanket Utility Easement. There is hereby reserved upon each Lot in the Addition a blanket fifteen foot (15') wide utility easement in favor of any natural gas company and franchised public electric utility company for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining natural gas and electric utility service to the residence constructed on that Lot.

<u>Section 4. Blanket Easements.</u> An easement over and upon every Lot in the Addition is hereby reserved by Declarant in favor itself and the Association, and their

respective representatives, agents, employees and contractors, to enter in and upon any Lot but not into any dwelling for the purpose of exercising any rights or performing any obligations herein granted to or imposed on the Declarant or the Association.

Section 5. Additional Right of Declarant. Declarant shall have the right to place, erect, construct, maintain and utilize (either for itself or its authorized agents and brokers) a "sales" office on the "Common Lot" shown and reflected on the Plat of the Addition or elsewhere on the Common Area of the Addition or on any Lot in the Addition during the period of Declarant's ownership of such Lot, as may be determined from time to time by the Declarant in its sole discretion. The right reserved by Declarant in this Section 5 shall be in addition to the right to use, with the prior consent of the Architectural Control Committee, Lots in the Addition for "sales" and "construction" offices, as provided in Section 1 of Article VIII of this Declaration.

<u>Section 6. Authorized Builders.</u> Only construction contractors who are duly licensed by and registered with the Texas Residential Construction Commission shall be permitted to be general contractors of residence in addition.

## ARTICLE IV

## **Membership and Voting Rights**

Section 1. Members. Every Owner of a Lot shall be a Member of the Association. Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot.

<u>Section 2. Classes of Members.</u> The Association shall have one (1) class of Members :

All owners, with the exception of Declarant, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) person holds an ownership interest in a given Lot, all of such persons shall be Members, and the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they may determine among themselves; but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to each Lot owned by such Owner collectively. The Declarant, shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. Declarant's right to such multiple votes shall cease and be reduced to one (1) vote per Lot owned by Declarant upon the happening of either of the following events, whichever shall first occur:

- (a) When the total votes of non-Declarant Owners exceed the total votes (as multiplied by 3) of Declarant; or
- (b) January 1, 2020.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **Assessments**

<u>Section 1. Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.</u> Declarant, for each Lot owned by it in the Addition, hereby covenants, and each Owner of a Lot in the Addition is hereby deemed to covenant by acceptance of a deed to such Lot (whether or not is shall be so expressed in such deed), to pay to the Association (a) regular annual

assessments, (b) special assessments for capital improvements, and (c) additional Lot assessments as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Association. Such assessments shall be established and collected in the manner hereinafter provided. The regular annual assessments, special assessments for interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees thereon, shall be a charge upon the land and a continuing lien on each Lot against interest, costs and reasonable attorney's' fees thereon, and shall also be the personal obligation of the person or persons who owned the Lot at the time the assessment fell due, and such personal obligation shall also pass to the successors in title even if not expressly assumed by them. Declarant hereby reserves and assigns to the Association, without recourse, a vendor's lien on each Lot (including all improvements thereon) to secure the payment of all assessments levied on such Lot, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees thereon.

Section 2. Purpose of Regular Annual Assessments. The regular annual assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Addition and for the performance of the Association's maintenance obligations hereunder. Regular annual assessments shall include, and the Association shall acquire and pay for out of the funds derived from the regular annual assessments, the following:

- (a) Costs of maintaining and repairing the Common Area of the Addition and all improvements now or hereafter constructed, erected, placed, installed or located in the Common Area (exclusive, however, of any water sanitary sewer, storm sewer, natural gas or other utility lines, together with any appurtenances thereto, constructed, installed or located in any easement on the Common Area, which lines and appurtenances are owned and maintained, or are to be owned and maintained, by any public authority or franchised public utility company);
- (b) Costs of landscaping, mowing, edging and maintaining the Common Area and the right-of-way of any street or road abutting the Addition (including, without limitation, the U.S. Highway 69 entrance and right-of-way);
- (c) Taxes and assessments levied by any taxing authorities on the Common Area and premiums for insurance maintained by the Association, including (i) fire and extended coverage insurance on any insurable improvements on the Common Area, together with any equipment, fixtures or other personal property of the Association located on the Common Area, and (ii) liability insurance in favor of the Association, including premises liability coverage on the Common Area of the Addition;
- (d) Cost of water, electricity, natural gas, and other utility services for the Common Area of the Addition;
- (e) Any expenses which the Association is required to incur or pay pursuant to the terms of this Declaration or the Bylaws, of the Association or which shall be necessary or proper in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association, for (i) the administration of the affairs of the Association, (ii) the performance of the duties of the Association, or (iii) the enforcement of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws of the Association or any rules and regulations of the Association; and
- (f) Any other costs or expenses which shall be determined by a vote of the Members, from time to time, to be a necessary or appropriate common expense of the Association "...including premises liability coverage on the Common Area (including but not limited to the detention pond) of the

#### Addition:"

Section 3. Power to Fix Regular Annual Assessments. The power and authority to fix and levy the regular annual assessments shall rest exclusively with the Board of Directors of the Association, and when the same are determined and fixed by the Board of Directors, as herein provided, same shall be final, conclusive and binding upon each Owner, his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, including contract purchasers.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the regular annual assessments authorized and provided for above, the Association may fix and levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of paying the costs of construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvement on the Common Area. Any such special assessment, before becoming an effective and binding obligation of the Owners, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of Members who are voting at a meeting duly called for that purpose.

