

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR
NORTH PANTHER TRACE AT SAWGRASS LAKES P.U.D.

THIS RESTATED AND AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS is made this ____ day of, 2018 by _____ a Florida corporation.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the NORTH PANTHER TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. a not-for-profit Florida Corporation (the "Association") has been incorporated for the purpose of being a not-for-profit corporation acting as a homeowners' association; and

WHEREAS, the Association desires to amend and restate this Declaration;

NOW THEREFORE, the Developer hereby declares that the real property described in Section 2 below is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens (sometimes referred to as "covenants and restrictions") set forth in this Restated and Amended Declaration, all of which are perpetual covenants which run with the land.

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply in this Declaration and in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1 "Articles" means the Articles of Incorporation as amended from time to time.

1.2 "Assessment" means a share of the funds required for the payment of common expenses which from time to time is assessed against the Lots.

1.3 "Association" means NORTH PANTHER TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

1.4 "Board of Directors" or "Board" means the representative body which is responsible for the administration of the Association's affairs.

1.5 "By-Laws" mean the By-Laws as amended from time to time.

1.6 "Charges" means any monetary obligation due to the Association.

1.7 "Common Area" or "Common Areas" means and refers to those Properties which are intended to be devoted to the common use and the enjoyment of the Owners and occupants, in this Declaration, as well as the portions of the Properties less the Lots, and as well as all personal property owned, leased by or dedicated to the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and occupants.

1.8 "Community" means NORTH PANTHER TRACE AT SAWGRASS LAKES P.U.D., as per Exhibit "A" to this Declaration, as it may be expanded from time to time.

1.9 "County" means St. Lucie County, Florida.

1.10 "Declaration" means this instrument as amended from time to time.

1.11 "Developer" means SAWGRASS LAKES, INC., a Florida corporation, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, and shall also mean any successor or assign so designated by the Developer to any or all of its interests in the development of NORTH PANTHER TRACE AT SAWGRASS LAKES P.U.D. All rights, powers and interests granted or reserved unto the Developer in this document shall vest in and be exercised by the Association.

1.12 "Dwelling Structure" means a residential single family home situated on a Lot, including all improvements associated with the home on the Lot. Unless the context specifically provides otherwise, reference to the term "Dwelling Structure" shall not include the Lot.

1.13 "General Plan of Development" means that plan as approved be appropriate governmental agencies which shall represent the total general scheme and general uses of land in the Properties, as it may be amended from time to time.

1.14 "Governing Documents" means and includes this Declaration and all Exhibits hereto, including the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as amended from time to time.

1.15 "Guest" means any person who is not a member of the family occupying a Lot, and who is physically present in, or occupies the Lot at the invitation of the Owner or other legally permitted occupant, without requirement to contribute money, perform any services or provide any other consideration to the Owner or Lessee in connection with occupancy of the Lot. A permanent occupant of a Lot shall not be considered as a Guest. Furthermore, an Owner of a Lot shall never be considered a Guest on the Lot he owns, unless the Owner is visiting a Lessee on the Lot.

1.16 "Institutional Mortgage" means the holder (or its assignee) of a mortgage against any of the Properties, including any Lot, which mortgagee is a bank, savings and loan association, mortgage company, insurance company, real estate or mortgage investment trust, pension or profit sharing trust, the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans Administration, or any agency of the United States of America. The term also refers to any holder of a mortgage against a Lot which mortgage is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans Administration, any

1.27 "Subdivision Plat" means the plat of Sawgrass Lakes Plat No. 1 P.U.D. Phase 1 B, recorded in Plat Book 36, Pages 26, 26 a-b, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

1.28 "Voting Interest" means and refers to the arrangement established in the Governing Documents by which the Owners of each Lot collectively are entitled to one vote in Association matters.

Section 2. PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION.

2.1 Legal Description. The real property which is and shall be transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration, is legally described in Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of this Declaration.

2.2 Additional Property. The Developer shall be entitled at any time, and from time to time, to plat and/or submit additional properties to become part of the Community and subject to this Declaration. The Developer shall be entitled to add property to the jurisdiction of the Declaration, by the filing of a Supplemental Declaration, without the consent or joinder of the Association and/or any Owner.

Section 3. EASEMENTS' PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE COMMON AREA.

3.1 Easements. Each of the easements and easement rights referred to in this Section 3.1, is reserved through the Properties and is a covenant running with the land in the Community, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration, shall survive the removal of any of the Properties from the Community. None of the easements specified in this Section 3.1 may be encumbered by any leasehold or lien other than those on the Lots. Any lien encumbering these easements shall automatically be subordinate to the rights of Owners with respect to such easements.

A. Utility Service and Drainage Easements.

1. In addition to that shown on the Subdivision Plat, there is hereby created a blanket easement upon, across, over, through and under the Properties for the installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of all utility and service lines and systems, and irrigation including but not limited to electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, electric, cable television, security, and surveillance or communication lines and systems, and irrigation. By virtue of this easement it shall be expressly permissible for the Developer or the providing utility or service company to install and maintain facilities and equipment on the Properties, to excavate for such purposes and to affix and maintain wires, circuits, and conduits on the Lots and on, in and under the roofs and exterior walls of the Dwelling Structures, providing the disturbed areas are restored to the condition in which they were found and that an easement does not prevent or unreasonably interfere with the use of the Lots.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3.1.A.2 below, no sewer, electrical lines, water lines, or other utility service lines or facilities for such utilities and no cable or communication lines and systems may be installed or relocated on the Properties except as are approved by the Developer. The Developer may also transfer title to utility-related equipment, facilities or material, and to take any other action to satisfy the requirements of any utility company or governmental agency to which any such utility-related equipment, facilities or material are to be so transferred. Utility as referred to herein means a public or private utility. This power to create easements shall also include the power to modify or relocate easements which are created.

2. Once the Developer closes upon the sale of the last Lot in the Community, the powers vested in the Developer under Article 3.1.A.1 above shall terminate, and shall then vest in the Association. Such powers shall be exercised by the Board of Directors in its reasonable discretion without the need for joinder of any Owner.
 3. In addition to the foregoing, the following shall apply with respect to easements for drainage: There is hereby reserved an easement for drainage from each Lot onto an adjoining Lot and the Common Area. It shall be the responsibility of the Owner of the Lot for whose benefit this easement has been created, to insure that the drainage flow from his Lot remains open and free. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to insure that the drainage flow from the Common Area, remains open and free.
 4. The Developer under Section 3.1.A.1 and thereafter the Association under Section 3.1.A.2 above, or its designee, shall, have a right to remove any improvements interfering with or impairing such facilities or easements herein reserved. No Owner shall do anything anywhere on his Lot that interferes with or impairs or may interfere with or impair, the provision of such utility or other services or drainage facilities or the use of these easements.
- B. Maintenance Easement in Favor of the Developer and Association. There is hereby reserved to the Developer and to the Association an easement over the Common Area for the Association's maintenance obligations pursuant to this Declaration. This easement shall also apply over, on, across, under and through each Lot for the Association's maintenance obligations under Section 6.1.C of this Declaration.
- C. Encroachments. If any Lot encroaches upon any of the Common Area for any reason other than the intentional act of an Owner, or if any

Common Area encroaches upon any Lot, then an easement shall exist to the extent of that encroachment as long as the encroachment exists.

- D. Ingress and Egress. A non-exclusive easement shall exist in favor of each Owner and occupant, their respective guests, tenants, licensees and invitees for pedestrian traffic over, through, and across sidewalks, streets, paths, walks, and other portions of the Lots or Common Area as from time to time may be intended and designated for such purpose and use, and for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, through, and across such portions of the Common Area as from time to time may be paved or intended for such purposes, and for purposes of ingress and egress to the public ways.

- E. Special Easement in Favor of Master Association. There is hereby reserved to the Master Association, a perpetual easement over the Common Areas, as may be reasonably necessary for the Master Association to discharge its maintenance, repair and replacement responsibilities under the Master Declaration.

- F. Special Maintenance Easement. To the extent that any portion of a Dwelling Structure is situated less than five (5) feet from the Lot line of the adjacent Lot, then a maintenance easement is hereby reserved in favor of the Owner of the Dwelling Structure over the adjacent Lot, as follows: The maintenance easement shall be that number of feet over the Lot which is equal to five (5) feet less the number of feet between the wall of the Dwelling Structure and the Lot line. By way of example, if the wall of the Dwelling Structure is on the Lot line (that is, a zero lot line), then the easement shall be for a width of five (5) feet. Also by way of example, if the wall of the Dwelling Structure is three (3) feet from the Lot line, then the width of the easement shall be two (2) feet. No improvements shall be placed within this easement which in any way unreasonably impairs the use of the easement.

- G. Easement of Enjoyment to Common Area. Every Owner has a right and easement of enjoyment of the Common Area, subject to any limitations in this Declaration and reasonable Rules and Regulations.

3.2 Common Area.

- A. Purposes Intended. Common Area shall be used for the purposes intended.

- B. Title. The Developer shall convey legal title to the Common Area to the Association, by quitclaim deed, free and clear of all liens and financial

encumbrances, prior to the first V.A guaranteed loan in the Community.

Section 4. ASSOCIATIONS.

