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## DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

#### FOR

# WOODSTOCK DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL

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## DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

#### FOR

### WOODSTOCK DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR WOODSTOCK DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL (this "Declaration") is made as of the date set forth on the signature page hereof by WOODSTOCK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Declarant").

Declarant is the owner of the real property described on Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. This Declaration imposes upon the Properties mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of the owners of each portion of the Properties and establishes a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development, administration, maintenance and preservation of the Properties. In furtherance of such plan, this Declaration provides for the creation of Woodstock Downtown Residential Association, Inc. to own, operate and maintain Common Areas and to administer and enforce the provisions of this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Residential Design Guidelines (capitalized terms are defined in Article 1 below).

Declarant hereby declares that all of the property described on Exhibit "A" and any Additional Property subjected to this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration shall be held, sold, used and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, which shall run with the title to the real property subjected to this Declaration. This Declaration shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in any portion of the Properties, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of any portion of the Properties.

This document is intended to govern the residential portion of Woodstock Downtown and does not and is not intended to encumber any portion of the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown. This document does not and is not intended to create a condominium within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §44-3-70, *et seq.* or a property owners' development within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §44-3-220, *et seq.* 

## ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

The terms in this Declaration and in the exhibits to this Declaration shall generally be given their natural, commonly accepted definitions except as otherwise specified. Capitalized terms shall be defined as set forth below.

1.1 "<u>Additional Property</u>": All of that certain real property which is more particularly described on Exhibit "B", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and which real property is subject to annexation to the terms of this Declaration in accordance with Article 7.

1.2 "ARB": The Architectural Review Board, as described in Section 9.2.

1.3 "<u>Area of Common Responsibility</u>": The Common Area, together with any additional areas for which the Association has or assumes responsibility pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, any Cost Sharing Agreement or other applicable covenant, contract or agreement.

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1.4 "<u>Articles of Incorporation</u>" or "<u>Articles</u>": The Articles of Incorporation of Woodstock Downtown Residential Association, Inc., as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.

1.5 "<u>Association</u>": Woodstock Downtown Residential Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors or assigns.

1.6 "<u>Board of Directors</u>" or "<u>Board</u>": The body responsible for administration of the Association, selected as provided in the By-Laws and serving as the board of directors under Georgia corporate law.

1.7 "<u>Builder</u>": Any Person who purchases one (1) or more Lots for the purpose of constructing improvements thereon for later sale to consumers or who purchases one (1) or more parcels of land within the Properties for further subdivision, development and/or resale in the ordinary course of such Person's business. Any Person occupying or leasing a Lot for residential purposes shall cease to be considered a Builder with respect to such Lot immediately upon occupancy of the Lot for residential purposes, notwithstanding that such Person originally purchased the Lot for the purpose of constructing improvements for later sale to consumers.

1.8 "<u>By-Laws</u>": The By-Laws of Woodstock Downtown Residential Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "D," as they may be amended.

1.9 "<u>Common Area</u>": All real and personal property, including easements and licenses, which the Association owns, leases or holds possessory or use rights in for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The term shall also include any Exclusive Common Area, as defined below, but shall not include any commonly owned property located within the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown or Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium, as defined below. Provisions in this Declaration referencing Common Area shall not be construed or interpreted as representations that there is or will be Common Area in the Properties.

1.10 "<u>Common Expenses</u>": The actual and estimated expenses incurred, or anticipated to be incurred, by the Association for the general benefit of all Owners, including any reasonable reserve as the Board may find necessary and appropriate pursuant to the Governing Documents. Common Expenses shall not include any expenses incurred during the Development Period for initial development, original construction, installation of infrastructure, original capital improvements or other original construction costs unless approved by Members holding a Majority of the total Class "A" votes of the Association.

1.11 "Community-Wide Standard": The standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Properties. The Community-Wide Standard shall meet the minimum standards established by the Residential Design Guidelines, rules and regulations of the Association or Board resolutions, whichever is the highest standard. Such standard shall be initially established by the Declarant and may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the ARB.

1.12 "<u>Cost Sharing Agreement</u>": Any agreement, contract or covenant between the Association and an owner or operator of property adjacent to, in the vicinity of or within the Properties for the allocation of expenses for amenities and/or services that benefit both the Association and the owner or operator of such property, including but not limited to any cost sharing agreement with the Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium Association, Inc. or the owner of any other property within Woodstock Downtown.

1.13 "<u>Courtyard</u>": The designated areas on the side, and in some cases the rear yards of a Lot that have been improved with a Courtyard Home (as defined in Section 1.15 below). Courtyards are more

particularly shown by example on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and as may be shown on recorded plats of the Properties. Courtyards shall be subject to certain restrictions and easements, as set forth in Sections 2.7, 9.4(b), 10.8 and 11.9.

1.14 "<u>Courtyard Easement Area</u>": The designated easement area which may be located on the side yard and in some cases the rear yard of a Courtyard Home (as defined in Section 1.15 below) either benefiting or encumbering the Courtyard Home, as more particularly shown by example on Exhibit "C" and as may be shown on recorded plats of the Properties. Courtyard Easement Areas shall be subject to certain restrictions and easements, as set forth in Sections 2.7, 9.4(b), 10.8 and 11.9.

1.15 "<u>Courtyard Home</u>": A Lot improved pursuant to a cluster home plan, with a Courtyard and Courtyard Easement Areas, as more particularly shown by example on Exhibit "C" and as may be shown on recorded plats of the Properties. All Courtyard Homes shall be subject to certain restrictions and easements, as set forth in Sections 2.7, 9.4(b), 10.8 and 11.9.

1.16 "<u>Days</u>": Calendar days; provided however, if the time period by which any action required hereunder must be performed expires on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then such time period shall be automatically extended to the close of business on the next regular business day.

1.17 "Declarant": Woodstock Development, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, or any successor, successor-in-title or assign who holds or takes title to any portion of the property described on Exhibits "A" or "B" for the purpose of development and/or sale and who is designated as the Declarant in a recorded instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant; provided however, there shall be only one (1) Person entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any time.

1.18 "Detention Pond": Any area within the Properties serving as a detention pond which is designated as a "detention pond" or a "proposed detention facility" on a recorded plat of all or any portion of the Properties.

1.19 "Development Period": The period of time during which the Declarant owns any property which is subject to this Declaration or any Additional Property or any portion of Woodstock Downtown or has the unilateral right to subject Additional Property to this Declaration pursuant to Section 7.1. The Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, unilaterally relinquish its rights under this Declaration and terminate the Development Period by recording a written instrument in the Public Records.

1.20 "Exclusive Common Area": A portion of the Common Area intended for the exclusive use or primary benefit of one (1) or more, but less than all, Neighborhoods or Lots, as more particularly described in Article 2.

1.21 "<u>General Assessment</u>": Assessments levied on all Lots subject to assessment under Article 8 to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Lots, as more particularly described in Sections 8.1 and 8.2.

1.22 "<u>Governing Documents</u>": The Declaration, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, all Supplemental Declarations, all Residential Design Guidelines, the rules of the Association, all Cost Sharing Agreements and all additional covenants governing any portion of Woodstock Downtown Residential or any of the above, as each may be supplemented and amended from time to time.

1.23 "Lot": A portion of the Properties, whether improved or unimproved, which may be independently owned and conveyed and which is intended for development, use and occupancy as an

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attached or detached residence for a single family. The term shall refer to the land, if any, which is part of the Lot as well as any improvements thereon. The term shall include within its meaning, by way of illustration but not limitation, townhouse units, cluster homes, patio or zero lot line homes and singlefamily detached houses on separately platted lots, as well as vacant land intended for development as such, but shall not include property owned by the Association, any Neighborhood Association, property dedicated to the public or property located within the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown nor Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium. In the case of a building within a condominium or other structure containing multiple dwellings, each dwelling shall be deemed to be a separate Lot.

In the case of an unplatted parcel of land, the parcel shall be deemed to be a single Lot until such time as a subdivision plat or condominium plat is filed with respect to all or a portion of the parcel. Thereafter, the portion encompassed by such plat shall contain the number of Lots determined as set forth in the preceding paragraph and any portion not encompassed by such plat shall continue to be treated in accordance with this paragraph.

1.24 "<u>Majority</u>": Those votes, Owners, Members or other group, as the context may indicate, totaling more than fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible number.

1.25 "<u>Master Plan</u>": The Site Plan for Woodstock Downtown prepared by Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh & Associates and last revised January 3, 2005, as such plan may be amended from time to time, which plan includes the property described on Exhibit "A" and all or a portion of the Additional Property described on Exhibit "B" that Declarant may from time to time anticipate subjecting to this Declaration. Inclusion of property on the Master Plan shall not, under any circumstance, obligate Declarant to subject such property to this Declaration, nor shall the exclusion of property described on Exhibit "B" from the Master Plan bar its later annexation in accordance with Article 7.

1.26 "<u>Member</u>": A Person subject to membership in the Association pursuant to Section 3.2.

1.27 "<u>Mortgage</u>": A mortgage, a deed of trust, a deed to secure debt or any other form of security instrument affecting title to any Lot.

1.28 "Mortgagee": A beneficiary or holder of a Mortgage.

1.29 "<u>Neighborhood</u>": A separately developed area within the Properties, whether or not governed by a Neighborhood Association (as defined below) in which the Owners of Lots may have common interests other than those common to all Members of the Association. For example, and by way of illustration and not limitation, each single-family attached or detached housing development may constitute a separate Neighborhood, or a Neighborhood may be comprised of more than one (1) housing type with other features in common and may include noncontiguous parcels of Property. Neighborhood boundaries may be established and modified as provided in Section 3.3.

Where the context permits or requires, the term "Neighborhood" shall also refer to the Neighborhood Committee, if any, (established in accordance with the By-Laws) or Neighborhood Association (as defined below), if any, having concurrent jurisdiction over the property within the Neighborhood.

1.30 "<u>Neighborhood Assessments</u>": Assessments levied against the Lots in a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods to fund Neighborhood Expenses, as described in Sections 8.1 and 8.3.

1.31 "<u>Neighborhood Association</u>": Any condominium association or other owners association having concurrent jurisdiction with the Association over any Neighborhood.

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1.32 "<u>Neighborhood Expenses</u>": The actual and estimated expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association for the benefit of Owners of Lots within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods, which may include a reasonable reserve for capital repairs and replacements, as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time and as may be authorized herein or in Supplemental Declarations applicable to such Neighborhoods(s).

1.33 "<u>Owner</u>": One (1) or more Persons who hold the record title to any residential Lot, including the Declarant and any Builders, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Lot is owned by more than one (1) Person, all such Persons shall be jointly and severally obligated to perform the responsibilities of such Owner.

