

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
FOR  
SUNCREEK ESTATES – SECTION TWO

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

**COPY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Declaration, made on the date hereinafter set forth by East Texas Partners, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, duly authorized to do business in the state of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "Developer."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Developer is the owner of that certain tract of land known as "SUNCREEK ESTATES SECTION TWO" being a Subdivision of \_\_\_\_\_ acres more or less, located in the John W. Hall League No. 11, Abstract No. 68, Brazoria County, Texas, and according to the plat ("Plat") of said SUNCREEK ESTATES SECTION TWO, recorded on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, in the office of the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, Pages \_\_\_\_\_, Map Records of said county, DRBCT \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as the "Property" or the "Subdivision"); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Developer to place certain restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, stipulations and reservations (herein sometimes referred to as the "Restrictions") upon and against such Property in order to establish a uniform plan for the development, improvement and sale of the Property, and to insure the preservation of such uniform plan for the benefit of both the present and future owners of Lots in said Subdivision:

NOW, THEREFORE, Developer hereby adopts, establishes and imposes upon the Subdivision known as SunCreek Estates, Section One and declares the following reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, applicable thereto, all of which are for the purposes of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of said Property, which Restrictions shall run with said Property and title or interest therein, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof, except that unless otherwise expressly stated herein, no part of this Declaration or the Restrictions shall be deemed to apply in any manner to the areas identified or platted as a Reserve or Unrestricted Reserve on the Plat or to any area not included in the boundaries of said Plat. Developer also declares that this Subdivision shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the "Association" (as hereinafter defined).

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 "Annexable Area" shall mean and refer to any additional property made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to the provisions set forth herein, including, without limitation any other Sections of SUNCREEK ESTATES Subdivision, if any, Developer may plat any property adjacent to or in the proximity of the Property which the Developer may wish to include in the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 1.02 "Association" shall mean and refer to SUNCREEK ESTATES Property Owners Association, and its successors and assigns.

Section 1.03 "SUNCREEK ESTATES" shall mean and refer to this Subdivision and any other sections of SUNCREEK ESTATES hereafter made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 1.04 "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 1.05 "Builders" shall mean and refer to persons or entities that purchase Lots and build speculative or custom homes thereon for third party purchasers.

Section 1.06 "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including the improvements thereto) within the Subdivision owned by the Developer and/or the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and/or any other real property and improvements, including, but not limited to, parks, open spaces, lakes, lake road crossings, dams, greenbelt areas and other facilities and areas designated on the Plat within the Common Area to which the Owners may hereafter become entitled to use.

Section 1.07 "Contractor" shall mean and refer to the person or entity with whom an Owner contracts to construct a residential dwelling on such Owner's Lot.

Section 1.08 "Developer" shall mean and refer to East Texas Partners, LLC, and any successor(s) and assign(s). However, no person or entity merely purchasing one or more Lots from East Texas Partners, LLC, in the ordinary course of business shall be considered a "Developer."

Section 1.09 "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land identified as a Lot or tract on the plat of the Subdivision. For purposes of this instrument, "Lot" shall not be deemed to include any portion of any "Common Areas," "Reserves," "Restricted Reserves" or "Unrestricted Reserves," (defined herein as any Common Areas, Reserves, Restricted Reserves or Unrestricted Reserves shown on the Plat) in the Subdivision, regardless of the use made of such area. No lot maybe resubdivided without the prior written consent of the Association or, before Control Transfer Date, the developer.

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Section 1.10 "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity that holds a membership in the Association.

Section 1.11 "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any Lot or reserve which is a part of the Subdivision, including (i) contract sellers (a seller under a Contract-for-Deed), but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, (ii) Developer (except as otherwise provided herein), and (iii) Builders.

Section 1.12 "Living Area" shall mean and refer to the area computed using exterior dimensions of the entire living area of a residence, that is heated and cooled; e.g. both floors of a two story residence excluding attic, garage, basement, breezeway or porch.

Section 1.13 "Lake" shall mean and refer to Lily Lake in Section One, a 22.02 acre lake and park reserve with detention and Cherokee Lake in Section One, an 11.73 acre lake with detention in the Subdivision. Owners may use the Lakes as a common area, subject to the rules and regulations imposed for such use by the Developer or the Association as set forth herein.

Section 1.14 "Lakefront Lots" shall mean and refer to all lots on a lake.

## ARTICLE II

### RESERVATIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Section 2.01 Recorded Subdivision Map of the Property. The plat ("Plat") of the Subdivision dedicates for use as such, subject to the limitations as set forth therein, the roads, streets and easements shown thereon. The Plat further establishes certain restrictions applicable to the Property. All dedications, restrictions and reservations created herein or shown on the Plat, replats or amendments of the Plat of the Subdivision recorded or hereafter recorded shall be incorporated herein and made a part hereof and shall be construed as being included in each contract, deed, or conveyance executed or to be executed by or on behalf of Developer, conveying said Property or any part thereof whether specifically referred to therein or not.

Section 2.02 Easements. Developer subject to the provisions of Section 3.02 hereof for Composite Building Sites, reserves for public use the utility easements shown on the Plat or that have been or hereafter may be created by separate instrument recorded in the Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing a system or systems of electric lighting, electric power, telegraph and telephone line or lines, gas lines, sewers, water lines, storm drainage (surface or underground), cable television, or any other utility the Developer sees fit to install in, across and/or under the Property. Developer and its assigns further expressly reserves the right to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of constructing or maintaining any natural drainage pattern, area or easement. All utility easements in the Subdivision may be used for the construction of drainage swales in order to provide for improved surface drainage of the Reserves, Common Area and/or Lots. The Property Owners Association, the Developer and their assigns shall have the right to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of improving, constructing or maintaining the drainage facilities in the drainage easements shown on the plat of the subdivision. To the extent not performed by Brazoria County or Iowa Colony Drainage District, the Property Owners Association, at its expense, shall maintain all drainage facilities, including drainage easements, as shown on the plat of the subdivision as well as any outside drainage easements referenced on the plat. Further, fences shall not be constructed within or across any drainage easement as shown on the plat of the subdivision as well as any outside drainage easements referenced on the plat. Should any utility company furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, Developer, without the joinder of any other Owner, shall have the right to grant such easement on said Property without conflicting with the terms hereof. Any utility company serving the Subdivision and/or any Utility District serving the Subdivision shall have the right to enter upon any utility easement for the purpose of installation, repair and maintenance of their respective facilities. Neither Developer nor any utility company, water district, political Subdivision or other authorized entity using the easements herein referred to shall be liable for any damages done by them or their assigns, agents, employees, or servants, to fences, shrubbery, trees and lawns or any other property of the Owner on the property encumbered by said easements.

Section 2.03 Title Subject to Easements. It is expressly agreed and understood that the title conveyed by Developer to any of the Lots by contract deed or other conveyance shall be subject to any easement affecting same for roadways or drainage, water line, gas, sewer, electric lighting, electric power, telegraph or telephone purposes and other easements hereafter granted affecting the Lots. The Owners of the respective Lots shall not be deemed to own pipes, wires, conduits or other service lines running through their Lots which are utilized for or service other Lots, but each Owner shall have an easement in and to the aforesaid facilities as shall be necessary for the use, maintenance and enjoyment of his Lot. The Developer may convey title to said easements to the public, a public utility company or the Association.

Section 2.04 Utility Easements.

(a) Utility ground and aerial easements have been dedicated in accordance with the Plat and by separate recorded easement documents. Utility easements on side Lots lines may be eliminated and canceled along adjoining Lot lines in a Composite Building Site in accordance with Section 3.02 hereof.

(b) No building swimming pool or other structure shall be located over, under, upon or across any portion of any utility easement. The Owner of each Lot shall have the right to construct, keep and maintain concrete drives, walkways, fences, and similar improvements across any utility easement, and shall be entitled to cross such easements at all times for purposes of gaining access to and from such Lots, provided, however, any concrete drive, walkways, fence or similar improvement placed upon such Utility Easement by the Owner shall be constructed, maintained and used at Owner's risk and, as such, the Owner of each Lot subject to said Utility Easements shall be responsible for (i) any and all repairs to the concrete drives, walkways, fences and similar improvements which cross or are located upon such Utility Easements and (ii) repairing any damage to said improvements caused by the Utility District or any public utility in the course of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing, or removing its facilities located within the Utility Easements.

(c) The Owner of each Lot shall indemnify and hold harmless Developer, and public utility companies having facilities located over, on, across or under utility easements from any loss, expense, suit or demand resulting from death, injuries to persons or damage to property in any way occurring, incident to, arising out of or in connection with said Owner's installation, maintenance, repair or removal of any permitted improvements located within utility easements, including where such death, injury or damage is caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of such public utility or the Developer, their employees, officers, contractors, or agents.

Section 2.05 Roads and Streets. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Section 2.05, the roads and streets in this Subdivision, as shown on the Plat, are hereby dedicated in addition to roadways, as utility easements for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining or repairing a system(s) of electric lighting, electrical power, telegraph and telephone lines, gas lines, sewers, water lines, storm drainage (surface or underground) cable television, or any other utilities that the Developer sees fit to install (or permit to be installed) in, across and/or under the Property.

Section 2.06 Lily Lake & Cherokee Lake. Those areas designated as Lily Lake and Cherokee Lake are Common Area Lakes located in Section One to be used for the purpose of drainage and detention for the Subdivision to comply with city and county authorities and to create a ponding area to collect the Subdivision's surface water runoff. Lily Lake includes a Common Area Park for property owner use. Lily Lake and the park may be used by Owners of property in the Subdivision or by Owners of property in any other section of Suncreek Estates. The usage of Cherokee Lake is restricted to the owners of Lots 10-24, Block 5, Section One. Usage of the lakes and park shall be subject to such rules and regulation as may be imposed by the Developer (or after the Control Transfer Date by the Association).

Section 2.07 Transfer of Reserves to Association. At such time as the Developer has sold and conveyed eighty (80%) percent of the Lots in the Subdivision, the Developer shall transfer ownership of all Reserves, in the Subdivision to the Association.