4.1 NORTH PANTHER TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. The operation of the Community is by the NORTH PANTHER TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit which shall perform its functions pursuant to this Declaration, and the following:

- A. Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association shall be the Articles of Incorporation attached as Exhibit "B", as amended from time to time.
- B. By-Laws. The By-Laws of the Association shall be the By-Laws attached as Exhibit as amended from time to time.
- C. Membership and Voting Rights. The membership of the Association shall be as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The Owners of each Lot shall collectively be entitled to that vote as more fully provided in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.
- D. Limitation on Association Liability.
 - 1. Notwithstanding its duty to maintain and repair certain Properties, the Association shall not be liable to the Owners for injury or damage caused by Properties for which the Association has responsibility to maintain. In the event that any portion of the Properties for which the Owner has maintenance responsibility under this Declaration, or any real or personal property of the Owner, shall be damaged in the course of the Association's maintenance, repair or replacement of those Properties for which the Association has responsibility, the Owner shall bear the full risk of loss. The only exception under this Section 4.1.D.I is where the Association whether for itself or its contractor) is guilty of negligence or intentional misconduct which causes the loss, in which case the Association bears the risk of loss created by same (with any available contribution from the contractor or others). This Section 4.1.D.I shall also apply where the loss results in the course of the Association's reconstruction and repair after casualty.
 - 2. The Association shall in no event be liable for any damages resulting from an Owners breach of his maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility under this Declaration.

4.2 SAWGRASS LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION INC. Each Owner is also a member of the Sawgrass Lakes Master Association, Inc., in accordance with the Master Declaration and the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Master Association. As a member of the Master Association, each Owner shall abide by all of the provisions, and accept the responsibility and receive the benefits under said documents, and shall receive the benefits of the properties of the Master Association. Each Owner shall also have all voting rights and other rights as a member of the Master Association pursuant to said documents. It is further understood that the Master Association has the right and power to budget and to levy assessments against the Association.

Section 5. ASSESSMENTS AND LIENS: CHARGES. The Association has the power to levy and collect assessments against each Lot and Owner in order to provide the necessary funds for proper operation and management of the Community and for the operation of the Association, including both annual assessments for each Lot's share of the common expenses as set forth in the annual budget, and special assessments for any proper common expenses. The Association may also levy Charges against individual Lot(s) and Owner(s) for any amounts, other than for common expenses, which are properly chargeable against such Lot and Owner under the Governing Documents, including late fees and interest at the highest rate allowed by law.

5.1 Common Expenses. Common expenses include all expenses of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or insurance of the Common Area, certain portions of the Lots, the expenses of operating the Association, and any other expenses properly incurred by the Association for the Community, including any amounts budgeted for the purpose of funding reserve accounts, and any expenses assessed by the Master Association.

5.2 Share of Common Expenses. All Lots shall be assessed equally.

5.3 Ownership. Assessments collected by or on behalf of the Association become the property of the Association. No Owner has the right to claim, assign or transfer any interest therein except as an appurtenance to his Lot. No Owner has the right to withdraw or receive distribution of his share of the common surplus, except as otherwise provided in the Governing Documents or by law.

5.4 Who is Liable for Assessments. The Owner of each Lot, regardless of how title was acquired, is liable for all assessments or installments thereon coming due while he is the Owner. Multiple Owners are jointly and severally liable. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 5.8.A and 12.5 below, whenever title to a Lot is transferred for any reason, the transferee is jointly and severally liable with the transferor for all unpaid assessments against the transferor, regardless of when incurred, without prejudice to any right the transferee may have to recover from the transferor any amounts paid by the transferee

5.5 No Waiver or Excuse From Payment. The liability for assessments may not be avoided or abated by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any Common Area, by abandonment of the Lot on which the assessments are made, by Interruption in the availability of the Lot or the Common Area for any reason whatsoever, or by

dissatisfaction with the Association and/or its operation and policies. No Owner may be excused from payment of his share of the common expenses unless all Owners are likewise proportionately excused from payment, except as otherwise provided in Section 5.8.A as to certain mortgagees and in Section 12.5 as to the Developer.

5.6 Application of Payments; Failure to Pay; Interest; Late Fees. Assessments and installments thereon paid on or before thirty (30) days after the date due shall not bear interest, but all sums not so paid shall bear interest at the rate of 18% per annum calculated from the date due until paid. In addition, any assessments or installments not paid on or before thirty (30) days after the date due shall result in the imposition of a late fee equal to the higher of \$25.00 or five (5%) percent of the late payment. Assessments and installments thereon shall become due, and the Owner shall become liable for the assessments or installments, on the date established in the By-Laws or otherwise set by the Board of Directors of the Association for payment. All payments on account shall be applied in the following order irrespective of any restrictive endorsement, designation or instruction placed on or accompanying any payment: To interest, late fees, costs and attorneys'/paralegals' fees, and annual or special assessments first due and owing. If payment is made by check which fails to clear, then the Owner shall be considered not to have made payment.

5.7 Liens. The Association has a lien on each Lot securing payment of past due assessments, including late fees, interest and attorneys' and paralegal fees and costs incurred by the Association incident to the collection of the assessment or enforcement of the lien, whether before, during or after a lien foreclosure suit or other lawsuit. The lien is perfected upon recording a Claim of Lien in the Public Records of the County, stating the legal description of the Lot, the name of the record Owner, the assessments past due and the due dates and shall relate back to the date this Declaration was originally recorded in the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.. The lien is in effect until barred by law. The Claim of Lien secures all unpaid assessments and charges coming due prior to a final judgment of foreclosure. Upon full payment, the person making the payment is entitled to a satisfaction of the lien.

5.8 Priority of Lien.

A. Rights of Certain Mortgagees and other Lienholders. The Association's lien for unpaid assessments shall be subordinate and inferior to any recorded first mortgage or any institutional mortgage, unless the Association's claim of lien was recorded before the mortgage, but shall be superior to, and take priority over any other mortgage and any other lien, regardless of when the mortgage or other lien was recorded.

(1) With respect to any such mortgage which has superiority over the Association's Claim of Lien: When the mortgagee or other purchaser obtains title to the Lot as a result of foreclosure of the mortgage, or a deed in lieu of foreclosure, the acquirer of title, its successors and assigns, shall not be liable for any delinquent assessments due and owing to the Association pertaining to the

Lot or chargeable to the former Owner of the Lot which became due prior to the acquisition of title as a result of foreclosure or a deed in lieu of foreclosure. These unpaid assessments shall be deemed to be a common expense collectible from all of the Owners, including such acquirer of title, and his successors and assigns.

- B. Leases. Any lease of a Lot shall be subordinate and inferior to any claim of lien of the Association, regardless of when the lease was executed.

5.9 Foreclosure of Lien Action at Law. The Association may bring an action in its name to foreclose its lien for unpaid assessments in the same manner in which mortgages are foreclosed in the State of Florida and may also bring an action to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments without waiving any lien rights. In addition to any assessments due, the Association shall be entitled to recover interest, late fees, and all costs of collection, including Court costs and paralegal and attorneys' fees. Whenever the Association shall bring a lien foreclosure action, the Association shall be entitled to receive a reasonable rental from the Owner, pending litigation, for that time period during which the Owner is in possession of the Lot either by himself, or tenants, guests or other occupants; the Association is entitled to an appointment of a Receiver, which may be the Association, to collect the rent.

5.10 Certificate As To Assessments. The Association shall provide a certificate stating whether all assessments and other monies owed to the Association by the Owner with respect to the Lot have been paid, within fifteen (15) days after request by an Owner or mortgagee. Any person other than the Owner who relies upon such certificate shall be protected thereby.

5.11 Charges.

- A. Defined. Each Lot and Owner shall be liable for Charges levied by the Association against the Lot and Owner. Charges shall be deemed to include but not be limited to: maintenance or other services furnished by the Association for the benefit of an Owner; damages; fines; and any other sums other than assessments which are referred to as Charges in the Governing Documents.
- B. Who is Liable for Charges. The Owner of each Lot, regardless of how title was acquired, is liable for all Charges coming due while he is the Owner. Multiple Owners are jointly and severally liable. Except as provided in Sections 5.11.E and 12.5 below, whenever title to a Lot is transferred for any reason, the transferee is jointly and severally liable with the transferor for all unpaid Charges against the transferor, regardless of when incurred, without prejudice to any right the transferee may have to recover from the transferor any amounts paid by the transferee.

- C. Application of Payments; Failure to Pay; Late Fees; Interest. Any Charges paid on or before thirty (30) days after the date shall not bear interest, but all Charges not so paid shall bear interest at the highest rate of interest allowed by law per annum, calculated from the date due until paid. In addition, any Charges or installments not paid on or before thirty (30) days after the date due shall result in the imposition of a late fee of the higher of \$25.00 or five (5%) percent of the late Charges. All payments on account shall be applied in the following order irrespective of any restrictive endorsement, designation or instruction placed on or accompanying any payment: To interest, late fees, costs and attorneys' /paralegals' fees, and annual or special assessments first due and owing. If payment is made by check which fails to clear, or is returned unpaid, then the Owner shall be considered not to have made payment.
- D. Liens. The Association has a lien on each Lot securing payment of past due Charges, including interest, late fees and attorneys' and paralegal fees and costs incurred by the Association incident to the collection of the Charges or enforcement of the lien, whether before, during or after a lien foreclosure suit or other lawsuit. The effective date of the lien shall relate back to the date this Declaration was originally recorded in the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. The lien is perfected upon recording a Claim of Lien in the Public Records of the County, stating the legal description of the Lot, the name of the record Owner, the Charges past due and the due dates. The lien is in effect until barred by law. Upon full payment of all sums secured by the Claim of Lien, the person making the payment is entitled to a satisfaction of the lien.
- E. Priority of Lien.
1. Rights of Certain Mortgagees and Other Lienholders. The Association's lien for Charges shall be subordinate and inferior to any recorded first mortgage or any institutional mortgage, unless the Association's claim of lien was recorded before the mortgage, but shall be superior to, and take priority over, any other mortgage and any other lien regardless of when the mortgage or any other lien was recorded.
 - (a) With respect to any such mortgage which has superiority over the Association's claim of lien: When the mortgagee or other purchaser obtains title to the Lot as a result of foreclosure of the mortgage, or a deed in lieu of foreclosure, the acquirer of title, its successors and assigns, shall be liable for any delinquent Charges due and owing to the Association pertaining to the Lot or chargeable to the former Owner of the Lot which became

due prior to the acquisition of title as a result of foreclosure or a deed in lieu of foreclosure to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any non-collectable Charges shall be deemed to be a common expense collectible from all of the Owners, including such acquirer of title, and his successors and assigns.