1.34 "<u>Person</u>": A natural person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, fiduciary acting on behalf of another person or any other legal entity.

1.35 "<u>Properties</u>" The real property described on Exhibit "A" as such exhibit may be amended or supplemented from time to time to reflect any additions or removal of property in accordance with Article 7. The Properties shall not include any portion of the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown nor Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium without the written consent of the Declarant.

1.36 "<u>Public Records</u>": The Official Records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, Georgia or such other place which is designated as the official location for recording of deeds and similar documents affecting title to real estate.

1.37 "<u>Residential Design Guidelines</u>": The design, architectural and construction guidelines and application and review procedures applicable to all or any portion of the Properties promulgated and administered pursuant to Article 9 and which may be entitled or referred to as "The Code" or by some other designation.

1.38 "Special Assessment": Assessments levied in accordance with Section 8.5.

1.39 "Specific Assessment": Assessments levied in accordance with Section 8.6.

1.40 "<u>Supplemental Declaration</u>": An instrument filed in the Public Records which subjects Additional Property to this Declaration, designates Neighborhoods and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described in such instrument.

1.41 "<u>Woodstock Downtown</u>": That certain mixed-use development located in the City of Woodstock, Cherokee County, Georgia and commonly known and referred to as Woodstock Downtown, including Woodstock Downtown Residential, Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium and the adjacent commercial areas.

1.42 "<u>Woodstock Downtown Residential</u>": The residential area comprising a portion of that certain mixed-use development located in the City of Woodstock, Cherokee County, Georgia, and commonly known as Woodstock Downtown. The specific boundaries of Woodstock Downtown Residential shall be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Declarant and/or its affiliated entities or principals, and the Association shall have no role in determining such boundaries.

1.43 "<u>Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium</u>": That certain portion of the commercial area of Woodstock Downtown that has been subjected to the Declaration of Condominium for Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium. The specific boundaries of Woodstock Downtown

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Office Park Condominium are set forth in the Declaration of Condominium for Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium.

### ARTICLE 2: PROPERTY RIGHTS

2.1 <u>Common Area</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and nonexclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to the Common Area, which is appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot, subject to the following:

(a) this Declaration and all other Governing Documents;

(b) any restrictions or limitations contained in any deed conveying such property to the Association;

(c) the right of the Board to adopt, amend and repeal rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Common Area including rules limiting the number of guests who may use the Common Area;

(d) the right of the Association to rent, lease or reserve any portion of the Common Area to any Owner for the exclusive use of such Owner and his or her respective lessees, invitees and guests upon such conditions as may be established by the Board;

(e) the right of the Board to suspend the right of an Owner to use the Common Area pursuant to Section 4.3;

(f) the right of the Board to impose reasonable requirements and charge reasonable admission or other use fees for the use of any facility situated upon the Common Area;

(g) the right of the Board to permit use of any facilities situated on the Common Area by persons other than Owners, their families, lessees and guests upon payment of reasonable use fees, if any, established by the Board;

(h) the right of the Association, acting through the Board, to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;

(i) the right of the Association, acting through the Board, to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Area, subject to any approval requirements set forth in the Governing Documents;

(j) the rights of certain Owners to the exclusive use, access and enjoyment of those portions of the Common Area designated "Exclusive Common Areas," as more particularly described in Section 2.3; and

(k) the right of the Declarant to conduct activities and establish facilities within the Properties as provided in Article 13.

Any Owner may extend his or her right of use and enjoyment to the members of his or her family, lessees and social invitees, as applicable, subject to reasonable regulation by the Board. An Owner who leases his or her Lot shall be deemed to have assigned all such rights to the lessee of such Lot; provided however, the Owner shall remain responsible for payment of all assessments and other charges.

2.2 <u>Private Streets</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and non-exclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to, over and across any private streets, roads, lanes or alleys within the Properties ("Private Streets"), whether or not such Private Streets are Common Area or are located on Lots, for the purpose of ingress and egress to public rights-of-way. The rights and non-exclusive easements granted herein are appurtenant to the title to each Lot, subject to the following:

(a) this Declaration and all other Governing Documents;

(b) the right of the Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns the Private Streets, to adopt, amend and repeal rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Private Streets, provided that the Declarant shall not by the adoption of any rule or regulation bar access of the Owners across the Private Streets;

(c) the right of the Declarant to dedicate all or any part of Private Streets; provided however, the Declarant shall not have the authority to dedicate the alleys;

(d) the right of the Declarant to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any or all of the Private Streets, except for the alleys, as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, provided that the Declarant shall not subject the Private Streets to any security instrument without obtaining the agreement of the lender to subordinate its interest in the Private Streets to the easements for the Owners contained in this Section; and

(e) the rights of the Declarant or the Association to maintain the Private Streets.

Any Owner may extend his or her right of use and enjoyment to the members of his or her family, lessees, social invitees and licensees, as applicable.

2.3 <u>Exclusive Common Area</u>. Subject to any restrictions or limitations in the deed conveying property to the Association, certain portions of the Common Area may be designated as Exclusive Common Area and reserved for the exclusive use or primary benefit of Owners and occupants of specified Lots or Neighborhoods. By way of illustration and not limitation, Exclusive Common Areas may include entry features, recreational facilities, roads, landscaped medians and cul-de-sacs, ponds, lakes and other portions of the Common Area within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods. All costs associated with maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance of an Exclusive Common Area shall be assessed against the Owners of Lots to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned either as a Neighborhood Assessment or as a Specific Assessment, as applicable.

During the Development Period, any Exclusive Common Area shall be designated as such, and the exclusive use thereof shall be assigned, in the deed by which the Common Area is conveyed to the Association, or in this Declaration, or any Supplemental Declaration and/or on the subdivision plat relating to such Common Area. Any such assignment shall not preclude the Declarant from later assigning use of the same Exclusive Common Area to additional Lots and/or Neighborhoods during the Development Period. Following the termination of the Development Period, a portion of the Common Area may be assigned as Exclusive Common Area of particular Lots or a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods and Exclusive Common Area may be reassigned upon approval of the Board and the vote of Members holding a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, including, if applicable, a Majority of the Class "A" votes within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Area is assigned, if previously assigned, and within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Area is to be assigned or reassigned. Any reassignment of an Exclusive Common Area shall be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration executed by the Declarant and/or the Board, as appropriate, or shall be shown on a revised subdivision plat relating to such Exclusive Common Area.

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The Association may, upon approval of a Majority of the Class "A" votes within the Neighborhood(s) to which any Exclusive Common Area is assigned, permit Owners of Lots in other Neighborhoods to use all or a portion of such Exclusive Common Area upon payment of reasonable use fees, which fees shall be used to offset the Neighborhood Expenses or Specific Assessments attributable to such Exclusive Common Area.

2.4 <u>No Partition</u>. Except as permitted in this Declaration, there shall be no judicial partition of the Common Area. No Person shall seek any judicial partition unless the portion of the Common Area which is the subject of such partition action has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Section shall not prohibit the Board from acquiring and disposing of other real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

2.5 <u>Condemnation</u>. The Association shall be the sole representative with respect to condemnation proceedings concerning Common Area and shall act as attorney-in-fact for all Owners in such matters. Whenever any part of the Common Area shall be taken by or conveyed under threat of condemnation to any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to written notice of such taking or conveyance. The Board may convey Common Area under threat of condemnation only if approved by Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and, during the Development Period, the written consent of the Declarant. The award made for such taking or proceeds of such conveyance shall be payable to the Association.

If the taking or conveyance involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent available, unless within sixty (60) Days after such taking Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes of the Association and, during the Development Period, the Declarant shall otherwise agree. Any such construction shall be in accordance with plans approved by the Board and the ARB. The provisions of Section 6.1(c) regarding funds for the repair of damage or destruction shall apply.

If the taking or conveyance does not involve any improvements on the Common Area, or if a decision is made not to repair or restore, or if net funds remain after any such restoration or replacement is complete, then such award or net funds may be used by the Association for such purposes as the Board shall determine.

2.6 <u>View Impairment</u>. Neither the Declarant nor the Association guarantees or represents that any view from Lots over and across the Common Area will be preserved without impairment. Neither the Declarant nor the Association shall have the obligation to prune or thin trees or other landscaping and shall have the right to add trees and other landscaping or to install improvements or barriers (both natural and artificial) to the Common Area from time to time.

2.7 <u>Courtyard Homes</u>. Certain Lots within the Properties shall be improved pursuant to a cluster home plan as Courtyard Homes with a Courtyard and Courtyard Easement Areas. Initially, Courtyard Easement Areas shall be designated as such and the use thereof shall be assigned in the deed by which the Lot is conveyed to the Owner thereof, in this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration and/or on the subdivision plat relating to such Lot. Owners of Courtyard Homes shall have certain rights and obligations in keeping with the cluster home nature of the Courtyard Homes. The rights and easements granted herein are appurtenant to the title to each Courtyard Home and subject to the Governing Documents. Any Owner may extend his or her right of use, access and enjoyment of the rights associated with Courtyard Homes to the members of his or her family, lessees, social invitees and licensees, as applicable.

(a) <u>General</u>. In order to maintain Courtyard Homes, Owners of Courtyard Homes shall have the easements for encroachment and maintenance over and across adjoining Lots improved with Courtyard Homes as set forth in Section 11.9.

(b) <u>Benefit</u>. Each Owner of a Courtyard Home shall have a right and non-exclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to, over and across the Courtyard Easement Area adjacent to the Owner's Courtyard as set forth in Section 11.9. In compliance with the architectural control provisions of Section 9.4(b), subsections (vii) and (x), the Owner of a Courtyard Home may construct a portion of the Owner's fence on the Courtyard Easement Area benefiting the Owner's Courtyard Home.

(c) <u>Encumbrance</u>. Each Lot improved with a Courtyard Home may be encumbered with a non-exclusive easement in favor of the Owner of the adjoining Courtyard over and across the Courtyard Easement Area located on the Courtyard Home Owner's Lot. The Owner of a Courtyard Home encumbered with a Courtyard Easement Area shall be subject to restrictions on use and enjoyment of the Courtyard Easement Area to the extent necessary to permit enjoyment of the beneficial easement over the Courtyard Easement Area granted to the Owner of the adjoining Courtyard. Notwithstanding the encumbrance of a Lot with a Courtyard Easement Area, the Owner of a Courtyard Home may construct a fence, wall or screen on the Courtyard Easement Area benefiting another Owner so long as the fence, wall or screen in the encumbering Courtyard Easement Area is constructed in compliance with the architectural control provisions of Section 9.4(b), subsections (vii) and (x).

## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

3.1 <u>Membership</u>. Every Owner shall be a Member of the Association. There shall be only one (1) membership per Lot. If a Lot is owned by more than one (1) Person, all co-Owners shall share the privileges of such membership, subject to reasonable Board regulation and the restrictions on voting set forth in Section 3.2(a) and in the By-Laws. The membership rights of an Owner which is not a natural person may be exercised by any officer, director, member, manager, partner or trustee of such Owner or by any individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the secretary of the Association.

3.2 <u>Voting</u>. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B."

(a) <u>Class "A"</u>. Class "A" Members shall be all Owners except the Class "B" Member, if any. Each Class "A" Member shall have one (1) equal vote for each Lot in which he or she holds the interest required for membership under Section 3.1; provided however, there shall be only one (1) vote per Lot and no vote shall be exercised for any property which is exempt from assessment under Section 8.10. All Class "A" votes shall be cast as provided in Section 3.2(d) below.

(b) <u>Class "B"</u>. The sole Class "B" Member shall be the Declarant. The rights of the Class "B" Member, including the right to approve, or withhold approval of, actions proposed under this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Articles, are specified in the relevant Sections of this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Articles. The Class "B" Member may appoint all of the members of the Board of Directors until the first to occur of the following:

(i) when one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of Lots permitted by the Master Plan for the property described on Exhibits "A" and "B" have certificates of occupancy issued thereon and have been conveyed to Persons other than Declarant or Builders;

(ii) December 31, 2025; or

(iii) when, in its discretion, the Class "B" Member so determines and voluntarily relinquishes such right.

Upon termination of the Class "B" membership, the Declarant shall be a Class "A" Member entitled to Class "A" votes for each Lot which it owns. In addition, the Declarant shall have a right to disapprove actions of the Board, the ARB and committees as provided in the Declaration.

(c) <u>Additional Classes of Membership</u>. The Declarant may, by Supplemental Declaration, create additional classes of membership for the owners of Lots within any Additional Property made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Article 7, with such rights, privileges and obligations as may be specified in such Supplemental Declaration, in recognition of the different character and intended use of the property subject to such Supplemental Declaration.

(d) <u>Exercise of Voting Rights</u>. If there is more than one (1) Owner of a Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the co-Owners determine among themselves and advise the secretary of the Association in writing prior to the vote being taken. Absent such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it. No vote shall be exercised on behalf of any Lot if any assessment for such Lot is delinquent.

3.3 <u>Neighborhoods</u>. Every Lot shall be located within a Neighborhood; provided however, unless and until additional Neighborhoods are established, the Properties shall consist of one (1) Neighborhood. The Declarant, in its sole discretion, may establish Neighborhoods within the Properties by designation on Exhibit "A" to this Declaration, a Supplemental Declaration or a plat. During the Development Period, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration or any plat from time to time to assign property to a specific Neighborhood, to redesignate Neighborhood boundaries or to remove property from a specific Neighborhood.

The Owner(s) of a Majority of the total number of Lots within any Neighborhood may at any time petition the Board of Directors to divide the property comprising the Neighborhood into two (2) or more Neighborhoods. Such petition shall be in writing and shall include a survey of the entire parcel which indicates the proposed boundaries of the new Neighborhoods or otherwise identifies the Lots to be included within the proposed Neighborhoods. Such petition shall be deemed granted thirty (30) Days following the filing of all required documents with the Board unless the Board of Directors denies such application in writing within such thirty (30) Day period. The Board may deny an application only upon determination that there is no reasonable basis for distinguishing between the areas proposed to be divided into separate Neighborhoods. All applications and copies of any denials shall be filed with the books and records of the Association and shall be maintained as long as this Declaration is in effect. The Owners requesting the division shall be responsible for any expenses incurred with respect to implementing a division of a Neighborhood, including but not limited to, a Supplemental Declaration or revised plat, if the application is approved.

The Lots within a particular Neighborhood may be subject to additional covenants and/or the Lot Owners may be members of a Neighborhood Association in addition to the Association; however, a Neighborhood Association shall not be required except as required by law. Any Neighborhood which does not have a Neighborhood Association may, but shall not be obligated to, elect a Neighborhood Committee, as described in the By-Laws, to represent the interests of Owners of Lots in such Neighborhood. No Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood Committee shall be formed or otherwise established without the prior submission to and written approval of Declarant of all documents creating or establishing such Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood Committee, including without limitation, the submission of any declaration of condominium, articles of incorporation, by-laws and other organizational and governing documents.

Any Neighborhood may request that the Association provide a higher level of service or special services for the benefit of Lots in such Neighborhood and, upon the affirmative vote, written consent or a combination thereof, of Owners of a Majority of the Lots within the Neighborhood, the Association may, in its sole discretion, provide the requested services. The cost of such services, which may include a reasonable administrative charge in such amount as the Board deems appropriate (provided any such administrative charge shall apply at a uniform rate per Lot to all Neighborhoods receiving the same service) shall be assessed against the Lots within such Neighborhood as a Neighborhood Assessment pursuant to Article 8 hereof.

## ARTICLE 4: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.1 <u>Function of Association</u>. The Association shall be the entity responsible for management, maintenance, operation and control of the Area of Common Responsibility and all improvements thereon. The Association shall be the primary entity responsible for enforcement of this Declaration and such reasonable rules regulating use of the Properties as the Board may adopt pursuant to Article 10. The Association shall perform its functions in accordance with the Governing Documents and the laws of the State of Georgia. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting the Association any rights with respect to the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown or Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium except as provided in an applicable Cost Sharing Agreement.

4.2 <u>Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use</u>. The Association may acquire, hold and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property. The Declarant and its designees, with the Declarant's prior written consent, may convey to the Association improved or unimproved real estate, or interests in real estate, located within the property described in Exhibits "A" or "B," personal property and leasehold and other property interests. Such property shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of its Members, subject to any restrictions set forth in the deed or other instrument transferring such property to the Association. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements or repairs whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section including, without limitation, dredging or otherwise removing silt from any lake, pond or other body of water that may be conveyed. Upon written request of Declarant to the Association for no consideration, to the extent conveyed by Declarant in error or needed by Declarant to make adjustments in property lines.

The Association agrees that the Common Area, including all improvements thereon, shall be conveyed in its "where is, as is" condition and without recourse, and Declarant disclaims and makes no representations, warranties or other agreements express or implied with respect thereto, including without limitation, representations or warranties of merchantability or fitness for the ordinary or any particular purpose, and representations or warranties regarding the conditions, design, construction, accuracy, completeness, adequacy of the size or capacity in relation to utilization or the future economic performance or operations of the Common Area. No claim shall be made by the Association or any Owner relating to the condition, operation, or completeness of the Common Area or for incidental or consequential damages arising therefrom. Declarant will transfer and assign to the Association, without recourse, all warranties which it receives from manufacturers and suppliers relating to any of the Common Area which exist and are assignable.

4.3 <u>Enforcement</u>. The Board or any committee established by the Board, with the Board's approval, may impose sanctions for violation of the Governing Documents after compliance with the notice and hearing procedures set forth in Section 3.24 of the By-Laws. Such sanctions may include, without limitation, the following:

(a) imposing monetary fines which shall constitute a lien upon the Lot of the violator;

(b) filing notices of violations in the Public Records providing record notice of any violation of the Governing Documents;

(c) suspending an Owner's right to vote;

(d) suspending any Person's right to use the Common Area and any part of the Exclusive Common Area; provided however, nothing herein shall authorize the Board to limit ingress or egress to or from a Lot or to restrict any access right established pursuant to a Cost Sharing Agreement except as otherwise provided therein; and

(e) suspending any services provided by the Association to an Owner or the Owner's Lot if the Owner is more than thirty (30) Days delinquent in paying any assessment or other charge owed to the Association.

In the event that any occupant, guest or invitee of a Lot violates the Governing Documents, the Board or any committee established by the Board, with the Board's approval, may sanction such occupant, guest or invitee and/or the Owner of the Lot that the violator is occupying or visiting. If a fine is imposed, the fine may first be assessed against the occupant; provided however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Board.

In addition, the Board, or the covenants committee if established, may elect to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents by exercising self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the filing of liens in the Public Records for non-payment of assessments and other charges, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules, the removal of pets that are in violation of pet rules or the correction of any maintenance, construction or other violation of the Governing Documents) without the necessity of compliance with the procedures set forth in the By-Laws. The Association may levy Specific Assessments to cover all costs incurred in exercising self-help and in bringing a Lot into compliance with the terms of the Governing Documents.

The Association may also elect to enforce any provisions of the Governing Documents by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedures set forth in the By-Laws.

All remedies set forth in this Declaration and the By-Laws shall be cumulative of any remedies available at law or in equity. In any action or remedy taken by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents, if the Association prevails, it shall be entitled to recover all costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, incurred in such action.

The Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce any covenant, restriction or rule which the Board in the exercise of its business judgment determines is, or is likely to be construed as, inconsistent with applicable law or in any case in which the Board reasonably determines that the Association's position is not strong enough to justify taking enforcement action. Any such determination shall not be construed a waiver of the right of the Association to enforce such provision under any circumstances or prevent the Association from enforcing any other covenant, restriction or rule.

The Association, by contract or other agreement, may enforce county, town, city, state and federal laws and ordinances, if applicable, and permit local and other governments to enforce laws and

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ordinances on the Properties for the benefit of the Association and its Members.

4.4 <u>Implied Rights: Board Authority</u>. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or the By-Laws, or reasonably implied from or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration, the By-Laws, the Articles, or by law, all rights and powers of the Association may be exercised by the Board without a vote of the membership.

4.5 <u>Governmental Interests</u>. During the Development Period, the Declarant may designate sites within the Properties for fire, police, and utility facilities, public schools and parks, streets and other public or quasi-public facilities. No membership approval shall be required for such designation. The sites may include Common Area, in which case the Association shall take whatever action is required with respect to such site to permit such use, including conveyance of the site, if so directed by Declarant. The sites may include other property not owned by Declarant provided the owner of such property consents.

4.6 <u>Indemnification</u>. The Association shall indemnify every officer, director, ARB member, and committee member against all damages, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director, ARB member or committee member, except that such obligation to indemnify shall be limited to those actions for which liability is limited under this Section, the Articles of Incorporation and Georgia law.

The officers, directors, ARB members and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers, directors, ARB members, and committee members shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made or action taken in good faith on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers, directors, ARB members or committee members may also be Members of the Association). The Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director, ARB member and committee member harmless from any and all liability to others on account of any such contract, commitment or action. This right to indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any present or former officer, director, ARB member or committee member may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expense, maintain adequate general liability and directors and officers' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

4.7 <u>Dedication of or Grant of Easements on Common Area</u>. The Association may dedicate or grant easements across portions of the Common Area to the City of Woodstock, Cherokee County, Georgia, or to any other local, state or federal governmental or quasi-governmental entity or to any public or private utility company.