Section 2.08 Use of Lakes. Lily Lake and the adjoining park in Section One shall be a Common Area and are to be used only by Owners of Lots in the Subdivision, and by Owners of property in any other section of Suncreek Estates. Cherokee Lake is restricted to the owners of Lots 10-24, Block 5, Section One. Said lakes may be used by owners, their invitees and guests for recreation and outdoor activities including, but not limited to, boating, and fishing, as may be permitted and regulated by the Developer or the Association. The use of said Lakes by said Owners and their guests shall be permitted and regulated by the Developer and, upon the Control Transfer Date, the Association and any Owner's failure to comply with such rules and regulations regarding use of Lakes shall allow the Developer or Association, as the case may be, to suspend said Owner's use privileges of said Lakes as set forth in Article 5.04 hereof. Further, the Lakes shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

- (i) The Lakes shall be, at all times, no wake areas; and
- (ii) No motorized boats or motorized watercraft of any type shall be permitted on any Lake; and
- (iii) The Developer, and upon the Control Transfer Date, the Board of Directors of the Association, shall have the right and authority to amend or modify these Rules and Regulations for the Lakes in the event it deems such amendment or modification to be in the best interest of the subdivision; and
- (iv) The violation of any of these Rules and Regulations for the Lakes shall be cause for suspension of the violator's right to use the Lake and other recreational facilities in the subdivision for a period as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 2.09 Maintenance Easements. There is hereby dedicated a thirty (30) foot wide maintenance easement along the rear of all lots on Lily Lake and Cherokee Lakes as shown on the Plat.

Section 2.10 Water Plant Reserve. The areas designated as Water Plant Reserve shall not be encumbered with or governed by these Restrictions.

Section 2.11 Landscape Easements. The areas designated on the Plat as Landscape Easements will be maintained by the Developer or after the Control Transfer Date by the Association.

### ARTICLE III

#### USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 3.01 Single Family Residential Construction. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot or Building Site other than one single-family Dwelling unit ("Dwelling") per each Lot to be used solely for residential purposes. The term "dwelling" does not include single or double wide manufactured or mobile homes, or any old or used houses to be moved on the Lot or any log homes and said manufactured or mobile and used homes or log homes are not permitted within the Subdivision. As used herein, the term "residential purposes" shall be construed to prohibit mobile homes, trailers, modular or manufactured homes, pre-fabricated or log homes being placed on said Lots, or the use of said Lots for duplex houses, churches, condominiums, townhouses, garage apartments, or apartment houses; and no Lot shall be used for business, educational or professional purposes of any kind whatsoever, nor for any commercial or manufacturing purposes. Provided, however, an Owner may maintain a home office in a Dwelling with no advertising signs or regular visits by customers or clients. No log siding shall be used on exterior of any Dwelling.

- (a) Guest/Servants House. One guest/servants house may be built provided it matches the same design as main Dwelling and said guest/servants house must contain a minimum of 500 square feet and a maximum of not more than 50% of the square footage of the main dwelling, and be built after or while the main dwelling is being built and be approved

in writing by the Architectural Control Committee prior to construction.

- (b) Work Shops & Barns. Work shops and barns may be constructed on the property after or while the main dwelling is being built; so long as they are in harmony with the main Dwelling and are of good construction, kept in good repair, and are not used for residential purposes. Any workshops, barns or other outbuildings shall be located to the rear of the main Dwelling. There shall be no workshops, barns or outbuildings constructed, erected, placed or permitted on Lakefront Lots.
- (c) Garages. Every Dwelling must be designed and constructed with a garage. Said garage must be built for at least two (2) vehicles and not more than five (5) vehicles and must be built while the main dwelling is being built.
- (d) Minimum Square Foot Requirements. Except as stated below, all dwellings shall have a minimum of 2,200 square feet of living area, excluding porches, and be built with new construction materials. Except as follows, there shall be a minimum of 1,500 square feet of living area on the first floor of any multi-story home:
  - i) Dwellings constructed on the following lots shall have a minimum of 2400 square feet of living area, excluding porches and be built with new construction materials:
    - Section Two, Block 8, Lots 1-29
    - Section Two, Block 9, Lots 1-29
- (e) Roof Construction. The roof of any Dwelling shall be constructed of either composition shingles, copper, tile, slate, standing seam metal or other material approved by the Architectural Control Committee and according to the guidelines adopted by the Committee, prior to construction. The use of sheet metal or similar material on the roof or exterior sides of any Dwelling other than as flashing is prohibited.
- (f) Regulatory Compliance. When constructing any improvement or performing any site work, a lot owner shall comply with any and all federal, state and local regulations including, but not limited to, those relating to storm water pollution control plans.
- (g) Construction Schedule. Any building, structure or improvement commenced on any tract shall be completed as to exterior finish and appearance within twelve (12) months from the setting of forms for the foundation of said building or structure.

#### Section 3.02 Composite Building Site.

Any Owner of one or more adjoining Lots (or portions thereof) may, with prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee, consolidate such Lots or portions into one building site, with the privilege of placing or constructing improvements on such resulting composite site, in which case the side set-back lines along the common lot lines shall be eliminated and said set-back lines shall thereupon be measured from the resulting side property lines rather than from the center adjacent Lot lines as indicated on the Plat. Further, any utility easements along said common lot lines shall be eliminated and abandoned upon approval of a Composite Building Site provided such easements are not then being used for utility purposes. Any such Composite Building Site must have a front building set-back line of not less than the minimum front building set-back line of all Lots in the same block, and such Composite Building Site will still be considered as individual Lots for purposes of the Maintenance Charge set forth in Article VI hereof.

Section 3.03 Location of the Improvements upon the Lot. No building of any kind shall be located on any Lot nearer to any side or rear property line, or nearer to any public road or waterway than as may be indicated on the Plat; provided, however, as to any Lot, the Architectural Control Committee may waive or alter any such setback line if the Architectural Control Committee, in the exercise of the Architectural Control Committee's sole discretion, deems such waiver or alteration is necessary to permit effective utilization of a Lot. Any such waiver or alteration must be in writing and recorded in the Deed of Records of Brazoria County, Texas. All dwellings placed on Property must be equipped with septic tank or other sewage disposal system meeting all applicable laws, rules, standards and specifications, and all such dwellings must be served with water and electricity. The main residential structure on any Lot shall face the front of the Lot towards the street or road, unless a deviation is approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. On corner lots, dwellings may face either street or diagonally toward the intersection. The recorded plat will show all building set back lines, and in the event of a conflict with these Restrictions, said PLAT shall control. The minimum dimensions of any Lot and the building set back lines shall be as follows (provided, any conflict with the building set back lines set forth on the Plat shall be controlled by the Plat):

The building set back line along the front of each Lot containing more than two (2) acres shall be one hundred (100') feet, unless otherwise shown on the Plat. The building set back line along the front of Lots that are less than (two) 2 acres will be seventy-five (75) feet, unless otherwise shown on the Plat.

The building set back line along the rear of each Lot shall be twenty-five (25') feet, on all Lots, unless otherwise shown on the Plat.

Section 3.04 Residential Foundation Requirements. All building foundations shall be an engineered concrete slab. Iowa Colony Drainage District requires that the minimum finished slab elevation for all structures shall be two feet (2') above the 100 year flood plain or two feet (2') above the finished ground level – whichever is higher. Furthermore, the minimum slab elevation must be 6" (six) inches higher than the crown of any down gradient roadway, or such other level as may be established by the Commissioner's Court or County Engineer of the County, and other applicable governmental authorities. The minimum slab elevation must also be a minimum of twelve (12") inches above the finished grade of the Lot perimeter, unless otherwise approved by the Committee.

All references in this Declaration to required minimum slab elevations and/or any slab elevations approved by the Committee

do not constitute a guarantee by the Developer, the Committee or the Association that the residence will be free of flood or related damage.

All foundations are required to be engineered and designed by a licensed, registered engineer based upon appropriate soils information taken from the specific Lot in question as recommended by such engineer. However, at the minimum, soil borings and soil reports by a qualified soils engineer are required for all Lots prior to such engineer's design of the foundation.

The residential foundation plans to be used in the construction of the Dwelling must be submitted to the Committee along with the plans and specifications for the residence as provided in Section 4.01. All foundation plans must be signed, sealed and dated by the engineer designing said foundation plans. The Committee and/or Developer shall rely solely upon Owner/Builder's engineer as to the adequacy of said foundation design when issuing architectural approval of the residence to be constructed. No independent evaluation of foundation plan is being made by the Committee. The Committee's sole function as to foundation plans are to determine if the plans have been prepared by a licensed registered engineer, as evidenced by the placement of an official seal on the plans.

The Owner/Builder shall establish and construct the residence and garage slab elevation sufficient to avoid water entering into the Dwelling and garage in the event of a heavy rain. A special drainage structure, as recommended and designed by a licensed engineer or other person on behalf of the Owner is recommended wherein the slab elevation is lower than the road ditches.

The granting of approvals of foundation plans and the Dwelling and garage slab elevation shall in no way serve as warranty as to the quality of the plans and specifications and/or that Dwelling shall be free from flood damage from rising or wind driven water or the flow of surface water from other locations within the Subdivision and in no event shall the Developer, the Committee or the Association have any liability as a result of the Committee's approval or disapproval of the resulting improvement.

Section 3.05 Driveways. All driveways in the Subdivision shall be constructed of concrete, asphalt, crushed rock or gravel and shall be completed within Twelve (12) months from the setting of forms for the foundation of said building or structure as indicated in Section 3.01. Further, the driveway or entrance to each lot, from the pavement of the street going into the Lot or homesite twenty-five (25) feet in distance, shall be paved with concrete or asphalt, and a county approved culvert shall be installed to cross any roadside drainage ditch. All driveway culverts shall be installed with the flowline level with the final grade of the ditch, or as may be required by Brazoria County. Culverts shall be made of concrete and shall be of a type and size acceptable to Brazoria County. It is the responsibility of every Property Owner to ensure that the construction, size and placement of any culvert on their property meets the guidelines and approval of Brazoria County. It is understood that should Brazoria County require the removal, replacement, correction, modification or repair of any culvert, it shall be the responsibility of the Property Owner to pay for such work. Should Brazoria County require Developer to remove, replace, correct, repair or modify any culvert as a precondition to acceptance of the subdivision roads into the county road system, Developer shall have the right to undertake such work and Property Owner shall reimburse Developer for all costs incurred.

