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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FAIRMONT TOWNHOUSES

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by NORMAN ENTERPRISES, INC., a Texas corporation, hereinafter referred to as " Declarant".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in the City of Pasadena, County of Harris, State of Texas, known as FAIRMONT TOWNHOUSES, Section One, and which is more particularly described as:

Lot 82 and 91 of Highland Acres as recorded in Volume 10, Page 9, Harris County Deed Records, a subdivision of H.T. and B.R.R. Co. Survey, Section 3, Abstract 389, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows to wit;

BEGINNING at a 5/8 inch iron pin for a corner 990 feet south of the intersection of the east right-of-way line of Young Street and the south right-of-way line of Snoddon Avenue, said corner being the northwest corner of Lot 82 described herein;

Thence east 660 feet to a 5/8 inch iron pin for the northeast corner of Lot 82.

THENCE, south a distance of 660 feet past southeast corner of Lot 82 and the northeast corner of Lot 91 at 330 feet to a 5/8 inch iron pin for the southeast corner of Lot 91.

THENCE, west 660 feet to a 5/8 inch iron pin for the southwest corner of Lot 91 in the east line of Young Street.

THENCE, north along the east line of Young Street past northwest corner of Lot 91 and the southwest corner of Lot 82 at 330 feet to the place of beginning.

Said tract of land being known as Fairmont Townhouses, Section One, as recorded in Volume 182, Page 80 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas and, accordingly, said map is referred to hereinafter as "said Plat".

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County Clerk, Harris County, Texas

NOW THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the properties described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

- SECTION 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to FAIRMONT TOWNHOUSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, its successors and assigns.
- SECTION 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.
- SECTION 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.
- SECTION 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the owners. The Common Area to be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first Lot is described as follows:

All land contained in Fairmont Townhouses, Section One, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 182, Page 80, of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.

SAVE and EXCEPT all lots designated by lot numbers and buildings numbered One (1) through One Hundred (100), but

SUBJECT TO all easements shown on said Plat and the regulation of the City of Pasadena, Texas, of private streets and driveways;

Together with all improvements situated thereon, including a clubhouse, one swimming pool, playground, carports, paving of all private streets, driveways, and parking areas, master water meter and water distribution system, and sanitary sewer collection system.

- SECTION 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any of the 100 numbered plots of land shown upon the recorded subdivision map or plat of the Properties.
- SECTION 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to NORMAN ENTERPRISES, INC., a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY RIGHTS

<u>SECTION 1. Owner's Easements of Enjoyment.</u> Every owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass, with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees

for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;

(b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational or other facilities owned or operated by the Association, excluding domestic water, by an owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

(c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members,

agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been recorded.

(d) the right of individual owners to the exclusive use of parking spaces as provided in this article.

(e) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of owners.

(f) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities and in aid thereof to mortgage said property. The rights of any such mortgagee in said properties. The rights of any such mortgagee in said properties shall be subordinate to the rights of the owners hereunder;

<u>SECTION 2.</u> <u>Delegation of Use.</u> Any owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

SECTION 3. Parking Rights. In the event a dwelling is on a Lot which is not designed for on-site parking of automobile(s) and parking is provided in the Common Area, then ownership of each Lot shall entitle the owner or owners thereof to the use of not more than two (2) automobile parking spaces, which shall, be as near and convenient to said Lot as reasonably possible, together with the right of ingress and egress in and upon said parking area. The Association shall permanently assign two (2) automobile parking spaces for each such Lot.

The use of all other parking areas situated in the Common Area shall be subject to the exclusive control and management of the Board of Directors of the Association, including the assignment of areas where boats, trailers, etc., may or may not be parked or stored.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

<u>SECTION 1</u>. Every owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

SECTION 2. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

- CLASS A. Class A members shall be; all OWNERS with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
- CLASS B. The Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:
 - (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A member equal the total votes out-standing in the Class B membership or
 - (b) on the third anniversary date of this Declaration

ARTICLE IV

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

- SECTION 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments together with interests, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of 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 assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Properties; domestic water and sanitary sewer service for the residents and Common Area; for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area, and of the homes situated upon the Properties.
- SECTION 3. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until January 1 of the year, immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$360.00) per Lot.
 - (a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased each year not more than 5% (such percentage increase may be cumulative from year to year)above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.
 - (b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above 5% by the vote or written assent of 66 2/3% of each class of members.