Section 5. Notice and Quorum of Action Under Section 4. Written notice for any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 4 above shall be sent or delivered to all Members at the street addresses of their Lots not less than ten (10) days, nor more than sixty (60) days, in advance of such meeting. Such notice shall state that the purpose (or one of the purposes) of the meeting is to vote upon a special assessment, specifying the purpose of the proposed special assessment. At such meeting, the presence of Members entitled to cast fifty percent (50%) or more of all the votes shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirements, and the required quorum at such second meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum for the first meeting. No such second meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days after the first called meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Except as provided below in this Section, regular annual assessments and special assessments for capital improvements (but not the additional Lot assessments provided for later herein) must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots in the Addition. Where two (2) or more adjacent platted Lots, or one (1) platted Lot and a portion of an adjacent platted Lot, have been combined and consolidated into a single Lot pursuant to Section 17 of Article VIII of this Declaration, such resulting Lot shall be assessed (for regular annual and special assessment for capital improvement purposes) on the basis of the number of platted Lots constituting the resulting Lot. By way of example, a consolidated Lot consisting of two (2) platted Lots will be assessed two hundred percent (200%) of the regular annual assessment or special assessment for capital improvements fixed for a single platted lot.

Section 7. Collection of Regular Annual Assessments and Special Assessments. The regular annual assessment shall be collected by the Association on a monthly, quarter-annual, semiannual or annual basis, as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Special assessments for capital improvements shall be collected on such basis as shall be determined by the vote of the Members in approving the establishment and levy of such special assessments.

<u>Section 8. Establishment and Notice of Regular Annual Assessment.</u> At the organizational meeting of the initial Board of Directors of the Association, the regular

annual assessment for the first calendar year shall be fixed and established by the Board of Directors, and written notice thereof (including the basis upon which such regular annual assessment is to be collected) shall be forthwith given to each Owner subject thereto. The first such regular annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remained in the annual (calendar year) assessment period. Thereafter, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of each calendaryear assessment period, the Board of Directors of the Association shall fix and establish the regular annual assessment for the ending assessment year and shall give written notice thereof (including the basis upon which such regular annual assessment is to be collected) to every Owner subject to such regular assessment. Upon a person or entity becoming the Owner of a Lot in the Addition (and upon notification of such fact given to the Board of Directors of the Association), it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to notify such new Owner of the regular annual assessment charged upon his Lot (in the same manner as notice is given to those Owners owning Lots as of the commencement of any annual assessment period). The failure of the Board of Directors to give written notice to any Owner, as herein required, shall not in any manner exempt or relieve such Owner from his obligation to pay the regular annual assessment on his Lot or Lots, but such Owner shall not be in default for failure to pay his regular annual assessment (on the due date or dates thereof) until notice of such regular annual assessment is given to such Owner in the manner herein provided. Each Owner (including Declarant) covenants and agrees to give written notice to the Board of Directors of the Association upon the sale or transfer by such Owner of his Lot, including the name and mailing address of the Lot purchaser(s) and the date upon which the sale or transfer was or will be effected.

Section 9. Limited Exemption from Regular Annual Assessments.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Declarant shall not be liable for or obligated to pay regular annual assessments on any unimproved Lot, nor on any improved Lot until thirty (30) days after improvements have been substantially completed thereon. Further, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a Builder (as that term is hereinafter defined) shall not be liable for or obligated to pay regular annual assessments on any Lot owed by such Builder until the earliest of (i) the substantial completion of improvements thereon, (ii) the conveyance by such Builder of the Lot (except a reconveyance to Declarant), or (iii) one hundred eighty (180) days after such Builder has acquired record title to such Lot. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "Builder" shall be construed to mean a person or entity who shall purchase or acquire from Declarant one (1) or more unimproved Lots for the purpose of construction of improvements thereon for sale to the public.

Section 10. Date of Commencement of Regular Annual Assessments. The regular annual assessments provided for above in this Article shall commence as to each Lot on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the calendar month next following:

- (a) The conveyance of a Lot by Declarant to an Owner (other than a Builder);
- (b) Thirty (30) days following the substantial completion of improvements upon a Lot owned by Declarant; or
- (c) With respect to a Lot conveyed by Declarant to a Builder, the earlier of (i) the substantial completion improvements thereon, (ii) the conveyance by the builder of such Lot except for a reconveyance to Declarant), or (iii) one hundred eighty (180) days after the Builder has acquired record title to such Lot.

Section 11. Certification of Payment of Assessments. The Association shall, upon demand, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on any specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate as to the status of assessments on a particular Lot shall be conclusive and binding upon the Association as of the date thereof as to any and all persons or entities relying thereon (other than the Owner of such Lot). The Association may establish and collect a reasonable charge for the issuance of such certificates.

## Section 12. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of Association.

- (a) Any assessment (of whatever kind or character, whether a regular annual assessment, special assessment for capital improvements, or additional Lot assessment) not paid within ten (10) days of the due date thereof shall be delinquent. Any delinquent assessment shall bear interest form the due date thereof at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum. All unpaid assessments, together with interest thereon as provided above, shall constitute a lien upon the Lot (together with all improvements thereon) against which the unpaid assessments were levied by the Association. To evidence such lien, the Association shall prepare and file for record in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas, a written notice signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth the amount of the unpaid assessments, the name of the Lot Owner, and a description of the Lot upon which such assessments are unpaid.
- (b) The Association may bring an action at law against the Lot Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien upon such Lot in the manner hereinafter provided. No Owner may exempt himself or otherwise escape liability for the assessments herein provided by abandoning his Lot or in any other manner. Suit to recover a money judgement against a defaulting Owner shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the assessments owing by such defaulting Owner.
- (c) The assessment lien may be enforced by the Association by judicial proceeding or non-judicial proceedings (pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 below) to foreclose the lien on the defaulting Owner's Lot (including all improvements thereon) in like manner as a mortgage (with a power of sale) on real property upon the recording of a notice of lien, as provided in Subsec. (a) above. In any such foreclosure, the Owner shall be required to pay the costs and expenses of such proceedings, including (in the case of a non-judicial foreclosure) a trustee's fee equal to five percent (5%) of the gross sales proceeds, the costs of preparing and filing the notice of lien, and all other expenses of foreclosure, including reasonable attorney's fees. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at foreclosure sale (whether judicial or non-judicial) and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage or convey the same.