2. Leases. Any lease of a Lot shall be subordinate and inferior to any claim of lien of the Association, regardless of when the lease was executed.

F. Foreclosure of Lien; Action at Law. The Association may bring an action in its name to foreclose its lien for unpaid Charges in the same manner that mortgages are foreclosed in the State of Florida, and may also bring an action to recover a money judgment for the unpaid Charges without waiving any lien rights, and shall be entitled to recover interest, late fees, and all costs of collection, including Court costs and paralegal and attorneys' fees.

5.12 Exempt Property. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the assessments, Charges and liens created under this Declaration:

- A. All Properties to the extent of any easement or other interest therein dedicated and accepted by the local public authority and devoted to public use;
- B. All Common Area exempted from taxation by state or local governments upon the terms and to the extent of such legal exemption.

Notwithstanding any provision in this Section 5.12, no land or improvements devoted to Lot or dwelling use shall be exempt from assessments, Charges or liens, except as provided for in Sections 5.8.A and 5.11.E.1 above and Section 12.5 below.

5.13 Master Association Assessments. In addition to that provided for in Section 52 above, the Association shall be liable for all assessments levied by the Master Association. The Association shall remit to the Master Association any annual assessments levied by the Master Association against the Association, which shall be due and owing in four (4) equal installments in advance on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, of each year. The Association shall also remit to the Master Association, any special assessments levied by the Master Association against the Association, to be paid by the date specified in the notice of special assessment. It is the obligation of each Owner and the Association to see to it that the assessments are paid to and received by the Master Association, or any agent designated by the Master Association as its agent for collection, irrespective of whether the Association received notification. In the event that the Association fails to tender proper and timely payment of any assessment to the Master Association, an Owner may avoid liability for the assessment in question and may avoid the filing of a lien against his Lot, and foreclosure thereof or personal action,

by tendering to the Master Association, that Lot's share of the assessment along with applicable interest, late fees and attorneys' and paralegal fees; this sole remedy applies for the benefit of the Owner even where and notwithstanding the fact that the Owner did timely pay the appropriate sum to the Association. In the event that the Owner did make payment to the Association and then was required to pay the Lot's share of the assessment along with the other sums referenced in the preceding sentence, then the Owner shall be entitled to a credit from the Association for the amount of such payment, against future assessments due and owing by the Owner to the Association.

Section 6. MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT; ASSOCIATION ALTERATIONS. Responsibility for the maintenance, repair, replacement and Association alterations of the Properties shall be as follows:

6.1 Association Maintenance. In addition to other provisions contained elsewhere in this Declaration, the following Properties shall be maintained, repaired and replaced by the Association at the expense of the Association, as an item of common expense:

- A. All Common Area.
- B. The vegetation, landscaping and irrigation system, if any, upon areas which are not within the Properties but abut same and are owned by a utility or governmental authority or any other person, so as to enhance the appearance of the Properties.
- C. The following portion of the Lots: Except where the Master Association is responsible under Section 6.1.0 of the Master Declaration:
 1. Landscaping in the front yard only originally installed by the Developer and any like replacements thereof, provided that the Association is not precluded access; if access is precluded, the Owner shall not be given any credit toward assessments or Charges due and owing.

6.2 Maintenance by Owners. Each Owner is responsible, at his own expense, for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the following Properties:

- A. The entirety of his Lot and Dwelling Structure, with the exception of those portions of the Lot referred to in Section 6.1.0 above, except as follows: As to any fences installed on the boundary of two Lots, the Owner of each Lot shall have maintenance responsibility as follows: Any slats facing only one Lot shall be the responsibility of the Owner of that Lot. All other portions of the fence shall be the Joint responsibility of the Owners of the two Lots. To the extent that any Owner discharges the maintenance responsibility of the other, after providing reasonable prior written notice, the Owner providing the maintenance responsibility of the other shall be entitled to recover from the other in a lawsuit the cost of the other Owners share, and such other sums as are provided in Section 11.7 of the Declaration.

B. Each Owner shall also have the following responsibilities/limitations:

1. Each Owner must perform promptly all maintenance, repairs and replacement for which the Owner is responsible, which are necessary to ensure good and quality condition, or which if not performed would affect any of the Properties, including any Lot(s) belonging to any other Owner(s).
2. Each Owner shall promptly report to the Association or its agents any defect or need for repair on the Properties for which the Association is responsible to maintain, repair and replace under this Declaration.
3. No Owner shall make any alteration, addition or improvement to any portion of the Common Area, except as is specifically permitted by this Declaration.
4. No Owner shall do anything which shall adversely affect the safety or soundness of the Common Area; the opinion of the Board of Directors shall control in determining whether the safety or soundness of the Common Area is adversely affected.

6.3 Level of Maintenance. The Association is hereby empowered, by and through the Board of Directors, to determine the level of maintenance to be effected by the Owners.

6.4 Association Alterations. The Association is permitted to make alterations, including material alterations, to the Common Area, upon the vote of its Board of Directors.

Section 7. OWNERS' CONSTRUCTION ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS: ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD. The following applies to the Owners:

7.1 Scope: Review by Architectural Review Board. No structure (whether part of a residence), fences, walls, swimming pools, exterior lighting, or any other improvement, shall be constructed or maintained upon any Lot; no alteration, addition, changing or remodeling to the exteriors of any Dwelling Structure or other structure on a Lot shall be made; and no landscaping, removal of landscaping or modification to the irrigation system shall be added or altered on a Lot; without the Owner first obtaining the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Board ("ARB") and fully and strictly complying with this Section 7. This Section 7 shall also apply to when ARB approval is required under Section 8 below.

7.2 Submission of Plans to the ARB. Prior to any modification, alteration or improvement referred to in Section 7.1 above, the Owner must submit three (3) complete sets of plans and specifications and plot plans to the ARB, sealed by an architect or residential designer licensed to practice in the State of Florida. The plans and specification and plot plans must show to the extent applicable, the exterior design,

height, building materials and color scheme thereof, the location of the structure plotted horizontally and vertically, with front, side and rear elevation and floor plans, with reference to the street side and rear lines of the Lot; the general plan of landscaping, fence, walls and wind breaks, and a grating plan and any other details of the modification, alteration or improvements; in a form which would be acceptable to obtain a building permit or in the event a permit is not required, then in a form that would be required if a permit was in fact required.

7.3 Function of the ARB. The ARB shall be a permanent committee of the Association and shall administer and perform the architectural review and control functions of the Association. The ARB shall exercise its best judgment to see that all alterations, improvements, construction and landscaping conform to and harmonize with existing surroundings and structures. The ARB may also assist and advise the Board of Directors of the Association in enforcing the Declaration and in adopting rules, regulations and guidelines, and may from time to time perform such other duties or functions as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

7.4 Composition of the ARB. The ARB shall be composed of three (3) or more persons appointed by the Developer so long as the Developer owns any Lot in the Community; and thereafter by the Board of Directors of the Association. ARB members appointed by the Developer need not be members of the Association. After the Developer no longer has the power to appoint ARB members, all such members must be members of the Board of Directors. All members of the ARB shall be subject to removal, with or without cause, by the entity (Developer or Board of Directors) that appointed the particular ARB member. A majority of the ARB shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting, and the action of a majority of ARB Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the ARB. Any vacancy occurring on the ARB due to the death, resignation or removal of any member thereof shall be filled by the entity that appointed the vacating ARB member.

7.5 Powers of the ARB. The ARB shall have the following powers:

- A. The ARB may require submission of samples of building materials and colors proposed to be used, and may also require such additional information as may be reasonably necessary to evaluate the proposed construction, alteration or improvement. The ARB shall retain one (1) complete set of the plans and specifications delivered to the ARB by the Owner, and return two (2) sets to the Owner.
- B. To institute and require a reasonable filing fee to accompany the submission of plans and specifications, as a means of defraying its expenses.
- C. To approve or disapprove all plans and specifications within thirty (30) days after the Owner submits all fees, and information which is reasonably necessary for the ARB to render its decision under this Section 7. In the event that the ARB fails to take any action within

the thirty (30) day period, approval will not be required, and this Section 7 will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

1. In the event that the ARB disapproves any plans and specifications submitted to it, the ARB shall so notify the applicant in writing, stating the grounds upon which the disapproval was based. The ARB may alternatively approve plans and specifications subject to modifications required in writing by the ARB.
- D. To promulgate rules and regulations of general application, governing the procedures to be followed by the ARB, including the form and content of applications, plans and specifications to be submitted for approval. The ARB may from time to time adopt architectural guidelines, imposing restrictions in furtherance of the General Plan of Development of the Community, that are not inconsistent with this Declaration.
- E. By any of its members or appointed agents upon reasonable notice and at any reasonable time, to enter and inspect any Lot for compliance with this Section 7 of this Declaration or any other provision in the Declaration under which the ARB has jurisdiction.
- F. To exercise any other powers delegated to it by other provisions of this Declaration or by the Board of Directors of the Association.

7.6 Review Criteria. The ARB may disapprove any plans submitted to it or require modifications to same, for any one or more of the following reasons:

- A. Failure of such plans to comply with any of the protective covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration and for architectural guidelines adopted from time to time by the ARB.
- B. Failure to include information in such plans as requested by the ARB;
- C. Objection to the site plan, exterior design, appearance or materials of any proposed alteration or improvements, including without limitation, color or color scheme, finish, proportion, style or architecture, height, bulk or appropriateness of any proposed alteration or improvement;
- D. Incompatibility of the proposed alteration or improvement with existing improvements.