4.8 <u>Security</u>. Each Owner and occupant of a Lot, and their respective guests and invitees, shall be responsible for their own personal safety and the security of their property in the Properties. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain or support certain activities within the Properties designed to make the Properties safer than they otherwise might be. Neither the Association, the original Declarant, nor any successor Declarant shall in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of security within the Properties, nor shall any of them be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken. No representation or warranty is made that any fire protection system, burglar alarm system or other security system or measure cannot be compromised or circumvented, or that any such security system or measure

undertaken will in all cases prevent loss or provide the detection or protection for which the system is designed or intended. Additionally, no representation or warranty is made that the lighting facilities or systems (including the placement thereof) will adequately illuminate or attempt to adequately illuminate all of the Common Areas or that such facilities or systems will be designed with safety measures in mind. Each Owner acknowledges, understands and covenants to inform its tenants and all occupants of its Lot that the Association, its Board of Directors and committees, Declarant and any successor Declarant are not insurers or guarantors of safety and security within the Properties and that each Person using the Properties assumes all risks of personal injury and loss or damage to property, including Lots and the contents of the Lots, resulting from acts of third parties.

4.9 <u>Relationship with Tax-Exempt Organizations</u>. The Declarant or the Association may create, enter into agreements or contracts with, or grant exclusive and/or non-exclusive easements over the Common Area to non-profit, tax-exempt organizations for the benefit of the Properties. The Association may contribute money, real or personal property or services to any such entity. Any such contribution shall be a Common Expense and included as a line item in the Association's annual budget. For purposes of this Section a "tax-exempt organization" shall mean an entity which is exempt from federal income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) thereof.

4.10 Powers of the Association Relating to Neighborhood Associations. The Association may veto any action taken or contemplated by any Neighborhood Association which the Board reasonably determines to be adverse to the interests of the Association or its Members or inconsistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Association also may require specific action to be taken by any Neighborhood Association to fulfill its obligations and responsibilities under any Governing Document. For example, the Association may require that specific maintenance or repairs or aesthetic changes be performed by the Neighborhood Association. If the Neighborhood Association fails to comply with such requirements within a reasonable time as specified in writing by the Association, the Association may effect such action on behalf of the Neighborhood Association and assess the Lots within such Neighborhood for any expenses incurred by the Association in taking such action. Such assessments may be collected as a Specific Assessment.

Provision of Services. The Association may provide services and facilities for the 4.11Members of the Association and their guests, lessees and invitees. The Association shall be authorized to enter into contracts or other similar agreements with other entities, including Declarant, to provide such services and facilities. The costs of services and facilities provided by the Association may be funded by the Association as a Common Expense or a Neighborhood Expense, depending on whether the service or facility is provided to all Lots or only the Lots within a specified Neighborhood. In addition, the Board shall be authorized to charge use and consumption fees for services and facilities through Specific Assessments or by requiring payment at the time the service or facility is provided. As an alternative, the Association may arrange for the costs of the services and facilities to be billed directly to Owners by the provider(s) of such services and facilities. By way of example, some services and facilities which may be provided include landscape maintenance, garbage collection, pest control service, cable, digital, satellite or similar television service, Internet, intranet, and other computer related services, security and similar services and facilities. The Board, without the consent of the Class "A" Members of the Association, shall be permitted to modify or cancel existing services or facilities provided, if any, or to provide additional services and facilities. Nothing contained herein can be relied upon as a representation as to the services and facilities, if any, which will be provided by the Association.

In the event that the Association does provide Internet, intranet or other computer related services, each Owner, occupant, guest and invitee acknowledges that neither the Association, the Board nor Declarant shall in any way be responsible for inappropriate use of any Internet, intranet or other

computer related services provided by the Association ("Network"), nor can the Association ensure prompt removal of any inappropriate communication after transmission or posting. Accordingly, the Association makes no guarantee, nor assumes any liability to any Members or other users of the Network for any purpose whatsoever. Under no circumstances shall the Association or the Declarant, their parents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, directors, members, managers, successors or assigns be responsible for any damages, losses or consequences resulting from a Member's use of such Network, if any. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as an obligation of the Declarant to provide Internet, intranet or any other computer related services.

4.12 <u>Trails</u>. The Declarant reserves for itself, its successors and assigns and the Association the right to designate certain areas within the Properties, including the Common Area, to be used as recreational bike and pedestrian pathways and trails ("trail system"). Each Owner acknowledges, understands and covenants to inform the occupants of such Owner's Lot that the Properties may contain a trail system and that there may be certain inconveniences and loss of privacy associated with the ownership of Lots adjacent to such trail system resulting from the use of the trail system.

### ARTICLE 5: MAINTENANCE

5.1 Association's Responsibility.

(a) The Association shall maintain and keep in good condition, order and repair the Area of Common Responsibility, which may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(i) all Common Area, including any community mailbox delivery facilities and any clubhouse structure;

(ii) the Private Streets, including all alleys located within the Properties;

(iii) any irrigation system situated upon the Common Area;

(iv) all lawns, landscaping and other flora, including street trees, located within the Properties, which shall specifically include the front, side and rear yards of all Lots, but shall not include hardscape elements;

(v) all structures and improvements, including but not limited to any entry features, signage, gates, and sidewalks situated upon the Common Area;

(vi) all furnishings, equipment and other personal property of the

Association;

(vii) any perimeter elements used as "screening buffers," including screening walls and landscaping, regardless of whether such improvements are situated upon the Common Area or upon a Lot, as deemed necessary in the discretion of the Board;

(viii) any landscaping and other flora, parks, bike and pedestrian pathways/ trails, sidewalks, street lights, buffers, entry features, structures and improvements within public rights-ofway within or abutting the Properties or upon such other public land adjacent to the Properties as deemed necessary in the discretion of the Board;

(ix) any Detention Ponds, including any water quality facilities and all storm water collection systems located outside of the public right-of-way, regardless of whether such water quality facilities or Detention Ponds are situated upon the Common Area or within a Lot;

(x) such additional portions of any property included within the Area of Common Responsibility as may be dictated by this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, any Cost Sharing Agreement, the Residential Design Guidelines or any contract or agreement for maintenance thereof entered into by the Association; and

(xi) any property and facilities owned by the Declarant and made available, on a temporary or permanent basis, for the primary use and enjoyment of the Association and its Members, such property and facilities to be identified by written notice from the Declarant to the Association and to remain a part of the Area of Common Responsibility and be maintained by the Association until such time as Declarant revokes such privilege of use and enjoyment by written notice to the Association.

The Association may, as a Common Expense, maintain other property and improvements which it does not own, including, without limitation, property dedicated to the public, or provide maintenance or services related to such property over and above the level being provided by the property owner, if the Board of Directors determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

(b) The Association shall maintain the facilities and equipment within the Area of Common Responsibility in continuous operation, except for any periods necessary, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, to perform required maintenance or repairs, unless Members holding sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Class "A" votes in the Association and during the Development Period the Declarant agree in writing to discontinue such operation.

(c) The Association may be relieved of all or any portion of its maintenance responsibilities herein to the extent that (i) such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to an Owner or a Neighborhood Association or (ii) such property is dedicated to any local, state, or federal government or quasi-governmental entity; provided however, that in connection with such assumption, assignment or dedication, the Association may reserve or assume the right or obligation to continue to perform all or any portion of its maintenance responsibilities, if the Board determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

Except as provided above, the Area of Common Responsibility shall not be reduced by amendment of this Declaration or any other means during the Development Period except with the written consent of the Declarant.

(d) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of the Area of Common Responsibility shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Lots as part of the General Assessment, without prejudice to the right of the Association to seek reimbursement from the owner(s) of, or other Persons responsible for, certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to the Governing Documents, any recorded covenants, or any agreements with the owner(s) thereof. All costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of Exclusive Common Areas shall be either a Neighborhood Expense assessed as a Neighborhood Assessment solely against the Lots within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned, or a Specific Assessment against the particular Lots to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned, notwithstanding that the Association may be responsible for performing such maintenance hereunder.

(e) In the event that the Association fails to properly perform its maintenance responsibilities hereunder and to comply with the Community-Wide Standard, the Declarant may, upon not less than ten (10) Days notice and opportunity to cure such failure, cause such maintenance to be performed and in such event shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Association for all costs incurred.

5.2 <u>Owner's Responsibility</u>. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot and all structures, parking areas, sprinkler and irrigation systems, fencing, and other improvements on the Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all Governing Documents, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association, a Neighborhood Association or the Owner of an adjoining Courtyard as set forth herein. Each Owner shall also maintain the driveway, including driveways shared between two Owners, and mailbox, if any, serving his or her Lot located in the right-of-way immediately adjacent to the Owner's Lot. In addition, each Owner of a Courtyard Home shall maintain the Courtyard Easement Area benefiting such Owner's Lot in the same manner as the Owner maintains the Owner's Lot. In addition to any other enforcement rights, if an Owner fails to properly perform the Owner's Lot. The Association against the Lot and the Owner in accordance with Section 8.6. The Association shall afford the Owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry, except when entry is required due to an emergency situation. Entry by the Association or its designee under this Section shall not constitute a trespass.

5.3 <u>Neighborhood's Responsibility</u>. Upon resolution of the Board of Directors, the Owners of Lots within each Neighborhood shall be responsible for paying, through Neighborhood Assessments, the costs of operating, maintaining and insuring certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility within or adjacent to such Neighborhood. This may include, without limitation, the costs of maintaining any signage, entry features, right-of-way and greenspace between the Neighborhood and adjacent public roads, private streets within the Neighborhood and lakes or ponds within the Neighborhood, regardless of ownership or the Person performing the maintenance; provided however, all Neighborhoods which are similarly situated shall be treated the same.

Any Neighborhood Association having responsibility for maintenance within a particular Neighborhood pursuant to additional covenants applicable to such Neighborhood shall perform such maintenance responsibility in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. If it fails to do so, the Association may perform such responsibilities and assess the costs as a Specific Assessment against all Lots within such Neighborhood as provided in Section 8.6.

5.4 <u>Standard of Performance</u>. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in other instruments creating and assigning such maintenance responsibility, responsibility for maintenance shall include responsibility for repair and replacement, as necessary. All maintenance shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all Governing Documents. Neither the Association, any Owner nor any Neighborhood Association shall be liable for any damage or injury occurring on, or arising out of the condition of, property which such Person does not own except to the extent that it has been negligent in the performance of its maintenance responsibilities.