Section 3.06 Use of Temporary Structures and Sales Offices. No structure of a temporary character, whether trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be maintained or used on any Lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently; provided, however, that Developer reserves the exclusive right to erect, place and maintain such facilities in or upon any portion of the Subdivision as in its sole discretion may be necessary or convenient while selling Lots, selling or constructing residences and constructing other improvements within the Subdivision. As long as a Builder purchases five or more lots in the Subdivision, said Builder may maintain a model home on a Lot as a sales office. At such time as a Builder shall own less than two Lots, said Builder may no longer maintain or use a model home as a sales office. While in the process of constructing a Dwelling, any Builder may advertise the sale of that Dwelling or, in the alternative, that he "will build to suit" by placing a sign on said Lot in accordance with the size requirements in Section 3.19 herein.

Section 3.07 Water Supply. Developer has contracted with a third party for the installation of a central water system for the Subdivision. All residential Dwellings in this Subdivision shall be equipped with and served by a central fresh water system installed, operated and continuously maintained in accordance with applicable utility company and governmental requirements, and no water wells shall be made, bored or drilled, nor any type or kind of private system installed or used except upon approval of the Architectural Control Committee and any required governmental authorities. Wells may be drilled by the Developer or Association for use in watering common areas and filling of lakes or ponds in common areas. All Dwellings must tap into and remain connected to the central water system for the Subdivision. Provided, however, wells may be drilled by Owners for use in watering of animals or livestock, sprinkler systems or swimming pools.

Section 3.08 Sanitary Sewers. No outside, open or pit type toilets will be permitted in this Subdivision. Prior to occupancy, all Dwellings constructed in this Subdivision must have a septic or sewage disposal system installed and maintained by the Owner to comply with the requirements of the appropriate governing agency or agencies. The aerobic type septic systems are preferred. No field line septic systems will be permitted in the subdivision.

Section 3.09 Electric Utility Service. Prior to beginning any construction on a Lot, each Lot owner, at his expense, shall be required to install electric service lines from the transformer or source of feed to the meter location on said Lot. Further, each Lot owner may expect to pay a charge for connection to such electric utility service, and the owner is obligated to contact the electric utility company providing service to the Subdivision to determine such charge and make arrangements for the installation of said electrical service lines and connection to the electrical distribution system. Owner shall also be responsible for all charges for all utility service furnished to Owner's Lot. Owner should allow up to three (3) months for the electric utility company to install said electrical utility services lines.

Section 3.10 Walls and Fences. Walls and fences, if any, must be approved prior to construction by the Architectural Control Committee. No wall, fence, planter or hedge in excess of six (6') feet in height shall be erected, planted or maintained on any lot. No wall, fence, planter or hedge shall be any closer to a street than ten (10) feet back from the property line along the street. On corner lots, fences, walls, hedges or planters shall not be erected, planted or maintained any closer to a side street than ten (10) feet back from the side Lot Line. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 3.10, no wall, fence, planter or hedge along side or rear lot lines shall be

more than six (6') feet high. Unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee, fences along and adjacent to any road or street must be constructed of 3-rail type wood boards or similar appearing synthetic materials, ornamental iron or masonry and must be in harmony with the guidelines of the Architectural Control Committee. All other fences and walls will be constructed of ornamental iron, wood or masonry unless the Architectural Control Committee approves a variance to allow such type of fence prior to its construction. Any solid privacy fence allowed shall be no closer to the street than the front of the Dwelling on any Lot. Further, any solid privacy fence shall not exceed six (6') feet in height. No wire or chain link fences shall be allowed. Fences shall not be constructed within or across any drainage easement as shown on the plat of the subdivision. The Owner may obtain permission from the Committee to construct a cage, kennel or dog run out of chain link fence, provided any such outside pen, cage, kennel, shelter, concrete pet pad, run, track or other building, structure or device directly or indirectly related to animals which can be seen, heard or smelled by anyone other than the subject Lot Owner must be approved as to materials, size and location by the Architectural Control Committee in its sole and absolute discretion. Driveway entrances may be constructed of masonry columns; ornamental iron or similar materials in harmony with the Dwelling on said Lot as may be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. The Owner of any Lot upon which the Developer has constructed a fence shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of said fence. Further, any fence constructed across any pipeline easement shall include a gate or gates sufficient to allow the pipeline company access along and use of said pipeline right-of-way or easement. No fences shall be constructed on any Lot until the setting of forms for the main Dwelling foundation.

Section 3.11 Prohibition of Offensive Activities. Without expanding the permitted use of the Lots, no activity, whether for profit or not, shall be conducted on any Lot which is not related to single family residential purposes. No noxious or offensive activity of any sort shall be permitted nor shall anything be done on any Lot, which may be or become an annoyance or a nuisance to the Subdivision. This restriction is waived in regard to the customary sales activities required to sell homes in the Subdivision and for home offices described in Section 3.01 hereof. No exterior speaker, horn, whistle, bell or other sound device, except security and fire devices used exclusively for security and fire purposes, shall be located, used or placed on a Lot. Without limitation, the discharge or use of firearms is expressly prohibited. The Association shall have the sole and absolute discretion to determine what constitutes a nuisance or annoyance. Activities expressly prohibited, include, without limitation, (1) the use or discharge of firearms, firecrackers or other fireworks within the Subdivision, (2) the storage of ammonium nitrate, flammable liquids in excess of ten gallons, or (3) other activities which may be offensive by reason of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, noise, vibration or pollution, or which are hazardous by reason of excessive danger, fire or explosion.

Section 3.12 Swimming Pools. No swimming pool may be constructed on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Committee. Each application made to the Committee shall be accompanied by two sets of plans and specifications for the proposed swimming pool construction to be done on such Lot, including a plot plan showing the location and dimensions of the swimming pool and all related improvements, together with the plumbing and excavation disposal plan. The Committee's approval or disapproval of such swimming pool shall be made in the same manner as described in Article IV hereof for other building improvements. The Owner shall be responsible for all necessary temporary erosion control measures required during swimming pool construction on said Lot to insure that there is no erosion into Lakes or natural waterways. Swimming pool drains shall be piped into the ditch in the front of the Lot or other approved drainage area. In no event shall swimming pools be drained or discharge water into the Lakes. The swimming pool drain outfall shall be terminated through a concrete pad constructed flush with the slope of the ditch so as not to interfere with the maintenance or mowing of the ditch. Pools may not be erected within any utility easement and no portion of a swimming pool shall be erected in front of a Dwelling. However, pools may be erected within the building line setbacks as long as the pool has no permanent structure built above pool deck.

Section 3.13 Drainage.

(a) Each Owner of a Lot agrees for himself, his heirs, legal representatives, assigns or successors-in-interest that he will not in any way interfere with the established drainage pattern over his Lot from adjoining or other Lots in the Subdivision, and he will make adequate provisions for the drainage over his Lot (which provisions for drainage shall be included in the Owner's plans and specifications submitted to the Committee and shall be subject to the Committee's approval). For the purposes hereof, "established drainage" is defined as the drainage which existed at the time that the overall grading of the Subdivision, including landscaping of any Lot in the Subdivision, was completed by Developer.

(b) Each Owner (including Builders), unless otherwise approved by the Committee, must finish the grade of the Lot so as to establish good drainage from the rear of the Lot to the front street or from the building site to the front and rear of the Lot as dictated by existing drainage ditches, swales and Lakes constructed by Developer or Utility Districts for drainage purposes. No pockets or low areas may be left on the Lot (whether dirt or concrete) where water will stand following a rain or during watering. With the approval of the Committee, an Owner may establish an alternate drainage plan for low areas by installing underground pipe and area inlets or by installing an open concrete trough with area inlets, however, the drainage plan for such alternate drainage must be submitted to an approved by the Committee prior to the construction thereof.

(c) The Subdivision has been designed and constructed utilizing surface drainage in the form of ditches and swales and, to the extent these drainage ditches and swales are located in front, side or rear Lot easements, the Owners shall not regrade or construct any improvements or other obstruction on the Lot which adversely affects the designed drainage flow. The Owner shall be responsible for returning any drainage swale disturbed during construction or thereafter to its original line and grade, and the Owner shall be responsible for maintaining the drainage ditches or swales appurtenant to said Owner's Lot in their original condition during the term of his ownership.

(d) The Property Owners Association or its assigns may enter onto property owners drainage swales or easements on side or rear property lines from time to time to maintain such drainage swales or easements as far removing silt and / or re-grading to improve roadside drainage or to prevent damage to road system at The Property Owners Association's expense.

Section 3.14 Excavation. The digging of dirt or the removal of any dirt from any Lot is expressly prohibited except as may be necessary in conjunction with ponds, the landscaping of or construction of improvements on such Lot.

Section 3.15 Removal of Trees, Trash and Care of Lots during Construction of Residence.

(a) All Owners, during their respective construction of a residence, are required to remove and haul from the Lot all tree stumps, trees, limbs, branches, underbrush and all other trash or rubbish cleared from the Lot for construction of the residence, construction of other improvements and landscaping. No materials or trash hauled from the Lot may be placed elsewhere in the Subdivision or on land owned by Developer whether adjoining the Subdivision or not. Burning on the lots shall be permitted as long as it does not violate any governmental rules or regulations.

(b) All Owners, during their respective construction of a residence, are required to continuously keep the Lot in a reasonably clean and organized condition. Papers, rubbish, trash, scrap, and unusable building materials are to be kept picked up and hauled from the Lot. Other usable building materials are to be kept stacked and organized in a reasonable manner upon the Lot.

(c) No trash, materials, or dirt is allowed in the street or street ditches. All Owners shall keep street and street ditches free from trash, materials, and dirt. Any such trash, materials, or excess dirt or fill inadvertently spilling or getting into the street or street ditch shall be removed, without delay, not less frequently than daily.