- (c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.
- SECTION 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, PROVIDED THAT any such assessment shall have the vote or written assent of 66 2/3% of each class of members.
- SECTION 5. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 or 4 shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of 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 than 60 days following the preceding meeting.
- SECTION 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis. Annual assessments shall be made for Lots with completed houses not owned by the Declarant, Lots with completed houses under construction and for vacant Lots. Lots with completed houses owned by the Declarant and that are unoccupied shall be assessed at 66 2/3% of the assessment for Lots with completed houses and owned by parties other than the Declarant; Lots with houses under construction shall be assessed at 40% of the assessment for Lots with completed houses; and vacant Lots shall be assessed at 33 1/3 % of the assessment for Lots with completed houses.
- SECTION 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month more than thirty (30) days following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, 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 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of 6 % per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property. Each such Owner, by his acceptance of a deed to a Lot, hereby expressly vests in the Association, or its agents, the right and power to bring all actions against Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and to enforce the aforesaid lien by all methods available for the enforcement of such liens, including judicial foreclosure by an action brought in the name of the Association in a like manner as a mortgage or deed of trust lien on real property, and such Owner hereby expressly grants to the Association a power of sale in connection with said lien. The

lien provided for in this section shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other Lot Owners. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

SECTION 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

SECTION 10. Exempt Property. Il properties dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Texas shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

SECTION 11. Insurance.

- (a) The Board of Directors of the Association shall obtain and continue in effect blanket property insurance to insure the buildings and structures in the Common Areas and the Association against risks or loss or damage by fire and other hazards as are covered under standard extended coverage provisions, and said insurance may include coverage against vandalism.
- (b) The Board of Directors of the Association shall obtain comprehensive public liability insurance in such limits as it shall deem desirable, insuring the Association, its Board of Directors, agents and employees, and each Owner, from and against liability in connection with the Common Areas.
- (c) Each Owner shall be responsible at his own expense and cost for his own personal insurance on the building and contents of his own residence, car-port or parking space and his additions and improvements thereto, including decorations, furnishings and personal property therein, and his personal property stored elsewhere on the Properties; and for his personal liability not covered by liability insurance for all Owners obtained as a part of the common expense.
- (d) All costs, charges and premiums for all insurance that the Board of Directors authorized as provided herein shall be a common expense of all Owners and be a part of the maintenance assessment.

SECTION 12. Water and Sanitary Sewer Fund. Any charges collected by the Association for water and sewage service shall be maintained in a separate fund and shall not be commingled with any other assessment fund, and such water or sewer funds shall not be directed to any use other than expense of such water or sewer services.

ARTICLE V

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said Board, or its designated committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

ARTICLE VI

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

In addition to maintenance upon the Common Area, the Association shall provide exterior maintenance upon each Lot which is subject to assessment hereunder as follows: paint, repair, replace (but not in the event of fire, or other casualty loss normally covered by insurance on the premises) and care for roofs, gutters and downspouts, (if any), exterior building surfaces, fences, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, and other exterior improvements. Such exterior maintenance shall not include: glass surfaces, enclosed patio areas (if any), window and door fixtures and hardware, landscaping installed by Owner (if any), exterior light fixtures operated from a residence, air conditioning equipment, utility company meters, circuit breakers and switch panels, sanitary sewer, gas and electric power service lines, nor any work or thing specifically defined as Owner's maintenance in Article VIII. Section 12.

In the event that the need for maintenance or repair is caused through the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his family, or guests, or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

In the event an Owner is responsible for certain exterior maintenance as set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Association and such Owner shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the Association, after approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said Lot and to repair, maintain, and restore the Lot and any improvements erected thereon. The cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

ARTICLE VII

PARTY WALLS

SECTION 1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall which is built as a part of the original construction of the homes upon the Properties and placed on the dividing line between the Lots shall constitute a party wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

- SECTION 2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.
- SECTION 3. Destruction by Fire of Other Casualty. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
- SECTION 4. Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, an Owner who by his negligent or willful act causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.
- <u>SECTION 5.</u> Right to Contribution Runs with Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.
- SECTION 6. Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Article, each party shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator, and the decision shall be by a majority of all the arbitrators. Should any party refuse to choose an arbitrator within ten (10) days after written request therefore, the Board of Directors of the Association shall select an arbitrator for the refusing party.

ARTICLE VIII

USE RESTRICTIONS

The Lots and the Common Area shall be occupied and used as follows:

- SECTION 1. Residential Use. No Owner shall occupy or use his Lot or building thereon, or permit the same or any part thereof to be occupied or used for any purpose other than as a private residence for the Owner, his family, guests and tenants.
- SECTION 2. Obstruction of Common Area. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Area. Nothing shall be stored in the Common Area without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 3. Insurance. Nothing shall be done or kept in the Common Area which will increase the rate of insurance on the Common Area, without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in the Common Area which will result in the cancellation of insurance on any part of the Common Area, or which would be in violation of any law. No waste will be committed in the Common Area.
- SECTION 4. Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, or the Common Area, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the other Owners. No boat, trailer or truck shall be parked or stored in front of any dwelling unit for more than 48 hours. No repair work, dismantling or assembling of motor vehicles or any other machinery or equipment shall be permitted in any street, driveway or yard adjacent to a street, or in the Common.

