# Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens of The Woodlands

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#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, CHARGES AND LIENS OF THE WOODLANDS

#### RECITALS

The Woodlands Corporation ("TWC") is developing a new community known as The Woodlands a comprehensively planned real estate development, opened in 1974, affording well-planned residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, open space and institutional buildings, facilities and areas. The Woodlands is currently projected to encompass a tract of land containing in excess of 25,000 acres located principally in Montgomery County, Texas. The final size and boundary of The Woodlands is subject to the discretion of TWC. Nothing contained in these Covenants shall be construed to represent or limit the final size, configuration or location of The Woodlands, nor shall it constitute or be construed as a representation as to what land or lands will or will not be subjected to the terms of these Covenants.

Portions of The Woodlands have been developed and made subject to the terms of restrictive covenants like those recorded at Volume 841, Page 297 et seq. of the Deeds Records of Montgomery County, Texas (the "WCA Covenants"), which create The Woodlands Community Association, Inc. as the community association representing the residents and property owners in the area subject to the WCA Covenants.

TWC desires to impose a new, different and revised set of restrictive covenants on certain portions of The Woodlands developed after August 23, 1992. The Woodlands Association, Inc. ("TWA") has been formed by TWC as a non-profit community association to serve as the representative of the residents and property owners of lands made subject to these new, different and revised restrictive covenants, with respect to the assessment, collection and application of all charges imposed hereunder, the enforcement of all covenants, restrictions and liens contained herein or created hereby, and the creation, operation, management and maintenance of the facilities and services referred to herein. This instrument (the "Covenants") is the Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens of The Woodlands referred to in the Articles of Incorporation of TWA.

TWC encumbers the lands described in attached Exhibit A to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens imposed hereby in order to:

- (i) establish, impose and create a uniform plan and scheme of development for the Property,
- (ii) provide funds for the uses specified in Article IV below,
- (iii) grant rights and privileges relating to the use of certain facilities, subject to the conditions specified, and
- (iv) impose land use and design control criteria for the development of the Property.

TWC intends to cause the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other provisions contained in these Covenants to burden, affect, bind and run with title to the lands encumbered by these Covenants, including the lands described in Exhibit A attached to these covenants and incorporated herein by reference (the "Property") and the lands annexed by TWC to the Property in the manner permitted by Article VI below, so as to cause the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens herein set forth to be binding upon such land and those residing on or owning an interest therein, and to inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Owners, TWA, TWC and their successors and assigns.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That TWC, upon the recording hereof, does hereby adopt, establish and impose the following covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens to apply to the use, improvement, occupancy and conveyance of the Property. Each contract, deed, lease or other conveyance which may be hereafter executed with regard to any portion of the Property shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered and accepted subject to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens set forth in this Declaration, and same shall run with the land and be binding upon all successive owners thereof regardless of whether or not the following covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens are set out in full or incorporated by reference in said conveyance.

## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- **Section 1.01:** "Annual Assessment" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03 B of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.02:** "Assessable Tract" means the fee estate in the surface of and aerial rights above any separately owned or described portion of the Property, except such part or parts thereof as may from time to time constitute "Exempt Property", as hereinafter defined.
- **Section 1.03:** "Assessed Valuation" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03 D of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.04:** "Assessment Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03 B of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.05:** "Base Valuation" means \$400,000 for 1994 Annual Assessments. The Base Valuation will increase each succeeding year by a percentage of the prior year's Base Valuation equal to the percentage increase (if any) in the CPI for the twelve month period ending on July 31 of the year during which the Annual Assessment is being determined and assessed by the Board.
- **Section 1.06:** "Board" means the Board of Directors of TWA.
- **Section 1.07:** "Covenants" means these Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens, as the same may from time to time be supplemented or amended in the manner provided herein.
- \*\*CPI" means the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, 1982-1984 equals 100, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics ceases to publish said index, then CPI shall mean such other index as the Board shall select which in its judgment reflects the range of economic factors represented in the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items.
- **Section 1.09:** "Deed" means a deed, assignment, easement, lease or other instrument conveying legal title to any portion of or interest in the Property.
- **Section 1.10:** "Development Review Committee" (herein referred to as "DRC") has the meaning specified in Article IX of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.11:** "Easement Area" has the meaning specified in Section 11.02 of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.12:** "Exempt Property" means the following portions or parts of the Property:
  - A. all land and Taxable Improvements (as defined below) owned by the United States, the State of Texas or any political subdivision, instrumentality or agency of any such entity,

- B. all land and Taxable Improvements owned by TWA for so long as TWA shall be the owner thereof, and
- C. all land and Taxable Improvements exempt from both county and the State of Texas real property taxes by virtue of applicable law.
- **Section 1.13:** "Improvement" means any physical change to a Tract or any Structure or improvement thereon, including by way of example, landscaping, grading, or changing the size, shape or appearance of a Structure or other improvement.
- **Section 1.14:** "Member" means any person or entity who is an Owner or a Resident. There are two classes of Members as described in Section 7.01 of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.15:** "Owner" means every person or entity who holds:
  - A. a fee, leasehold or easement interest in or to any Tract,
  - B. a fee or leasehold title to a condominium unit located on any portion of the Property, or
  - C. any share, membership or other interest in any cooperative or other entity organized and operated for the purpose of providing residential dwelling to its shareholders, members or other beneficiaries, which share, membership or other interest entitles the owner thereof to possession of a residential dwelling unit within the Property,

whether or not such person or entity actually resides on any part of the Property. "Owner" includes contract sellers, but excludes those owning an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

#### **Section 1.16:** "Property" means:

- A. All land described in Exhibit A attached to and incorporated in these Covenants for all purposes, together with all existing or subsequent Structures or improvements thereon, and any unit in a condominium located on any portion of the land described in this paragraph, and
- B. from and after the date of such annexation, each parcel of land which has been added to the land subject to these Covenants pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 hereof, together with all existing or subsequent Structures or improvements thereon, and any unit in a condominium located on any portion of the land described in this paragraph.
- **Section 1.17:** "**Resident**" means each person domiciled on any part of the Property.

#### **Section 1.18:** "Structure" means:

A. any man-made thing or device, including but not limited to any building, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse, bathhouse, cabana, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, play apparatus, clothesline, fence, curbing, paving, wall, sign, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent structure or improvement, and

- B. any excavation, fill, ditch, diversion dam or other thing or device which changes the grade of any Tract more than six (6) inches from that existing at the time of purchase by the Owner, or which affects or alters natural drainage flows or the flow of any waters in any natural or artificial stream, wash or drainage channel.
- **Section 1.19:** "Successor Entity" has the meaning given in Section 19.03 of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.20:** "Taxable Improvements" means all buildings, structures and other matters and things which, at the time of assessment pursuant to Article II of these Covenants, are defined as real property under applicable law for purposes of ad-valorem taxation by the State of Texas or the county in which same are located.
- **Section 1.21:** "The Woodlands" means a comprehensively planned real estate development by The Woodlands Corporation, opened in 1974, affording well-planned residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, open space and institutional buildings, facilities and areas. The Woodlands is currently projected to encompass a tract of land containing in excess of 25,000 acres located principally in Montgomery County, Texas. The final size and boundary of The Woodlands is subject to the discretion of TWC. Nothing contained in these Covenants shall be construed to represent or limit the final size, configuration or location of The Woodlands, nor shall it constitute or be construed as a representation as to what land or lands will or will not be subjected to the terms of the Covenants.
- **Section 1.22:** "Tract" means any portion of the Property which has been subdivided by plat, condominium declaration or survey description recorded in the Real Property Records of the county in which such land is located.
- **Section 1.23:** "TWA" means The Woodlands Association, Inc. and any Successor Entity, as defined in Section 19.03 of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.24:** "TWA Covenant Lien" has the meaning given in Section 3.02 of these Covenants.
- **Section 1.25:** "TWC" means The Woodlands Corporation, any entity succeeding to the corporate powers of The Woodlands Corporation by merger, acquisition or otherwise, or an assignee of The Woodlands Corporation who is specifically assigned the rights, duties and obligations of The Woodlands Corporation under these Covenants.
- **Section 1.26:** "Village" means a neighborhood area within The Woodlands designated as such by TWC for, among other purposes, the election of local Residential Design Review Committees (as provided for by Section 9.02 of these Covenants), and the election of area delegates to the Board (as provided for by Section 7.03 of these Covenants). The land described in Exhibit A to these Covenants or in a recorded document annexing additional land to the Property encumbered by these Covenants, is a portion of the Village designated in said land description.
- **Section 1.27:** "WCA" means The Woodlands Community Association, Inc., the community association representing the residents and owners of those portions of The Woodlands subject to restrictive covenants like those recorded at Volume 841, Page 297 et seq. of the Deeds Records of Montgomery County, Texas.

#### ARTICLE II ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES

Section 2.01: Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. TWC, as owner of all Assessable Tracts, hereby covenants to pay, and each subsequent Owner of any Assessable Tract, 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 TWA Annual Assessments with respect to each Assessable Tract. The payment of Annual Assessments, together with interest, court costs, reasonable attorney fees and other costs incurred in the collection of unpaid assessments, is secured by the TWA Covenant Lien, a continuing lien upon each Assessable Tract.

Each Owner of an Assessable Tract, by acceptance of a Deed to such tract, covenants for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are acknowledged thereby, to be personally liable for any and all Annual Assessments against that Assessable Tract subsequent to its acquisition by that Owner and prior to conveyance to another person or entity, together with all interest, court costs, reasonable attorney fees and other costs incurred in the collection of unpaid Annual Assessments.

**Section 2.02: Purpose of Assessments.** TWA shall apply the Annual Assessments to the acquisition, construction, financing, improvement and maintenance of properties owned by TWA, for the payment of debts incurred by TWA, for the establishment of such reserve accounts as the Board may deem necessary, and for the other purposes and uses set out in Article IV of these Covenants.