Section 13. Nonjudicial Foreclosure of Lien. To secure and enforce the payment of all assessments provided for in this Declaration, together with all interest accrued or accruing thereon and attorney's fee and other costs reasonably incurred by the Association in collecting the same, and for the auxiliary and cumulative enforcement of said lien, and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 to Declarant in hand paid by the Trustee hereinafter named, and for the further consideration of the uses, purposes and

trusts hereinafter set forth, Declarant has granted, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, sell, and convey unto Kerwin B Stone, Trustee, whose mailing address is 390 Park Street, Suite 500, Beaumont Texas 77701, and any substitute or successor trustee appointed hereunder, each of the Lots in the addition, to have and to hold the said Lots unto the said Trustee, and to his substitutes or successors forever. Declarant does hereby bind itself, its successors and assigns, to warrant and forever defend the Lots unto the said Trustee, his substitutes, successors and assigns forever, against the claim or claims of all persons claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof, subject to any superior liens, for and upon the following trusts, terms, covenants, and agreements, to-wit:

- (a) This conveyance, however, is made in trust to secure the payment of all assessments provided in this Declaration (whether now owed or hereafter accruing to the Association). Should Declarant, its successors and assigns, make full payment of the assessments hereby secured as the same shall become due and payable, then this conveyance shall become null and void and of no further force and effect.
- (b) In the event, however, of default in the payment of any assessment hereby secured, in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, it shall thereupon, or at any time thereafter, be the duty of the Trustee or his successor or substitute, at the request of the Association (which request is hereby conclusively presumed), to enforce this trust against the Lot against which the assessment is due and owing in the manner provided in Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code, as then amended; and after giving notice and advertising the sale as provided in said Section 51.002 (but without any other action than is required by said Section 51.002 as then amended) and otherwise complying with that statute, the Trustee shall sell the Lot (including any improvements thereon) at public sale as provided in said Section 51.002 and make due conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, with covenants of a special warranty binding upon the then Owner of such Lot and such Owner's heirs, executors, administrators and successors:
- (c) Out of the money arising from such sale, the Trustee acting shall first pay all expenses of advertising said sale and making the conveyance (including a Trustee's fee of 5% of the gross sales proceeds, an then to the Association the full amount of assessments owing, together with interest thereon, and reasonable attorney's fees, rendering the balance of the sale price, if any, to the Owner of said unit prior to such sale, his heirs or assigns, or to such other person as maybe legally entitled thereto. The recitals in the conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers of such Lot shall be full and conclusive evidence of the trust of the matters therein stated, and all prerequisites to said sale shall be presumed to have been performed, and such sale and conveyance shall be conclusive against the Owner of such Lot prior to such sale, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- (d) It is agreed that in the event foreclosure should be commenced by the Trustee, or his substitute or successor, the Association, as beneficiary hereunder, may at any time before the sale of the Lot direct the abandonment of the sale and may then institute suit for the collection of the assessments, interest and collection costs then owing to the Association, and, at the election of the Association, for judicial foreclosure

- of the assessment lien. It is further agreed that if the Association should institute suit for the collection and for judicial foreclosure of the assessment lien, the Association may, at any time prior to the entry of a final judgement in said suit, dismiss the same and require the Trustee, or his substitute or successor, to sell the Lot against which the assessment is then owing in accordance with the provisions of this Section 13.
- (e) In case of the absence, resignation, death, inability, failure or refusal of the Trustee herein named or of any substitute trustee appointed hereunder to act, or in the event that the Association shall deem it desirable to remove without cause the Trustee or any substitute trustee and appoint another to execute this trust, then in any of such events, the Association shall have the right and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a successor and substitute without any formality other than an appointment and designation in writing; and this appointment shall vest in him, as substitute or successor trustee, the estate and title in and to all said Lots, and he shall thereupon hold, possess, and execute all the rights, title, powers and duties herein conferred upon the Trustee named herein. The right to appoint a successor or substitute trustee shall exist as often and whenever from any of said causes any trustee, original or substitute, cannot or will not act resigns, or has been removed without cause.
- (f) The exercise or attempted exercise of the power of sale herein contained shall not exhaust the power of sale and shall not prevent and subsequent exercise thereof.
- (g) The Association, as beneficiary hereunder if it is the highest bidder, shall have the right to purchase at all sale of a Lot pursuant hereto and to have the amount for which such Lot is sold credited against the indebtedness then owing on such Lot to the Association.
- (h) It is especially agreed that in the event of a foreclosure under the powers granted herein, the person in possession of the Lot sold shall thereupon become a tenant at will of the purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale. Should such tenant then refuse to surrender possession of the Lot upon demand, the purchaser or purchasers shall be entitled to institute and maintain a statutory action for forcible detainer of said Lot in the justice of the peace court for the justice precinct in which the Lot is situated. The bringing of an action for forcible detainer shall not preclude the bringing of any other action for the possession of said Lot, and the bringing of one character of action shall not preclude the other, and same may be exercised separately or simultaneously

Section 14. Subordination of Assessment Lien to Mortgages. The assessment lien herein provided shall be and remain subordinate to the lien of any perfected First Mortgage. A "First Mortgage" is defined as a purchase money Mortgage for the Lot, which has first and paramount priority under applicable law. A sale or transfer of a Lot shall not affect the assessment lien thereon. However, the sale of a Lot pursuant to the foreclosure of a First Mortgage may extinguish the assessment lien as to unpaid charges which accrued prior to such foreclosure sale, if the proceeds of such foreclosure sale do not exceed the sums paid by the new purchaser. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due and payable or from the lien thereof. The holder of any First Mortgage shall be entitled, upon written request made to the Association, to written notification from the Association of any default by

such holder's mortgagor (or grantor under a Deed of Trust) in any obligation under this Declaration or the Bylaws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days from the date upon which such default occurred. Any Mortgagee holding a First Mortgage on a Lot may pay any unpaid assessment payable with respect to such Lot, and upon such payment such Mortgagee shall have a lien on such Lot for the amounts paid to the Association of the same rank and priority as the lien of its Mortgage.