- SECTION 5. Temporary Structures. No structures of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, barn, servants quarters or other out buildings shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently; nor shall any used residence or other used structure be moved onto any Lot. During the construction and sales period of the initial dwelling units the builder may erect and maintain such structures as is customary in connection with such construction and sale of such property, including, but without limitation, a business office, storage areas, construction yards, signs model units and sales offices.
- SECTION 6. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to public view on any Lot or building except one sign of not more than five (5) square feet in area advertising the merits of the property for sale or rent. During the construction and initial sales period of the dwelling units the builder may use other signs and displays to advertise the merits of the property for sale or rent.
- SECTION 7. Oil and Mining Operations. No gas or oil drilling, gas or oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or in any Lot.
- SECTION 8. Livestock and Poultry. 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 a total of two (2) pets, may be kept provided that they shall not become a nuisance and are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes.
- SECTION 9. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall be kept screened by adequate planting or fencing so as to conceal them from public view. There is reserved in favor of the Association the determination of the method of garbage disposal, that is, whether it shall be through public authority or through private garbage disposal contractor(s). All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in clean and sanitary condition.
- SECTION 10. Sewage Treatment. No sewage treatment system shall be permitted on any Lot.
- SECTION 11. Use of Common Area. Except in the individual patio areas appurtenant to a residence, no planting or gardening shall be done, and no fences, hedges or wall shall be erected or maintained upon said Property except such as are installed in accordance with the initial construction of the buildings located thereon or as approved by the Association's Board of Directors or their designated architectural committee. Except for the right of ingress and egress and the right and easement of enjoyment as defined herein, the Owners are hereby prohibited and restricted from using any of said Property outside the exterior Property lines of each Lot, except as may be allowed by the Association's Board of Directors. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed by all parties concerned that this paragraph is for the mutual benefit of all Owners of the Properties, and any additions thereto, and is necessary for the protection of said Owners. Maintenance, upkeep and repairs of any patio area shall be the sole responsibility of the individual Owner and not in any manner the responsibility of the Association, except as provided in Article VI. Any cooperative action necessary or appropriate to the proper maintenance and upkeep of the Common Area and all exteriors and roofs of the residences, including but not limited to recreation and parking areas and walks, shall be taken by the Board of Directors or by its duly delegated representative.

SECTION 12. Owner's Maintenance. The Owner shall maintain and keep in repair the following equipment and lines located outside the residence: air conditioning compressor condenser, including pipes and electrical lines connecting same to the residence, sanitary sewer line connecting the residence to the sanitary sewer collection system, electric power service conductors from the exterior of the building to the point of connecting to the electric utility company's junction box or transformer, electric circuit breakers, any portion of natural gas, and/or telephone service lines located on the Lot but not maintained by the gas and/or telephone companies.

An owner shall do no act nor any work that will impair the structural soundness or integrity of another residence or impair any easement or hereditament, nor do any act nor allow any condition to exist which will adversely affect the other residences or their Owners.

SECTION 13. <u>Outside Antennas</u>. Without prior written approval of the Board of Directors, no exterior television or radio antennas of any sort shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the improvements to be located upon the Property, nor upon any structure situated upon the Property other than an aerial for a master antenna system, should any such master system or systems be utilized and require any such exterior antenna.

SECTION 14. Non-Discrimination. No action shall at any time be taken by the Association or its Board of Directors which in any manner would discriminate against any Owner or Owners in favor of the other Owners.

ARTICLE IX

EASEMENTS

SECTION 1. Construction. Each Lot and the property included in the Common Area shall be subject to an easement for encroachments created by construction, settling and overhangs, as designed or constructed by the Declarant. A valid easement for said encroachments and for the maintenance of same, so long as it stands, shall and does exist. In the event the structure containing two or more residences is partially or totally destroyed, and then rebuilt, the Owners so affected agree that minor encroachments of parts of the adjacent residential units on Common Areas due to construction shall be permitted and that a valid easement for said encroachment and maintenance thereof shall exist.

SECTION 2. Utility, Emergency and Association. There is hereby created a blanket easement upon, across, over and under all of said property for ingress, egress, installation, replacing, repairing and maintaining all utilities, including by not limited to water, sewers, gas, telephones and electricity, and a master television antenna system. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible for the providing electrical and/or telephone company to erect and maintain the necessary poles and other necessary equipment on said property and to affix and maintain electrical and/or telephone wires, circuits and conduits on, above, across and under the roofs and exterior walls of said residences. An easement is further granted to all police, fire protection, ambulance, garbage and trash collector pick-up vehicles and all similar persons to enter upon the Common Area in the performance of their duties. Further, an easement is hereby granted to the Association, its officers, agents, employees, and to any management company selected by the Association to enter in or to cross over the Common Area and any Lot to perform the duties of maintenance and repair of the residence or Common Area provided for herein. Notwithstanding

anything to the contrary contained in this paragraph, no sewers, electrical lines, water lines, or other utilities may be installed or relocated on said Property except as initially programmed and approved by the Declarant or thereafter approved by Declarant or the Associations Board of Directors. Should any utility furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, Declarant shall have the right to grant such easement of said Property without conflicting with the terms hereof. The easements provided for in this Article shall in no way affect any other recorded easement on said premises.