#### Section 2.03: Annual Assessment.

- A. Annual Assessments for any Assessable Tract shall commence to accrue on January 1 of the year following the earlier to occur of the date upon which TWC conveys to another person or entity record fee title to that Assessable Tract, or the date upon which TWC or its lessee, agent, contract purchaser, permittee or invitee commences the use or occupancy of any improvements constructed on said Assessable Tract, and shall accrue annually thereafter. Annual Assessments shall be calculated, assessed and billed to Owners or their agents or mortgagees prior to January 1 of the year for which same are due. Annual Assessments shall be payable upon receipt, and shall be delinquent if not paid within sixty (60) days following January 1 of the year for which same are due; provided that the failure of TWA to provide a written statement of assessments due on or before January 1 shall not invalidate such Annual Assessment or any of the rights of TWA regarding the collection of delinquent Assessments, except that Annual Assessments billed after January 1 shall not become delinquent until sixty (60) days following the date the statement was mailed to the Owner.
- B. The Board shall assess against each Assessable Tract restricted to use for townhome, condominium or single family detached residential purposes, an assessment (the "Annual Assessment") for each calendar year equal to a specified number of cents for each One Hundred Dollars (the "Assessment Rate") times the Assessed Valuation of the Assessable Tract, less one-half of the product of the Assessment Rate times that portion of the Assessed Valuation of each dwelling unit in excess of the Base Valuation.

- C. The Board shall assess against each Assessable Tract restricted to use for any type of residential dwelling other than townhome, condominium or single family detached, an Annual Assessment equal to the Assessment Rate times the Assessed Valuation. The term "residential dwelling" shall include facilities providing assisted living, including without limitation, nursing homes.
- D. The Board shall assess against each Assessable Tract restricted to uses other than residential dwelling purposes, an Annual Assessment for each calendar year equal to the Assessment Rate times the Assessed Valuation of the Assessable Tract, times sixty-seven per cent (67%).
- E. For calendar year 1994, the Assessment Rate shall not exceed 75 cents (\$0.75) for each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation. The Assessment Rate may be increased by the Board in any succeeding year to a rate not to exceed the Assessment Rate charged for the current year, increased by the Available Increase in the CPI, upon a determination by the Board that the proposed increase is necessary to meet the expenses, costs of operation, debt service obligations, reserve account deposits, capital additions and planned expansion of TWA. The Available Increase in the CPI shall be a percentage equal to the total percentage increase in the CPI from August 1, 1993 through July 31 of the year during which the Annual Assessment is determined by the Board, less the total of the annual percentage increases in the Annual Assessment since 1994. The Board shall not increase the Assessment Rate more than once in any calendar year or in violation of this Section 2.03.
- F. The "Assessed Valuation" of any Assessable Tract means:
  - (1) For any year when the value of all Taxable Improvements on an Assessable Tract is not shown on the tax rolls of the county in which the property is located, the Assessed Valuation of that tract means the fair market value of the Assessable Tract and all Taxable Improvements located thereon, as of September 1 of the year during which Annual Assessments for the following year are calculated. Fair market value may be determined from sales price, bona fide appraisal or such other means as is satisfactory to the Board.
  - (2) For any year when the value of all Taxable Improvements on the Assessable Tract is shown on the tax rolls of the county in which the property is located, Assessed Valuation will mean the value of the Assessable Tract and all Taxable Improvements thereon, on the assessed valuation rolls of the appraisal district or other governmental entity charged by law with the duty of determining assessed valuations for the purpose of county or state advalorem taxation in the county in which the Assessable Tract is located. For purposes of determining Assessed Valuation, the Board shall use the most current valuation rolls available as of September 1 of the year during which Annual Assessments for the following year are being calculated. Adjustments made to the value of any tract by the appraisal district after September 1 shall not affect the Assessed Valuation used by the Board in calculating Annual Assessments for the following year. The Assessed Valuation shall not reflect any adjustment made to said value by the application of any assessment ratio then employed by the State, County or other governmental entity.
  - (3) If both the State of Texas and the county in which the Assessable Tract is located shall cease to impose ad valorem or real property taxes, the Board

may, by two thirds vote of the Directors casting votes at a duly called and held meeting of the Board, adopt an alternative method of determining assessed value which will provide a sufficient cash flow to meet the obligations of TWA, after a public hearing regarding such issue, notice of which hearing was given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area subject to these Covenants.

- G. The Owner of each Assessable Tract shall provide to TWA the name and address of each person or entity owning an interest in said tract and of the mortgage holder (or mortgage servicing company if different than the mortgage holder) holding a mortgage secured by all or a portion of the Assessable Tract or the Taxable Improvements thereon from time to time, within thirty (30) days following a change in such information.
- H. TWA shall send a written statement of Annual Assessment to the Owner or his designee as shown in the most recent records of TWA, or, if the Owner or mortgage holder has notified TWA in writing that the Annual Assessment is to be paid by the mortgage holder, to the mortgage company or other lender holding a mortgage lien upon the Assessable Tract (or mortgage servicing company if different than the mortgage holder) as shown in the most recent records of TWA. The written statement shall set out (i) the Assessed Valuation of the Assessable Tract; (ii) the Assessment Rate for the year in question; (iii) the amount of the Annual Assessment assessed against that Assessable Tract, stated in terms of the total sum due and owing as the Annual Assessment; (iv) the date upon which the Annual Assessment shall be deemed delinquent; and (v) that delinquent Annual Assessments will bear interest from the date same became delinquent until paid at a rate four percent greater than the "Prime Rate" published in the Wall Street Journal (or such other comparable index selected by the Board if the Wall Street Journal should cease publication of the Prime Rate) on the first business day of September each year, but not to exceed the highest lawful rate.
- I. The Board shall have the right to grant an abatement of Annual Assessments with regard to any Assessable Tract to the extent and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the largest abatement granted by the county in which the Assessable Tract is located or any other governmental entity holding the power to levy and collect ad valorem taxes on said tract (a "Governmental Abatement"). The Board shall have the right to grant an abatement of the Annual Assessment for a period of time and in an amount not exceeding the limits set out in the Governmental Abatement, and shall have the right to condition the grant of such abatement upon such terms as the Board shall deem proper, in addition to the conditions and limitations set out in the Governmental Abatement.
- Section 2.04: User Fees. The Board, in addition to the Annual Assessment, may levy and collect charges and fees ("User Fees") for the operation and maintenance of facilities and the provision of services for the benefit of the Property or the Members. In establishing User Fees, the Board may formulate reasonable classifications of users. Fees and charges must be uniform within each class but need not be uniform from class to class. If a Member shall fail to pay a User Fee when due and payable, it shall be become a personal debt of the Member upon written notice mailed to the Member by first class mail. Failure of any Member to pay a User Fee when due and payable shall also be a breach of these Covenants and shall result in the suspension of the Member's rights or privileges as set forth in Article V.

**Section 2.05: Assessment by Board.** The Board shall have the right to adopt procedures for the levy, imposition, billing and collection of Annual Assessments and User Fees, provided that the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Covenants.

Section 2.06: Annual Assessment Certificate and Transfer Fee. Upon written request by an Owner, TWA shall within a reasonable period of time, issue to an Owner a written certificate stating that all Annual Assessments (including interest and costs), and User Fees have been paid with respect to any specified Assessable Tract; and if all assessments and charges have not been paid, setting forth the amount of such assessments and charges (including interest and costs, if any) due and payable as of the date of the certificate. TWA may make a reasonable charge for the issuance of such certificate. Any such certificate, when duly issued as herein provided, shall be conclusive and binding with regard to any matter therein stated as between TWA and any bona fide purchaser or lender on the Tract specified in such certificate. TWA shall have the right to charge any Owner selling or otherwise transferring title to a Tract, a fee which is reasonable compensation, in the opinion of the Board, for the costs incurred by TWA in changing its records to reflect the transfer of ownership.

## ARTICLE III IMPOSITION OF CHARGE AND LIEN UPON PROPERTY

Section 3.01: Covenant to Pay Assessment. TWC and each subsequent Owner of any Assessable Tract, by acceptance of a Deed therefor, whether or not it shall be expressed in such Deed, hereby covenant and agree to pay to TWA and be personally liable for the Annual Assessment assessed by TWA against said Assessable Tract during the period in which they hold title to said Assessable Tract, together with all interest, attorneys fees and costs of collection of past due Annual Assessments.

Section 3.02: TWA Covenant Lien. TWC and each subsequent Owner of any Assessable Tract, by acceptance of a Deed therefor, whether or not it shall be expressed in such Deed, hereby covenant and agree to grant, and do hereby grant to G. David Bumgardner, as Trustee (hereinafter the "Trustee") a continuing lien on each Assessable Tract and all Structures thereon, for the benefit of TWA, to secure payment of delinquent Annual Assessments against the Assessable Tract for this and future years, together with all interest, attorneys fees and costs incurred in the collection of past due Annual Assessments (the "TWA Covenant Lien"). TWA shall have the right to appoint one or more substitute or successor trustees to act instead of the trustee named herein without other formality than the recordation in the Real Property Records of the county in which the Tract is located, of a designation in writing of such substitute or successor. The authority hereby conferred on Trustee shall extend to any substitute or successor trustees appointed in accordance with this paragraph. The TWA Covenant Lien shall be superior to any and all other charges, liens or encumbrances which may hereafter in any manner arise or be imposed upon any Assessable Tract (or the Exempt Property to the extent that the same may later become an Assessable Tract) whether arising from or imposed by judgment or decree, or by any agreement, contract, mortgage or other instrument, excepting only mortgage liens made or insured by the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans Administration or any successor to said agencies (unless said agency has agreed by recorded document to subordinate its lien) and such liens for taxes or other public charges as are made superior by applicable law. TWC and each subsequent Owner of any Assessable Tract, by acceptance of a Deed therefor, further agree that the TWA Covenant Lien shall be a covenant running with the title to each Assessable Tract and all Structures thereon. Sale or transfer of any Tract at foreclosure or in lieu of foreclosure shall not relieve said Tract from liability for any Annual Assessment thereafter becoming due.