- E. Failure of the proposed alteration or improvement to comply with any zoning, building, health or other governmental laws, codes, ordinances, rules or regulations;
- F. Any other matter which in the judgment and sole discretion of the ARB would render the proposed alteration or improvement inharmonious or incompatible with the General Plan of Development of the Community.

7.7 Permits and Certificates of Occupancy Compliance.

- A. No person shall seek or apply for a building permit from any governmental authority unless and until the approval of the proposed improvements has been obtained from the ARB.
- B. After the plans and specifications and plot plans and other data submitted have been approved by the ARB, no alteration, improvement or structure shall be erected, constructed, placed or maintained upon the Lot or Dwelling Structure unless same shall be erected, constructed, placed or maintained in conformity with the plans and specifications and plot plans approved by the ARB. Any alteration, construction or structure which shall be erected, constructed, placed or maintained which is not in conformity with the plans and specifications and plot plans approved by the ARB shall be deemed to have been undertaken without such approval and to be in violation of this Declaration.
- C. Furthermore, no certificate of occupancy (if applicable) shall be issued unless the Owner(s) have complied with this Section 7.
- D. An Owner who obtains permits or a Certificate of Occupancy without first obtaining the written approval of the ARB shall be in violation hereof and such permit or Certificate of Occupancy does not waive the Owner's obligations hereunder.

7.8 Records of Meetings. The ARB shall keep minutes and maintain records of all votes taken at ARB meetings. The ARB may also take action without a meeting by unanimous written consent of all members of the ARB.

7.9 No Waiver. The approval of the ARB of plans and specifications submitted for approval, as herein specified, shall not be deemed to be a waiver by the ARB of the right to object to any of the features or elements embodied in such plans and specifications, if and when the same features and elements are embodied in any subsequent plans and specifications submitted for approval for use on other Lots, even if submitted by the same Owner(s) or contractor(s).

7.10 Liability for Actions of the ARB. Neither the Board of Directors or Officers of the Association, the members of the ARB, nor any person acting on behalf of any of

them, shall be liable for any costs or damages incurred by anyone submitting plans for approval, or any other party, due to any mistakes in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance of the ARB in connection with the approval or disapproval of plans. Neither the Board of Directors or officers of the Association, the members of the ARB, nor any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall be responsible for any defects in any plans or specifications, nor for any defects in any alterations or improvements constructed pursuant thereto. Each party submitting plans and specifications for approval shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and for the quality of construction performed pursuant thereto.

7.11 Variance. The ARB may authorize variances from compliance with the provisions of any architectural standards (not inconsistent with this Declaration) adopted by the ARB, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardships, aesthetic, or environmental considerations require. Such variance must be evidenced in writing and approved by a majority of the entire membership of the ARB, which variance must also be approved by the Board of Directors in order for the variance to be effective. If such variances are granted, no violation of this Declaration or the ARB's architectural guidelines shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matters for which the variances were granted. The granting of such a variance shall not, however, operate to waive any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration or architectural guidelines for any purpose except as to the particular Lot and particular provisions of the architectural guidelines, covered by the variance, nor shall it affect, in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental laws and regulations affecting his or her use of the Lot, including, but not limited to, zoning ordinances and setback lines imposed by any governmental or municipal authority, nor shall it entitle the Owner or any other Owner to a similar variance in the future.

7.12 Minimum Architectural Guidelines. The following minimum standards shall apply to the Properties, in addition to any other guidelines adopted by the ARB from time to time:

- A. Roof pitch shall be equal to a greater than six (6") inches in vertical dimension and twelve (12") inches of horizontal dimension, and the roof shall be of an architectural or dimensional shingle or better.
- B. Attached hereto and made a part of this Declaration as Exhibit "D" is a minimum landscape plan which shall govern. Bahia or Floritan sod shall be used, and irrigation shall be extensive enough to cover all Properties up to the curb of the street.
- C. As to fences: Sensors shall be plastic coated, equal to or less than forty-eight (48") inches in height, landscaped with hedge or vine and shall not come up past the front yard line. As to perimeter fences and walls: Same shall be allowed on the rear property line and side property lines up to the front yard line as set forth in Exhibit "D", with the exception that all Lots that abut the lakes or the thirty-foot access and maintenance easement granted to the city

on the Subdivision Plat will not be allowed to have a fence in the rear thirty feet of the yard.

- D. The maximum building height of a dwelling structure shall be thirty five (35) feet, which is measured from the finished first floor grade to the highest point of the roof of the Dwelling Structure.
- E. A Dwelling Structure shall have a minimum living area of 1,200 square feet. The ARB shall have the right to require a greater minimum floor area if the ARB disapproves the design of a Dwelling Structure. Square footage referred to in this section 7.13.E shall be exclusive of porches, terraces, porticoes, patios, covered walks, pool area, utility rooms and garages. Square footage measurements shall be taken from the inside of the exterior walls of the Dwelling Structure.
- F. Each Dwelling Structure shall have an enclosed garage which must be attached to the residence, which must be sufficient in size to accommodate no less than two (2) full-sized vehicles, and be of a size no less than 400 square feet.
- G. With respect to the front yard, there shall be a minimum building setback of fourteen (14) feet in the event of a side-load garage and twenty (20) feet in the event of a front-load garage. As to the side yard setbacks, the setbacks may vary as long as the combined setback of both side yards total a minimum of twelve (12) feet and when combined with the building setback on the adjoining lots will have a minimum of twelve (12) feet of building separation; that is, side setbacks could be zero (0) feet and twelve (12) feet, two (2) feet and ten (10) feet, six (6) feet and six (6) feet, etc. Any corner lot shall have the minimum side setback of ten (10) feet. Accessory structure setbacks may vary as long as the combined set back of both side yards total a minimum of three (3) feet. As to rear yard setbacks (in all Lots that abut the lakes, and the thirty-foot access and maintenance easements granted to the City under the Subdivision Plat, add thirty feet to the following rear yard setback): a minimum building setback of ten (10) feet and three (3) feet for accessory structures.
- H. The Dwelling Structure cannot exceed forty-five (45%) percent of the square footage of the Lot, with a maximum impervious surface area not to exceed sixty (60%) percent of the total square footage of the Lot.
- I. No Lot shall be smaller than five thousand eight hundred fifty (5,850) square feet and contain a width of less than fifty (50) feet.
- J. The driveway and all Lots shall be concrete and a minimum of eight (8) feet wide. All Lots shall be capable of accommodating two (2)

parked cars on a minimum concrete pad of sixteen (16) by twenty (20) feet.

K. Private boat houses or docks are not permitted on any Lots.

Section 8. USE AND OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS. The use and occupancy of the Properties shall be in accordance with the following provisions so long as the Community exists:

8.1. Occupancy of Lots: Subdivision.

- A. General. Each Lot shall be occupied by Owners and tenants and their family members and guests and employees, as a residence and for no other purpose, subject to any other provision in this Declaration and in the Rules and Regulations relating to use of the Lot.
- B. Subdivision. No Lot may be subdivided into more than one Lot. Only entire Lots may be sold, leased or otherwise transferred.

8.2. Age. There is no age restriction in this Community.

8.3. Pets and Animals.

- A. Owners and tenants are permitted to have pets and animals as a privilege, but only as follows:
 - 1. Animals and pets shall be restricted to cats, dogs, birds and fish in reasonable numbers.
 - 2. When outside of the Dwelling Structure, all dogs and cats must be accompanied by an attendant who shall have such dog/cat firmly held by collar and leash, which leash shall not exceed eight (8) feet in length. No cats or dogs shall be permitted to run at large outside the Lot.
 - 3. The owner/custodian of each animal and pet and the individual walking same, shall be required to clean up after the pet/animal.
 - 4. The owner/custodian of the animal or pet shall remove his or her animal or pet from the Community when such animal or pet emits excessive noise such that same may be heard outside of the Lot.
 - 5. The pet/animal owner and the Owner of the Lot involved shall be strictly liable for damages caused by the pet/animal to the Properties.

6. Any pet/animal owner's privilege to have a pet/animal reside in the Community shall be revoked if the pet/animal shall create a nuisance or shall become a nuisance.

B. Exception. The provisions of this Section 8.3 shall yield where necessary to meet the needs of handicapped persons pursuant to fair housing laws.

8.4 Vehicles and Parking. The following restrictions apply irrespective of whether the Properties in question lies within areas owned by or dedicated to a governmental entity:

A. Prohibited Vehicles or Items. This Section A lists prohibited vehicles or items ("Prohibited Vehicles"), which are prohibited anywhere on the Property, except within the garage of a Dwelling Structure with the garage door closed, unless such vehicle or item is also listed in Section B below, in which case it shall not be prohibited outside of the garage: Motorcycles, dirt bikes or other two-wheeled motorized vehicles; mopeds and other self-powered bicycles; trucks, whether covered or uncovered, whether with a bed top or without; agriculture vehicles; dune buggies, swamp buggies and all terrain and off-road vehicles; any trailer or other device transportable by vehicular towing; semis, tractors or tractor trailers; buses; limousines; travel trailers; commercial vehicles as defined below; vehicles which are an eyesore; motorcycle delivery wagons; campers; recreational vehicles; mobile homes or mobile houses; truck mounted campers attached or detached from the truck chassis; motor homes or motor houses; motor vehicles not having any bodies whatsoever, or incomplete bodies; passenger automobiles that have been converted to a different type of motor vehicle by replacing the original body or by modifying the exterior of the vehicle; vehicles that are noisy, unsightly or junkers, or which have flat or missing tires; vans, unless permitted by Section 8.6 below; and boat and boat trailers; and other such motor vehicles.

B. Exceptions to A above. The following shall not be considered Prohibited Vehicles, subject to other provisions in this Declaration or in the Rules and Regulations of the Association not inconsistent with this Section 8.4:

1. Moving vans for the purpose of loading and unloading, but at no time during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., nor from 5:00 p.m. Saturday to 8:00 a.m. Monday.