SECTION 3. Underground Utility Services.

- An underground electric distribution (a) Underground Electric Service. system will be installed to Lots. The Owner of each Lot, at his own cost, shall furnish, install, own and maintain (all in accordance with the requirements of local governing authorities and the National Electrical Code) the underground service cable and appurtenances from the point of the electric company's metering on customer's structure to the point of attachment at such company's installed transformers or energized secondary junction boxes, such point of attachment to be made available by the electric company at a point designated by such company at the property line of each Lot. The electric company furnishing service shall make the necessary connections at said point of attachment and at the meter. In addition the Owner of each Lot shall, at his own cost, furnish, install, own and maintain a meter loop (in accordance with the then current standards and specifications of the electric company furnishing service) for the location and installation of the meter of such electric company for the residence constructed on such Owner's Lot. For so long as underground service is maintained, the electric service to each Lot shall be uniform in character and exclusively of the type known as single phase, 120/240 volt, three wire, 60 cycle, alternating current.
- (b) <u>Telephone Service</u>. Telephone service shall be available to each Lot and Common Area. Service between the telephone company's main lines and an individual residence shall be by way of underground conduit. Such conduit system shall be owned and maintained by the Owner, but all service wires therein shall be installed, owned and maintained by the telephone utility.
- (c) Water Service. Water service shall be provided to each Lot by way of a water distribution system owned by the Association and connected by means of master meters to City of Pasadena mains. The distribution system between the six inch gate valve at the City of Pasadena mains and the curb stop at each residence shall be the property of the Association and shall be operated and maintained by the Association.
- (d) <u>Sanitary Sewer Service</u>. Sanitary sewer service shall be provided to each Lot by means of a sanitary sewer collections system owned by the Association, which sanitary sewer collection system shall be connected to City of Pasadena sanitary sewer system for final treatment. That portion of the sanitary sewer service line from the point that it connects to the collection system owned by the Association to and throughout the residence shall be owned and maintained by the Owner.

- (e) <u>Underground Natural Gas Service</u>. Underground Natural Gas Service shall be available to each Lot and Common Area. Metering equipment may be located on the exterior wall, or in the yard, of a residence, at a point to be designated by Gas Utility Company. Service between the meter and the main shall be by way of underground pipe constructed, owned and maintained by the Gas Utility Company. The Utility Company furnishing such service shall have an easement of up to five (5) feet in width, centered on the underground pipe installed between its main and the meter serving a residence. Service from the meter to the interior of a residence shall be by way of privately constructed line which may be exposed on the exterior wall of the residence to the point that it enters the structure. (If the meter is located in the yard of a residence, this service shall be by privately constructed underground line from the meter to the point that the pipe penetrates the exterior wall of a residence.) That portion of the line between the meter and the point that it penetrates the exterior wall of a residence shall be owned and maintained by the Owner.
- (f) <u>Use of Easements</u>. Easements for underground utility services may be crossed by driveways and walkways provided the Declarant or Builder makes prior arrangements with the Utility furnishing service. Such easements for underground services shall be kept clear of all other improvements, including buildings, patios, or other pavings, other than crossing walkways or driveways, and neither Declarant nor any utility company using the easements shall be liable for any damage done by either of them or their assigns, their agents, employees, or servants, to shrubbery, trees, flowers, or other improvements of the Owner located on the land covered by said easements.

ARTICLE X

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- <u>SECTION 1</u>. <u>Enforcement.</u> The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- SECTION 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 3. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than ninety (90%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five (75%) of the Lot Owners. Any amendment must be recorded in the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas.

SECTION 4. Annexation.

- (a) Additional residential property and Common Area may be annexed to the Properties with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members.
- (b) Additional land within the area as recorded in Volume 10, Page 59 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas, may be annexed by the Declarant without the consent of other members within three (3) years of the date of recording of this instrument provided, that the Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Administration determine that the annexation is in accord with the general plan heretofore approved by them.

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<u>SECTION 5.</u> <u>FHA / VA Approval.</u> As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: Annexation of additional properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto sets its hand and seal the 7th day of April, 1972.

NORMAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

SIGNED
J. S. Norman, Jr., President
NOTARIZED 4/7/72

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Notary Signatures from:

Fannin Bank Senior Vice-President

Fay M. Hooker Harris County Texas