- **Section 3.03:** Remedies of TWA. If any Annual Assessments or other sums secured by the TWA Covenant Lien remain unpaid beyond the date same become delinquent, the Board shall have the right to pursue any and all remedies available to TWA, at law or in equity, to enforce payment of said sums, including without limitation the following:
  - A. bring an action at law against the Owner or Owners personally obligated to pay the Annual Assessments or other sums secured by the TWA Covenant Lien to collect such delinquent sums together with penalties, interest, costs of collection, court costs and reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the collection of delinquent sums,
  - B. furnish to any mortgage holder and file in the Real Property Records of the county in which the Tract is located, a notice of sums owing under the TWA Covenant Lien,
  - C. authorize and direct the foreclosure of the TWA Covenant Lien against the Tract and all Structures thereon for which Annual Assessments or other charges are delinquent, by public sale conducted in accordance with the notice, posting and other requirements of the statutes of the State of Texas for the foreclosure of deed of trust liens upon real property, and
  - D. bring an action for judicial foreclosure of the TWA Covenant Lien in the manner prescribed by law.

The election by TWA to exercise any of the remedies permitted shall not be construed to constitute an election to waive the right to exercise any other remedy available. TWA is hereby authorized by all Owners to use any and all of such remedies as often as may be required to collect payment of sums secured by the TWA Covenant Lien.

**Section 3.04:** Notice to Mortgagees. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Covenants to the contrary, TWA shall provide to each holder of a loan secured by a mortgage on an Assessable Tract, which is subordinate to the TWA Covenant Lien, sixty (60) days prior notice of its intention to take any action to foreclose its first lien on that Assessable Tract if the mortgage holder has notified TWA of its mortgage interest, and provided to TWA its current mailing address.

#### ARTICLE IV USE OF FUNDS

- **Section 4.01: Purposes for Which Funds May Be Used.** TWA shall apply all funds received by it pursuant to these Covenants and all other funds and property received by it from any source, to the following *pro tanto* and in the order stated:
  - A. the payment of all principal and interest when due, on all loans made to TWA, to the extent required under any agreement with note holders,
  - B. the operating costs and expenses of TWA, and
  - C. for the benefit of the Property devoting the same to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, conduct, alteration, enlargement, laying, renewal, replacement, repair, maintenance, operation, financing and subsidizing of and establishment of reserve accounts for such of the following as the Board, in its discretion, may from time to time establish or provide: any or all projects, services, facilities, studies, programs,

systems and properties relating to: parks, recreational facilities and services, drainage systems, streets, roads, highways, walkways, curbing, gutters, sidewalks, trees, landscaping, fountains, benches, shelters, directional and informational signs, walkways, bridges, street, road and highway lighting facilities, facilities and services for the collection, treatment and disposal of garbage and refuse, transit systems, stations and terminals, airfields, airports, air terminals and associated facilities and services, facilities and services for fire suppression and prevention, facilities and services for security and/or law enforcement, public utility systems, communication systems and facilities including all buildings, systems, facilities and services used or useful in connection with the operation of communication networks and facilities, towers, stations, cables, lines, ducts, equipment and appurtenances, all properties, rights, easements and franchises relating thereto, office buildings, buildings, storage and maintenance yards, garages and other buildings and facilities deemed necessary or desirable by the Board in connection with the administration, management, control and operation of TWA, auditoriums, galleries, halls, amphitheaters, theaters, arenas and stadia facilities, including equipment, supplies and services in connection therewith, educational buildings, libraries, including books, supplies and accessories in connection therewith, hospitals and clinics, including equipment, medicines, supplies and accessories in connection therewith, traffic engineering programs and parking facilities, facilities for animal rescue, marinas, equestrian centers and facilities, skeet, trap and rifle ranges, bowling alleys, and other related or unrelated recreational facilities, and any and all other improvements, facilities and services that the Board shall find to be necessary, desirable or beneficial for the advancement and in the best interest of the Property.

- **Section 4.02: Handling of Funds:** In order to secure the repayment of any and all sums borrowed by it from time to time, the Board is hereby granted the right and power:
  - A. to assign and pledge revenues received and to be received by TWA under any provision of these Covenants, including, but not limited to, the proceeds of the Annual Assessments payable hereunder,
  - B. to enter into agreements with lenders with respect to the collection and disbursement of funds, including but not limited to, agreements wherein TWA covenants:
    - (1) to assess the Annual Assessments on a given day in each year and, subject to the limitation on amount specified in Article II, to assess the same at a particular rate or rates,
    - (2) to establish sinking funds and/or other security deposits,
    - (3) to apply funds received by TWA to the payment of all principal and interest due on such loans,
    - (4) to establish such procedures as may be required by lenders, but not inconsistent with these Covenants, and
    - (5) to provide for the custody and safeguarding of all funds received by TWA.

The amount, terms and rates of all borrowings, and the provisions of all agreements with lenders shall be subject to the decision of the Board.

- **Section 4.03:** Accumulation of Funds Permitted. TWA shall not be obligated to spend in any calendar year all the sums collected in such year by way of Annual Assessments or otherwise, and may carry forward as surplus any balances remaining; nor shall TWA be obligated to apply any such surpluses to the reduction of the amount of the Annual Assessments in the succeeding year, but may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Board may determine to be desirable for the greater financial security of TWA, and the effectuation of its purposes.
- **Section 4.04: Bonding.** The Board may require that all persons or entities who handle TWA funds or monies post bonds sufficient in amount to indemnify TWA for any loss.
- **Section 4.05:** Mortgages of TWA Property. The Board shall have the right to mortgage the properties of TWA as may be deemed necessary by the Board to secure payment of any sum borrowed by TWA from time to time.
- **Section 4.06: TWA Budget.** TWA shall cause to be prepared annual capital and operating budgets in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of TWA.

## ARTICLE V RIGHTS OF ENJOYMENT IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- **Section 5.01: Establishment and Use of Community Facilities.** All Owners and Residents shall have a nontransferable privilege to use and enjoy all parks and other community facilities made available by TWA for use by Owners and Residents from time to time, for so long as they are Owners or Residents. All such rights are subject to the right of TWA to adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the use of community facilities which enhance the preservation of such facilities or the safety and convenience of the users, or which, in the discretion of the Board, promote the best interests of the Owners or Residents, including making certain community facilities available to school children or other users with or without charge. TWA shall have the right to borrow money for the purpose of developing or improving any community facility, to mortgage community facilities to secure payment of such loans, and to grant to such lender rights superior to the rights of Owners and Residents.
- Section 5.02: Suspension of Rights. TWA shall have the right to suspend the rights of any Owner or Resident under this Article V, for any reasonable period during which the Annual Assessments or User Fees assessed under Article II of these Covenants remain delinquent, or may suspend said rights in connection with the enforcement of any rules and regulations relating to community facilities.
- **Section 5.03:** Guests or Invitees. Any employee, guest or invitee of a Member shall be entitled to a right or privilege of enjoyment of community facilities subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Board.
- **Section 5.04: Right to Convey Property.** The Board shall have the right to convey to a third party a portion of any TWA tract restricted to use for park or open space purposes, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board if in the determination of the Board same is necessary to correct a good faith surveying error, building encroachment or other like matter and if the Board determines that the conveyance will not materially adversely impact the use of the remainder of the Tract for its intended purposes. A conveyance of TWA land which is restricted to use for park or open space purposes for any purpose other than that stated in the preceding sentence requires the affirmative vote of a majority of those Members voting in an election held for that purpose. Prior to any such election, the Board shall hold two public hearings at least thirty days apart.

Notice of each public hearing and of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in The Woodlands once each week in the two week period preceding the date of each hearing and the election. The Board may, by majority vote, convey other property owned by TWA if the Board determines that the conveyance is in the best interest of TWA. No such conveyance shall be made in violation of any restrictions affecting the property so conveyed.

#### ARTICLE VI PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THESE COVENANTS; ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS

- **Section 6.01:** Covenants of Property. The Property encumbered by these Covenants is a portion of a larger area of land owned by TWC (and described generally as Tract II on Attachment I). TWC intends to annex certain portions of such larger area of land, and other lands now owned or hereafter acquired, to the lands encumbered by these Covenants, and subject the same to the terms of these Covenants in the manner prescribed in Section 6.02 hereof. Each Owner or
  - A. the Property described in this Declaration and such property as may be annexed pursuant to Section 6.02, hereof shall be the only Property subject to the Covenants,

Resident, by the act of becoming such, shall be taken to have acknowledged and agreed that:

- B. nothing contained in the Covenants or in any other recorded or unrecorded plat, map, picture, drawing, brochure or other representation or scheme of development shall be construed as subjecting or requiring TWC or any successor or assignee to subject to the Covenants any portion of the land described on attached Attachment I or any other property or land now or hereafter owned by TWC, other than that land described in Exhibit A attached to these Covenants, and
- C. the only manner in which any additional land can be subjected to the Covenants shall be in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 6.02 hereof.
- Section 6.02: Annexation of Additional Land. TWC may, from time to time, annex additional lands to the Property, including without limitation all or portions of those lands described as Tract II on Attachment I, and other lands lying within ten (10) miles of lands described in Attachment I or lands subject to these Covenants, and thereby subject the same to the Covenants by the execution and filing for record in the Real Property Records of the county in which said land is located, of an instrument expressly stating the intention of TWC to so annex, and describing such additional lands to be so annexed.