2. Vehicles, regardless of classification, necessary for the maintenance, care or protection of the Property, during regular business hours, and only for the time period during which the maintenance, care or protection is being provided.

3. Service and deliver/vehicles, servicing the Property, regardless of classifications, during regular business hours and only for that period of time to render the service or delivery in question.
4. Vehicles for handicapped person, "handicapped" being defined by any fair housing law.
5. Police and Emergency vehicles.
6. Certain vans which are permitted. A two-axle van as defined below which is not a commercial vehicle as defined below; which contains windows on the rear of the vehicle, on both sides of the vehicle adjacent to the first row of seating, and also at least one set of windows on each side of the vehicle beyond the windows adjacent to the first row of seating.
7. A pickup truck is permitted, so long as it does not have a camper top or the like, and is not a commercial vehicle as defined below.

C. Classifications and Definitions.

1. The most current edition of the N.A.D.A. Official Used Car Guide ("Guide") shall determine the classification of whether a vehicle is in fact a truck or van. If the Guide does not contain reference to a particular vehicle, then the manufacturer's classification shall control.

If publication of the Guide shall be discontinued, an equivalent publication shall be selected by the Board of Directors to be used to determine vehicle classifications hereunder. Except as otherwise provided as to certain vans under Subsection B.6 above, a State registration or title classification shall have no bearing on determination of the classifications under this Section 8.4.

2. A "commercial vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle which has an outward appearance of being used in connection with business, (e.g., the vehicle displays work equipment to view and/or is commercially lettered or contains a commercial or business logo). Actual use of the vehicle shall yield to its outward appearance. A vehicle with a covered sign or logo shall still be considered to be a commercial vehicle. A vehicle with a removable sign or logo shall not, with the sign/logo removed, be considered to be a

commercial vehicle unless it meets the definition of "commercial vehicle" even without the sign or logo.

3. A "truck" shall mean any motor vehicle which is classified as a truck in accordance with Subsection C.1 above.
4. A "van" shall mean any motor vehicle which is classified as a truck in accordance with Subsection C.1 above, and which is recognized by the manufacturer to be a type of a van, and which has two (2) axles.

D. The following additional regulations apply:

1. No repair (including changing of oil) of a vehicle shall be made on Properties except for minor repairs necessary to permit removal of a vehicle. Washing, waxing, or the changing of tires of a vehicle is permitted.
2. No motor vehicle which is of the type of vehicle which is unregistrable shall be driven or operated on any of the Property at any time for any reason.
3. No motor vehicle, including moving vans, shall be parked at any time on the grass/swales of the Property (except for landscaping equipment at the direction of the Board of Directors).
4. Except where safety dictates otherwise, horns shall not be used or blown while a vehicle is parked, standing in or driving through parking areas. Racing engines and loud exhausts shall be prohibited.
5. No vehicle shall be parked such that it blocks any sidewalk, except where otherwise necessary by moving vans and then only for loading and unloading.
6. All vehicles must be in working order; no vehicles on blocks, jacks or ramps, shall be permitted.

- E. Remedy of Towing. If upon the Association's provision of that notice required by Section 715.07, Florida Statutes and applicable County Ordinances, as amended from time to time, an offending vehicle owner does not remove a prohibited or improperly parked vehicle from the Property, the Association shall have the power and right to have the vehicle towed away at the vehicle owner's expense.

- F. Alternative/Concurrent Remedies. Whether or not the Association exercises its right to have the vehicle so towed, the Association shall nonetheless have the right to seek compliance with this Section 8.4 by injunctive and other relief through the courts; and any other remedy conferred upon the Association by law or the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The Association's right to tow shall in no way be a condition precedent to any other remedies available to the Association incident to the enforcement of this Section 8.4.

8.5 Nuisances, Ordinances and Laws. No Owner, Occupant or Guest shall use any of the Properties, or permit same to be used, in any manner which is unreasonably disturbing, detrimental or a nuisance to the Owner(s), Occupant(s) and Guest(s) of other Lot(s), or which would not be consistent with the maintenance of the highest standards for a first class residential development, nor permit the Properties to be used in a disorderly or unlawful way, nor which will produce an insurance risk for the Association or other Owners or Occupants. The use of each Lot shall be consistent with existing ordinances and laws and the Governing Documents, and Occupants shall at all times conduct themselves in a peaceful and orderly manner. No inflammables shall be stored anywhere on the Properties. Televisions, radios and musical instruments may only be used at such times and at such volume so as not to create a disturbance for other Owners and Residents.

8.6 Signs. No signs of any type shall be maintained, kept or permitted on any of the Properties, including Lot (interior or exterior) such that they may be viewed from the Common Area or other Lots; provided however, that the following shall not violate this Section 8.6:

- A. Official notices of the Association;
- B. Signs on permitted vehicles under Sections 8.4.B (1), (2), (3) and (5) above; and
- C. Vehicle bumper stickers and parking decals which do not indicate any Lot is for sale or for rent; and one sign advertising the vehicle for sale.

8.7 No Business Activity. No business or commercial activity or enterprise of any kind whatsoever shall be erected, maintained, operated, carried on, permitted or conducted on the Properties, including Lots; provided, however that the following shall not violate this Section 8.7:

- A. Any business which qualifies as a home occupation under the applicable zoning code shall be permitted. However, a day care or child care facility or operation (regardless of age) shall not be permitted, irrespective of whether same is a home occupation.
- B. The practice of leasing Lots.

C. The business of operating the Association.

8.8 Trash and Garbage. No trash shall be discarded on any part of the Properties except in garbage receptacles, which may not be placed out for collection before sundown on the day before collection. All garbage and rubbish (excluding glass and newspapers) must be securely tied in plastic bags before being placed in garbage receptacles. Glass, newspapers and other recyclables shall be placed in separate receptacles supplied by the Owner or collection authorities. The foregoing is subject to any regulations and policies of the collection authorities and Rules and Regulations of the Association.

8.9 Solicitation. No business solicitation whatsoever shall be permitted in the Community, whether or not such solicitation is for the benefit of a non-profit organization, whether in person or by hand delivery of letters, without the permission of the Board of Directors of the Association. This shall not preclude an owner from inviting a person or firm to enter the Community for the purpose of contracting business with the Owner.

8.10 Leasing of Lots with Dwelling Structures.

- A. General. Subject to the following restrictions, an Owner may lease only his entire Lot, and then only in accordance with the Declaration and with the need for Association approval. In order to maintain home values and a stronger sense of an owners' community, leases are limited to no more than ten (10%) percent of the total number of Lots within the Association. The Association will maintain a list of all current leases, and any lease application which would result in more than ten (10%) percent of the total number of Lots being leased at any one time, will be rejected.
- B. Each Owner shall be required to advise the Association in writing, of any lease or change in occupancy, and shall provide a copy of the lease to the Association upon execution of same. The Association shall be permitted to adopt a form for the Owner and lessee to execute providing reasonable information relating to same. North Panther Trace, HOA, has adopted a Third Party Lease Agreement for this purpose.
- C. Contents of Lease Agreement. Prior to entering into lease, a criminal background check will be required for EACH ADULT who will be living in the residence, the cost of which shall be paid by either the Owner or lessee. Every lease, whether oral or written shall contain, and if it does not contain, shall automatically be deemed to contain the following:
 - 1. The lessee and all occupants shall abide by all provisions of the Governing Documents and reasonable Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time, and the failure to do so shall constitute a material default and breach of the lease.

2. Any Charges, together with interest, late fees, costs and attorneys' fees, due and owing by the Owner/landlord shall be paid by the lessee directly to the Association, so long as the Association notifies the Owner/landlord and lessee of such sums due and owing. Lessee shall not be in breach of the lease for making such payments and deducting same from the rent due and owing to the landlord; the foregoing shall not change the fact that the Owner shall remain primarily liable for the payment of any and all such sums to the Association until same are paid in full. Prior to leasing, the Owner must be current on all maintenance dues.
 3. The parties recognize that the Association, as agent for the landlord/Owner, has the power to evict the tenants and occupants under Chapter 83, Florida Statutes, for violations of the Governing Documents and reasonable Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time. The Association, by exercising such eviction rights, does not assume any liabilities of the Owner/Landlord either under the lease or Chapter 83 Florida Statutes.
 4. After Owner receives notification that his prospective tenant has passed the criminal background check, either the Owner or lessee must post a \$500.00 security deposit to North Panther Trace Homeowner Association. The money will be held for the term of the lease, and no money from this deposit shall be used unless the property falls below the Minimum Level of Maintenance as outlined in the by-laws for North Panther Trace and which may be amended from time to time. The Owner will be notified in writing of the maintenance item(s) which need to be corrected and will be given a specific amount of time to correct the problem. Only when an Owner neglects his/her responsibility to make the necessary repairs or maintenance issues to his property, shall the Board use monies from this fund to make the necessary improvements to comply with the Minimum Level of Maintenance guidelines. At that time, the Owner will be notified in writing of the amount of money used from the deposit to make repairs or improvements.
 5. Lessee shall meet with a member of the Board of Directors at which time he/she will be furnished with a copy of the Rules and Regulations. Lessee will be required to sign an affidavit stating that he/she has read the Rules and Regulations and that he/she, or their guests will abide by the rules.
- D. Subleasing; Renting Rooms. Subleasing of a Lot shall be absolutely prohibited. Furthermore, no rooms shall be rented in any Lot. The

intention is that only Entire Lots may be rented, and Lots may not be sublet.

- E. Frequency of Leasing. No lease shall be made more often than twice in any 12 month period. For purposes of calculation, a lease shall be considered as made on the first day of the lease term.
- F. Lease Terms. The minimum permitted lease term shall be six months and the maximum permitted lease term shall be 12 months.
- G. All lease renewals shall be considered a new lease and be subject to all terms in §8.10.