(d) No Owner or Contractor may enter onto a lot adjacent to the Lot upon which he is building for purposes of ingress and egress to his Lot before, during or after construction, unless such adjacent Lot is also owned by such Owner, and all such adjacent Lots shall be kept free of any trees, underbrush, trash, rubbish and/or any other building or waste materials before, during or after construction of building improvements by the Owner of an adjacent Lot.

(e) All Builders, Owners and their Contractors shall be responsible for any damage caused to the roads, roadside ditches and easements during the construction of improvements on a Lot. Further, any Builder or Contractor shall be required to deliver to the Association a minimum damage deposit of \$1,000.00 or such reasonable amount as may be determined by the Architectural Control Committee prior to beginning construction of any Dwelling or other building. This damage deposit shall be returned to the Builder or Contractor upon completion of said Dwelling or other building provided the Association determines that no damage to the roads, ditches or easements was caused by said Builder or Contractor. This includes damages caused by concrete washouts, which occur outside authorized areas. Further, any Owner, Builder, Contractor shall supply and maintain a portable toilet and trash bins for construction trash during the construction of a Dwelling in the Subdivision. All Builders, Owners and their Contractors shall be responsible for keeping construction site free of debris and trash and a concrete clean out area must be provided by the builder, concrete clean out in roadside ditches is prohibited.

Section 3.16 Inspections. A minimum Fee of \$225 or a reasonable amount to be determined by the Committee, must be paid to the Committee at such time as application for architectural approval is made to the Committee, which fee shall be used for an independent inspection and to defray the expense for before and after building inspections. In the event construction requirements are incomplete or rejected at the time of inspection and it becomes necessary to have additional building inspections; a fee, in an amount to be determined by the Committee, must be paid to the Committee prior to each building inspection.

Section 3.17 Garbage and Trash Disposal. Garbage and trash or other refuse accumulated in this Subdivision shall not be permitted to be dumped at any place upon adjoining land where a nuisance to any residence of this Subdivision is or may be created. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or landfill. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be allowed to accumulate, shall be kept in sanitary containers and shall be disposed of regularly. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Section 3.18 Junked Motor Vehicles Prohibited. No Lot shall be used as a depository for abandoned or junked motor vehicles. An abandoned or junked motor vehicle is one without a current, valid state vehicle inspection sticker and license plate. No junk of any kind or character, or dilapidated structure or building of any kind or character, shall be kept on any Lot. No accessories, parts or objects used with cars, boats, buses, trucks, trailers, house trailers or the like, shall be kept on any Lot other than in a garage or other structure approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 3.19 Signs. Except as authorized herein and in Section 3.06, no signs, advertisement, billboard or advertising structure of any kind may be erected or maintained on any Lot without the consent in writing of the Architectural Control Committee, except (i) one (1) professionally made sign not more than thirty-six inches by thirty-six inches (36" x 36"), advertising an Owner's Dwelling for sale or rent, may be placed on such improved Lot and (ii) one (1) sign not more than thirty-six inches by thirty-six inches (36" x 36") square advertising the builders of the Owner's dwelling may be placed on such Lot during the construction period of such residence from the forming of the foundation until completion not to exceed a twelve (12) month period. Other than as permitted in Section 3.06 hereof no signs shall be permitted on unimproved Lots. Developer or any member of such Committee shall have the right to remove any such sign, advertisement or billboard or structure which is placed on any Lot in violation of these restrictions, and in doing so, shall not be liable, and are hereby expressly relieved from, any liability for trespass or other tort in connection therewith, or arising from such removal. With the consent in writing of the Developer or the Architectural Control Committee, a model home as indicated in section 3.06, may erect one (1) professionally made sign larger than stated above for advertising the Model Home.

Section 3.20 Livestock and Animals. Except as herein provided, no animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot in the Subdivision. Dogs, cats and other common household pets may be kept on any Lot. One (1) horse per acre may be kept on Lots consisting of at least two (2) acres. Up to Five (5) cows may be kept on Lots consisting of at least ten (10) acres. Animals being raised for FFA or 4-H school sponsored programs will be permitted on Lots in the Subdivision, however, no horses or cows, including those raised for FFA or 4-H school sponsored programs shall be allowed on Lakefront Lots. Furthermore, no pigs, hogs, emus, peacocks, ostriches, reptiles, tigers or large cats will be permitted under any circumstances, including FFA or 4-H school sponsored programs. Further, no animal shall be allowed or permitted on any portion of the Subdivision except the property of the owner unless the same shall be under control of the Owner or another person by leash, rope, chain, or other restraining device, provided



however that no animal shall be allowed on any property without permission of the Owner. No animals shall be kept on any Lot until the setting of forms of the main Dwelling foundation. No animals shall be allowed to run loose in the Subdivision. Animals may not be kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes and must not become a nuisance or threat to other Owners

Section 3.21 Mineral Development. No commercial oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operation of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot, nor shall any wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavation, or shafts be permitted upon or in any Lot, and, no derrick or other structures designed for the use of boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Lot.

Section 3.22 Lot Maintenance. All Lots, at Owner's sole cost and expense, shall be kept at all times in a neat, attractive, healthful and sanitary condition, and the Owner or occupant of all Lots shall keep all weeds and grass thereon (outside of natural vegetation areas) cut to a height of 24" or less and shall in no event use any Lot for storage of materials or equipment except for normal residential requirements or incident to construction of improvements thereon as herein permitted, or permit the accumulation of garbage, trash or rubbish of any kind thereon, and shall not burn any garbage, trash or rubbish. Provided, however, the burning of underbrush and trees during Lot clearing shall be permitted. All yard equipment or storage piles shall be kept screened by a service yard or other similar facility as herein otherwise provided, so as to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots, streets or other property. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and wastes.
- b. Lawn mowing (outside of the natural vegetation areas).
- c. Tree and shrub pruning (outside of the natural vegetation areas).
- d. Keeping exterior lighting and mechanical facilities in working order.
- e. Keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive.
- f. Keeping parking areas, walkways and driveways in good repair.
- g. Complying with all government health and policy requirements.
- h. Repainting of improvements.
- i. Repair of exterior damage to improvements.

In the event of the failure of Owner to comply with the above requirements after ten (10) days written notice thereof, the Association or their designated agents may, in addition to any and all remedies, either at law or in equity, available for the enforcement of these restrictions, without liability to the Owner, Builder or any occupants of the Lot in trespass or otherwise, enter upon (and/or authorize one or more others to enter upon) said Lot, to cut, or cause to be cut, such weeds and grass and remove, or cause to be removed, such garbage, trash and rubbish or do any other thing necessary to secure compliance with this Declaration, so as to place said Lot in a neat, attractive, healthful and sanitary condition, and may charge the Owner, Builder or occupant of such Lot for the cost of such work and associated materials, plus a fee of \$25.00 per month for each instance. Payment thereof shall be collected as an additional Maintenance Charge and shall be payable on the first day of the next calendar month.

Section 3.23 Exterior Maintenance of Building. In the event the owner of any building in the Subdivision should allow such building to fall into disrepair and become in need of paint, repair or restoration of any nature and become unattractive and not in keeping with the neighborhood, the Association and/or the Developer will give such owner written notice of such conditions. Fifteen (15) days after notice of such condition to owner, and failure of owner to begin and continue at a diligent, reasonable rate of progress to correct such condition, the Association and/or the Developer in addition to any and all remedies, either at law or in equity, available for the enforcement of these Restrictions, may at its sole discretion enter upon said premises, without liability to Owner, to do or cause to be done any work necessary to correct said situation. The owner thereof shall be billed for cost of necessary repairs, plus ten (10%) percent. All monies so owed the Association will be an additional Maintenance Charge and shall be payable on the first day of the next calendar month.

Section 3.24 Miscellaneous Use Restrictions. Without limiting the foregoing, the following restrictions shall apply to all Lots:

- (i) No boat, jet-ski, aircraft, travel trailer, motor home, camper body or similar vehicle or equipment may be parked for storage in the front of any Dwelling or parked on any street in the Subdivision, nor shall any such vehicle or equipment be parked for storage to the side or rear of any Dwelling unless completely concealed from public view. All boats so parked or stored on any Lot must at all times also be stored on a trailer. No such vehicle or equipment shall be used as a residence either temporarily or permanently. This restriction shall not apply to any vehicle, machinery or equipment temporarily parked and in use for the construction, maintenance or repair of a Dwelling in the Subdivision.
- (ii) Trucks with tonnage in excess of one and one-half tons shall not be permitted to park overnight within the Subdivision except those used by a builder during the construction of improvements in the Subdivision. No vehicle shall be permitted to park overnight on any street within the Subdivision except for those vehicles used by a builder during the construction of improvements on Lots or Common Areas in the Subdivision.
- (iii) No vehicle of any size which transports inflammatory or explosive cargo may be kept in the Subdivision at any time.



- (iv) No vehicles or similar equipment shall be parked or stored in an area visible from any Street except passenger automobiles, passenger vans, motorcycles and pick-up trucks that are in operating condition and have current license plates and inspection stickers and are in daily use as motor vehicles on the streets and highways of the State of Texas, and all such vehicles shall be parked in a driveway or garage and may not be parked in a yard.

Section 3.25 View, Obstructions and Privacy. In order to promote the aesthetic quality of "view" within the Subdivision, the Committee shall have the right to review and approve any item or structure placed on a Lot including, but not limited to the following:

- a. The probable view from second story windows and balconies and decks (particularly where there is potential invasion of privacy to an adjoining neighbor);
- b. Sunlight obstructions;
- c. Roof top solar collectors;
- d. Flagpoles, flags, pennants, ribbons, streamers, wind sock and weather vanes;
- e. Exterior storage sheds, propane tanks outbuildings and (all propane tanks shall be screened from view by shrubs or plants);
- f. Fire and burglar alarms which emit lights and sounds;
- g. Children playground or recreational equipment;
- h. Exterior lights;
- i. Ornamental statuary, sculpture and/or yard art visible from a street or common area excluding those which may be a part of an other wise approved landscape plan;
- j. The location of the Residential Dwelling, garage, barns, workshops or other outbuildings on the Lot; and
- k. The location of satellite dishes and antennas.