5.5 Party Walls and Similar Structures.

(a) <u>General Rules of Law to Apply</u>. Each wall, fence, driveway or similar structure built as a part of the original construction on the Lots which serves and/or separates any two (2) adjoining Lots shall constitute a party structure. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

(b) <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party structure shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the party structure.

(c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party structure is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has used the structure may restore it. If other Owners thereafter use the structure, they shall contribute to the restoration cost in equal proportions. However, such contribution will not prejudice the right to call for a larger contribution from the other users under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

(d) <u>Right to Contribution Runs with Land</u>. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.

5.6 <u>Cost Sharing Agreements</u>. Adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Properties, there may be certain residential or nonresidential areas, including without limitation the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown and other single family residential developments, which are not subject to this Declaration and which are neither Lots nor Common Area as defined in this Declaration (hereinafter "adjacent properties"). The owners of such adjacent properties shall not be Members of the Association, shall not be entitled to vote and shall not be subject to assessment under Article 8 of this Declaration. Similarly, the Members of the Association shall not be members of any association governing such adjacent properties, shall not be entitled to a vote in any such association, shall not be subject to any association, and shall not be entitled to any greater rights to use the property and facilities comprising the adjacent properties than any member of the general public.

The Association may enter into one (1) or more Cost Sharing Agreements with the owners or operators of portions of the adjacent properties for one or more of the following purposes:

(a) to permit use of any recreational and other facilities located on the Common Areas by the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and their designees;

(b) to obligate the owners or operators of such adjacent properties to perform and/or share in certain costs associated with the maintenance, repair, replacement and insuring of portions of the Area of Common Responsibility, if any, which are used by or benefit jointly the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Properties;

(c) to permit use of any recreational and other facilities located on such adjacent properties by the Owners of all Lots or by the Owners of Lots within specified Neighborhoods;

(d) to obligate the Association to share in certain costs associated with the maintenance, repair, replacement and insuring of portions of such adjacent properties, if any, which are used by or benefit jointly the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Properties; and/or

(e) to establish rules and regulations regarding the use of areas that benefit jointly the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Properties.

The owners or operators of such adjacent properties shall be subject to assessment by the Association only in accordance with the provisions of such Cost Sharing Agreement(s). If the Association is obligated to share costs incurred by the owners of such adjacent properties, such payments

by the Association shall be deemed to constitute Common Expenses of the Association. The owners or operators of the adjacent properties shall not be subject to the restrictions contained in this Declaration except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

# ARTICLE 6: INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

#### 6.1 Association Insurance.

(a) <u>Required Coverages</u>. The Association, acting through its Board or its duly authorized agent, shall obtain and continue in effect the following types of insurance, if reasonably available, or if not reasonably available, the most nearly equivalent coverages as are reasonably available:

(i) Blanket property insurance covering "risks of direct physical loss" on a "special form" basis (or comparable coverage by whatever name denominated) for all insurable improvements on the Common Area, if any, and on other portions of the Area of Common Responsibility to the extent that it has assumed responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or replacement in the event of a casualty. If such coverage is not generally available at reasonable cost, then "broad form" coverage may be substituted. The Association shall have the authority to and interest in insuring any property for which it has maintenance or repair responsibility, regardless of ownership. All property insurance policies obtained by the Association shall have policy limits sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of the insured improvements;

(ii) Commercial general liability insurance on all public ways located within the Properties and on the Area of Common Responsibility, insuring the Association and its Members for damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members, employees, agents, or contractors while acting on its behalf. If generally available at reasonable cost, the commercial general liability coverage (including primary and any umbrella coverage) shall have a limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, provided should additional coverage and higher limits be available at reasonable cost which a reasonably prudent person would obtain, the Association shall obtain such additional coverages or limits;

(iii) Workers compensation insurance and employers liability insurance, if and to the extent required by law;

(iv) Directors and officers liability coverage;

(v) Fidelity insurance covering all Persons responsible for handling Association funds in an amount determined in the Board's best business judgment but not less than an amount equal to one-sixth (1/6th) of the annual General Assessments on all Lots plus reserves on hand. Fidelity insurance policies shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of Persons serving without compensation; and

(vi) Such additional insurance as the Board, in its best business judgment, determines advisable, which may include, without limitation, flood insurance.

In the event that any portion of the Common Area is or shall become located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), or its successor entity as an area having special flood hazards, a "blanket" policy of flood insurance on the Common Area must be maintained in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of current "replacement cost" of all affected improvements and other insurable property or the maximum limit of coverage available, whichever is less. Premiums for all insurance on the Area of Common Responsibility shall be Common Expenses and shall be included in the General Assessment. In the event of an insured loss, the deductible shall be treated as a Common Expense and assessed in the same manner as the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage. However, if the Board reasonably determines, after notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the By-Laws, that the loss resulted from the negligence or willful misconduct of one (1) or more Owners, their guests, invitees, or lessees, then the Board may specifically assess the full amount of such deductible against such Owner(s) and their Lots pursuant to Section 8.6.

(b) <u>Policy Requirements</u>. The Association shall arrange for periodic reviews of the sufficiency of insurance coverage by one (1) or more qualified Persons, at least one (1) of whom must be familiar with insurable replacement costs in the metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area.

All Association policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to the Association and to each Member upon written request. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the policy limits satisfy the requirements of Section 6.1(a).

(i) All insurance coverage obtained by the Board shall:

(1) be written with a company authorized to do business in the State of Georgia which satisfies the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association, or such other secondary mortgage market agencies or federal agencies as the Board deems appropriate;

(2) be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the benefited parties. Policies on the Common Areas shall be for the benefit of the Association and its Members. Policies secured on behalf of a Neighborhood shall be for the benefit of the Owners of Lots within the Neighborhood and their Mortgagees, as their interests may appear;

(3) not be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees individually;

(4) contain an inflation guard endorsement;

(5) include an agreed amount endorsement, if the policy contains a co-

insurance clause; and

(6) include an endorsement requiring at least thirty (30) Days prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal.

(ii) In addition, the Board shall use reasonable efforts to secure insurance policies which list the Owners as additional insureds and provide:

(1) a waiver of subrogation as to any claims against the Association's Board, officers, employees, and manager, the Owners and their tenants, servants, agents, and guests;

(2) a waiver of the insurer's rights to repair and reconstruct instead of

paying cash;

(3) an endorsement precluding cancellation, invalidation, suspension, or non-renewal by the insurer on account of any one (1) or more individual Owners, or on account of any

curable defect or violation without prior written demand to the Association to cure the defect or violation and allowance of a reasonable time to cure;

(4) an endorsement excluding Owners' individual policies from consideration under any "other insurance" clause;

(5) a cross liability provision; and

(6) a provision vesting the Board with the exclusive authority to adjust losses; provided however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related to the loss.

(c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. In the event of any insured loss covered by insurance held by the Association, only the Board or its duly authorized agent may file and adjust insurance claims and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this subsection, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the condition existing prior to the damage, allowing for changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.

Any damage to or destruction of the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and, during the Development Period, the Declarant decide within sixty (60) Days after the loss either (i) not to repair or reconstruct or (ii) to construct alternative improvements. If either the insurance proceeds or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not available to the Association within such sixty (60) Day period, then the period shall be extended until such funds or information are available. Such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) additional Days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed.

If determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, the affected property shall be cleared of all debris and ruins and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Any insurance proceeds remaining after paying the costs of repair or reconstruction, or after such settlement as is necessary and appropriate, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association or the Neighborhood, as appropriate, and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of Mortgagees and may be enforced by the Mortgagee of any affected Lot.

If insurance proceeds are insufficient to cover the costs of repair or reconstruction, the Board of Directors may, without a vote of the Members, levy Special Assessments to cover the shortfall against those Owners responsible for the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage under Section 6.1(a).

6.2 <u>Owners' Insurance</u>. By virtue of taking title to a Lot, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association to carry property insurance for the full replacement cost of all insurable improvements on the Owner's Lot and any Courtyard Easement Area benefiting the Owner's Lot, less a reasonable deductible, unless either the Neighborhood Association (if any) for the Neighborhood in which the Lot is located or the Association carries such insurance (which they may, but are not obligated to do hereunder). If the Association assumes responsibility for obtaining any insurance coverage on behalf of Owners, the premiums for such insurance shall be levied as a Specific Assessment against the benefited Lot and the Owner thereof pursuant to Section 8.6.

Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of damage to or destruction of structures or landscaping on or comprising the Owner's Lot or any Courtyard Easement Area benefiting the Owner's Lot, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure or landscaping consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article 9. Alternatively, the Owner shall clear the Lot or Courtyard Easement Area of all debris and ruins and maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Owner shall pay any costs that are not covered by insurance proceeds.

The requirements of this Section shall also apply to any Neighborhood Association that owns common property within the Neighborhood in the same manner as if the Neighborhood Association were an Owner and the common property were a Lot. Additional recorded covenants applicable to any Neighborhood may establish more stringent requirements for insurance and more stringent standards for rebuilding or reconstructing structures on the Lots within such Neighborhood and for clearing and maintaining the Lots in the event the structures are not rebuilt or reconstructed.

In addition, each Owner of a Courtyard Home shall be responsible for maintaining a policy of liability insurance insuring the Owner thereof for damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Owner in the Owner's Courtyard or any Courtyard Easement Area benefiting or encumbering the Courtyard Home Owner's Lot. If generally available at reasonable cost, the liability coverage (to be written as an umbrella policy) shall have a limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, provided should additional coverage and higher limits be available at reasonable cost which a reasonably prudent person would obtain, the Owner shall obtain such additional coverages or limits.

6.3 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Notwithstanding the duty of the Association to maintain and repair portions of the Common Area, neither the Association, its Board of Directors, its successors or assigns, nor any officer or director or committee member, employee, agent, contractor (including the management company, if any) of any of them shall be liable to any Member or any member of a Member's immediate household for any injury or damage sustained in the Area of Common Responsibility, the Common Area or other area maintained by the Association, or for any injury or damage caused by the negligence or misconduct of any Members or their family members, guests, invitees, agents, servants, contractors or lessees, whether such loss occurs in the Common Area or in individual Lots,

Each Owner, by virtue of the acceptance of title to his or her Lot, and each other Person having an interest in or right to use any portion of the Properties, by virtue of accepting such interest or right to use, shall be bound by this Section and shall be deemed to have automatically waived any and all rights, claims, demands, and causes of action against the Association arising from or connected with any matter for which the liability of the Association has been disclaimed under this Section.