## ARTICLE VII THE WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

- **Section 7.01:** Members. TWA shall have two classes of Members, Class A and Class B. Class A Members shall be all Residents, and all Owners (other than TWC) who are not Residents. The Class B Member shall be TWC.
- **Section 7.02: Voting Rights.** Each Class A Member (eighteen (18) years of age or older if a natural person), shall be entitled to one (1) vote, provided that any Class A Member who is in violation of these Covenants, as determined by a majority of the Board, shall not be entitled to vote during any period in which such violation continues. Any Member who is delinquent in the payment of

any Annual Assessment, User Fee (except those for services or facilities whose use is voluntary), or other fees or charges levied pursuant to the provisions of these Covenants, shall not be entitled to vote during any period in which any such fees or assessments are delinquent. The Class B Member (TWC) shall have one (1) vote.

**Section 7.03: Board of Directors.** The Board will be comprised of Class A Directors and Class B Directors. Each Class A Director will be elected by the Class A Members of the Village which the Director represents. Class B Directors will be appointed by the Class B Member.

The affairs of TWA will be managed by a board of three (3) Class B Directors until the first annual meeting of Members. Beginning with such meeting the Board will consist of five (5) Class B Directors.

One Class A Director will be added to the Board for each of the first, second and third Villages at the next election following the date each such Village attains at least 500 occupied dwelling units within the Property.

One additional Class A Director and one additional Class B Director will be added to the Board at the next election following the date the fourth and each succeeding Village attains at least 500 occupied dwelling units within the Property.

From and after the earlier to occur of:

- A. any of the events which provide WCA the option to cause a merger of TWA into WCA, as set out in Article XVIII of these Covenants, if WCA does not elect to cause such merger,
- B. the delivery to the Board of written notice from the President of TWC announcing the election by TWC to reduce the number of Class B Directors to one or less, or
- C. the delivery to the Board of written notice from the President of TWC announcing the election by TWC to not add additional land to the Property,

the Board shall consist of one Class A Director representing each Village which attains at least 500 occupied dwelling units within the Property, and one (1) Class B Director. TWC shall have the right to terminate its right to appoint one or more Class B Directors at any time and from time to time by written notice recorded in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas.

- **Section 7.04: Term of Directors.** Directors shall be elected or appointed for two (2) year terms of office (except where a one (1) year term may be required for the first term of one or more newly created positions to permit one half (1/2) of all director positions to expire each year) and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Class B Directors need not be Members.
- **Section 7.05:** Vacancies. Any vacancy in a Class A Director position by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise shall be filled by a vote of the Members within the Village from which the previous holder of that Director position was elected. Any vacancy in a Class B Director position shall be filled by appointment by the Class B Member. Any Director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve as such until the expiration of the term of the Director whose position he was elected to fill.

**Section 7.06: Election Notice.** In addition to any other election notice required by the by-laws or resolutions of TWA, the Board, no later than 15 days prior to the deadline for candidacy filing shall publish at least two times in a newspaper having general circulation in The Woodlands, a notice stating the number of occupied dwelling units within each Village, the number of Directors to be elected by Class A Members, the number of Directors to be appointed by the Class B Member and the number of Directors to be elected by each Village.

**Section 7.07: Annual Election.** The Board shall conduct an annual election of Class A Directors on a date determined by the Board, and may make such regulations, consistent with the terms of the Covenants and the by-laws of TWA, as it deems advisable for any election of Class A Directors, in regard to proof of membership in TWA, evidence of right to vote, the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, registration of Members for voting purposes, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the election as it shall deem reasonable and necessary.

## ARTICLE VIII COVENANTS FOR MAINTENANCE

**Section 8.01: Maintenance Required by Owner.** Each Owner and Resident shall keep all Tracts owned or occupied by him, and all Structures and Improvements thereon, in good order and repair, including but not limited to, the seeding, watering and mowing of all lawns, the pruning of all trees and shrubbery, and the painting (or other appropriate external care) of all Structures and Improvements, all in a manner and with such frequency as is consistent with safety and good property management.

If the Owner or Resident of a Tract upon which a violation of this Section exists has not taken reasonable steps to extinguish the violation within fifteen (15) days following the mailing of written notice to the Owner or Resident specifying the violation, TWA or the DRC shall have the right, through their agents or employees, to enter upon such Tract during regular business hours and to take such steps as were specified in the notice to extinguish the violation of these Covenants. The cost thereof shall be a binding, personal obligation of the Owner, payment of which is secured by the TWA Covenant Lien in the same manner as if amounts owing under this Section were Annual Assessments.

## ARTICLE IX DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Section 9.01: Organization of the Development Review Committee ("DRC").** The DRC shall be comprised of five (5) individuals, at least three (3) of whom shall have experience in architecture, engineering, contracting, building code enforcement or a related field. TWA shall pay all costs incurred by the DRC, in accordance with the provisions of the Mutual Benefit Agreement (referred to in Section 18.01 below). The members of the DRC shall be appointed from time to time by TWC, and the DRC shall be a function of TWC. Following the date written notice from TWC is recorded in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas that TWC desires to transfer the authority of the DRC to TWA (or WCA if at that time TWA has merged into WCA as provided for in Article XVIII below), the members of the DRC shall be appointed from time to time by TWA, and the DRC shall be a function of TWA.

**Section 9.02:** Organization of Residential Design Review Committees. A Residential Design Review Committee ("RDRC") shall be established for each Village with at least 50 Residents. Each RDRC shall consist of three (3) or more individuals elected for a term of one year by the

Residents and Owners of land within the Village who hold the right to vote (as determined in accordance with Section 7.02 of these Covenants. The election shall be held at the time and in the manner determined by the Board. Each RDRC shall be a function of TWA, and the costs of an RDRC, reasonable and necessary to perform its functions hereunder, shall be approved and paid by TWA.

**Section 9.03: Establishment and Amendment of Rules and Policies.** The DRC shall promulgate standards, rules and regulations governing the improvement of Tracts including, but not limited to, the form and content of plans and specifications for specific Structures or Improvements. The DRC may also promulgate standards or issue statements of policy with respect to the approval or disapproval of the architectural style, details of construction or other aspects of Structures or Improvements which may be presented for approval. Such standards, rules, regulations and

statements of policy may be amended or revoked by the DRC from time to time.

It shall be the responsibility of each applicant to inform himself of the current standards, rules, regulations and statements of policy promulgated by the DRC and all amendments thereto and revocations thereof, as of the date of application for DRC consideration. Failure by the applicant to so inform himself shall not bind the DRC to approve or disapprove any feature or matter submitted to it, or to waive the exercise of the DRC's discretion as to any such matter. No change of policy shall affect the finality of any approval granted prior to such change. Approval for use on any Tract of any plans or specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the DRC's right to disapprove such plans or specifications, or any of the features or elements included therein, if such plans, specifications, features, or elements are subsequently submitted for use on any other Tract or Tracts. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Tract, however, shall be final as to that Tract and such approval may not be revoked or rescinded thereafter, provided:

- A. that the Structures, Improvements or uses shown or described on or in such plans and specifications do not violate any prohibition contained in these Covenants, and
- B. that the approved plans and specifications and any condition attached to such approval have been adhered to and complied with in regard to all Structures or Improvements on, and uses of, the Tract.

All such standards, rules and regulations and statements of policy shall be in the best interest of the Property. Copies of rules, regulations and statements of policy shall be made available to Members and other interested parties.

Section 9.04: Construction and Occupancy Codes. The DRC shall have the authority to adopt a building code, fire code, housing code, or other similar codes as the DRC deems necessary or desirable. Any adopted codes shall be made available for inspection to all interested parties at the principal office of the DRC.

**Section 9.05: Operations of the DRC.** Meetings of the DRC shall be held at such time and at such place within The Woodlands as the members of the DRC shall specify. The DRC shall maintain minutes of its meetings, and may adopt by-laws containing such provisions not inconsistent with these Covenants as may be necessary to regulate the affairs and conduct of the DRC. Except as hereinafter provided, the affirmative vote of a majority of the DRC members present and voting shall be required to: (1) adopt or promulgate any standard, rule or regulation, (2) make any finding, determination, ruling or order, (3) issue any permit, authorization or approval, or (4) act upon any other business properly before the DRC.

DRC shall have the authority to delegate to any member of the DRC the right to exercise the full authority of the DRC regarding the review of plans and specifications for matters relating to Tracts restricted to single family detached residential use, so long as such authority does not conflict with any standards, rules, regulations or directions promulgated by the DRC. Each member of the DRC exercising the full authority of the DRC shall cause complete and accurate records of his exercise of this authority to be inserted as soon as reasonably practicable into the official minutes and records of the DRC. The granting of any approval, permit or authorization by one DRC member in accordance with the terms hereof, shall be final and binding. Any disapproval or approval based upon specified conditions by one such member shall also be final and binding, provided however, that in any such case, the applicant for such approval, permit or authorization may, within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of any such adverse decision, modification or specified conditions, file a written request to have the matter in question reviewed by the entire DRC. Upon the filing of any such request, the matter with respect to which such request was filed shall be submitted to and reviewed by the entire DRC as soon as possible. Thereafter, the decision of a majority of the members of the DRC with respect to such matter shall be final and binding.

Section 9.06:

Operations of Residential Design Review Committees. Each RDRC may adopt By-Laws containing such provisions not inconsistent with these Covenants as may be necessary to regulate the affairs and conduct of the RDRC. Each RDRC shall hold regular meetings at least monthly, or more often as it may determine. Meetings shall be open to all Members. Notice of the time and place of such meetings shall be posted at the offices of TWA. The presence of a majority of a Committee's members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of members present at any meeting shall be required for action of a Committee on any matter before it. Each RDRC shall maintain both minutes and a record of votes for each of its meetings and shall make such records and minutes available for inspection by Members, the DRC and other interested parties at the offices of TWA.