Prohibited Items. The following items are prohibited on a Lot:

- a. Above ground swimming pool;
- b. Window unit air-conditioners (except in work shops or barns as may be approved by the Committee);
- c. Signs (except for signs permitted in Section 3.17 hereof);
- d. Storage of more that five (5) gallons of fuel outside of regular vehicle gas tanks; and
- e. Unregistered, unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles.

Section 3.26 Antennas and Satellite Dishes. No electronic antenna or device for receiving or transmitting any signal other than an antenna for receiving normal television, marine signals, citizens band signals or cellular telephone signals shall be erected, constructed, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, house, garage or other buildings unless otherwise approved by the Committee. The Committee's decision shall be final.

No satellite dish may be maintained on any portion of any Lot outside the building lines of said Lot or forward of the front of the improvements thereon. A satellite dish may not exceed (30") thirty inches in diameter and must be mounted as inconspicuously as possible to the rear of the home. However, in no event may the top of the satellite dish be more than two (2') feet above the roofline for roof mounted antennas or receivers. All dishes shall be of one solid color of black or earth tones of brown, gray, or tan. No multicolored dishes shall be permitted. Not more than two satellite dishes will be permitted on each Lot. No transmitting device of any type, which would cause electrical or electronic interference in the neighborhood shall be permitted. Architectural approval is required prior to the installation of any satellite dish. The Association reserves the right to seek the removal of any device that was installed without first obtaining approval or any dish that violates these restrictions. The Committee may vary these restrictions only as is necessary to comply with the Federal Communications Act (the "Act") and the Committee may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Act.

Section 3.27 Solar Panels. All Solar Panels installed shall be framed in such a manner so the structure members are not visible. The framing material shall be one that is in harmony with the rest of the structure. Architectural approval from the Committee is required prior to the installation of any solar panels. The Association reserves the right to seek the removal of any solar panel that was installed without first obtaining approval or for any solar panel that violates these restrictions. Solar panels shall be installed in a location not visible from the public street in front of the residence.

Section 3.28 Wind Generators. No wind generators shall be erected or maintained on any Lot is said wind generator is visible from any other Lot or public street.

Section 3.29 Hazardous Substances. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or trash and

no garbage or other waste shall be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage and disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Hazardous Substance shall be brought onto, installed, used, stored, treated, buried, disposed of or transported over the Lots or the Subdivision, and all activities on the Lots shall, at all times, comply with Applicable Law. The term "Hazardous Substance" shall mean any substance which, as of the date hereof, or from time to time hereafter, shall be listed as "hazardous" or "toxic" under the regulations implementing The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§9601 et seq., The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §§6901 et seq., or listed as such in any applicable state or local law or which has been or shall be determined at any time by any agency or court to be a hazardous or toxic substance regulated under applicable law. The term "Applicable Law" shall include, but shall not be limited to, CERCLA, RCRA, The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq. and any other local, state and/or federal laws or regulations that govern the existence, cleanup and/or remedy of contamination on property, the protection of the environment from spill deposited or otherwise in place contamination, the control of hazardous waste or the use, generation, transport, treatment, removal or recovery of hazardous substances, including building materials.

Section 3.30 Drying of Clothes in Public View. The drying of clothes in public view is prohibited, and the Owners or occupants of any Lots at the intersection of streets or adjacent to parks, playgrounds, Lakes or other facilities where the rear yard or portion of the Lot is visible to the public, shall construct and maintain a drying yard or other suitable enclosure to screen drying clothes from public view.

## ARTICLE IV

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

#### Section 4.01 Basic Control.

(a) No building or other improvements of any character shall be erected or placed, or the erection or placing thereof commenced, or changes made in the design or exterior appearance thereof, (including, without limitation, painting, staining or siding), or any addition or exterior alteration made thereto after original construction, or demolition or destruction by voluntary action made thereto after original construction, on any Lot in the Subdivision until the obtaining of the necessary approval (as hereinafter provided) from the Committee of the construction plans and specifications for the construction or alteration of such improvements or demolition or destruction of existing improvements by voluntary action. Approval shall be granted or withheld based on matters of compliance with the provisions of this instrument, quality of materials, drainage, harmony of external design and color with existing and proposed structures in the Subdivision and location with respect to topography and finished grade elevation. The granting of approval shall in no way serve as a guaranty or warranty as to the quality of the plans or specification nor the habitability, feasibility or quality of the resulting improvements.

(b) The sole authority for determining whether construction plans and specifications for proposed improvements are in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration as to quality and color of materials, drainage, harmony of external design and color with existing and proposed structures and location with respect to topography, finished grade elevations and other relevant factors, rests with the Committee. Disapproval of plans and specifications, including location of the proposed improvements, may be based by the Committee, that shall seem sufficient in the sole discretion of the Committee.

(c) Each application made to the Committee shall be accompanied by two sets of professionally drawn plans and specifications for all proposed construction (initial or alterations) to be done on such Lot, including the drainage plan for the Lot, plot plans showing the location and elevation of the improvements on the Lot and dimensions of all proposed walkways, driveways, and all other matters relevant to architectural approval. The address of the Committee shall be the address of the principal office of the Developer or the Association. If approved, one of the two sets of plans submitted shall be returned to the Owner with said approval noted thereon. The Committee may set reasonable application and inspection fees, as well as, the damage deposit set forth in Section 3.15 hereof. The Owner must obtain from the Committee a receipt for said plans indicating the date said plans are received by the Committee.

#### Section 4.02 Architectural Control Committee.

(a) The authority to grant or withhold architectural control approval as referred to above is initially vested in the Developer; provided, however, the authority of the Developer shall cease and terminate upon the appointment of the Architectural Control Committee of the Association (sometimes herein referred to as the "Committee"), in which event such authority shall be vested in and exercised by the Committee (as provided in (b) below), hereinafter referred to, except as to plans and specifications and plot plans theretofore submitted to the Developer which shall continue to exercise such authority over all such plans, specifications and plot plans. The term "Committee," as used in this Declaration, shall mean or refer to the Developer or to SUNCREEK ESTATES Architectural Control Committee composed of members of the Association appointed by the Developer or Board of Directors, as applicable.

(b) At the discretion of the Developer or in any event at such time as eighty percent (80%) of the Lots in all sections of the Subdivision are conveyed by Developer (from time to time hereafter referred to as the "Control Transfer Date"), the Developer shall cause an instrument transferring control of the Subdivision to the Association to be placed of record in the Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas (which instrument shall specify the Control Transfer Date) and shall appoint three (3) members to the Architectural Control Committee. Thereafter, annually, the Board of Directors of the Association shall elect a committee of three (3) members to be known as SUNCREEK ESTATES Architectural Control Committee. From and after the Control Transfer Date, each member of the Committee must be an Owner of property in some Section of SUNCREEK ESTATES. Additionally, the Developer shall have the right to discontinue the exercise of architectural control privileges and arrange for the transfer to the Association at any time prior to the Control Transfer Date by filing a statement and instrument to such effect in the Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

Section 4.03 Effect of Inaction. Approval or disapproval as to architectural control matters as set forth in the preceding provisions of this Declaration shall be in writing. In the event that the authority exercising the prerogative of approval or disapproval (whether the Developer or the Committee) fails to approve or disapprove in writing any plans and specifications and plot plans received by it in compliance with the preceding provisions within forty-five (45) days following such submission, such plans and specifications and plot plan shall be deemed approved and the construction of any such building and other improvements may be commenced and proceeded with in compliance with all such plans and specifications and plot plan and all of the other terms and provisions hereof. The time to approve or disapprove shall not commence until professionally drawn plans are submitted to the Committee. Professionally drawn plans shall mean those plans prepared by an architect, engineer or certified house planner in sufficient detail to allow the Committee to review in accordance with the criteria set forth herein.

Section 4.04 Effect of Approval. The granting of the aforesaid approval (whether in writing or by lapse of time) shall constitute only an expression of opinion by the Committee that the terms and provisions hereof shall be complied with if the building and/or other improvements are erected in accordance with said plans and specifications and plot plan; and such approval shall not constitute any nature of waiver or estoppel either as to the persons expressing such approval or any other person in the event that such building and/or improvements are not constructed in accordance with such plans and specifications and plot plan, but, nevertheless, fail to comply with the provisions hereof. Further, no person exercising any prerogative of approval or disapproval shall incur any liability by reason of the good faith exercise thereof.

Section 4.05 Minimum Construction Standards. The Developer or the Committee may from time to time promulgate an outline of minimum acceptable construction standards; provided, however, that such outline will serve as a minimum guideline only and the Developer or Committee shall not be bound thereby.

Section 4.06 Variance. The Developer or after Control Transfer Date the Committee, as the case may be, may authorize variances from compliance with any of the provisions of this Declaration or minimum acceptable construction standards or regulations and requirements as promulgated from time to time by the Developer or the Committee, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, Lot configuration, Lot size, hardship, aesthetic or environmental considerations may require a variance. The Developer and the Committee reserve the right to grant variances as to building setback lines, minimum square footage of the residence, fences, and other items. Such variances must be evidenced in writing and shall become effective when signed by the Developer or by at least a majority of the members of the Committee. If any such variances are granted, no violation of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance is granted; provided, however, that the granting of a variance shall not operate to waive any of the provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and particular provisions hereof covered by the variance, nor shall the granting of any variance affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental laws and regulations affecting the property concerned and the Plat.

Section 4.07 No Implied Waiver or Estoppel. No action or failure to act by the Committee or by the Board of Directors shall constitute a waiver or estoppel with respect to future action by the Committee or Board of Directors with respect to the construction of any improvements within the Subdivision. Specifically, the approval by the Committee or Board of Directors of any such residential construction shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or an estoppel to withhold approval or consent for any similar residential construction or any similar proposals, plans, specifications or other materials submitted with respect to any other residential construction by such person or other Owners.