Section 15. Additional Lot Assessments. Separately and apart from the regular annual assessments and special assessments provided for above in this Article, the Board of Directors shall have the right to make a special assessment against any Lot Owner and his Lot for the costs incurred by the Association in:

- (a) Making any repairs or replacements, or in performing any maintenance (other than lawn mowing or other lawn maintenance), which an Owner, although otherwise obligated to make or perform under this Declaration, fails to make or perform within thirty (30) days after the Association has given such Owner written notice specifying the repairs or replacements to be made or maintenance to be performed by the Owner; or
- (b) Performing any lawn mowing or maintenance which an Owner, although otherwise obligated to perform under this Declaration, fails to perform within three (3) days after the Association has given such Owner written notice specifying the lawn mowing or other lawn maintenance to be performed by the Owner; or
- (c) Enforcing compliance by an Owner with any covenants, limitation, prohibitions or restrictions contained in this Declaration or the Bylaws of the Association or any rules or regulations adopted by the Association, where any such non-compliance continues for more than ten (10) days after the Association has given such Owner written notice specifying such non-compliance;

<u>Plus</u> an administrative charge equal to the <u>greater</u> of (i) twenty-five percent (25%) of the costs incurred by the Association in performing the obligations of the non-performing Owner or in enforcing compliance by the non-complying Owner, or (ii) the sum of \$25.00.

Section 16. Levy and Collection of Additional Lot Assessments. Any additional Lot assessment shall be fixed and levied by the Board of Directors of the Association, and written notice thereof shall be given to the Owner of the Lot against which assessment is made. Such notice shall specify the nature and amount of the additional Lot assessment and the date upon which the same shall be due and payable (which due date shall be not less than 10 days from the date of such notice). Collection of any such additional Lot assessment shall be made in the same manner as the regular annual assessments provided for herein, and a lien therefor shall exist in favor of the Association upon the Lot (together with the improvements thereon) of the Owner against whom the assessment is made.

Section 17. Acceptance of Lot Subject to Lien. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, (a) accepts such Lot subject to and encumbered with the assessment lien (with power of sale) set forth above herein, (b) grants and confirms to the Association a contractual lien upon his Lot (together with all improvements thereon) to secure all assessments then or thereafter made against such Lot, and (c) expressly vests in the Association or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against such defaulting Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and to enforce the

aforesaid lien by all methods available for foreclosure and enforcement of such lien, including, without limitation, non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 above.

Section 18. Books and Records. Proper books and records shall be kept by the Association with respect to all assessments made by the Association, and each Owner shall at all reasonable times have access to such books and records. The books and records shall be kept in such a manner as to separately identify the assessments and payments thereof on each Lot in the Addition. No payment made on any individual assessment account shall be transferred to or credited to another account without the express written consent of the party making such payment.

# **ARTICLE VI**

## Obligation To Maintain, Repair, and Rebuild

Section 1. Owners Obligation to Maintain and Repair. Each Owner shall, at his sole cost and expense, perform such maintenance and make such repairs and replacements to his residence, together all other structures, installations and improvements located upon his Lot as shall be required to keep his residence and all other structures, installations and improvements on his Lot in substantially the same condition as at the completion of the original construction thereof, excepting only ordinary wear and tear. Additionally, each Owner shall regularly mow and maintain, and keep in a neat and attractive condition, the grassed and landscaped areas of his yard and the unpaved portion of the street easement(s) abutting his Lot; and each Owner shall maintain in good repair and condition all sidewalks and driveways serving his Lot, even though such sidewalks and/or driveways may be located partly on the street easement (s) abutting his Lot. If any perimeter privacy fence constructed or installed on an Owner's Lot requires replacement, it shall be replaced with a fence of the same design, type of materials and height as the fence being replaced. If any Owner fails to perform the maintenance or make the repairs required of such Owner hereunder, the Association, after giving such Owner written notice specifying the required maintenance or repairs, may perform such maintenance or make such repairs if such Owner does not, within the applicable time periods after notice specified in Section 15 of Article V above. perform the maintenance or make the repairs or replacements specified in such notice. The costs incurred by the Association in performing such maintenance or making such repairs or replacements (together with the administrative charge specified in Section 15 of Article V above) shall, at the election of the Board of Directors of the Association, be the basis for levying an additional Lot assessment against such Owner and his Lot pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of Article V above.

Section 2. Owner's Obligation to Rebuild. If any residence or other structure on any Lot in the Addition is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, it shall be the duty and obligation of the Owner thereof to repair, restore or reconstruct such residence or other improvement to substantially the same condition as before such damage or destruction. Architectural Control Committee approval of the plans and specifications for making such repairs, restoration or reconstruction must be obtained prior to commencement thereof, as more fully provided later in this Declaration. The Owner of such damaged or destroyed residence or other improvement shall commence such repairs, restoration or reconstruction within a reasonable period of time (not to exceed 30 days) after the occurrence of such damage or destruction and thereafter prosecute

the work of repair, restoration or reconstruction of such residence or other improvement with due diligence and shall complete such repairs, restoration or reconstruction within six (6) months from the occurrence of such damage or destruction, subject only to delays occasioned by matters beyond the reasonable control of such Owner.

<u>Section 3. Maintenance by Association.</u> It shall be the duty and obligation of the Association to:

- (a) Maintain and repair the Common Area of the Addition and all improvements now or hereafter constructed, erected, placed, installed or located in the Common Area (exclusive, however, of any water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, natural gas or other utility lines, together with any appurtenances thereto, constructed, installed or located in any easement on the Common Area which lines and appurtenances are owned and maintained, or are to be owned and maintained by any public authority or franchised public utility company);
- (b) Landscape, mow, edge and maintain the Common Area and the right-ofway of any street or road abutting the Addition (including without limitation, the U.S. Highway 69 entrance and right-of-way); and
- (c) Perform any other maintenance, repairs or replacements as shall be determined by the Board of Directors or by the Members of the Association, from time to time.