# ARTICLE 7: ANNEXATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROPERTY

7.1 <u>Annexation by Declarant</u>. Until twenty (20) years after the recording of this Declaration in the Public Records, Declarant may from time to time unilaterally subject to the provisions of this Declaration all or any portion of the Additional Property. The Declarant may transfer or assign this right to annex property, provided that the transferee or assignee is the developer of at least a portion of the real property described in Exhibits "A" or "B" and that such transfer is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument executed by Declarant.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration in the Public Records describing the property being annexed. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of the Members, but shall require the consent of the owner of such property, if other than Declarant. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplemental Declaration unless otherwise provided therein.

Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require the Declarant or any successor to annex or develop any of the Additional Property in any manner whatsoever.

7.2 <u>Annexation by Membership</u>. The Association may annex any real property to the provisions of this Declaration with the consent of the owner of such property, the affirmative vote of Members holding a Majority of the Class "A" votes of the Association represented at a meeting duly called for such purpose, and, during the Development Period, the written consent of the Declarant.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration describing the property being annexed in the Public Records. Any such Supplemental Declaration shall be signed by an authorized officer of the Association, and by the owner of the property being annexed, and by the Declarant, if the Declarant's consent is required. Any such annexation shall be effective upon filing unless otherwise provided therein.

7.3 <u>Withdrawal of Property</u>. The Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration during the Development Period, for the purpose of removing any portion of the Properties from the coverage of this Declaration. Such amendment shall not require the consent of any Person other than the owner of the property to be withdrawn, if not the Declarant. If the property is Common Area, the Association shall execute a written consent to such withdrawal.

7.4 <u>Additional Covenants and Easements</u>. The Declarant may unilaterally subject any portion of the Properties to additional covenants and easements, including covenants obligating the Association to maintain and insure such property on behalf of the Owners and obligating such Owners to pay the costs incurred by the Association through Neighborhood or Specific Assessments. Such additional covenants and easements shall be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration filed either concurrently with or after the annexation of the subject property, and shall require the written consent of the owner(s) of such property, if other than the Declarant. Any such Supplemental Declaration may supplement, create exceptions to, or otherwise modify the terms of this Declaration as it applies to the subject property for such purposes as deemed appropriate in the Declarant's sole discretion, including but not limited to modifications to reflect the different character and intended use of such property.

7.5 <u>Amendment</u>. This Article shall not be amended during the Development Period without the prior written consent of Declarant.

### ARTICLE 8: ASSESSMENTS

8.1 <u>Creation of Assessments</u>. There are hereby created assessments for Association expenses as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time. There shall be four (4) types of assessments: (a) General Assessments as described in Section 8.2 to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all-Lots; (b) Neighborhood Assessments for Neighborhood Expenses benefiting only Lots within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods as described in Section 8.3; (c) Special Assessments as described in Section 8.5; and (d) Specific Assessments as described in Section 8.6. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or entering into a recorded contract of sale for any portion of the Properties, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these assessments.

All assessments and other charges, together with interest, late charges, costs of collection, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a charge and continuing lien upon each Lot against which the assessment or charge is made until paid, as more particularly provided in Section 8.7. Each such assessment or charge, together with interest, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, also shall be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment arose. Upon a transfer of title to a Lot, the grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for any assessments and other charges due at the time of conveyance. However, no first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Lot by exercising the remedies provided in its Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title.

The Association shall, upon request, furnish to any Owner liable for any type of assessment a written statement signed by an Association officer or designee setting forth whether such assessment has been paid. Such statement shall be conclusive evidence of payment. The Association may require the advance payment of a reasonable processing fee for the issuance of such statement.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as the Board may establish which may include discounts for early payment or similar time/price differentials. The Board may require advance payment of assessments at closing of the transfer of title to a Lot and impose special requirements for Owners with a history of delinquent payment. If the Board so elects, assessments may be paid in two (2) or more installments. Unless the Board otherwise provides, the General Assessment and any Neighborhood Assessment shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of each fiscal year. If any Owner is delinquent in paying any assessments or other charges levied on his or her Lot, the Board may require any unpaid installments of all outstanding assessments to be paid in full immediately. Any assessment or installment thereof shall be considered delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day following the due date unless otherwise specified by Board resolution.

No Owner may exempt himself or herself from liability for assessments by non-use of Common Area, including Exclusive Common Area reserved for such Owner's use, abandonment or leasing of such Owner's Lot, or any other means. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of assessments or set-off shall be claimed or allowed for any alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required of it, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements, or from any other action taken by the Association or Board.

The Association is specifically authorized to enter into subsidy contracts or contracts for "in kind" contribution of services, materials, or a combination of services and materials with the Declarant or other entities for payment of Common Expenses.

8.2 <u>Computation of General Assessments</u>. At least thirty (30) Days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated Common Expenses during the coming year, which may include a contribution to establish a reserve fund in accordance with a budget separately prepared as provided in Section 8.4.

General Assessments shall be levied equally against all Lots subject to assessment and shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total income for the Association equal to the total budgeted Common Expenses, including any reserves. In determining the level of General Assessments, the Board, in its discretion, may consider other sources of funds available to the Association, including any surplus from prior years, and any assessment income expected to be generated from any additional Lots reasonably anticipated to become subject to assessment during the fiscal year and any income expected to be generated from any Cost Sharing Agreement.

During the Development Period, the Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, reduce the General Assessment for any fiscal year by payment of a subsidy and/or contributions of services and materials, which may be treated as either a contribution or a loan, in the Declarant's discretion. Any such anticipated payment or contribution by the Declarant shall be disclosed as a line item in the Common Expense budget. Payments by the Declarant in any year shall under no circumstances obligate the Declarant to continue such payments in future years, unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the Association and the Declarant.

The Board shall send a copy of the budget and notice of the amount of the General Assessment for the following year to each Owner at least thirty (30) Days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which it is to be effective. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and, during the Development Period, by the Declarant. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Members as provided for special meetings in Section 2.4 of the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within twenty (20) Days after the date of the notice of assessments. If a meeting is requested, assessments pursuant to such proposed budget shall not become effective until after such meeting is held, provided such assessments shall be retroactive to the original effective date of the budget if the budget is not disapproved at such meeting.

If the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year, then until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year plus an additional ten percent (10%) shall continue for the current year. In such event or if the budget proves inadequate for any reason, the Board may prepare a revised budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Board shall send a copy of the revised budget to each Owner at least thirty (30) Days prior to its becoming effective. The revised budget shall become effective unless disapproved in accordance with the above procedure.

Computation of Neighborhood Assessments. At least thirty (30) Days before the 8.3 beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a separate budget covering the estimated Neighborhood Expenses for each Neighborhood on whose behalf Neighborhood Expenses are expected to be incurred during the coming year. The Board shall be entitled to set such budget only to the extent that this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration or the By-Laws specifically authorizes the Board to assess certain costs as a Neighborhood Assessment. Any Neighborhood may request that additional services or a higher level of services be provided by the Association and, upon approval of Owners in accordance with Section 3.3, any additional costs shall be added to such budget. Such budget may include a contribution establishing a reserve fund for repair and replacement of capital items maintained as a Neighborhood Expense, if any, within the Neighborhood. Neighborhood Expenses shall be allocated equally among all Lots within the Neighborhood(s) benefited thereby and levied as a Neighborhood Assessment; provided however, if so specified in the Supplemental Declaration applicable to such Neighborhood or if so directed by petition signed by a Majority of the Owners within the Neighborhood, any portion of the assessment intended for exterior maintenance of structures, insurance on structures or replacement reserves which pertain to particular structures shall be levied on each of the benefited Lots in proportion to the benefit received.

The Board shall cause a copy of such budget and notice of the amount of the Neighborhood Assessment for the coming year to be delivered to each Owner of a Lot in the Neighborhood at least thirty (30) Days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved by Owners of a Majority of the Lots in the Neighborhood to which the Neighborhood Assessment applies and, during the Development Period, by the Declarant. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of Owners of at least ten

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percent (10%) of the Lots in such Neighborhood. This right to disapprove shall apply only to those line items in the Neighborhood budget which are attributable to services requested by the Neighborhood. If a meeting is requested, assessments pursuant to such proposed budget shall not become effective until after such meeting is held, provided such assessments shall be retroactive to the original effective date of the budget if the budget is not disapproved at such meeting.

If the Owners within any Neighborhood disapprove any line item of a Neighborhood budget, the Association shall not be obligated to provide the services anticipated to be funded by such line item of the budget. If the Board fails for any reason to determine a Neighborhood budget for any year, then until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

All amounts which the Association collects as Neighborhood Assessments shall be expended solely for the benefit of the Neighborhood for which they were collected and shall be accounted for separately from the Association's general funds.

8.4 <u>Reserve Budget</u>. The Board may, in its sole discretion, annually prepare reserve budgets for both general and Neighborhood purposes which take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets within the Area of Common Responsibility, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall include in the general and Neighborhood budgets reserve amounts sufficient to meet the projected needs of the Association.

8.5 <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to other authorized assessments, the Association may levy Special Assessments from time to time to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted. Any such Special Assessment may be levied against all Lots, if such Special Assessment is for Common Expenses or against the Lots within any Neighborhood if such Special Assessment is for Neighborhood Expenses. Special Assessments shall be allocated equally among all Lots subject to Special Assessment. Any Special Assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes allocated to Lots which will be subject to such Special Assessment and, during the Development Period, by the Declarant. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering any Special Assessment except on petition of the Members as provided for special meetings in Section 2.4 of the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within twenty (20) Days after the date of the notice of such Special Assessment. Special Assessments shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Board, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved.

8.6 <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Association shall have the power to levy Specific Assessments against a particular Lot or Lots as follows:

(a) to cover the costs, including overhead and administrative costs, of providing benefits, items, or services to the Lot(s) or occupants thereof pursuant to a menu of special services which the Board may from time to time authorize to be offered to Owners and occupants (which might include, without limitation, landscape maintenance, garbage collection, pest control services, cable, digital, satellite or similar television service, Internet, intranet, and other computer related services, security, caretaker, fire protection, utilities, and similar services and facilities), which assessments may be levied in advance of the provision of the benefit, item or service as a deposit against charges to be incurred by the Owner;

(b) to cover the costs associated with maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance of any Exclusive Common Area assigned to one (1) or more Lots; and

(c) to cover all costs incurred in bringing the Lot(s) into compliance with the terms of the Governing Documents, or costs incurred as a consequence of the conduct of the Owner or occupants of the Lot, their agents, contractors, employees, licensees, invitees, or guests.

In addition, fines levied by the Association pursuant to Section 4.3 shall constitute Specific Assessments.