8.11 Ownership Transfer of Ownership Lots. In order to maintain a community of congenial, financially responsible residents with the objectives of protecting the value of the Lots, inhibiting transiency, and facilitating the development of a stable, quiet community and peace of mind for all residents, the transfer of the ownership of a Lot shall be subject to the following provisions so long as the Community exists which provisions each Owner of a Lot agrees to observe.

- A. Forms of Ownership.
 - 1. General. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 8.11, there is no limit as to how a Lot may be owned.
 - 2. Life Estate. A Lot may be subject to a life estate, either by operation of law or by a voluntary conveyance approved under Section 8.11.B below. In that event, the life tenant shall be the only Association member from such Lot, and the occupancy of the Lot shall be as if the life tenant was the only Owner. Upon termination of the life estate, the holders of the remainder interest shall have no occupancy rights unless separately approved by the Association. The life tenant shall be liable for all assessments and Charges against the Lot. Any consent or approval required of Association members may be given by the life tenant alone, and the consent or approval of the holder of the remainder interest shall not be required. If there is more than one life tenant, they shall be treated as co-owners.
- B. Transfer of Ownership of Lots. Owners may transfer title to Lots without the need for Association approval. However, each Owner shall be required to advise the Association of any transfer of ownership, and the Association shall be permitted to adopt a form for the Owner and purchaser/new owner to execute providing reasonable information relating to same.

8.12 Antennae, Aerials and Satellite Dishes. No antennae, aerial or satellite dish shall be placed anywhere on the Properties such as same may be viewed from the exterior of Lot, except as shall be expressly permitted by rules adopted or to be adopted by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. To the extent not prohibited by the Federal Communications Commission, the Architectural Committee shall be permitted to dictate the placement, type of screening and color of the antennae/satellite dish.

8.13 Solar Panels. Solar panels shall be permitted only as required by F.S. 163.04, as amended from time to time, and to the extent not prohibited by said statute, the ARB shall be permitted to dictate the placement, screening and color of same.

8.14 Laundry. No portion of the Properties shall be used for the drying or hanging of laundry, unless such laundry is adequately screened from public view, so that the laundry is not visible from any Lot; the foregoing is subject to F.S. 163.04, as amended from time to time.

8.15 Storms. Dwelling Structures may be boarded up or hurricane shutters closed only upon the issuance of a tropical storm or hurricane watch, which boarding must be removed or hurricane shutters opened within 24 hours after the storm danger has passed.

8.16 Garages. No garage shall be permanently enclosed or converted without the prior written approval of the ARB. The doors of all garages shall be kept in a useful operating condition and shall be closed, except as needed for ingress and egress. No ventilation grills or other openings of any kind shall be made in any garage door. No garage may be used as living space, with garage use to be limited to storage and/or the parking of vehicles, trailers or boats.

8.17 Air conditioners. Window or wall-mounted air conditioning units are prohibited.

8.18 Newspapers. No Owner or resident shall install or maintain any newspaper box on the Properties. All newspapers delivered to a Lot shall be brought inside daily and shall not be permitted to accumulate on any Lot or common area.

8.19 Developer Rights. The applicability of Section 8 is limited by and subject to the paramount provisions of Section 12 below.

Section 9. INSURANCE AND CASUALTY. The insurance which will be carried upon the Properties in the Community shall be governed by the following provisions.

9.1 By the Association.

- A. Duty and Authority to Obtain. The Board of Directors shall obtain and keep in force the insurance coverage which it is required to carry under the Governing Documents, and may obtain and keep in force any or all additional insurance coverage as it deems necessary. The name of the insured shall be the Association and the Owners without naming them, and their mortgagees, as their interests shall appear.

1. The cost of insurance premiums and other incidental expenses incurred by the Association in administering and carrying out the provisions of this Section 9.1 shall be a common expense of the Association; notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase in the premium occasioned by misuse, occupancy or abandonment of any Dwelling Structure or of the Common Area by particular Owner(s) shall be levied against a Lot and Owner and paid by such Owner(s) as a Charge and collectible as Charges are collected pursuant to the Declaration.
2. Premiums upon insurance policies may be financed in the manner as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.
3. The Association is hereby permitted to purchase insurance policies which contain deductibles.
4. The Board of Directors of the Association is empowered to adjust claims under any policies of insurance carried by the Association.
5. Each Owner shall provide insurance with respect to improvements made by the Owner, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Section 9.

B. Required Coverage. The Association shall maintain adequate insurance covering the Common Area in an amount determined annually by the Board of Directors, and covering all structural portions of the Dwelling Structures and other improvements on the Lots, in an amount equal to the maximum insurance replacement value, excluding foundation and excavation costs, and excluding floor, wall and ceiling coverings, and excluding all equipment and fixtures in the Dwelling Structure. Such insurance shall afford the following protection:

1. Property and Casualty. Loss or damage by fire, extended coverage (including windstorm), vandalism and malicious mischief, and other hazards covered by the standard "All Risk" property contract, for the items referenced above. The coverage must include the following, when same can be obtained:
 - a. Agreed Amount and Inflation Guard Endorsement; and
 - b. Demolition Costs Endorsement Contingent Liability from Operation of Building Loss Endorsement, and Increased Costs of Construction Endorsement.

2. Liability. Premises and operations liability for bodily injury and property damage in such limits of protection and with such coverage as required by the Board of Directors of the Association, with cross liability endorsement to cover liabilities of the Owners as a group, to an Owner.
 3. Automobile. Automobile liability for bodily injury and property damage for all hired and/or non-owned motor vehicles in such limits or protection and with such coverage as may be required by the Board of Directors of the Association.
 4. Directors, Officers and Agents Liability Insurance. The Association, to the extent available, shall maintain liability Insurance to protect the persons referred to in Section 12.1 of the By-Laws.
- C. Description of Coverage. A detailed summary of the coverage included in the master policies, and copies of the master policies, shall be available for inspection by Owners or their authorized representatives upon request.
- D. Waiver of Subrogation. If available and where applicable, the Board of Directors shall endeavor to obtain insurance policies which provide that the insurer waives its right to subrogation as to any claim against the Association, Owners, or their respective savants, agents or guests, except for any claim based upon gross negligence evidencing reckless, willful and wanton disregard for life or property.
- E. Share of Insurance Proceeds. All insurance policies obtained by the Association shall provide that all proceeds covering property losses shall be paid to the Association.
- F. Reconstruction and Repair After Casualty.
1. General. Any damage or destruction to the Common Area and to these portions of the Dwelling Structures on which the Association carries casualty insurance resulting from a casualty shall be repaired or reconstructed by the Association, substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications for the original improvements; or if such plans and specifications are lost or unavailable, then in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

2. Common Area. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair of the damaged Common Area, or if at any time during reconstruction and repair, or upon completion of reconstruction and repair, the funds for the payment of the costs of reconstruction and repair are insufficient, the Association shall levy a Special Assessment against all Owners in sufficient amounts to provide funds for the payment of such costs. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, repair of damage or destruction to the Common Area is optional if this Declaration is terminated as provided for in Section 14 below.
3. Lots. The insurance proceeds, if any, remaining after repair and restoration of such Dwelling Structure or Dwelling Structures shall be paid over to the Owner(s) of the Dwelling Structure(s). To the extent that insurance proceeds are insufficient to pay for the entire cost of repair and restoration of any Lot, including Dwelling Structure, because of a lack or lapse of insurance coverage, the deductible or otherwise, the Association shall levy a Charge for the difference against the Lots and Owners affected, who shall pay same as a Charge under this Declaration.

9.2 By the Owners.

- A. Each Owner hereby covenants to maintain full casualty insurance coverage on those portions of his Lot, including those improvements which the Association maintains under Section 6.1.C above, which are not covered by the Association under Section 9.1 above. Such coverage shall include loss by damage by fire and all other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement; all perils covered by the standard "all risk" endorsement; and an Inflation Guard Endorsement where obtainable. The Owners may, but shall not be required to, procure title insurance and insurance upon their personal property and for their personal liability and living expense.
- B. All insurance purchased by Owners under this Section 9.2 shall be so purchased at their own expense.
- C. All damage or destruction to any improvement referred to in Section 9.2.A above shall be repaired or reconstructed with improvements of at least similar size and type, and subject to the approval of the ARB; the provisions of Section 7 shall apply here.

Section 10. CONDEMNATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN. The circumstances of a taking of Common Area by the power of eminent domain or of any taking of Common Area or other Properties by way of condemnation, eminent domain or inverse condemnation, shall be dealt with in such reasonable manner as determined to be appropriate under the circumstances by two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors. For the purposes of this Section 10, Owner shall be considered as having sufficient property rights in and to the Common Area so as to be able to institute a claim directly against the taking authority.

Section 11. COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT; REMEDIES.

11.1 Duty to Comply; Right to Sue.

A. Each Owner, his tenants, guests, and invitees, and the Association, shall be governed by and shall comply with the provisions of the corporate act, the Governing Documents, and the Rules and Regulations, and architectural guidelines of the ARB, Actions for damages, for injunctive relief, or for declaratory relief, for failure to comply may be brought by the Association or by an Owner against:

1. The Association;
2. An Owner;
3. By tenants, guests or invitees occupying a Dwelling Structure or using the Common Area; or
4. Any member of the Board of Directors who willfully and knowingly fails to comply with the foregoing.