## **ARTICLE VII**

## **Architectural Control**

Section 1. General Authority of Architectural Control Committee. No building, fence, wall, screening device, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, spa, tennis court, driveway, sidewalk or other improvements (of whatever kind or description) shall be commenced, constructed, erected, placed or reconstructed on any Lot in the Addition; nor shall any exterior addition to, change or alteration of any structure or improvement on any Lot in the Addition be commenced or made; nor shall any exterior repainting or reroofing involving any change in the exterior color scheme be commenced or performed; until two (2) complete sets of plans and specifications therefor (the "Plans") showing: (a) the kind, shape, size, height and exterior color scheme thereof; (b) the location of all improvements, including driveways, sidewalks and off-street parking; (c) utility installations; (d) the kind, nature and quality of materials; (e) finished grade, topography and elevation; and (f) site landscaping; have been submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee (herein called the "Committee") as to: (1) the type and quality of materials; (2) the conformity of the planned improvements with the covenants contained in this Declaration; (3) the harmony of external changes (including type, quality and color of roof, exterior materials an color scheme) with other existing or planned structures in the Addition; and (4) location of the planned improvements with the respect to topography and in relation to other existing or planned structures in the Addition. The Plans shall also reflect all driveways and sidewalks serving the Lot, even though same may, in part, extend beyond the perimeter boundaries of the Lot. Plan approval or disapproval shall be as provided in Section 5 below. The Committee may, in its discretion, provide developmental guidelines for site planning, architecture, fencing and landscaping; and if and when such guidelines are provided, they shall be used as the basis for review and approval (or disapproval) of

Plans.

Section 2. Composition of Committee. The committee shall be composed of three (3) members. The initial members of the Committee are Chuck King, Terrell Woosley and Paige King. The Committee shall have the power to designate a representative (who may or may not be a member of the Committee) to act for the Committee; and upon the designation of such representative by the Committee, such representative shall have the power and authority to do any act or make any decision which the Committee itself could do or make under this Declaration. Neither the Committee nor its authorized representative shall have the right to demand, charge or receive any fee or other compensation as a condition to the examination of any Plans submitted hereunder or for granting approval (or disapproval) thereof.

Section 3. Vacancies and Filing of Vacancies. In the event of the death or resignation of any of the members of the Committee, the remaining members of the Committee (even though less than a majority thereof) may appoint, by written instrument signed by such remaining member (s) and filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas, a successor or successors to such member. If all the members of the Committee die or resign, the Declarant (or its successor) shall have the authority to appoint successor members of the Committee; provided, however if all members of the Committee die or resign, and the Declarant (or its successor) has not appointed successor members within ninety (90) days after the death or resignation of the last of the Committee members, then the Association, through its Board of Directors, shall appoint new members to the committee, each of which members must be and Owner; such new Committee Members shall exercise the authorities herein granted to the Committee. Furthermore, at any time after fifteen (15) years from the date of this Declaration, the Association, by written agreement executed by the majority of the Members of the Association and filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas, may (i) change the membership of the Committee; or (ii) withdraw powers and duties from, or restore powers and duties to the Committee.

Section 4. Term of Committee; Surrender of Authority. The herein granted powers and duties of the Committee shall cease and terminate twenty (20) years after the date of this Declaration, and the approval of the Committee shall not be thereafter required, unless prior to the expiration of said twenty (20) year period, a majority of the Members of the Association shall exercise their right to restore the Committee its powers and duties under this Declaration in the manner provided in Section 3 above.

Section 5. Manner of Approval. Plan approval or disapproval by the Committee, or its designated representative, as required in this Declaration, shall be in writing and signed by at least one (1) member of the Committee or by its designated representative (If the Committee or its designated representative fails to give written approval or disapproval within thirty (30) days after Plans meeting the requirements of Section 1 of this Article VII have been submitted to it, approval will not be required, and the covenants contained in said Section 1 above shall be deemed to have been fully satisfied. However, the approval or disapproval of Plans by the Committee, or the failure of the Committee to approve or disapprove the Plans within thirty (30) days after the submission thereof, shall in no way authorize any use or improvement of any Lot in violation of any of the other covenants contained in this Declaration, except where the Committee has express authority to grant a waiver or variance from such covenant. Approval of Plans (whether actual or deemed) shall not be valid or effective for more

than one hundred twenty (120) days; and if, within one hundred twenty (120) days from Plan approval, construction, reconstruction, addition, change or alteration for which Plan approval was obtained, has not commenced, then the Plans must be resubmitted and approved by the Committee before any such construction, reconstruction, addition, change or alteration may be commenced. There shall be no review of any action of the Committee, except by procedures for injunction relief when such action is patently arbitrary and capricious; and under no circumstances shall the Committee, any member of the Committee, or the representative of the Committee be subject to any suit by or liability to anyone for damages for any actions, or failures to act, on the part of the Committee, any member of the Committee, or the Committee's representatives.

Section 6. No Liability for Plan Approval. Neither the Committee, nor any member or representative thereof, shall be liable to any person or entity under any theory or under any circumstances in connection with the Committee's approval (whether actual or deemed) of any Plans submitted to the Committee for approval, including, without limitation, any liability based upon the soundness of construction or adequacy of plans and specifications, mistake or judgment, negligence or nonfeasance. Neither the Committee, nor any member or representative thereof, shall have any liability to any person or entity by reason of the construction of buildings or the making of other improvements which shall depart from or be at variance with the approved Plans.