Section 4.08 Disclaimer. No approval of plans and specifications and no publication or designation of architectural standards shall ever be construed as representing or implying that such plans, specifications or standards will result in a properly designed structure or satisfy any legal requirements.

Section 4.09 Subject to Association. The Committee is a committee of the Association and is subject to supervision by the Association. Without limitation of the foregoing the Association has authority to remove members of the Committee with or without cause and to appoint successors to fill any vacancies, which may exist on the Committee.

## ARTICLE V

### SUNCREEK ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Section 5.01 Membership. Every person or entity who is a record owner of any Lot, which is subject to the Maintenance Charge (or could be following the withdrawal of an exemption therefrom) and other assessments provided herein, including contract sellers, shall be a "Member" of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those having only an interest in the mineral estate. No Owner shall have more than one membership for each Lot owned by such Member. Memberships shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of the Lots. Regardless of the number of persons who may own a Lot (such as husband and wife, or joint tenants, etc.) there shall be but one membership for each Lot. Additionally, upon the Control Transfer Date, the Directors of the Association must be Members of the Association (as more particularly described in the By-laws). Ownership of the Lots shall be the sole qualification for membership. The voting rights of the Members are set forth in the Bylaws of the Association. The initial Board of Directors of the Association shall be designated by the Developer.

Section 5.02 Non-Profit Corporation. SUNCREEK ESTATES Property Owners Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation, has been (or will be) organized and it shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of said Association; and all duties, obligations, benefits, liens and rights hereunder in favor of the Association shall vest in said corporation.

Section 5.03 Bylaws. The Association has adopted or may adopt whatever Bylaws it may choose to govern the organization or operation of the Subdivision and the use and enjoyment of the Lots and Common Areas, provided that the same are not in

conflict with the terms and provisions hereof.

Section 5.04 Owner's Right of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a beneficial interest of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Areas and such right shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every assessed Lot, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) The right of the Association, with respect to the Common Areas, to limit the number of guests of Owners;
- (b) The right of the Association to make rules and regulations regarding use of any Common Area and to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any facility situated upon the Common Areas;
- (c) The right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and Bylaws (and until the Control Transfer Date, subject to the prior written approval of the Developer), to (i) borrow money for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Common Areas and facilities (including borrowing from the Developer or any entity affiliated with the Developer) and (ii) mortgage said property, however, the rights of such mortgagee of said property shall be subordinate to the rights of the Owners hereunder;
- (d) The right of the Association to suspend the Member's voting rights and the Member's and "Related Users" (as hereinafter defined) right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Areas during any period in which the Maintenance Charge or any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid;
- (e) The right of the Association to suspend the Member's voting rights and the Member's and Related Users' right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Area, after notice and hearing by the Board of Directors, for the infraction or violation by such Member or Related Users of this Declaration or the "Rules and Regulations," defined in Article VIII hereof, which suspension shall continue for the duration of such infraction or violation, plus a period not to exceed sixty (60) days following the cessation or curing of such infraction or violation; and,
- (f) The right of the Association, subject, until the Control Transfer Date, to the prior written approval of the Developer, to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility, for such purposes and subject to the provisions of this Declaration.

Section 5.05 Delegation of Use. Any member may delegate, in accordance with the Bylaws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the Member's immediate family living in the Member's residence, and his contract purchasers who reside on the Lot (collectively, the "Related Users").

## ARTICLE VI

### MAINTENANCE FUND

Section 6.01 Maintenance Fund Obligation. Each Owner of a Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, is deemed to covenant and agrees to pay to the Association, in advance, an annual maintenance charge on January 10th of each year, (the "Maintenance Charge"), and any other assessments or charges hereby levied. The Maintenance Charge and any other assessments or charges hereby levied, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, including reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a charge on the Lots and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments are made.

Section 6.02 Basis of the Maintenance Charge.

- (a) The Maintenance Charge referred to shall be used to create a fund to be known as the "Maintenance Fund," which shall be used as herein provided; and each such Maintenance Charge (except as otherwise hereinafter provided) shall be paid by the Owner of each Lot (or residential building site) to the Association annually, in advance, on or before the tenth day of January of each calendar year, or on such other date or basis (monthly, quarterly or semi-annually) as the Developer or the Board of Directors of the Association may designate in its sole discretion.
- (b) Any Maintenance Charge not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the lesser of (i) the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or (ii) the maximum rate permitted by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the hereinafter described lien against the Owner's Lot. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Maintenance Charge by non-use of any Common Areas or recreational facilities available for use by Owners of the Subdivision or by the abandonment of his Lot.
- (c) The exact amount of the Maintenance Charge applicable to each Lot will be determined by the Developer until the Control Transfer Date, and thereafter by the Board of Directors of the Association during the month preceding the due date of the Maintenance Charge. The initial annual Maintenance Charge shall be a minimum of \$250.00 per Lot. All other matters relating to the Maintenance Charge and the collection, expenditures and administration of the Maintenance Fund shall be determined by the Developer or the Board of Directors of the Association, subject to the provision hereof.
- (d) The Maintenance Charge described in this Article VI and other charges or assessments described in this Declaration shall not apply to the Lots owned by the Developer. The Developer, prior to the Control Transfer Date, and the Association, from and after the Control Transfer Date, reserve the right at all times in their own judgment and discretion, to exempt any Lot ("Exempt Lot"), in the Subdivision from the Maintenance Charge, in accordance with Section 6.07 hereof. If an Exempt Lot is sold to any party, the Maintenance Charge shall be automatically reinstated as to the Exempt Lot and can only be waived at a later date pursuant to the provisions of the preceding sentence. The Developer, prior to the Control Transfer Date, and the Association, from and after the Control Transfer Date, shall have the further right at any time, and from time to time, to adjust or alter said Maintenance Charge from month to month as it deems proper to meet the reasonable operating expenses and reserve requirements of the Association in order for the

Association to carry out its duties hereunder.

(e) The Board of directors of the Association, from time to time by the adoption of a resolution for such purpose may levy and impose, against each Lot in the Subdivision, a special assessment for a specific amount, which shall be equal for each such Lot, for the purpose of purchasing equipment or facilities for Roadways, Common Areas or Common Facilities in the Subdivision and/or for defraying in whole or in part the cost of constructing new capital improvements or altering, remodeling, restoring or reconstructing previously existing capital improvements upon such Roadways, Common Area or Common Facilities, including fixtures and personal property related thereto. The Owner of each Lot subject to such assessment shall pay his special assessment to the Association at such time or times and in such manner as provided in such resolution.

**Section 6.03** Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation. In order to secure the payment of the Maintenance Charge, and other charges and assessments (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees incurred in the enforcement of these Restrictions) hereby levied, a vendor's (purchase money) lien for the benefit of the Association, shall be and is hereby reserved in the deed from the Developer to the purchaser of each Lot or portion thereof, which lien shall be enforceable through appropriate judicial and non-judicial proceedings by the Association. As additional security for the payment of the Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments hereby levied, each Owner of a Lot in the Subdivision, by such party's acceptance of a deed thereto, hereby grants to the Association a contractual lien on such Lot which may be foreclosed on by non-judicial foreclosure and pursuant to the provisions of Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code (and any successor statute); and each such owner hereby expressly grants the Association a power of sale in connection therewith. The Association shall, whenever it proceeds with non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code (and any successor statute) and said power of sale, designate in writing a Trustee to post or cause to be posted all required notices of such foreclosure sale and to conduct such foreclosure sale. The Trustee may be changed at any time and from time to time by the Association by means of a written instrument executed by the President or any Vice-President of the Association and filed for record in the Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas. In the event that the Association has determined to nonjudicially foreclose the lien provided herein pursuant to the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code and to exercise the power of sale hereby granted, the Association shall mail to the defaulting Owner a copy of the Notice of Trustee's Sale not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date on which said sale is scheduled by posting such notice through the U.S. Postal Service, postage prepaid, certified, return receipt requested, properly addressed to such Owner at the last known address of such Owner according to the records of the Association. If required by law, the Association or Trustee shall also cause a copy of the Notice of Trustee's Sale to be recorded in the Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas. Out of the proceeds of such sale, if any, there shall first be paid all expenses incurred by the Association in connection with such default, including reasonable attorneys' fees and a reasonable trustee's fee; second, from such proceeds there shall be paid to the Association an amount equal to the amount in default; and third, the remaining balance shall be paid to such Owner. Following any such foreclosure, each occupant of any such Lot foreclosed on and each occupant of any improvements thereon shall be deemed to be a tenant at sufferance and may be removed from possession by any and all lawful means, including a judgment for possession in an action of forcible detainer and the issuance of a writ of restitution thereunder.

In the event of nonpayment by any Owner of any Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may, in addition to foreclosing the lien hereby retained, and exercising the remedies provided herein, upon ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to such nonpaying Owner, exercise all other rights and remedies available at law or in equity.

It is the intent of the provisions of this Section 6.03 to comply with the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code relating to non-judicial sales by power of sale and, in the event of the amendment of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code hereafter, the President or any Vice-President of the Association, acting without joinder of any other Owner or mortgagee or other person may, by amendment to this Declaration filed in the Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas, amend the provisions hereof so as to comply with said amendments or successor statutes to Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code.

**Section 6.04** Notice of Lien. In addition to the right of the Association to enforce the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may file a claim or lien against the Lot of the delinquent Owner by recording a notice ("Notice of Lien") setting forth (a) the amount of the claim of delinquency, (b) the interest and costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which have accrued thereon, (c) the legal description and street address of the Lot against which the lien is claimed and (d) the name of the Owner thereof. Such Notice of Lien shall be signed and acknowledged by an officer of the Association or other duly authorized agent of the Association. The lien shall continue until the amounts secured thereby and all subsequently accruing amounts are fully paid or otherwise satisfied. When all amounts claimed under the Notice of Lien and all other costs and assessments which may have accrued subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Lien have been fully paid or satisfied, the Association shall execute and record a notice releasing the lien upon payment by the Owner of a reasonable fee as fixed by the Board of Trustees to cover the preparation and recordation of such release of lien instrument.