Section 9.07:

Land Use Designation. Prior to the sale by TWC of any tract of land subject to these Covenants or the construction of any building thereon, TWC shall designate the land use for such parcel. There shall be no change in the land use designation for such parcel except with the mutual consent of TWC and the Owner thereof. In designating the land use for portions of the Property that have been or will subsequently be subdivided, developed and sold as a part of a common scheme relative to the designated land use (a "Development Tract"), TWC may create reciprocal easement rights binding upon and benefitting each subsequent Owner of such Development Tract. The land use designated to a Development Tract may be changed with the consent of TWC and the Owners of 2/3rd of the lots within such Development Tract, provided that the designated land use may not be changed as to a particular lot without the consent of the Owner of such lot. Each land use designation and all changes thereto shall be made by instrument recorded in the official public records of real property of the county in which the land is located.

Section 9.08:

Construction or Alteration. No Structure shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto or permitted to remain on any Tract, nor shall any existing Structure upon any Tract be remodeled, enlarged or otherwise altered, nor shall any Improvement be undertaken or conducted on any Tract, nor shall any new use be commenced on any Tract, unless complete plans, specifications and descriptions of the proposed Structure, Improvement or use shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the DRC. Such plans and specifications shall be in the form and contain the information required by the DRC, but in any event shall include:

- A. a complete set of construction plans and specifications satisfactory to the DRC, including the exterior color scheme and materials,
- B. a current survey of the Tract showing all property boundaries, easements and set-back lines, the location of all Structures on the Tract and their location relative to Structures on adjoining portions of the Property, and the number and location of all parking spaces and driveways on the Tract,
- C. a grading plan for the Tract, and
- D. a full and complete description of the intended use of the Tract and each proposed Structure.

#### Section 9.09:

Improvements to Existing Residential Structures. In sections of the Property for which an RDRC has been established, no Structure shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto or permitted to remain on, and no Improvement shall be made on any Tract on which there is a completed residential dwelling unit unless a complete set of plans and specifications in the form prescribed by the DRC pursuant to Section 9.08 of this Article, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the appropriate RDRC instead of the DRC. In such cases the DRC shall not act except on appeals from RDRC decisions pursuant to Section 9.11 hereof. An RDRC shall not review and approve plans and specifications involving construction, alterations, Structures or Improvements on or to Tracts designated for apartment use or any non-residential use. Approval by an RDRC shall constitute approval by the DRC pursuant to Section 9.08 of this Article. No approval by an RDRC shall be given in violation of any standard, rule, regulation, finding, determination or order promulgated by the DRC, or any permit, authorization or approval issued by the DRC.

Each RDRC shall further, perform such additional functions as may be assigned to it from time to time by the DRC and shall provide comment to the DRC from Members in its Village with regard to proposed or existing standards, rules or regulations.

Where the terms of these Covenants permit or require an action by the DRC or an RDRC, the authority given shall apply only to the DRC unless the action is within the jurisdiction of an RDRC under the terms of the first paragraph of this Section 9.09, or has been delegated to an RDRC by the DRC under the authority of the second paragraph of this Section 9.09. In such cases, the action shall be performed by the RDRC(s) within the Village(s) where the affected property is located.

#### Section 9.10:

**Disapproval of Plans.** The DRC or an RDRC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Article IX for the following reasons, among others:

- A. failure of such plans or specifications to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of these Covenants,
- B. failure to include such information as may reasonably have been requested by the DRC or an RDRC.
- C. failure to comply with any of the standards, codes, rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this Article,
- D. objection to the exterior design, appearance or materials of any proposed Structure or Improvement,

- E. incompatibility of any proposed Structure, Improvement or use with existing Structures, Improvements or uses upon other Tracts in the Property,
- F. objection to the location of any proposed Structure or Improvement upon any Tract or with reference to other Tracts in the Property,
- G. objection to the grading plan for any Tract,
- H. objection to the color scheme, finish, proportion, style of architecture, height, bulk, safety or appropriateness of any proposed Structure or Improvement,
- I. objection to the parking areas proposed for any Tract on the grounds of incompatibility with proposed uses and Structures on the Tract or insufficiency of the size of the parking area in relation to the proposed use of the Tract,
- J. any matter which in the judgment of the DRC or an RDRC would render the proposed Structure, Improvement or use incompatible with the general plan of improvement of the Property or with Structures or uses upon other Tracts in the vicinity, or
- K. any matter not included in the DRC standards, rules or regulations if in the judgment of the DRC such matter would not be in the best interest of the Property.

If the DRC or an RDRC disapproves a set of plans and specifications submitted hereunder or approves them as modified or subject to specific conditions, and if the applicant so requests in writing, the DRC or RDRC shall give the applicant a written statement specifying the grounds for disapproval or qualified approval. Upon request by the applicant the DRC or RDRC shall also make reasonable efforts to consult with and advise the applicant so that an acceptable proposal may be prepared and submitted.

- **Section 9.11:** Appeals. Within ten (10) days after receipt of an adverse decision from an RDRC, an interested party may file a written appeal of such adverse decision with the DRC. The DRC shall hear and rule upon the appeal as promptly as possible. All decisions of the DRC, whether on appeals or on matters brought to it originally, shall be final and binding.
- **Section 9.12: Filing of Approved Plans.** Upon approval by the DRC or an RDRC of plans and specifications, a copy of such plans and specifications on which the approval is clearly marked shall be deposited with the DRC as a permanent record.
- **Section 9.13: Inspection of Tracts and Improvements.** An agent of the DRC or an RDRC may enter upon and inspect any Tract and any Structures, Improvements or uses thereon during regular business hours and following reasonable notice for the purpose of ascertaining whether such Tract and the Structures, Improvements and uses thereon are in compliance with these Covenants and the standards, rules, regulations and approvals granted or promulgated by the DRC or an RDRC. Neither TWA, the DRC, an RDRC, nor the agent of any of them shall be deemed to have committed a trespass by reason of such entry or inspection, provided such inspection is carried out in accordance with the terms of this section.
- Section 9.14: Certificate of Completion of a Structure or Improvement. Upon completion of a Structure or Improvement approved by the DRC or an RDRC, and upon written request by the Owner of the Tract, the DRC shall have authority, but not the obligation, to issue a Certificate of Completion identifying the Tract and the Structure or Improvement, and stating, based upon

the information supplied by third party architects, inspectors or other agents of the Owner, or other information available to the DRC, that construction of the proposed Structure or Improvement has been completed in substantial accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Such Certificate shall not be construed to certify the acceptability, sufficiency or approval by the DRC of any work, materials or specifications included in the actual construction of the Structure or the completion of the Improvement, or of the safety of the Structure or completed Improvement. Such a Certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein as to any bona fide purchaser or encumbrancer in good faith and for value, or as to any title insurer. The Owner is hereby notified and does hereby agree that the Certificate in no way warrants the sufficiency, acceptability, or approval by the DRC or an RDRC of the construction, workmanship, materials, equipment or safety of the Structure or Improvement. Preparation and recordation of such a Certificate shall be at the expense of the Owner of the subject Tract.

- **Section 9.15:** Fees for Examination of Plans and Specifications. The DRC or an RDRC may charge and collect a reasonable fee for the examination of any plans and specifications submitted for approval pursuant to these Covenants. Such charges shall be payable at the time and place designated by the DRC or an RDRC, and shall be subject to amendment without advance notice.
- **Section 9.16: Violation of Article IX.** If any Structure shall be erected, placed or maintained, or if any Improvement shall be made or any new use commenced on any Tract, other than in accordance with plans, specifications and descriptions approved by the DRC or an RDRC, such Structure, Improvement or use shall constitute a violation of these Covenants. Upon written notice from TWA, the DRC or an RDRC, as appropriate, any such improvement shall be removed or corrected and any such use shall be terminated so as to extinguish the violation.
- **Section 9.17: Enforcement.** If the Owner or Resident of a Tract upon which a violation of these Covenants exists has not taken reasonable steps to extinguish the violation within fifteen (15) days following the mailing of written notice specifying the violation, TWA or the DRC shall have the right, through their agents or employees, to enter upon such Tract during regular business hours and to take such steps as were specified in the notice to extinguish the violation of these Covenants. The cost thereof shall be a binding, personal obligation of the Owner, payment of which is secured by the TWA Covenant Lien in the same manner as if amounts owing under this Section were Annual Assessments.

## ARTICLE X GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Section 10.01: Appearance and Use Restrictions of Tracts. Without the prior written approval of the DRC:
  - A. no previously approved Structure shall be used for any purpose other than that for which it was originally approved,
  - B. no Tract shall be split, divided, or subdivided for sale, resale, gift, transfer or otherwise,
  - C. no facilities, including poles and wires for the transmission of electricity, telephone messages and the like shall be placed or maintained above the surface of the ground on any Tract, and no external or outside antennas of any kind shall be maintained on any Tract or Improvement, and

D. no well, pump, shaft, casing or other facility for the removal of subsurface water shall be placed or maintained on any Tract, and no boring, drilling, removal of, or exploration for subsurface water shall be conducted on any Tract.

**Section 10:02:** 

Forest Preservation. No tree having a diameter of six (6) inches or more (measured at a point two (2) feet above ground level) shall be removed from any Tract without the express written authorization of the DRC. The DRC may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the preservation of trees and other natural resources and wildlife to protect and encourage the preservation of the ecological balance of the Property. The DRC may mark certain trees, regardless of size, as not removable without written authorization. In carrying out the provisions of this Section 10.02, TWA, the DRC or an RDRC or their agents or designees may come upon any Tract following reasonable notice, during reasonable hours, for the purpose of inspecting and marking trees. TWA, the DRC or an RDRC or their agents or designees shall not be deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act solely by reason of any such entry or inspection.

**Section 10.03:** 

Keeping of Animals. No animals except customary household pets shall be kept or maintained on any Tract except as specifically authorized by DRC. DRC shall have the right to impose reasonable regulations setting forth the type and number of animals that may be kept on any Tract, and providing a method for disposing of animals which are unclaimed after a reasonable period of time. No animal shall be allowed on any Tract without the permission of the Owner of that Tract. No animal shall be allowed or permitted on any portion of the Property except the Tract of its owner unless same shall be under the control of the owner or another person by leash, rope, chain, or other restraining device. TWA shall have authority to seize and impound any animal on the Property in violation of this Section or the regulations established hereunder. TWA shall have authority to impose reasonable fees for animal registration or other animal control services. No dog or cat over six months of age shall be kept on any Tract unless such animal shall have a current rabies inoculation.