## **Article VIII**

#### Use Restrictions.

Section 1. Single Family Residential Use. No Lot or building site in the Addition shall be used for any purpose except for construction of a single family residence. As used in this Declaration, the term "family" shall have the same meaning as set forth in the City of Lumberton's Zoning Ordinance. However, temporary construction and sales offices may be placed or constructed on specific Lots in the Addition with the prior written approval of the Committee, and provided further that any such office shall be removed not later than the date specified in the Committee's written approval. The Owner shall be solely responsible for ensuring that each structure on his Lot is built at an elevation sufficient to avoid flooding. The ground floor of each residence, except for the rear of the residence, shall be of brick (or comparable approved by the Association) construction.

Section 2. Permitted Structures. No structure shall be erected on any Lot other than one (1) detached single-family dwelling not to exceed two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height and a private garage for no less than two (2) cars and not more than four (4) cars, and such other accessory buildings as are incidental to single-family residential use and are not inconsistent with the other restrictive covenants set forth and contained in this Declaration, if the Plans for such accessory buildings are submitted to and approved by the Committee in the manner provided above herein. No storage buildings shall be visible from the street or from adjoining Lots.

Section 3. Construction in Accordance with Plans. All buildings and other improvements shall be constructed or made strictly in accordance with the Plans submitted to and approved by the Committee or its representative, or in strict accordance with Plans submitted to the Committee, but for which no approval is required by reason of the failure of the Committee or its representative to approve or disapprove

the same within thirty (30) days after the submission thereof, as provided in Section 5 of Article VII above.

Section 4. Use of Common Area. Nothing shall be done in the Common Area which will increase the rate of insurance (whether of fire and casualty insurance or liability-insurance), without the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 5. Prohibited Area. No Owner shall do, or permit any members of his family, his guests or tenants to do, any act on any Lot or the Common Area of the Addition which shall be in violation of (i) any applicable ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any municipal or other governmental authority, (ii) the provisions of this Declaration, (iii) the Bylaws of the Association, or (iv) the rules and regulations of the Association relating to the use of the Common Area of the Addition; nor shall any noxious or offensive activity be carried on or anything be done on any Lot or on the Common Area of the Addition which may become an annoyance or nuisance to the other Owners or their tenants. No business or commercial activities of any kind shall be conducted on any Lot in the Addition or on the Common Area of the Addition with an exception of an annual "garage sale" which may last no longer than three (3) days.

Section 6. Chimney Screening. If any metal chimney is used in the construction or remodeling of any residence in the Addition, it shall be encased in wood, brick or other material approved by the Committee in the same manner as any other exterior building materials, if it is visible from the front street of the house

Section 7. Parking or Storage of Boats, Etc. No boats, trailers, campers, buses, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, trucks (except for pickup trucks or vans having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of not more than three-quarter [3/4] ton), or similar vehicles (any of the foregoing being herein referred to as a "Restricted Vehicle") may be parked or stored upon any Lot in the Addition on a Permanent Basis (as that term is defined below in this Section) except wholly within an enclosed garage or other fully enclosed accessory building; nor may any Restricted Vehicle be parked or allowed to remain on a Permanent Basis on any street in the Addition. Further, no Restricted Vehicle shall be parked or left unattended on any portion of the Common Area of the Addition, whether or not on a Permanent Basis. A "Permanent Basis", as that term is used herein, shall mean any period or periods in excess of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, or periods in excess of eight (8) consecutive hours on three (3) or more successive days. No commercial trucks, vans, tractor-trailers or non-utility trailers (any of the foregoing being herein referred to as a "Commercial Vehicle") shall be parked or left unattended on any Lot or street in the Addition, except for the *limited* time period (s) during which the owner or operator of the Commercial Vehicle is (a) making deliveries to the Declarant, the Association or a lot Owner (or to their respective employees, agents, representatives or contractors), or (b) performing maintenance, repairs or construction on a Lot or the Common Area for the Declarant, the Association or a Lot Owner (or for their respective employees, agents, representatives or contractors); nor shall any Commercial Vehicle be parked or left unattended for any period of time on any portion of the Common Area. As used in this Section, the term "commercial trucks, vans, tractortrailers or trailers" means any truck or van having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or more, truck-tractor, tractor-trailer or non-utility trailer that is owned, leased or operated for commercial purposes and bears some indicia (whether by way of a sign, logo, color scheme or distinctive markings) that it is owned, leased or

operated for commercial purposes, including any such vehicle that is owned, leased to or operated by the Owner of a Lot in the Addition.

Section 8. Minimum Ceiling Heights; Permitted Roofing Materials. Any dwelling constructed on a Lot in the Addition must have a first-floor ceiling height of not less than nine feet (9'), and the upper floor of any story and one-half or two-story dwelling must have a ceiling height of not less than either feet (8'). Only architectural grade composition shingles or comparable roofing materials approved by the Committee may be used on any dwelling or other structure constructed on any Lot in the Addition.

<u>Section 9. Temporary Structures.</u> No structures of a temporary character, mobile home, manufactured home, trailer, tent, garage or other outbuilding or accessory building shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently.

Section 10. New Construction Only. No existing or used dwelling or other structure shall be moved onto or placed on any Lot in the Addition from another location, and all dwellings and other structures must be of new construction. No modular, manufactured, or mobile homes shall be located on any Lot in the Addition. The term "modular home" shall, for the purposes hereof, mean and refer to a prefabricated home which is constructed in a number of parts or sections off the Lot and then brought upon the Lot to be assembled.

<u>Section 11. Signs.</u> No sign of any kind shall be displayed to public view on any Lot in the Addition, except one (1) sign of not more than five feet (5') square advertising a property for sale or rent or used by Declarant or a Builder to advertise the property during the construction phase or sales period, or one (1) sign of the same size restrictions only on the day(s) of a garage sale.

<u>Section 12. Oil and Mining Operations.</u> No gas or oil drilling, gas or oil development operations, oil refining or storage, quarrying or mining operations, or like activities or any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot; nor shall any wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon any Lot; nor shall any derrick or other structure or machinery designed for use in boring or drilling for gas or oil be erected, maintained or permitted on any Lot.