**Section 6.05** Liens Subordinate to Mortgages. The liens described in this Article VI and the superior title herein reserved shall be deemed subordinate to a first lien or other liens of any bank, insurance company, savings and loan association, university, pension and profit sharing trusts or plans, or other bona fide, third party lender, including Developer, which may have heretofore or may hereafter lend money in good faith for the purchase or improvement of any Lot and any renewal, extension, rearrangement or refinancing thereof. Each such mortgagee of a mortgage encumbering a Lot who obtains title to such Lot pursuant to the remedies provided in the deed of trust or mortgage or by judicial foreclosure shall take title to the Lot free and clear of any claims for unpaid Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments against such Lot which accrued prior to the time such holder acquires title to such Lot. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such transferee of title to a Lot from liability for any Maintenance Charge or other charges or assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. Any other sale or transfer of a Lot shall not affect the Association's lien for Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments. The Association shall make a good faith effort to give each such mortgagee sixty (60) days advance written notice of the Association's proposed foreclosure of the lien described in Section 6.01 hereof, which notice shall be sent to the nearest office of such mortgagee by prepaid United States registered or Certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall contain a statement of delinquent Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments upon which the proposed action is based provided, however, the Association's failure to give such notice shall not impair or invalidate any foreclosure conducted by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Article VI.

Section 6.06 Purpose of the Maintenance Charge. The Maintenance Charge levied by the Developer or the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the Owners of the Subdivision and other portions of the Annexable Area which hereafter may become subject to the jurisdiction of the Association. In particular, the Maintenance Charge shall be used for any improvement or services in furtherance of these purposes and the performance of the Association's duties described in Article VIII, including the maintenance of the Common Areas, or Drainage Easements, and the establishment and maintenance of a reserve fund for maintenance of the Common Areas, or Drainage Easements. The Maintenance Fund may be expended by the Developer or the Association for any purposes which, in the judgment of the Developer or Association, will tend to maintain the property values in the Subdivision, including, but not limited to, providing funds for the actual cost to the Association of all taxes, insurance, repairs, energy charges, replacement and maintenance of the Common Area, etc. as may from time to time be authorized by the Association. Payment of all legal and other expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement of all charges and assessments, conveyances, restrictions, and conditions affecting the properties to which the maintenance fund applies, payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with the collection and administration of the maintenance charges and assessments, landscaping in common areas, utilities, insurance, taxes, employing policemen and a security force and doing any other things or things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Association to keep the Properties neat and in good order, or which is considered a general benefit of the Owners or occupants of the properties, it being understood that the judgment of the Association in the expenditure of said fund shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgment is exercised in good faith. The Maintenance Charge is for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the Owners of the Subdivision and other portions of the Annexable Area, which may hereafter become subject to the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 6.07 Exempt Property. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempt from the Maintenance Charge and all other charges and assessments created herein: (a) all properties dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority; (b) the Common Area; and (c) all properties owned by the Developer or the Association or a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Texas; however, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said Maintenance Charge.

Section 6.08 Handling of Maintenance Charges. The collection and management of the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, shall be performed by the Developer until the Control Transfer Date, at which time the Developer shall deliver to the Association all funds on hand together with all books and records of receipt and disbursements. The Developer and, upon transfer, the Association, shall maintain separate special accounts for these funds, and Owners shall be provided at least annually, information on the Maintenance Fund as provided in Section 8.07 hereof.

## ARTICLE VII

### DEVELOPER'S RIGHTS AND RESERVATIONS

Section 7.01 Period of Developer's Rights and Reservations. Developer shall have, retain and reserve certain rights as hereinafter set forth with respect to the Association from the date hereof, until the earlier to occur of (i) the Control Transfer date or (ii) Developer's written notice to the Association of Developer's termination of the rights described in Article VII hereof. The "Control Transfer Date" is defined in Article 4.02 (b). The rights and reservations hereinafter set forth shall be deemed excepted and reserved in each conveyance of a Lot by Developer to an Owner whether or not specifically stated therein and in each deed or other instrument by which any property within the Common Area is conveyed by Developer. The rights, reservations and easements hereafter set forth shall be prior and superior to any other provisions of this Declaration and may not, without Developer's prior written consent, be modified, amended, rescinded or affected by any amendment of this Declaration. Developer's consent to any one such amendment shall not be construed as a consent to any other or subsequent amendment.

Section 7.02 Right to Construct Additional Improvements in Common Area. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right (without the consent of any other Owner), but shall not be obligated, to construct additional improvements within the Common Area at any time and from time to time in accordance with this Declaration for the improvement and enhancement thereof and for the benefit of the Association and Owners, so long as such construction does not directly result in the increase of such Maintenance Charge. Developer shall, upon the Control Transfer Date, convey or transfer such improvements to the Association and the Association shall be obligated to accept title to, care for and maintain the same as elsewhere provided in this Declaration.

Section 7.03 Developer's Rights to Use Common Areas in Promotion and Marketing of the Property and Annexable Area. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right to reasonable use of the Common Area and of services offered by the Association in connection with the promotion and marketing of land within the boundaries of the Property and Annexable Area. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Developer may erect and maintain on any part of the Common Area such signs, temporary buildings and other structures as Developer may reasonably deem necessary or proper in connection with the promotion, development and marketing of land within the Property and Annexable Area; may use vehicles and equipment within the Common Area for promotional purposes; and may permit prospective purchasers of property within the boundaries of the Property and Annexable Area, who are not Owners or Members of the Association, to use the Common Area at reasonable times and in reasonable numbers; and may refer to the services offered by the Association in connection with the development, promotion and marketing of the Property and Annexable Area. Further, the Developer may establish Rules and Regulations for the use of the Common Areas in the Subdivision.

Section 7.04 Developer's Rights to Grant and Create Easements. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right, without the consent of any other Owner or the Association, to grant or create temporary or permanent easements, for access, utilities, pipeline easements, cable television systems, communication and security systems, drainage, water and other purposes incident to development, sale, operation and maintenance of the Subdivision, located in, on, under, over and across (i) the Lots or other property owned by Developer, (ii) the Common Area, and (iii) existing utility easements. Developer also reserves the right, without the consent of any other Owner or the Association, to (i) grant or create temporary or permanent easements for access over and across the streets and roads within the Subdivision to other public roads for the benefit of owners of property, regardless of whether the beneficiary of such easements own property which is hereafter made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association and (ii) permit owners of property within the Annexable Area which is not made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association to use the recreational facilities of the Association and other Common Area, provided that said owners pay to the Association their proportionate share of the cost of operating and maintaining said recreational facilities and Common Areas.



Section 7.05 Developer's Rights to Convey Additional Common Area to the Association. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right, but shall not be obligated to, convey additional real property and improvements thereon, if any, to the Association as Common Area at any time and from time to time in accordance with this Declaration, without the consent of any other Owner or the Association.

Section 7.06 Annexation of Annexable Area. Additional residential property and common areas outside of the Subdivision including, without limitation, the Annexable Area, may, at any time and from time to time, be annexed by the Developer into the real property which becomes subject to the jurisdiction and benefit of the Association, without the consent of the Owners or any other party; provided, however, such additional residential property outside of the Annexable Area may be made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association by the Developer. The owners of Lots in such annexed property, as well as all other Owners subject to the jurisdiction of the Association, shall be entitled to the use and benefit of all Common Areas, including the Lake, that are or may become subject to the jurisdiction of the Association, provided that such annexed property is impressed with and subject to at least the Maintenance Charge imposed hereby.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Section 8.01 General Duties and Powers of the Association. The Association has been formed to further the common interest of the Members. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors or through persons to whom the Board of Directors has delegated such powers (and subject to the provisions of the Bylaws), shall have the duties and powers hereinafter set forth and, in general, the power to do anything that may be necessary or desirable to further the common interest of the members, to maintain, improve and enhance the Common Areas and to improve and enhance the attractiveness, desirability and safety of the Subdivision and any portion of the Annexable Area which becomes subject to the jurisdiction of the Association. The Association shall have the authority to act as the agent to enter into any and all contracts on behalf of the Members in order to carry out the duties, powers and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration.

Section 8.02 Duty to Accept the Property and Facilities Transferred by Developer. The Association shall accept title to any of the Common Areas or other real property, including any improvements thereon and personal property transferred to the Association by Developer, and equipment related thereto, together with the responsibility to perform any and all administrative functions and recreation functions associated therewith (collectively herein referred to as "Functions"), provided that such property and Functions are not inconsistent with the terms of this Declaration. Property interests transferred to the Association by Developer may include fee simple title, easements, leasehold interests and licenses to use such property. Any property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall be within the boundaries of the Property or Annexable Area. Any property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall, except to the extent otherwise specifically approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, be transferred to the Association free and clear of all liens and mortgages (other than the lien for property taxes and assessments not then due and payable), but shall be subject to the terms of this Declaration, the terms of any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions annexing such property to the Common Area, and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions and equitable servitude or other encumbrances which do not materially affect the Owners authorized to use such property. Except as otherwise specifically approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, no property or interest in property transferred to the Association by the Developer shall impose upon the Association any obligation to make monetary payments to Developer or any affiliate of Developer including, but not limited to, any purchase price, rent, charge or fee. The property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall not impose any unreasonable or special burdens of ownership of property, including the management maintenance replacement and operation thereof.

Section 8.03 Duty to Manage and Care for the Common Area and Drainage and Landscape Reserve and Easement. The Association shall manage, operate, care for, maintain and repair all Common Areas and keep the same in a safe, attractive and desirable condition for the use and enjoyment of the Members. The duty to operate, manage and maintain the Common Areas shall include, but not be limited to the following: establishment, operation and maintenance of a security system, if any, for the Subdivision; landscaping, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Nature Trails; maintenance, repair and replacement of the drainage easements; mowing of street right-of-ways and other portions of the Subdivision; and management, maintenance, repair and upkeep of the Lake and Common Areas. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the rights-of-way of all Drainage Reserves, Landscape Reserves, Water Well Reserve and Easements as shown on the Plat of the Subdivision or referenced thereon. The Association shall also be responsible for Maintenance of all Reserves (other than Unrestricted Reserves "A", "B" and "C") in the Subdivision commencing upon the transfer of such Reserves from the Developer to the Association.