**Section 10.04:** 

**Placement of Signs.** The DRC may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations relating to signs or advertising devices which may be displayed within the Property. No sign or advertising device of any nature shall be displayed upon any Tract except as permitted by the DRC.

**Section 10.05:** 

**Temporary Buildings.** No mobile home, trailer, tent, garage or temporary building, and no building in the course of construction, shall be used, temporarily or permanently, as a residence on any Tract.

**Section 10.06:** 

Disposition of Trash and Other Debris. No lumber, metals, bulk materials, refuse or trash shall be kept, stored or allowed to accumulate on any Tract, except building materials during the course of construction for a period not to exceed 180 days following the date of delivery of the first such materials, unless such materials are visually screened in a manner approved by the DRC. During the course of construction, it shall be the responsibility of each Owner to insure that construction sites are kept free of unsightly accumulations of rubbish and scrap materials, and that construction materials, trailers, shacks and the like are kept in a neat and orderly manner. No burning of trash and no accumulation or storage of litter or trash of any kind shall be permitted on any Tract. If trash or other refuse is to be disposed of by being picked up and carried away on a regular and recurring basis, containers may be placed in the open on any day that a pick-up is to be made, at such place on the Tract so as to provide access to persons making the pick-up. At all other times such containers shall be stored so that they cannot be seen from adjacent and surrounding property. The DRC may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations relating to the size, shape, color and type of containers permitted and the manner of storage of same on the Property.

- **Section 10.07: Placement of Pipelines.** No water pipe, gas pipe, sewer pipe, or drainage pipe (except hoses and movable pipes used for irrigation purposes) shall be installed or maintained on any Tract above the surface of the ground, except at the point of connection to the structure served.
- **Section 10.08:** Natural Resources. Except for areas specifically designated for such purposes by the DRC, no Tract or portion thereof shall be used for mining, boring, quarrying, drilling, removal or other exploitation of surface or subsurface natural resources.
- **Section 10.09: Air and Water Pollution.** No use of any Tract will be permitted which emits pollutants into the atmosphere or discharges liquid or solid wastes or other harmful matter onto any land or into any waterway in excess of the requirements of federal, state or local law. No waste or other substance or material of any kind shall be discharged into any private or public sewer serving the Property or any part thereof in violation of applicable laws or regulations. No person shall dump waste or other substances or materials into any waterway on the Property.
- Section 10.10: Trailer Parking. No trailer, trailer house, recreational vehicle, mobile home, boat, semi-truck tractor or trailer, or other truck with a licensed capacity in excess of one ton shall be parked on any street within the Property or brought upon or parked on any Tract except in an enclosed structure or other manner which does not permit it to be seen at ground level from adjacent property or an abutting street. This shall not be construed to prohibit the mere temporary standing or parking of any such vehicle for short periods preparatory to taking same to some other location for use or storage. Nothing contained herein shall be considered to prohibit the use of portable or temporary buildings or trailers as field offices by contractors during construction in The Woodlands, provided that the use and appearance of such a building or trailer has been approved by the DRC prior to its being moved on site.
- **Section 10.11: Penalties for Violation of Article X.** If the DRC determines that any provision of this Article has been violated, the DRC or TWA may seek appropriate relief at law to assure that the purposes of this Article are fulfilled.
- Section 10.12: Fireworks, Firearms, Etc. The sale or use of fireworks is prohibited on the Property, except by permit granted by TWA. The use of or discharge of firearms, air rifles or pellet guns on the Property is prohibited except by certified peace officers and by permit granted to individuals by TWA. Hunting of any kind and by any method, including but not limited to firearms, traps, snares, bow and arrows, or manually propelled missiles, is prohibited except by permit granted to individuals by TWA. If such permits are granted, TWA may designate certain areas for these activities, which must be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws
- **Section 10.13: Improper Activity.** No unlawful, noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on or maintained on any Tract, nor shall anything be done or permitted to be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or a nuisance to surrounding Owners or Residents.

## ARTICLE XI EASEMENTS

- **Section 11.01:** Rights Concerning Easements and Rights-of-Way. Easements and rights-of-way across each Tract are hereby expressly reserved to TWC, its designees, successors and assigns, in, on, over and under the Easement Area (as defined in Section 11.02 below) for the following purposes, among others:
  - A. the installation, construction and maintenance of:

- (1) wires, lines, conduits and the necessary or proper attachments in connection with the transmission of electricity, telephone, community antenna television cables and other utilities and similar facilities,
- (2)storm-water drains, land drains, public and private sewers, pipe lines for supplying gas, water and heat, and for any other public or quasi-public utility facility, service or function, whether above ground or underground,
- B. slope control purposes, including the right to grade and plant slopes and prevent the doing of any activity which might interfere with slope ratios approved by TWC, its successors and assigns, or which might create erosion or sliding problems, or which might change, obstruct or retard drainage flow, and
- C. an open space or buffer area between a Tract and the adjacent Tracts or street rights-of-way, to provide separation and privacy among adjacent Tracts.

Except with the written approval of the DRC, nothing shall exist or be placed on, over or above any portion of the Easement Area. If in the judgment of the DRC, anything hinders the Easement Area, the DRC may invoke the provisions of Sections 9.08 and 9.09 of these Covenants

- **Section 11.02: Definition of "Easement Area".** "Easement Area" as used herein, means and refers to a strip of land within each Tract ten (10) feet in width along the entire distance of the front and rear boundaries of the Tract, and five (5) feet in width along the entire distance of each side boundary of each Tract. TWC or its designee or any utility company may clear the Easement Area of all structures, trees, bushes and other growth, including any overhanging branches or protrusions from structures located upon adjacent property.
- **Section 11.03:** Reservation of Rights for Utilities. TWC, its successors and assigns, reserves the right to build, maintain, repair, sell, grant or lease all utilities in the Easement Area.
- **Section 11.04: Right of Entry.** TWC, DRC or an RDRC and their respective agents, successors and assigns, shall have the right at reasonable times to enter upon all parts of the Easement Area for any of the purposes for which said easements and rights-of-way are reserved. TWC and its respective agents, successors and assigns shall be responsible for leaving each Tract in good condition and repair following any work or activity undertaken in an Easement Area pursuant to the provisions of this section, provided that the obligation set forth above shall not extend to Structures not approved by the DRC. Title to any Tract or portion thereof shall not include title to any utility lines in, under, or on, any street or the Easement Area. TWC expressly reserves the right for itself, its successors and assigns, to construct, operate, maintain, repair, remove and replace utility lines in the Easement Area. The conveyance of a Tract shall not convey any right to any utility lines located in the Easement Area on such Tract. TWC and its respective agents, successors and assigns shall be responsible for leaving each Tract in good condition and repair following any work or activity undertaken in an Easement Area.

#### ARTICLE XII SPECIFIC COVENANTS

Section 12.01: Covenants Do Not Supersede Law or Governmental Authority. The Covenants set forth herein shall not be taken as permitting any action or thing prohibited by applicable laws, rules or regulations of any governmental authority. In the event of any conflict, the most restrictive provision of such laws, rules, regulations or the Covenants shall govern and control.

## ARTICLE XIII RESIDENTIAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- **Section 13.01:** Residential Provisions. The provisions of this Article XIII shall apply solely to Tracts designated for residential uses.
- **Section 13.02:** Restrictions for Residential Tracts. No profession, home industry or garage sale shall be conducted in or on any part of a Tract or Structure thereon without the specific written approval of the DRC. The DRC, upon consideration of the circumstances in each case and particularly the effect on surrounding Property, may permit a Tract or Structure thereon to be used for the conduct of a garage sale, or a profession or home industry incidental to its primary use for residential purposes, if it is found by the DRC to be compatible with the neighborhood.
- **Section 13.03: Tract Use for Model Home or Real Estate Office.** A residential Tract may, with the written approval of DRC, be used for a model home (which may include the builder's or Developer's real estate office) if such use does not interfere with the right of quiet enjoyment of any Resident.
- Section 13.04: Use of Clothes Hanging Devices and Machinery. No clothing or any other household fabrics shall be hung in the open on any Tract unless the same are hung from an umbrella or retractable clothes hanging device which is removed from view when not in use and which is enclosed by a DRC approved fence or other enclosure at least six (6) inches higher than such hanging articles. No machinery shall be placed or operated upon any Tract (saving such machinery as is usual in the operation or maintenance of a private residence) except with the written approval of the DRC.
- **Section 13.05:** Chemical Fertilizers, Pesticides, or Herbicides. No chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or hazardous substances shall be used on the Property except normal household quantities of those products which are readily available for consumer use and are approved by a regulatory agency for household use.

#### ARTICLE XIV WATERFRONT AREAS AND WATERWAYS

- **Section 14.01:** Restrictions for Waterfront Tracts. Any Tract which abuts a lake, stream, river, canal or other waterway (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Waterways") shall be subject to the following additional restrictions:
  - A. No wharf, pier, bulkhead or other structure or obstruction shall be built or maintained upon any waterfront site or into or upon any Waterway on or adjacent to the Property except with the specific written approval of the DRC. No structure or obstruction shall be permitted if it threatens safe navigation upon such Waterway or the safe and convenient use of such Waterway as a recreation facility.
  - B. No boat canal shall be constructed or installed upon any Tract nor shall any facility or device be constructed or installed upon any Tract which shall in any way alter the course of or natural boundaries of any Waterway, or which shall involve or result in the removal of water from any Waterway except with the specific written approval of the DRC.