Section 13. Antennas. No antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of "ham radio", citizen's band or short wave radio signals be permitted on any Lot. Except as provided below in this Section, no antenna of any type, including, but not limited to, a dish-type satellite signal receiver, shall be erected on any Lot until Plans for the installation and locations of such antenna have been submitted to and approved by the Committee in the same manner as for the construction of a residence and other improvements on a Lot, without the prior submission to and approval by the Committee of Plans for its installation and location, a dish-type satellite signal receiver *not* exceeding twenty-four inches (24") in diameter may be installed on the rear of the dwelling or other structure on a Lot, provided that it is not visible from the street located in front or at the side of a Lot. Except as provided in the preceding sentence of this Section, the Committee, in its absolute discretion, shall have the right to absolutely refuse the approval of the placement of any such dish-type receiver on any Lot in the Addition.

Section 14. Livestock, Poultry and Household Pets. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot in the Addition, except that dogs, cats and other household pets, not to exceed a total of two (2) in number for any residence, may be kept provided (i) they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial or breeding purposes, (ii) they do not become a nuisance, and (iii) they are not allowed to roam or wander unattended in the Addition.

Section 15. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, refuse or other waste materials. Trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in a sanitary closed containers pending collection thereof; and garbage cans and other receptacles shall (except when placed on a private drive for regular collection purposes) be hidden or screened from public view. No Lot shall be used for the open storage of any materials whatsoever, except for materials used or to be used in the construction of improvements upon any Lot, and then only for so long as such construction progresses. Upon completion of the improvements, any remaining materials, together with all rubble, rubbish, trash and debris shall be promptly removed from such Lot.

Section 16. Yard Landscaping. The front yard, side yards and rear yard of a Lot must be planted with grass and landscaped in a manner acceptable to the Committee (including approximately 500 dollar value of decorative plants) before any dwelling constructed on the Lot may be occupied as a residence. Prior to the occupancy of a residence constructed on any Lot in the Addition and at all times thereafter, there must be at least two (2) living shade trees in the front yard. Each shade tree shall be an existing tree or newly planted trees at least ten feet (10') in height and at least two inches (2") caliper measured eighteen inches (18") from the ground. Newly planted trees must be palms, oaks, elms, sycamores or other similar native shade tree species, or such other trees (whether or not native to the area) as shall be approved, from time to time, by the Committee.

Section 17. No Construction on Less Than a Platted Lot. No dwelling shall be constructed on a building site consisting of less than one (1) platted Lot. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the construction of a dwelling on a building site consisting of more than one (1) full platted Lot, such as a building site consisting of two (2) platted Lots or one (1) platted Lot and a portion of an adjacent platted Lot, provided that, in the case of a "lot split" any replatting required by the City of Lumberton Subdivision Regulations is accomplished prior to the commencement of construction on the composite building site. Any such composite building site, if same meets all of the foregoing requirements, shall be deemed to constitute a single "Lot" under the terms and provisions of this Declaration. "No replatting of any lots or other areas in the Addition shall be permitted without the prior written consent of Declarant, which consent may be withheld by Declarant in its sole discretion."

<u>Section 18. Exterior Christmas Lights.</u> No exterior Christmas lights or Christmas decorations shall be erected, placed, installed or displayed on any Lot into the Addition between February 1 and October 31 of any calendar year. Whether exterior lights or decorations constitute "Christmas lights" or "Christmas decorations" shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

<u>Section 19. Garage Door Openers.</u> Any garage located on any Lot in the Addition having an entrance facing a street must be equipped with an electronic automatic

garage door opener. Each Owner required to install such a garage door opener shall maintain, repair and (as needed) replace same so that the garage door opener is at all times in good working order and repair. "All garages, regardless of the direction in which the entrance faces, must be enclosed and must have a door which closes the vehicle entrance as well."

Section 20. Minimum Set Back Lines. No dwelling structure, including attached or detached garage or other accessory building, shall be located nearer to the front Lot line or rear Lot line or side Lot line than the building set back lines shown on the recorded plat or plats of the Addition. Except as provided in section 21 below. The Committee shall determine in which direction a dwelling shall face on a Lot.

<u>Section 21. Minimum Interior Line Setback.</u> No dwelling shall be located nearer than seven feet six inches (7'6") to any interior Lot line, in any event.

Section 22. Minimum Square-footages. No dwelling shall be permitted on any Lot in which the living floor area (inclusive of enclosed utility and storage rooms, but exclusive of garages and open porches, patios or courtyards) is less than one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet; nor shall any story and one-half, two-story or two and one-half story dwelling be permitted on any Lot in which such living floor area of the first or ground floor is less than one thousand (1,000) square feet. No taller structures shall be permitted on any Lot.

Section 23. Fences, Walls, Etc. No fence or wall structure or other improvements (including, without limitation, a swimming pool, tennis court or other recreational facility) shall be constructed, erected, placed, altered or permitted on any Lot except as approved by the Committee in accordance with the earlier provisions of this Declaration. No privacy fence or like screening device shall be located nearer to the front Lot line than the front of the dwelling, nor, if on a corner Lot, shall any privacy fence or like screening device be located nearer to the street-side Lot line than the side of the dwelling. A fence eight feet (8') in height must be erected out of wood, concrete, brick, or any other material approved by the committee before the Lot is occupied as a residence. No hedge, tree or other planting shall be permitted on any corner Lot which obstructs lines of sight at elevations of between two feet (2') and six feet (6') above the adjacent private drives within the triangular area formed by the street-side property lines of the Lot and a line connecting them at points twenty-five feet (25') from the intersection of the street-side property lines of such Lot. No tree shall be permitted to remain within such triangular area unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such lines of sight. All fences adjacent to and along the pond area must be at least five (5) feet in height and must be constructed of wrought iron, with openings narrow enough to prevent a child from passing from the Owner's yard to the pond area; further, any gates in such fence must be of the same construction, and must be locking gates with gate alarms."