Section 8.04 Other Insurance Bonds. The Association shall obtain such insurance as may be required by law, including workmen's compensation insurance, and shall have the power to obtain such other insurance and such fidelity, indemnity or other bonds as the Association shall deem necessary or desirable.

Section 8.05 Duty to Prepare Budgets. The Association shall prepare budgets for the Association, which budgets shall include a reserve fund for the maintenance of all Common Areas.

Section 8.06 Duty to Levy and Collect the Maintenance Charge. The Association shall levy, collect and enforce the Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments as elsewhere provided in this Declaration.

Section 8.07 Duty to Provide Annual Review. The Association shall provide for an annual unaudited independent review of the accounts of the Association. Copies of the review shall be made available to any Member who requests a copy of the same upon payment by such Member of the reasonable cost of copying the same.

Section 8.08 Duties with Respect to Architectural Approvals. The Association shall perform functions to assist the Committee as elsewhere provided in Article IV of this Declaration.

Section 8.09 Power to Acquire Property and Construct Improvements. The Association may acquire property or an interest in property (including leases) for the common benefit of Owners including improvements and personal property. The Association may construct improvements on the Property and may demolish existing improvements.

Section 8.10 Power to Adopt Rules and Regulations. The Association may adopt, amend, repeal and enforce rules and



regulations ("Rules and Regulations"), fines, levies and enforcement provisions as may be deemed necessary or desirable with respect to the interpretation and implementation of this Declaration, the operation of the Association, the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas, and the use of any other property, facilities or improvements owned or operated by the Association.

Section 8.11 Power to Enforce Restrictions and Rules and Regulations. The Association (and any Owner with respect only to the remedies described in (ii) below) shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations and shall take such action as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable to cause such compliance by each Member and each Related User. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and of Rules and Regulations of the Association by any one or more of the following means: (i) by entry upon any property within the Subdivision after notice and hearing (unless a bona fide emergency exists in which event this right of entry may be exercised without notice (written or oral) to the Owner in such manner as to avoid any unreasonable or unnecessary interference with the lawful possession, use or enjoyment of the improvements situated thereon by the Owner or any other person), without liability by the Association to the Owner thereof, for the purpose of enforcement of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (ii) by commencing and maintaining actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (iii) by exclusion, after notice and hearing, of any Member or Related User from use of any recreational facilities within the Common Areas during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or any Related User, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case exclusion shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (iv) by suspension, after notice and hearing, of the voting rights of a Member during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach by such Member or a Related User of a provision of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case such suspension shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (v) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, an assessment against any Member for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Related User which assessment reimbursed the Association for the costs incurred by the Association in connection with such breach; (vi) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, reasonable and uniformly applied fines and penalties, established in advance in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, from any Member or Related User for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Related User; and (vii) by taking action itself to cure or abate such violation and to charge the expenses thereof, if any, to such violating Members, plus attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to exercising such remedy.

Before the Board may invoke the remedies provided above, it shall give registered or certified notice of such alleged violation to Owner, and shall afford the Owner a hearing. If, after the hearing, a violation is found to exist, the Board's right to proceed with the listed remedies shall become absolute. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Failure of the Association, the Developer, or of any Owner to take any action upon any breach or default with respect to any of the foregoing violations shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take enforcement action thereafter or upon a subsequent breach or default.

Section 8.12 Power to Grant Easements. In addition to any blanket easements described in this Declaration, the Association shall have the power to grant access, utility, drainage, water facility and other such easements in, on, over or under the Common Area.

Section 8.13 Power to Convey and Dedicate Property to Government Agencies. The Association shall have the power to grant, convey, dedicate or transfer any Common Areas or facilities to any public or governmental agency or authority for such purposes and subject to such terms and conditions as the Association shall deem appropriate, which power may be exercised (i) prior to the Control Transfer Date by the Board of Directors and (ii) from and after the Control Transfer Date by the Association, with the approval of not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Members agreeing in writing or by voting at any scheduled meeting of the Members and with the prior written approval of the Developer. The Association may, subject to the limitations of the preceding sentence, convey property to a public or governmental agency or authority in lieu of such property being condemned by such public or governmental agency or authority.

Section 8.14 Power to Remove and Appoint Members of a Committee. The Association shall have the power to remove any member of a Committee with or without cause. The Association shall have the power to appoint new members to a Committee to fill any vacancies on any Committee.

## ARTICLE IX

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 9.01 Term. The provisions hereof shall run with all property in the Subdivision and shall be binding upon all Owners and all persons claiming under them for a period of forty (40) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument, signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the then Owners (including the Developer) of the Lots has been recorded agreeing to cancel, amend or change, in whole or in part, this Declaration.

Section 9.02 Amendments. This Declaration may be amended or changed, in whole or in part, at any time by the written agreement or signed ballot of Owners (including the Developer) entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of all of the Owners. If the Declaration is amended by a written instrument signed by those Owners entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of all of the votes of the Owners of the Association, such amendment must be approved by said Owners within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the date the first Owner executes such amendment. The date an Owner's signature is acknowledged shall constitute prima facie evidence of the date of execution of said amendment by such Owner. Those Members (Owners, including the Developer) entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of all of the votes of the Members of the Association may also vote to amend this Declaration, in person, or by proxy, at a meeting of the Members (Owners, including the Developer) duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Owners at least ten (10) days and not more than sixty (60) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting. Notwithstanding any provision contained in the Bylaws to the contrary, a quorum, for purposes of such meeting, shall consist of not less than seventy percent (70%) of all of the Members (in person or by proxy) entitled to vote. Any such amendment shall become effective when an instrument is filed for record in the Real Property Records of the County, accompanied by a certificate, signed by a majority of the Board of Trustees, stating that the required number of Members (Owners, including the Developer) executed the instrument amending this Declaration or cast a written vote, in person or by proxy, in favor of said amendment at the meeting called for such purpose. Copies of the written ballots pertaining to such amendment shall be retained by the Association for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of filing of the amendment or termination. Any attempt to amend these restrictions to change the density provisions of Article III must obtain the prior approval of the Brazoria County Court of Commissioners

Section 9.03 Amendments by the Developer. The Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged, and filed for record for the purpose of correcting any typographical or grammatical error, oversight, ambiguity or inconsistency appearing herein, provided that any such amendment shall be consistent with and in furtherance of the general plan and scheme of development as evidenced by this Declaration and shall not impair or adversely affect the vested property or other rights of any Owner or his mortgagee. Additionally, Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of permitting the Owners to enjoy the benefits from technological advances, such as security, communications or energy-related devices or equipment which did not exist or were not in common use in residential Subdivisions at the time this Declaration was adopted. Likewise, the Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of prohibiting the use of any device or apparatus developed and/or available for residential use following the date of this Declaration if the use of such device or apparatus will adversely affect the Association or will adversely affect the property values within the Subdivision. Any attempt to amend these restrictions to change the density provisions of Article III must obtain the prior approval of the Brazoria County Court of Commissioners.

Section 9.04 Severability. Each of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable and the invalidity or unenforceability or partial invalidity or partial unenforceability of any provision or portion hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. Any attempt by the developer to amend these restrictions to change the density provisions of Article III must obtain the prior approval of the Brazoria County Court of Commissioners.

Section 9.05 Liberal Interpretation. The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed as a whole to effectuate the purpose of this Declaration.

Section 9.06 Successors and Assigns. The provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Owners, the Developer and the Association, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Section 9.07 Effect of Violations on Mortgages. No violation of the provisions herein contained, or any portion thereof, shall affect the lien of any mortgage or deed of trust presently or hereafter placed of record or otherwise affect the rights of the mortgagee under any such mortgage, the holder of any such lien or beneficiary of any such deed of trust; and any such mortgage, lien, or deed of trust may, nevertheless, be enforced in accordance with its terms, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions herein contained.


Section 9.08 Terminology. All personal pronouns used in this Declaration and all exhibits attached hereto, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Title of Articles and Sections are for convenience only and neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Declaration itself. The terms "herein," "hereof" and similar terms, as used in this instrument, refer to the entire agreement and are not limited to referring only to the specific paragraph, section or article in which such terms appear. All references in this Declaration to Exhibits shall refer to the Exhibits attached hereto.

Section 9.09 Developer's Rights and Prerogatives. Prior to the Control Transfer Date, the Developer may file a statement in the Real Property Records of the County, which expressly provides for the Developer's (i) discontinuance of the exercise of any right or prerogative provided for in this Declaration to be exercised by the Developer or (ii) assignment to any third party owning property in the Subdivision or Annexable Area, of one or more of Developer's specific rights and prerogatives provided in this Declaration to be exercised by Developer. The assignee designated by Developer to exercise one or more of Developer's rights or prerogatives hereunder shall be entitled to exercise such right or prerogative until the earlier to occur of the (i) Control Transfer Date or (ii) date that said assignee files a statement in the Real Property Records of the County, which expressly provides for said assignee's discontinuance of the exercise of said right or prerogative. From and after the date that the Developer discontinues its exercise of any right or prerogative hereunder and/or assigns its right to exercise one or more of its rights or prerogatives to an assignee, the Developer shall not incur any liability to any Owner, the Association or any other party by reason of the Developer's discontinuance or assignment of the exercise of said right(s) or prerogative(s). Upon the Developer's Assignment of its rights as of the Control Transfer Date to the Association, the Association shall be entitled to exercise all the rights and prerogatives of the Developer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Developer herein, has hereunto set its hand as of this 14<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2004.

EAST TEXAS PARTNERS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company

BY: LGI DEVELOPMENT CORP.

By:   
Randy Gaul, Authorized Agent

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2004, by Randy Gaul, Authorized agent of LGI DEVELOPMENT CORP., authorized agent of EAST TEXAS PARTNERS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, in the capacity therein stated on behalf of said company.

  
Notary Public, State of Texas