11.2 Association Notice to Correct. Should any Owner fail to properly discharge his/her maintenance, repair and replacement obligations as provided for in Section 6 and in Section 9.2.C above; or shall fail to make and pay for maintenance, repair or replacement as provided for in Section 6 above; and in the judgment of the, Board of Directors, same shall result in a condition of unsightliness tending to adversely affect the value or enjoyment of neighboring Owners and residents; or should any Owner violate Section 7 above; or should the neglect or the willful misconduct of Owner(s) cause damage which then requires maintenance, repair or replacement by the Association; then the following shall apply:

A. The Board may (but shall not be required to) provide notice of such condition(s) to the proper Owner(s), demanding that the condition(s) be corrected within thirty (30) days from the date the notice was sent. In the event that the Owner does not rectify the condition at the end of this period, then the Association shall be entitled to contract to have the necessary work performed (and entry onto the Lot), whereupon the cost of this work shall become a Charge against the Owner and Lot concerned (solely or

proportionately as the Board shall determine) and collectible as Charges are collected under this Declaration.

- B. This Section 11.2 is in addition to the rights of entry onto the Lots and Dwelling Structures as provided for in Sections 11.3 and 11.4 below.
- C. Provisos. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Section 11.2, the following shall apply:
 - 1. The thirty (30) day notice period may be shortened or eliminated if the Board determines that an emergency exists to effect correction.
 - 2. The thirty (30) day notice shall not apply to Section 11.3 below.

11.3 Negligence; Damage Caused by Condition in Lot. Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for the expenses of any maintenance, repair or replacement of Common Area made necessary by his act or negligence, or by that of any member of his family or his guests, invitees, agents, or lessees. If any condition, defect or malfunction existing within a Lot or Dwelling Structure, whether caused by the Owner's negligence or otherwise, shall cause damage to the Common Area or to other Lots and Dwelling Structures, the Owner of the offending Lot shall be liable to the person or entity responsible for repairing the damaged areas, for all costs of repair or replacement not paid by insurance. If the Association effects correction, the cost shall be levied as a Charge against the Owner and Lot and collectible as Charges are collected under this Declaration; the Association may, but is not required to, provide notice to the Owner prior to effecting correction.

11.4 Association's Access. The Association, by and through the Board of Directors, officers, or the agents or employees of the Association, has an irrevocable right of access onto the Lots and Dwelling Structures for the purposes of inspection, maintenance, repair, replacement, alteration and improvement of those Properties for which it is obligated to maintain, repair and replace, and for which it is permitted to alter and improve, under this Declaration.

11.5 Owners Responsible. Owners are strictly responsible to ensure that their family members, guests, agents, lessees, invitees, etc. or any occupants of their Lots comply with the Governing Documents and Rules and Regulations of the Board of Directors and architectural guidelines of the ARB; as amended from time to time; and the statutes which apply; and as such, are responsible and liable to the Association for violations of same by their family members, guests, agents, lessees, servants, etc. or any occupants of their Lots.

11.6 Waiver of Rights. The failure of the Association or of an Association member to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by

the Governing Documents shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association or member to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.

11.7 Costs and Attorneys' and Paralegal Fees. In any legal proceeding arising out of an alleged failure of an Owner (for himself/herself or for his/her family members, guests, tenants and invitees or any occupants of the Lot), or the Association, or any tenants, guests or invitees occupying a Lot or using the common area, to comply with the Governing Documents or Rules or Regulations as amended from time to time, or corporate statute, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the losing party, costs and attorneys' and paralegals' fees, including those incurred in appellate proceedings.

11.8 No Election of Remedies. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or Owners under any terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of the Governing Documents or Rules and Regulations of the Association, or law, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party from exercising such other additional rights, remedies, or privileges as may be granted by the Governing Documents, Rules and Regulations of the Association, or at law or in equity.

11.9 Common Area and Other Disputes With the Developer. In the event that there are any warranty, negligence or other claims against the Developer or any party having a right of contribution from, or being jointly and severally liable with, the Developer (the "Claims") relating to the design, construction, furnishing or equipping of the Common Area, or other Properties, same shall be adjudicated pursuant to binding arbitration, rather than civil litigation, as permitted by the Florida Arbitration Code (the "Code"), Chapter 682, Florida Statutes, in the following manner:

- A. The party making the Claims, which shall include the Association as well as any Lot Owner, (the Claimant") shall notify the Developer in writing of the Claims, specifying with particularity the nature of each component thereof and providing a true and complete copy of each and every report, study, survey or other document supporting or forming the basis of the Claims. Such notice shall be provided to the Developer within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date for the Developer to relinquish control of the Board of Directors as provided for in Section 4.16 of the By-Laws. The failure of the Association or any owner to provide the Developer written notice within such time period shall act as a bar to the Association or Owner filing any Claims against the Developer. Such bar shall not serve to permit the Association or any Owner to then file any Claim in court.
- B. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of the Claims, the Developer will engage, at its own expense, a duly licensed engineer or architect, as appropriate (the "Arbitrator") to serve as the arbitrator of the Claims pursuant to the Code. Such engineer or architect shall be independent of the Developer and the Claimant,

not having any then-current business relationship with the Developer or Claimant, other than by virtue of being the Arbitrator. Upon selecting the Arbitrator, the Developer shall notify the Claimant of the name and address of the Arbitrator.

- C. Within thirty (30) days after the Developer notifies the Claimant of the name and address of the Arbitrator, the Claimant and the Developer shall be permitted to provide the Arbitrator with any pertinent materials to assist the Arbitrator in rendering his findings.
- D. Within sixty (60) days from the date of his appointment, the Arbitrator shall review the Claims and supporting materials, inspect the Common Area or other Properties in question, and all appropriate plans, specifications and other documents relating thereto, and render a report (the "Final Report") to the Developer and the Claimant Setting forth, on an item by item basis, his findings with respect to the Claims and the method of correction of those he finds to be valid. If the Developer so requests, by written notice to the Arbitrator, the Arbitrator will specify the estimated cost of the correction of each of those Claims he finds to be valid and shall offset therefrom costs reasonably attributable to any Association failure to maintain or mitigate or to any contributory negligence, in all cases whether chargeable to the Claimant or others. At the request of the Claimant or Developer at a conference be held to discuss the Claims, such a conference shall be held, and the Arbitrator shall establish procedures, guidelines and ground rules for the holding of the conference. The Claimant and the Developer shall be entitled to representation by its attorney and any other expert at the conference. In the event such a conference is held, the sixty (60) day time period referenced in this subsection (D) shall be extended as the Arbitrator deems warranted. At the conference, the Arbitrator shall notify the Developer and Claimant as to when the Final Report shall be issued.
- E. The Developer shall have one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of the Final Report in which to (i) correct the Claims found to be valid or (ii) pay to the Claimant the amount estimated by the Arbitrator to be the cost to correct same after the offset referred to in subsection (D) above.
- F. As to those matters the Developer elects to correct; upon the completion of all corrective work the Developer will so notify the Arbitrator (with a copy of such notice to the Claimant) and the Arbitrator shall then inspect the corrected items and render a report (the "Remedial Report") to the Developer and the Claimant on whether those items have been corrected. Such procedure shall

be repeated as often as necessary until all items have been corrected.

- G. For all purposes, the Final Report and Remedial Report of the Arbitrator will constitute binding and enforceable arbitration awards as defined in Section 682.09 of the Code and any party affected by such reports will have the right to seek the enforcement of same in a court of competent jurisdiction. Moreover, no party will have the right to seek separate judicial relief with respect to disputes as defined above, or to seek to vacate the aforementioned arbitration awards, except in accordance with the Code, and then only upon the specific grounds and in the specified manner for the vacation of such awards as established by Section 682.13 of the Code.
- H. The Arbitrator shall not be liable to the Association, the Claimant or the Developer virtue of the performance of his services hereunder, fraud and corruption excepted.
- I. The procedures set forth above shall also be the sole means by which disputes as to Association finances (including, without limitation, the Developer's payment of assessments, deficit funding obligations, if any, the handling of reserves, if any, and the keeping of accounting records), except that the Arbitrator shall be a Certified Public Accountant who (i) is a member of Community Associations Institute and (ii) meets the independence test set forth above.
- J. In the event any dispute as to the legal effect or validity of any of the Claims (e.g., as to standing; privity of contract, statute of limitations or laches, failure to maintain or mitigate existence of duty, foreseeability, comparative negligence, the effect of disclaimers or the interpretation of this Declaration as it applies to the Claims), such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration, as herein provided, by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar chosen by the Developer, which arbitrator shall be independent, of the Developer and the Claimant as set forth above. If such event, all deadlines which cannot be met without the resolution of such disputed matters shall be suspended for such time as the arbitration provided for in this subsection continues until final resolution.
- K. No provision in this Section 11.9 shall confer standing which is not otherwise available to a party under law.

Section 12. RIGHTS OF MORTGAGEES. The following rights shall apply to certain or all mortgagees, in addition to those rights contained elsewhere in the Governing Documents:

12.1 Amendments to the Declaration. Written consent of the Institutional Mortgagee of a Lot shall be required for any amendment to this Declaration referred to in Section 15.5.C below.

12.2 Association Lien Foreclosure. Certain named mortgagees have certain rights in connection with Association lien foreclosure actions, as provided for in Sections 5.8.A and 5.11.E.1 above.

12.3 Redemption. If proceedings are instituted to foreclose any mortgage or lien on any Lot, the Association, on behalf of one or more Owners and with the permission of the mortgagee, may redeem the mortgage or lien for the amount due thereon and be thereby subrogated to all of the mortgagee's or lienor's rights of action, or the Association may purchase the Lot at the foreclosure sale. Any mortgagee shall have the right to accept title to the Lot in settlement and satisfaction of the mortgage or to foreclose its mortgage in accordance with its terms, and to bid upon the Lot at the foreclosure sale. If the Association or any of its members redeem the mortgage or cure the default, it or they shall have a lien against the Lot for all sums expended in connection therewith, and shall have the same rights to collect such sums as in the case of a past due assessment.