- C. No boats, hoists, launching facilities or similar structures or equipment shall be installed, constructed or maintained upon any Tract except with the specific written approval of the DRC, nor shall any boat trailer be stored on any Tract in violation of the standards or regulations of DRC.
- **Section 14.02:** Use of Boats. No boat of any kind shall be operated upon any Waterway on the Property without the prior written approval of the DRC. Any approved boating shall conform to all rules and regulations promulgated by DRC concerning the use of boats.

## ARTICLE XV DURATION AND AMENDMENT

Section 15.01: Duration, Amendment or Termination of Covenants. The Covenants shall run with and bind the Property and all Owners and Residents, shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by TWC, TWA, any Owner and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, until the 31st day of December in the year 2063 after which time said Covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless terminated effective the 31st day of December 2063 (or effective at the end of any such ten (10) year period) by affirmative vote of sixty-six and two thirds per cent (66-2/3%) of the Members entitled to vote, which vote has been held and completed within the six (6) months prior to the 31st day of December, 2063 (or the end of any such ten (10) year extension period). Prior to termination as herein provided the Covenants may be amended but not terminated in any respect by an instrument signed by not less than sixty-six and two thirds per cent (66-2/3%) of the Members eligible to vote, which instrument shall be filed for recordation in the Real Property Records of the county(s) in which the property subject to the Covenants is located or such other place of recording as may be appropriate at the time of the execution of such instrument.

#### ARTICLE XVI GENERAL

**Section 16.01:** Violation or Breach of Covenants. Violation or breach of any Covenant herein contained shall give TWC or TWA, their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns, in addition to all other remedies, the right (after the elapsing of 15 days from the time receipt is acknowledged of written notice to the Owner of any Tract involved setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of such violation or breach and the specific action or actions to be taken to remedy such violation or breach and if at the end of such time reasonable steps to accomplish such action have not been taken), to enter upon the land on which such violation or breach exists, and to take the actions specified in the notice to the Owner to remedy, abate and remove, at the expense of the Owner thereof, any structure, thing or condition that may be or exist thereon contrary to the intent and meaning of the provisions hereof; and the said parties shall not thereby be deemed guilty of any manner of trespass for such entry, abatement or removal, provided that such remedy, abatement or removal is carried out in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect or limit the rights of TWA, TWC or any Owner to enforce the Covenants by appropriate judicial proceedings.

**Section 16.02: Failure to Enforce Covenants.** The failure of TWC, TWA, or any Owner to enforce the Covenants or any portion thereof shall in no event be considered a waiver of the right to do so thereafter as to the same violation or breach or as to such other violation or breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto.

- **Section 16.03:** Covenants Do Not Create Reversion. No Covenant herein is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a condition subsequent or as creating a possibility of reverter.
- **Section 16.04: Relief for Violation or Breach.** Damages shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedy for any breach or violation of any provision hereof. Any person or entity entitled to enforce any provision hereof shall be entitled to relief by way of injunction, as well as any other available relief either at law or in equity.
- **Section 16.05: Enforcement of Covenants.** Any party to a legal proceeding who succeeds in enforcing a Covenant or enjoining the violation of a Covenant shall be reimbursed for its court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred in such cause.
- **Section 16.06:** Administration Pursuant to these Covenants. TWA and the DRC to the extent specifically provided herein, may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations regarding the administration, interpretation and enforcement of the provisions of these Covenants. In so adopting and promulgating such rules and regulations, and in making any finding, determination, ruling or order or in carrying out any directive contained herein relating to the issuance of permits, authorizations, approvals, rules or regulations, TWA and the DRC shall take into consideration the best interests of the Members to the end that the Property shall be developed, preserved and maintained as a high quality community.
- **Section 16.07: Effect of Violation of Covenants on Mortgage.** No violation of any of these Covenants shall defeat or render invalid the lien of any mortgage made in good faith and for value upon any portion of the Property; provided, however, that any mortgagee in possession or any purchaser at any mortgagee's or foreclosure sale shall be bound by and subject to the Covenants as fully as any other Owner of any portion of the Property.
- **Section 16.08: Promise of Grantee to be Bound by Covenants.** Each person or entity accepting a deed, lease, mortgage, easement or other instrument conveying an interest in any Tract, whether or not the same incorporates or refers to these Covenants, thereby agrees for himself, his heirs, successors and assigns to observe, perform and be bound by the Covenants and to incorporate the same by reference in any deed or other conveyance of his interest in real property subject to these Covenants.
- Section 16.09: Waiver of Liability.

NEITHER TWC, TWA, DRC, ANY RDRC NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE LIABLE IN DAMAGES TO ANYONE SUBMITTING PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS FOR ANY STRUCTURE TO BE CONSTRUCTED, REMODELED OR MOVED ONTO AND TRACT OR AND IMPROVEMENT TO BE CONDUCTED ON ANY TRACT, OR TO ANY OWNER OR RESIDENT OR OTHER THIRD PARTY, BY REASON OF MISTAKE IN JUDGMENT, NEGLIGENCE OR NONFEASANCE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH (I) THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OR FAILURE TO APPROVE ANY SUCH PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS, OR (II) THE INSPECTION, FAILURE TO INSPECT, ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 9.14 ABOVE OR THE FAILURE TO ISSUE SUCH CERTIFICATE, OR (III) THE FAILURE OF ANY OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED PARTIES TO ENFORCE ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE COVENANTS REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, A DESCRIPTION OF USES OR A GRADING PLAN FOR APPROVAL BY THE RDRC OR DRC. EVERY PERSON WHO SUBMITS PLANS TO THE RDRC OR DRC FOR APPROVAL AGREES BY SUBMISSION OF SUCH PLANS, AND EVERY OWNER AND RESIDENT AGREES, BY ACCEPTING A DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE TO A TRACT OR INTEREST THEREIN, THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY ACTION OR SUIT AGAINST SUCH PARTIES TO RECOVER ANY SUCH DAMAGES, AND THAT IF IT VIOLATES THIS AGREEMENT NOT TO BRING ANY SUCH SUIT OR ACTION, IT WILL PAY ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED BY ANY PARTY DEFENDING ANY SUCH ACTION OR SUIT.

## ARTICLE XVII COVENANTS WITH RESPECT TO EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

**Section 17.01:** Covenants of Owners. Each Owner or Resident agrees that neither he nor anyone authorized to act for him will refuse to sell or rent, negotiate for the sale or rental, or otherwise make unavailable or deny and portion of the Property to any person because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Any restrictive covenant on the Property relating to race, color, religion, sex or national origin is recognized as being illegal and void and is specifically disclaimed.

TWC shall be deemed a beneficiary of this covenant and this covenant shall run with the land in favor of TWC for the entire period during which this covenant shall be in force and effect without regard for whether TWC is or becomes an owner of any land or interest therein to which this covenant relates. In the event of any breach of any such covenant, TWC shall have the right to exercise all rights and remedies, and to maintain any actions at law or suits in equity or other proceedings to enforce the curing of such breach, as may be available under law.

#### ARTICLE XVIII MERGER

**Section 18.01: Obligation to Merge.** Under the terms of the Mutual Benefit Agreement between, inter alia, WCA, TWC and TWA, dated March 1, 1992, WCA has the contractual right to cause TWA to merge into WCA upon the conditions set out therein. The Board agrees to take all steps necessary to merge TWA into WCA upon receipt of notice from WCA of its election to cause such a merger, provided that the above referenced contractual right of WCA remains in full force and effect at the time of the proposed merger, and further subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the WCA Board of Directors has taken steps to assure compliance with the second sentence of Section 18.04 below and.
- 2. That TWA receives notice of the election of WCA to cause a merger within 180 days following the date TWC notifies WCA and TWA of the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - A. That 85 per cent of the total acres of land within Tract I and Tract II (as shown on Attachment I to these Covenants) and the first three thousand (3000) acres developed by TWC in Harris County adjacent to Tract I or Tract II (the "Harris County Tract"), have been encumbered with restrictive covenants imposed by TWC,

- B. Upon the sale by TWC of all undeveloped land owned by TWC within Tract II and the Harris County Tract,
- C. Upon the recordation in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas of a notice by TWC of its intention to discontinue development of the undeveloped land within Tract II and the Harris County Tract, or
- Upon receipt by WCA of written notice from TWC consenting to a merger of TWA into WCA.
- **Section 18.02: Transfer of Rights and Obligations.** As soon as practicable, but in no event later than 60 days following the date WCA notifies TWA of its election to cause a merger, TWA will take all steps necessary to complete said merger and the conveyance to WCA all assets, properties, records, contract rights, and other tangible and intangible rights owned by TWA. Upon the acceptance of said transfers by WCA and the assumption by WCA of all rights, duties, obligations, debts, liabilities and liabilities of TWA, TWA shall cease to function and exist.
- **Section 18.03: Directors.** Upon completion of the merger of TWA into WCA, all rights, duties and obligations of TWA under the terms of these covenants shall become the rights and duties of WCA, and all references herein to TWA shall thereafter refer to and mean WCA.
- **Section 18.04: Board.** From and after the date of merger, these Covenants shall remain in full force and effect, except that Section 7.03 of these Covenants shall be null and void. Thereafter, the number of Class A Directors shall be determined by the provisions of the Woodlands Covenants applicable to lands subject to the jurisdiction of WCA. All Members of TWA will be entitled to substantially equal representation on the Board of Directors of WCA (based upon population) as is provided to members of WCA.
- **Section 18.05:** Common Funds. Following the date of merger, nothing contained in these Covenants shall be construed to limit or restrict the ability of WCA to place all Annual Assessments or other revenues in a common fund with those from areas subject to the WCA covenants, and to expend funds as deemed necessary by the Board in any portion of the area then served by WCA, without regard to the origin of funds.