Section 24. Utility Service and Meters: Mechanical Equipment Screening. All utility service lines between meter points and dedicated utility easements shall be underground. Meters for utilities shall not be visible from any private drive in the Addition. Air conditioning compressors and other external mechanical equipment must be screened from view from the private drives in the Addition in a manner acceptable to the Committee. All residences shall use natural gas for central heating as well as water heating at a minimum. Any Owner who fails to use natural gas shall pay to Declarant

the sum of \$1,500.00 in order to satisfy Declarants contractual obligations owed to the natural gas provider.

Section 25. Sidewalk Requirements. Prior to the first occupancy of a dwelling constructed on any Lot in the Addition, there must be constructed and completed (in accordance with the "Sidewalk Construction Guidelines" promulgated by the Committee) a sidewalk along each street-side Lot line. The required sidewalk (s) shall be constructed of reinforced concrete, with a minimum thickness of four inches (4") and with expansion joints spaced at intervals of not more than four feet (4') each, and shall be located four feet (4') from the curb line of each street abutting the Lot.

Section 26. Slab elevation. All slab elevations shall be measured from the top of curb at the street which the lot faces, at a point halfway between the lot line on one side and the lot line on the other side of the lot in question. Each house top of slap elevation shall be a minimum of two feet (2') above such curb height, and a maximum of four feet (4') above such curb height.

Section 27. Conflict Between Ordinances and Restrictions. In the event of any conflict between the restrictions contained in this Declaration and any ordinances, laws, rules or regulations of municipal or other governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Addition or the construction of improvements therein, then such ordinances, laws, rules and regulations shall control; except, however, that if the restrictions contained herein are in any respect more restrictive than such ordinances, laws, rules or regulations, then the restrictions contained herein shall control.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

## **Enforcement Of Covenants.**

Section 1. Enforcement. In the event of any violation or breach, or attempted violation or breach, of any of the terms or provisions of this Declaration, Declarant, the Association or any Lot Owner shall be authorized to enforce the terms, covenants and restrictions hereof by any proceedings at law or in equity against the person (s) violating or breaching, or attempting to violate or breach, the same, including actions for prohibitive or mandatory injunctive relief; and it shall not be a prerequisite to the granting of any such injunctive relief that there be any showing that irreparable damage or harm will result if such injunctive relief is not granted. Additionally, any person or entity entitled to enforce the terms, covenants or restrictions of this Declaration may recover such damages, both actual and punitive, as such party may show that he or it is entitled to by reason of any such violation or breach. In any action for enforcement of the terms, covenants or restrictions hereof, whether for injunctive relief or damages, if the party prosecuting such action is successful, he or it shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any damages awarded, reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of court.

<u>Section 2. Forbearance Not a Waiver.</u> The forbearance of enforcement of any restriction herein contained for any violation or proposed or attempted violation of any restriction herein contained shall not constitute a waiver of the right of Declarant, the Association or any Owner to thereafter enforce such restriction as to any subsequent violation or proposed or attempted violation.

Section 3. Time for Enforcement. Any action for enforcement of the restrictions or

other covenants contained herein shall be commenced promptly, and within one (1) year after such violation, or attempted violation, began or first occurred, and not thereafter.

#### ARTICLE X

#### and Amendment of Covenants.Term

Section 1. Term of Covenants. The covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be binding for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of this Declaration. Upon the expiration of such twenty (20) year period, such covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each.

- (a) During the initial twenty (20) year period, any such amendment or termination shall be effected only by a written instrument signed by the Owners of not less than eighty percent (80%) of the Lots in the Addition and duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas.
- (b) At any time after the initial twenty (20) year period, any such amendment or termination shall be effected only by a written instrument signed by the Owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots in the Addition and duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Texas.

For the purposes of calculating the foregoing respective percentages of Lots in the Addition, there shall be taken into account not only the Lots in Woosley Palms, Phase I, but also any additional Lots brought within the scope and coverage of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to the provisions of Article II of this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE XI

## Severablitlity.

Section 1. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Declaration, or any portion thereof, shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable by judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provision, or part of a provision, hereof, and all remaining provisions, or parts of provisions, shall remain valid and in full force and effect in accordance herewith.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

## Joinder of Lienholder.

<u>Section 1. Lienholder Joinder.</u>	<u>Declarant's Lender</u>	("Lienholder"),
being the holder of a lien or liens on the	Existing Property, joins wit	h Declarant in the
execution of this Declaration for the pur	poses of (a) consenting to a	and adopting the plat
of the addition; (b) consenting to the gra	ant or dedication by Declara	int of all easements

shown and reflected upon the Plat of the Addition, together with all other easements granted or reserved by Declarant in this Declaration; (c) subordinating its lien to all of the aforementioned easements and easement rights; and (d) subordinating its lien to the restrictions, covenants and conditions imposed by Declarant upon the Addition by this Declaration. However, Lienholder joins herein solely and only as a lien holder and only for the purposes set forth above in this paragraph and it does not assume any of the liabilities, duties, covenants, warranties or obligations of Declarant, or Declarant's successors or assigns, nor does it make any warranties, representations or guaranties, whether express or implied, with respect to any undertaking, covenant, warranty or representation on the part of Declarant, or Declarant's successors or assigns.

	Declarant:
	King Homes, Inc.
	Ву:
	By: Chuck King, President
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARDIN	
	owledged before me by Chuck King, President of King ration, at the act and deed of said corporation on this
	Notary Public, State of Texas
	Declarant's Lender
	By:
	Typed or Printed name Title:
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF	
This instrument was acknow	wledged before me by, the, on behalf of such organization on the
day of, 2008.	
	Notary Public, State of Texas
After recording return to: King Homes, Inc.	

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