12.4 Right to Inspect Books. The Association shall make available to Institutional Mortgagees requesting same current copies of the Governing Documents and Rules and Regulations of the Association, and the books, records and financial statements of the Association. "Available" shall mean ready for inspection, upon written request, during normal business hours, or under other reasonable circumstances. Photocopies shall be provided at the expense of the person requesting them.

12.5 Financial Statement. Any Institutional Mortgagee is entitled, upon written request, to a copy of the financial statement of the Association for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

12.6 Lender's Notices. Upon written request to the Association, any Institutional Mortgagee shall be entitled to timely written notice of:

- A. Any 60-day or longer delinquency in the payment of assessments or Charges owed by the Owner of any Lot on which the mortgagee holds a mortgage; and any 30-day or longer default of any other provision in the Governing Documents by an Owner of any Lot on which the mortgagee holds a mortgage.
- B. A lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association.
- C. Any condemnation or casualty loss that affects a material portion of the Community or the Lot securing its mortgage.
- D. Any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of mortgage holders.

12.7 Access. All mortgagees shall specifically have a complete right of access to all of the Common Area, for the purpose of ingress and egress to any Lot upon which they have a mortgage loan.

12.8 Priority. All provisions of a real property mortgage in favor of an Institutional Mortgagee shall take precedence over the provisions of this Declaration, including the provisions of this Section 13. No breach of any of the provisions contained in the Declaration shall defeat or adversely affect the lien of any institutional mortgage at any time made in good faith and for a valuable consideration upon any Lot.

12.9 Presumption. Where an institutional first mortgage, by some circumstance fails to be a first mortgage but it is evident that it is intended to be a first mortgage, it shall nevertheless, for the purpose of this Declaration and Exhibits annexed hereto be deemed to be an institutional first mortgage.

Section 13. TERMINATION. The Community may be terminated in the following manner:

13.1 Agreement. The Community may be terminated at any time by the approval in writing by the Owners of ninety (90%) percent of Lots and by the record owners of mortgages on the Lots whose Owners are consenting in writing.

13.2 General Provisions. Upon termination, the former Owners shall become the Owners, as tenants in common, of all Common Area and the assets of the Association. The shares of such tenants in common shall be equal. The mortgagee or lienor of an Owner, shall have a mortgage or lien solely and exclusively upon the share of such tenant in common in and to the lands and other properties and rights which he may receive by reason of the termination. The termination of the Community shall be evidenced by a certificate of the Association executed by its president and secretary certifying as to facts effecting the termination. Termination shall become effective when that certificate is recorded in the Public Records of the County.

13.3 New Community. The termination of the Community does not bar creation of another community affecting all or any portion of the same property.

13.4 Sale; Partition.

- A. Except as may be provided otherwise in Section 14.4(B) below, following termination, the Common Area of the former Community may be partitioned and sold upon the application of any Owner. If following a termination, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting interests determine to accept an offer for the sale of the property, all Owners shall be bound to execute deeds and other documents reasonably required to effect the sale. In such event, any action for partition of the Common Area shall be held in abeyance pending the sale, and upon the consummation of the sale shall be discontinued by all parties thereto.

B. If the proposed termination is submitted to a meeting of the membership of the Association, pursuant to notice, and is approved in writing within sixty (60) days of the meeting by three fourths (3/4) of the voting interests of the members of the Association, and by all Institutional Mortgagees, then the Association and the approving Owners, if they desire, shall have an option to purchase all of the Common Area parcels of the other Owners within a period expiring one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of such meeting. Such approvals shall be irrevocable until the expiration of the option and if the option is exercised, the approvals shall be Irrevocable. During this option period, and up through the date of closing on the option, no actions for partition shall lie. The option shall be exercised upon the following terms:

1. Exercise of Option. An Agreement to Purchase executed by the Association or the record Owners of the Common Area parcels who will participate in the purchase, shall be delivered by personal delivery or mailed by Certified or Registered Mail, to each of the record Owners of the Common Area parcels to be purchased, and such delivery shall be deemed the exercise of the option. The Agreement shall indicate which Common Area parcels will be purchased by each participating Owner or the Association, and shall require the purchase of all Common Area parcels owned by Owners not approving the termination, but the Agreement shall effect a separate contract between the seller and his purchaser.
2. Price. The sale price for each Lot shall be the fair market value determined by agreement between the seller and the purchaser within thirty (30) days from the delivery or mailing of such Agreement and, in the absence of agreement as to price, it shall be determined by appraisers appointed by a Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the County, on the petition of the seller. The expense of appraisal shall be paid by the purchaser.
3. Payment. The purchase price shall be paid in cash.
4. Closing. The sale shall be closed within thirty (30) days following the determination of the sale price.

13.5 Last Board. The members of the last Board of Directors shall continue to have the powers granted in this Declaration and in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Association, notwithstanding the fact that the Association itself may be dissolved upon a termination.

13.6 Provisions Survive Termination. The provisions of this Section 14 shall be deemed covenants running with the land, and shall survive the termination of the Community until all matters covered by have been completed.

13.7 Priority Conflict: In the event that there is any conflict between this Section 14 and Section 15 below, the language contained in this Section 14 shall control and govern.

Section 14. AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION.

14.1 Proposal. Amendments to this Declaration may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by the Owners of one-fourth (1/4) of the Lots.

14.2 Procedures; Notice and Format. Upon any amendment or amendments to this Declaration being proposed as provided above, the proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting, unless insufficient time to give proper notice remains before that meeting. An amendment may be considered at the annual or a special members' meeting. The full text of any amendment to the Declaration shall be included in the notice of the Owners meeting of which a proposed amendment is considered by the Owners. New words shall be inserted in the text by underlining and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens; however, if the proposed change is so extensive that this procedure would hinder, rather than assist, the understanding of the proposed amendment, it is not necessary to use underlining and hyphens as indicators of words added or deleted, but, instead, a notation must be inserted immediately preceding the proposed amendment in substantially the following language: "Substantial rewording of Declaration. See provision _____ for present text."

14.3 Vote Required. Except as otherwise provided by Florida law, or by specific provision of the Governing Documents, this Declaration may be amended by concurrence of not less than a majority of the entire Board of Directors and fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the voting interests of the Association who are in attendance at the meeting called for the purposes of amending the Declaration provided that a quorum of owners are present at such meeting either in person or by proxy. If the amendments were proposed by a written petition signed by the Owners pursuant to Section 15.1 above, then the concurrence of the Board of Directors shall not be required.

14.4 Certificate: Recording: Effective Date. A copy of each adopted amendment shall be attached to a certificate that the amendment was duly adopted as an amendment to the Declaration, which certificate shall be executed by any officer of the Association with the formalities of a deed. The amendment shall be effective when the certificate and copy of the amendment, and any joinders and consents required, are recorded in the Public Records of the County.

14.5 Provisos. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the following shall apply:

- A. So long as the Developer controls the Board of Directors as provided for in the By-Laws, this Declaration may be amended by the vote of the Developer alone; and after such control is relinquished, so long as the Developer owns any Lot in the Community, no amendment may be made without the written consent and joinder of the Developer.
- B. No amendment shall operate to unlawfully discriminate against any Lot or class or group of Lots.
- C. No amendment shall diminish or impair any of the rights, privileges, powers or options provided in this Declaration in favor of or reserved to record owners of any institutional mortgage unless the Institutional Mortgagee shall join in the execution of the amendment.
- D. Section 14 above concerning termination shall not be amended without the consent of all voting interests and all record owners of mortgages on the Lots.
- E. Any amendment shall require the joinder and consent of the Master Association.

Section 15. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

15.1 Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability in whole or in part of any covenant or restriction or any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word or other provision of this Declaration, or any exhibit attached thereto, shall not affect the remaining portions thereof.

15.2 Priorities in Case of Conflict. In the event of conflict between or among the provisions of any of the following, the order of priorities shall be from highest priority to lowest:

- A. This Declaration.
- B. The Articles of Incorporation.
- C. The By-Laws.
- D. The Corporate Act.
- E. Other Florida Statutes which apply.

F. The Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors, and architectural guidelines adopted by the ARB.

15.3 Interpretation. The Board of Directors is responsible for interpreting the provisions of this Declaration and its exhibits. Such interpretation shall be binding upon all parties unless wholly unreasonable.

15.4 Invalidity. In the event any court shall hereafter determine that any provisions of this Declaration as originally drafted, or as amended, violates the rule against perpetuities or any other rules of law because of the duration of the period involved, the period specified in the Declaration shall not thereby become invalid, but instead shall be reduced to the maximum period allowed under such rules of law, and for such purpose measuring lives shall be that of the (original) incorporator(s) of the Association.

15.5 Captions. The captions in this Declaration and in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws attached hereto are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for ease of reference and in no way define or limit any provision in the Governing Documents.

15.6 Gender; Plurality. Wherever the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all or no genders.

15.7 Owners' Affirmative Duty. All Owners are charged with the affirmative duty to keep the Association notified, in writing, of his/her mailing addresses, as they change from time to time, including a second address for emergency in the event of a catastrophic event. The Owner shall also notify the Association of the name and address of any mortgagee holding a mortgage on his/her lot. The Association shall be permitted to rely on information supplied by Owners in writing.

15.8 Covenant Running with the Land. All provisions of the Governing Documents shall be perpetual and be construed to be covenants running with the Properties in the Community, and all of the provisions of the Governing Documents shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Developer and subsequent owner(s) of Properties within the Community, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. None of the provisions contained in the Governing Documents are intended to create, nor shall be construed as creating, any rights in and for the benefit of the general public.

15.9 Duration. This Declaration, as amended from time to time, shall run and bind the Properties for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of this Declaration, at which time the Declaration, as amended, shall automatically be renewed for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless and until terminated as provided in Section 14 above.

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All of Sawgrass Lakes Plat No. 1 P.U.D. Phase 1B, as recorded in Plat Book 36, Pages 26, 26 a-b, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

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