## ARTICLE XIX MISCELLANEOUS

- **Section 19.01:** Alteration of Covenants. No change of conditions or circumstances shall operate to extinguish, terminate, or modify any of the provisions of these Covenants.
- **Section 19.02: Severability of Provisions.** The determination by any court that any provision of these Covenants is unenforceable or void shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof.
- Section 19.03: Successor Entity. TWA shall be empowered to assign its rights, or any part thereof to any successor public body, authority, agency, district or non-profit membership corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Successor Entity"). Upon any such assignment the Successor Entity shall have those rights and be subject to those duties of TWA assigned thereby, and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the appropriate provisions hereof to the same extent as if the Successor Entity had been an original party to the Covenants. Any such assignment shall be accepted by the Successor Entity under a written agreement pursuant to which the

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Successor Entity expressly assumes the duties and obligations of TWA thereby assigned. If for any reason TWA shall cease to exist without having first assigned its rights hereunder to a Successor Entity, the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens imposed hereunder shall nevertheless continue and any Owner or Resident may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to have a trustee appointed for the purpose of organizing a nonprofit membership corporation and assigning the rights of TWA hereunder to such nonprofit corporation with the same force and effect, and subject to the same conditions, as provided in this Section 19.03 with respect to an assignment and delegation of TWA to a Successor Entity.

**Section 19.04:** 

Titles. All Titles or headings of the Articles and Sections herein are for the purpose of reference and shall not be deemed to limit, modify or otherwise affect any of the provisions hereof. All references to singular terms shall include the plural where applicable, and all references to the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

**Section 19.05:** 

Notices. Any notice given or required to be sent under the provisions of these Covenants shall be deemed to have been properly given when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person to whom notice is to be given.

**Section 19.06:** 

No Warranty of Enforceability. While TWC has no reason to believe that any of the sections, terms, or provisions in these Covenants are or may be invalid or unenforceable for any reason or to any extent TWC makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such sections, terms or provisions. Any Owner acquiring a portion of the Property shall not do so in reliance on the enforceability or validity of any one or more of such sections, terms, or provisions of these Covenants and shall assume and does assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and, by acquiring a portion of the Property, agrees to hold TWC and TWA harmless therefrom.

**Section 19.07:** 

Time is of the Essence. In regard to the acts, duties, obligations, or responsibilities to be performed by any Member, Resident of Owner pursuant to these Covenants, time is of the essence as to such performance.

Section 19.08:

Further Restrictions. The restrictions contained herein are in addition to and cumulative of other restrictions placed on the Property by TWC, including, without limitation, the Land Use Restrictions.

Section 19.09:

Governing Law. These Covenants are made in Montgomery County, Texas, and shall be governed by and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Any and all obligations performable hereunder, including but not limited to, the obligation to pay annual and benefits assessments, are to be performed in Montgomery County, Texas.

EXECUTED effective the 1st day of September, 1993.

THE WOODLANDS CORPORATION

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STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on <u>Section 10</u>, 1993, by Roger Galatas, President of The Woodlands Corporation, a corporation, on behalf of said corporation.



Notary Public, State of Texas

(Printed Name of Notary)

My Commission Expires:

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When Recorded Return To:
The Woodland's Corporation
Attn: Mary Rose
P. 0. Box 4000
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

#### **ALDEN BRIDGE SECTION 3**

## METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF A 46.90 ACRE (2,043,059 SQUARE FEET) TRACT OUT OF THE JAMES LEE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 319 AND THE HENRY APPLEWHITE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 51 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

A tract or parcel of land containing 46.90 acres (2,043,059 square feet) more or less, located in the James Lee Survey, Abstract No. 319 (9.82 acres) and the Henry Applewhite Survey, Abstract No. 51 (37.08 acres), Montgomery County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows (bearing and coordinates are referenced to the Texas State Plane Coordinate System South Central Zone):

<u>COMMENCING</u> at a southeast corner of said James Lee Survey, Abstract No. 319 and an interior corner of said Henry Applewhite Survey, Abstract No. 51 (X = 3110474.758, Y = 874616.805);

THENCE North 04° 26' 38" East 429.04 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and a southerly corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE South 89° 56' 23" West 41.14 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 30° 02' 52" West 232.51 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 22° 37' 58" East 69.72 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE northwesterly 141.71 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 37° 45' 56" to a corner, said curve having a radius of 215.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 48° 29' 04" West 139.16 feet;

THENCE South 60° 23' 54" West 156.60 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 46° 22' 39" West 101.55 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 49° 57' 50" West 188.08 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 43° 32' 55" West 154.65 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 12° 07' 17" West 314.62 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 18° 50' 32" East 166.15 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> northeasterly 73.62 feet along the arc of said curve to the right and through a central angle of 06° 35' 26" to a point of tangency, said curve having a radius of 640.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 49° 39' 05" East 73.58;

THENCE North 52° 56' 48" East 101.09 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> northeasterly 181.35 feet along the arc of said curve to the right and through a central angle of 11° 03' 13" to a point of tangency, said curve having a radius of 940.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 58° 28' 25" East 181.07;

THENCE North 64° 00' 02" East 579.75 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> northeasterly 348.37 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 35° 38' 36" to a point of curvature, said curve having a radius of 560.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 46° 10' 44" East 342.78;

THENCE northwesterly 26.53 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 01° 13' 51" to a point of tangency, said curve having a radius of 1235.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 65° 48' 44" West 26.53 feet;

THENCE North 65° 11' 49" West 68.61 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> northwesterly 25.15 feet along the arc of said curve to the right and through a central angle of 01° 50' 10" to a corner, said curve having a radius of 785.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 64° 16' 44" West 25.15 feet:

<u>THENCE</u> northeasterly 70.12 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 09° 07' 49" to a point of curvature, said curve having a radius of 440.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 24° 44' 52" East 70.04 feet;

<u>THENCE</u> southeasterly 25.22 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 02° 01' 16" to a point of tangency, said curve having a radius of 715.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of South 64° 11' 11" East 25.22 feet;

THENCE South 65° 11' 49" East 68.61 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> easterly 602.91 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 29° 39' 05" to a point of tangency, said curve having a radius of 1165.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of South 80° 01' 22" East 596.20 feet;

THENCE North 85° 09' 06" East 216.43 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> easterly 38.72 feet along the arc of said curve to the right and through a central angle of 02° 13' 06" to a point of tangency, said curve having a radius of 1000.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 86° 15' 39" East 38.72 feet;

THENCE North 87° 22' 12" East 113.84 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE northeasterly 39.27 feet along the arc of said curve to the left and through a central angle of 90° 00' 00" to a corner, said curve having a radius of 25.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 42° 22' 12" East 35.36 feet;

THENCE South 02° 37' 48" East 682.91 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 06° 00' 24" West 410.70 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 83° 59' 36" West 50.00 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 74° 48' 39" West 306.98 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 63° 01' 11" West 92.53 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 81° 00' 52" West 81.90 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 79° 05' 06" West 72.32 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 70° 13' 20" West 78.97 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 79° 20' 40" West 191.69 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 61° 26' 17" West 75.65 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 69° 02' 42" West 66.25 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 87° 40' 00" West 45.34 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 75° 47' 43" West 53.97 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 46° 16' 45" West 55.97 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 44° 27' 46" East 171.30 feet to a corner;

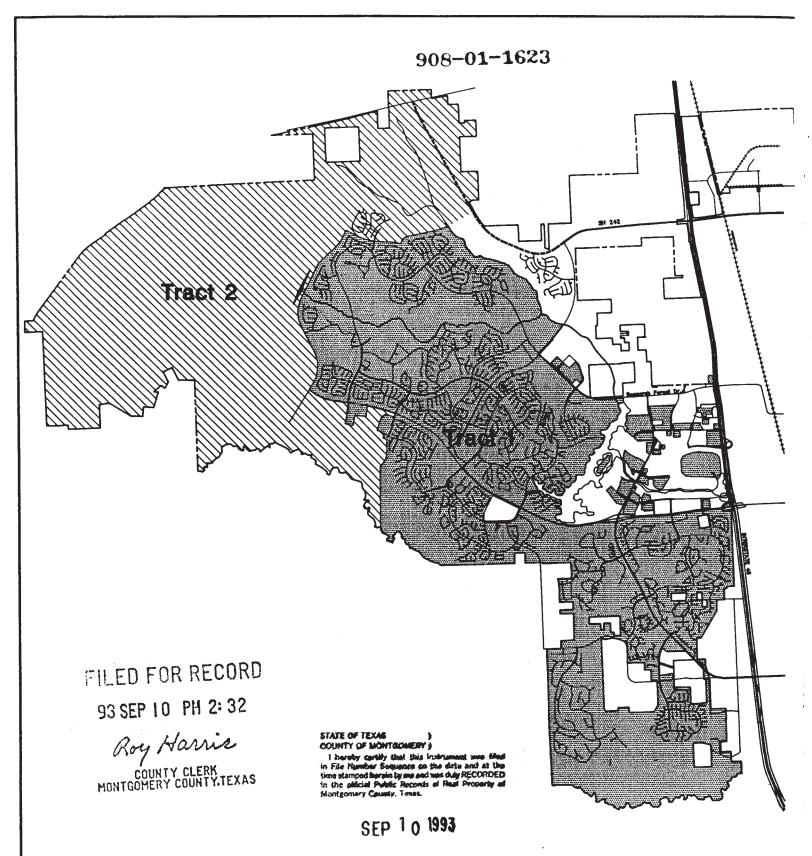
THENCE South 04° 19' 17" West 69.82 feet to a corner;

THENCE South 89° 56' 23" West 186.99 feet to a corner;

THENCE North 31° 21' 52" West 62.80 feet to a point of curvature;

<u>THENCE</u> westerly 63.20 feet along the arc of said curve to the right and through a central angle of 72° 25' 31" to a corner, said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 85° 09' 06" West 59.08 feet;

<u>THENCE</u> South 41 $^{\circ}$  03' 39" West 77.94 feet to the <u>POINT OF BEGINNING</u> and containing 46.90 acres (2,043.059 square feet) of land, more or less.



ATTACHMENT I

COUNTY CLERK MONTGOMERY COUNTY, YEXAS

DATE: 09/09/93