The Association may also levy a Specific Assessment against the Lots within any Neighborhood to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing the Neighborhood into compliance with the provisions of the Declaration, any applicable Supplemental Declaration, the Articles, the By-Laws, and rules; provided however, the Board shall give prior written notice to the Owners of Lots in the Neighborhood and an opportunity for such Owners to be heard before levying any such assessment.

8.7 Lien for Assessments. The Association shall have a lien against each Lot to secure payment of assessments and other charges, as well as interest at a rate to be set by the Board (subject to the maximum interest rate limitations of Georgia law), late charges in such amount as the Board may establish (subject to the limitations of Georgia law), costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees. Such lien shall be superior to all other liens, except (a) the liens of all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other levies which by law would be superior, and (b) the lien or charge of any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage with first priority over other Mortgages) made in good faith and for value. Such lien may be enforced by suit, judgment, and judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure.

The Declarant or the Association may bid for the Lot at the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the Lot. While a Lot is owned by the Association following foreclosure: (a) no right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) no assessment shall be levied on it; and (c) each other Lot shall be charged, in addition to its usual assessment, its pro rata share of the assessment allocated to the Lot owned by the Association. The Association may sue for unpaid assessments and other charges authorized hereunder without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

The sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien or relieve such Lot from the lien for any subsequent assessments. A Mortgagee or other purchaser of a Lot who obtains title pursuant to foreclosure of the Mortgage shall not be personally liable for assessments on such Lot due prior to such acquisition of title. Such unpaid assessments shall remain the personal obligation of the owner of the Lot prior to foreclosure, and, unless and until collected from such prior owner, shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all Lots subject to assessment under this Article, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns.

All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration has been recorded shall be deemed to consent that such liens or encumbrances shall be inferior to future liens for assessments, as provided herein, whether or not prior consent is specifically set forth in the instruments creating such liens or encumbrances.

8.8 <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. The obligation to pay assessments shall commence as to each Lot on the date which the Lot is conveyed to a Person other than a Builder or Declarant. With respect to any Lot owned by a Builder, assessments shall commence upon the actual occupancy of a dwelling-on such Lot, excluding any period that such Lot is being used exclusively as a model home. The first annual General Assessment, if any, levied on each Lot shall be adjusted according to the number of days remaining in the fiscal year at the time assessments commence on the Lot.

8.9 <u>Failure to Assess</u>. Failure of the Board to establish assessment amounts or rates or to deliver or mail each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or a release

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of any Owner from the obligation to pay assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay General Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments on the same basis as during the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is levied, at which time the Association may retroactively assess any shortfalls in collections.

8.10 <u>Exempt Property</u>. The following property shall be exempt from payment of General Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments, and Special Assessments:

(a) All Common Area and such portions of the property owned by the Declarant as are included in the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to Section 5.1;

(b) Any property dedicated or otherwise conveyed to and accepted by any governmental authority or public utility;

(c) Any property that is owned by a charitable nonprofit corporation or public agency whose primary purposes include the acquisition and preservation of open space for public benefit and held by such agency or organization for such recreational and open space purposes; and

(d) Property owned by any Neighborhood Association, or by the members of a Neighborhood Association as tenants-in-common, for the common use and enjoyment of all members within the Neighborhood.

Capitalization of Association. Upon acquisition of record title to a Lot by the first Owner 8.11 thereof other than the Declarant or a Builder or upon occupancy of a Lot by a Person other than the Declarant or a Builder and upon each subsequent transfer of title to a Lot, an initiation fee shall be paid by or on behalf of the purchaser or occupant to the working capital of Association in an amount equal to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per Lot; provided, however, that the initiation fee may be increased at any time and from time to time in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors. Any change in the amount of the initiation fee shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes and, during the Development Period, by the Declarant. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering any change in the amount of the initiation fee except on petition of the Members as provided for special meetings in Section 2.4 of the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within twenty (20) Days after the date of the notice of such change in the amount of the capital contribution. This amount shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the annual General Assessment and shall not be considered an advance payment of such assessment. This amount shall be collected and disbursed to the Association at closing of the purchase and sale of the Lot to the first Owner other than the Declarant or a Builder and subsequent Owners, or if the obligation to pay the initiation fee arises by virtue of occupancy of a Lot by a Person other than the Declarant or a Builder, the initiation fee shall be paid immediately upon demand by the Association. Initiation fees shall be utilized for the working capital of the Association to cover operating expenses and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the Governing Documents.

8.12 Default Interest Rate; NSF Checks; Late Fees. Except as otherwise provided in the Governing Documents, any assessment levied upon an Owner which is not paid within fifteen (15) Days after the date upon which it is due shall bear interest at the lesser of (a) the rate of 18% per annum; or (b) the maximum rate of interest permissible under the laws of the State of Georgia. In addition, if any Owner pays any assessment (General, Neighborhood, Special or Specific) with a check on an account that has insufficient funds ("NSF"), the Board may, in its sole discretion, demand that all future payments be made by certified check or money order along with imposing a reasonable processing charge. Finally, for each delinquent installment due to the Association, the Association may charge the delinquent Owner an

administrative/late fee in an amount equal to (i) fifty dollars (\$50.00) or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the delinquent installment, whichever is greater. Any payment received by the Association shall be applied first to any attorneys' fees and other costs of collection, then to any interest accrued on the late installment, then to any administrative late fee and then to the delinquent assessment.

8.13 <u>Contributions by Declarant</u>. In accordance with Section 8.2, the Declarant may support the Association by funding operating deficits during the Development Period. At the sole election of Declarant, Declarant may recoup from the Association all such payments, which amounts may be paid from the operating account of the Association, or from the initiation fees collected at the sale of Lots, but not from capital reserves. Regardless of whether the Declarant recoups any other deficit amounts, it is not the intention of the Declarant to forfeit refundable reserves or deposits paid by Declarant, nor to pay for deficits created by the nonpayment of assessments by other Owners. It is also not the intention of Declarant to pay for expenses which are otherwise covered in the annual budget of the Association, but which, due to the requirement of an advance payment, create temporary or seasonal deficits. Accordingly, Declarant shall be reimbursed for all amounts paid by Declarant in the funding of deficits caused by the nonpayment of assessments by Owners which, if not sooner paid, shall be paid to Declarant at the time the unpaid assessment is collected. In addition, if not sooner paid, Declarant shall be reimbursed for any refundable deposit upon the Association's receipt of the same.

All deficits shall be collectible by Declarant at any time from the initiation fees contributions or from excess funds not designated for capital reserves. The Declarant shall have the right to pursue the collection of any unpaid assessments on behalf of the Association, as well as the right to act on behalf of the Association (if necessary) in obtaining refunds of all deposits paid for by Declarant. The Board of Directors, specifically including members of the Board appointed by the Declarant, shall be authorized to execute a promissory note or notes on behalf of the Association to evidence the repayment obligation of the Association; provided however, the failure to execute such a note shall in no way diminish such obligation.

### ARTICLE 9: ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

9.1 <u>General</u>. No exterior structure or improvement, as described in Section 9.4, shall be placed, erected, installed or made upon any Lot or adjacent to any Lot where the purpose of the structure is to service such Lot except in compliance with this Article, and with the prior written approval of the ARB under Section 9.2, unless exempted from the application and approval requirements pursuant to Section 9.3.

All dwellings constructed on any portion of the Properties shall be designed by and built in accordance with the plans and specifications of a licensed architect or other qualified building designer, unless otherwise approved by the ARB in its sole discretion.

This Article shall not apply to the activities of the Declarant or to improvements to the Common Area by or on behalf of the Association. This Article may not be amended during the Development Period without the Declarant's written consent.

9.2 <u>Architectural Review</u>. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in any portion of the Properties acknowledges that, as the developer of the Properties, Declarant has a substantial interest in ensuring that all structures and improvements within the Properties enhance Declarant's reputation as a community developer and do not impair Declarant's ability to market, sell or lease any portion of the Properties, the Additional Property or Woodstock Downtown. Therefore, the Declarant may, on its behalf, establish an Architectural Review Board to be responsible for administration of the Residential Design Guidelines and review of all applications for construction and

modifications under this Article. The members of the ARB need not be Members of the Association or representatives of Members, and may, but need not, include architects, landscape architects, engineers or similar professionals, whose compensation, if any, shall be established from time to time by the ARB. The ARB may establish and charge reasonable fees for review of applications hereunder and may require such fees to be paid in full prior to review of any application. Such fees may include the reasonable costs incurred in having any application reviewed by architects, engineers or other professionals.

The ARB shall consist of one (1) to five (5) persons and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all construction and modifications on any portion of the Properties. Until one hundred percent (100%) of the property comprising Woodstock Downtown Residential has been developed and conveyed to Owners other than Builders and the Declarant and initial construction on each Lot has been completed in accordance with the Residential Design Guidelines, the Declarant retains the right to appoint all members of the ARB who shall serve at the Declarant's discretion. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant. Upon the expiration or surrender of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the ARB, who shall thereafter serve and may be removed in the Board's discretion. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant's right to appoint the members of the ARB shall continue for so long as the Declarant, any principal of the Declarant, or any entity in which Declarant or Declarant's primary principal has a substantial equity interest and majority control, owns property within Woodstock Downtown Residential.

#### 9.3 Guidelines and Procedures.

(a) <u>Residential Design Guidelines</u>. The Declarant may in its sole discretion prepare the initial Residential Design Guidelines for the Properties. If prepared, the Residential Design Guidelines may contain general provisions applicable to all of the Properties, as well as specific provisions which vary according to land use and from one (1) portion of the Properties to another depending upon the location, unique characteristics, and intended use. For example, by way of illustration but not limitation, the Residential Design Guidelines may impose stricter requirements on those portions of the Properties adjacent to or visible from any lake. The Residential Design Guidelines are intended to provide guidance to Owners and Builders regarding matters of particular concern to the ARB in considering applications hereunder. The Residential Design Guidelines are not the exclusive basis for decisions of the ARB and compliance with the Residential Design Guidelines does not guarantee approval of any application.

Upon promulgation by the Declarant, the ARB shall adopt the Residential Design Guidelines and thereafter shall have sole and full authority to amend them. Any amendments to the Residential Design Guidelines shall be prospective only. There shall be no limitation on the scope of amendments to the Residential Design Guidelines except that no amendment shall require the modification or removal of any structure previously approved once the approved construction or modification has commenced. The ARB is expressly authorized to amend the Residential Design Guidelines to remove requirements previously imposed or otherwise to make the Residential Design Guidelines less restrictive.

The ARB shall make the Residential Design Guidelines available to Owners and Builders who seek to engage in development or construction within the Properties.

(b) <u>Procedures</u>. Plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials, and location of all proposed structures and improvements shall be submitted to the ARB for review and approval (or disapproval). In addition, information concerning irrigation systems, drainage, lighting, grading, landscaping and other features of proposed construction shall be submitted as applicable and as required by the Residential Design Guidelines.

Each application to the ARB shall be deemed to contain a representation and warranty by the Owner that use of the plans submitted does not violate any copyright associated with the plans. Neither the submission of the plans to the ARB, nor the distribution and review of the plans by the ARB shall be construed as publication in violation of the designer's copyright, if any. Each Owner submitting plans to the ARB shall hold the members of the ARB, the Association and the Declarant harmless and shall indemnify said parties against any and all damages, liabilities, and expenses incurred in connection with the review process of this Declaration.

In reviewing and acting upon any request for approval, the ARB shall be acting solely in Declarant's interest and shall owe no duty to any other Person. The ARB may consider the quality of workmanship and design, harmony of external design with existing structures, and location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, and finished grade elevation, among other considerations. Decisions may be based solely on aesthetic considerations. Each Owner acknowledges that opinions on aesthetic matters are subjective and may vary over time. The ARB shall have the sole discretion to make final, conclusive, and binding determinations on matters of aesthetic judgment and whether proposed improvements are consistent with the Residential Design Guidelines.

In the event that the ARB fails to approve or to disapprove any application within forty-five (45) Days after submission of all information and materials reasonably requested, the application shall be deemed approved. However, no approval, whether expressly granted or deemed granted pursuant to the foregoing, shall be inconsistent with the Residential Design Guidelines unless a variance has been granted in writing by the ARB pursuant to Section 9.7.

Notwithstanding the above, the ARB by resolution may exempt certain activities from the application and approval requirements of this Article, provided such activities are undertaken in strict compliance with the requirements of such resolution.

Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of structures on his or her Lot without approval; however, modifications to the interior of screened porches, patios, windows and similar portions of a Lot visible from outside the structures on the Lot shall be subject to approval. No approval shall be required to repaint the exterior of a structure in accordance with the originally approved color scheme or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications.

(c) <u>Delinquent Assessments and Other Charges</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) above, any application for the approval of plans and specifications as set forth in this Article shall be deemed to be disapproved unless and until any and all delinquent assessments and other charges permitted by this Declaration have been paid in full by the Owner submitting such plans and specifications for approval.

Subsequent to the approval of plans and specifications pursuant to this Article, if the Owner shall become delinquent in the payment of assessments or other charges permitted by this Declaration at any time during the prosecution of the approved work, the Owner shall be deemed to be in violation of such approval and shall be subject to any means of enforcement set forth in Section 9.10 and Section 4.3.

9.4 Specific Guidelines and Restrictions.

(a) <u>Exterior Structures and Improvements</u>. Exterior structures and improvements shall include, but shall not be limited to, staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work; initial construction of any dwelling or accessory building; exterior alteration of existing improvements; installation or replacement of hardscape, such as driveways, walkways, patios, or parking areas; enclosures of Courtyards; mailboxes; basketball hoops, swing sets, and similar sports and play equipment;

clotheslines; garbage cans; wood piles; swimming pools; gazebos or playhouses; window air-conditioning units or fans; hot tubs; wells; solar panels; antennas; satellite dishes or any other apparatus for the transmission or reception of television, radio, satellite, or other signals of any kind; hedges, walls, dog runs, animal pens, or fences of any kind, including invisible fences; artificial vegetation or sculpture; and planting or removal of landscaping materials. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant and the Association shall regulate antennas, satellite dishes, or any other apparatus for the transmission or reception of television, radio, satellite or other signals of any kind only in strict compliance with all federal laws and regulations.

(b) In addition to the foregoing activities requiring prior approval, the following items are strictly regulated, and the ARB shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit or restrict these items within the Properties. Each Owner must strictly comply with the terms of this Section unless approval or waiver in writing is obtained from the ARB. The ARB may, but is not required to, adopt additional specific guidelines as part of the Residential Design Guidelines.

(i) <u>Signs</u>. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner or occupant without the prior written consent of the ARB, except (1) such signs as may be required by legal proceedings; and (2) not more than one (1) professional security sign of such size and location deemed reasonable by the ARB in its sole discretion. Unless in compliance with this Section, no signs shall be posted or erected by any Owner or occupant within any portion of the Properties, including the Common Area, any Lot, any structure or dwelling located on the Common Area or any Lot (if such sign would be visible from the exterior of such structure or dwelling as determined in the ARB's sole discretion). Any Owner or occupant wishing to erect a sign within the Properties shall be responsible for all costs associated with ensuring that the sign complies with the Residential Design Guidelines and this Section.

The Declarant and the ARB reserve the right to prohibit signs and to restrict the size, content, color, lettering, design and location of any approved signs within the Properties. All permitted signs shall conform to the design(s) established by the Declarant and the ARB and must be professionally prepared. This provision shall not apply to entry, directional, or other signs installed by the Declarant or its duly authorized agent as may be necessary or convenient for the marketing and development of the Properties. In addition, this provision shall not apply to any signs installed within the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown or any signs installed by the Declarant or its duly authorized agent as may be necessary or convenient for the marketing and evelopment of the Woodstock Downtown or any signs installed by the Declarant or its duly authorized agent as may be necessary or convenient and ongoing management of the Woodstock Downtown.

(ii) <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees that are more than four (4) inches in diameter at a point two (2) feet above the ground shall be removed without the prior written consent of the ARB; provided however, any trees, regardless of their trunk diameter, that are located within five (5) feet of a drainage area, a sidewalk, a residence, or a driveway, or any diseased or dead trees requiring removal for safety reasons may be removed without the written consent of the ARB. The ARB may adopt or impose requirements for, or condition approval of, tree removal upon the replacement of any tree removed. The above requirements shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any requirements with respect to the removal imposed by any governmental authority.

(iii) <u>Lighting</u>. Exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for: (1) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (2) approved decorative post lights; (3) approved pathway lighting; (4) street lights in conformity with any established street lighting program for the Properties; (5) a reasonable number of seasonal decorative lights during the usual and common season as determined in sole discretion of the ARB; (6) front house illumination of Builder's model homes; or (7) any additional lighting as may be approved by the ARB.

(iv) <u>Temporary or Detached Structures</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ARB, no temporary house, dwelling, garage or outbuilding shall be placed or erected on any Lot. Except as provided in Section 10.7(b), no mobile home, trailer home, travel trailer, camper or recreational vehicle shall be stored, parked or otherwise allowed to be placed on a Lot as a temporary or permanent dwelling.

(v) <u>Accessory Structures</u>. With the approval of the ARB, detached accessory structures may be placed on a Lot to be used for a playhouse, tool shed, dog house, garage or other approved use. A garage may also be an attached accessory structure. Such accessory structures shall conform in exterior design and quality to the dwelling on the Lot. With the exception of a garage that is attached to a dwelling and except as may be provided otherwise by the ARB, an accessory structure placed on a Lot shall be located only behind the dwelling as such dwelling fronts on the street abutting such Lot or in a location approved by the ARB. All accessory structures shall be located within side and rear setback lines as may be required by the ARB or by applicable zoning law.

(vi) <u>Antennas and Satellite Dishes</u>. No transmission antenna, except for customer-end antennas that receive and transmit fixed wireless signals, may be erected anywhere on the Properties without written approval of the ARB. No direct broadcast satellite ("DBS") antenna or multichannel multi-point distribution service ("MMDS") larger than one meter (39.37 inches) in diameter shall be placed, allowed, or m'aintained upon any portion of the Properties, including but limited to any Lot. DBS and MMDS antennas one meter or less in diameter and television broadcast service antennas may be installed only in accordance with Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") rules and any requirements of the ARB and the Association that are consistent with the rules of the FCC, as they may be amended from time to time. Such items shall be installed in the least conspicuous location available on the Lot which permits reception of an acceptable signal. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, no antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of television signals, radio signals or any form of electromagnetic wave or radiation shall be erected, used or maintained outdoors on any portion of the Properties, whether attached to a structure or otherwise; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain such devices.

(vii) <u>Fences</u>. All fencing and fencing materials shall be approved by the ARB in writing prior to the installation or construction and, once approved, shall be erected in accordance with the Residential Design Guidelines. The Residential Design Guidelines may establish more stringent requirements for fences on Lots located adjacent to any lake, pond, or stream within the Properties, if any, on a corner, in a Courtyard or Courtyard Easement Area, or other designated Lots.

(viii) <u>Utility Lines</u>. Overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, are not permitted except for temporary lines as required during construction and lines installed by or at the request of Declarant.

(ix) <u>Standard Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes within the Properties shall conform to postal regulations and the Residential Design Guidelines. The Residential Design Guidelines may include requirements for standard mailboxes within the Properties, for all of the Lots in a particular Neighborhood, or a portion of the Lots in a particular Neighborhood. In addition, the Residential Design Guidelines may include a provision for a community mailbox delivery facility for certain Lots within the Properties. Plans submitted to the ARB for review shall comply with the mailbox provisions in the Residential Design Guidelines applicable to the Lot. Installation of non-conforming mailboxes shall not be permitted, and shall be removed by the Owner at the Owner's expense. Failure to remove a nonconforming mailbox shall subject the Owner to removal of the non-conforming mailbox and replacement with a conforming mailbox pursuant to Section 9.10 herein.

(x) <u>Courtyards</u>. Except as permitted by the Residential Design Guidelines, no Owner of a Courtyard Home may attach or affix any item to any portion of any improvement located within the Courtyard Easement Area encumbering such Owner's Courtyard Home. In addition, no Owner of a Courtyard Home may make any improvement or modification to existing improvements to the Courtyard Easement Area benefiting such Owner's Lot, unless such improvement is approved, in writing, by the ARB and the Owner of the property encumbered by the Courtyard Easement Area. Modifications to the Owner's Courtyard visible from outside the Lot shall be subject to review and approval of the ARB.

9.5 <u>Construction Period</u>. After commencement of construction, each Owner shall diligently continue construction to complete such construction in a timely manner. The initial construction of all structures must be completed within one (1) year after commencement of construction, unless extended by the ARB in its sole discretion. All other construction shall be completed within the time limits established by the ARB at the time the project is approved by the ARB.

For the purposes of this Section, commencement of construction shall mean that (a) all plans for such construction have been approved by the ARB; (b) a building permit has been issued for the Lot by the appropriate jurisdiction; and (c) construction of a structure has physically commenced beyond site preparation. Completion of a structure shall mean that a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the appropriate jurisdiction for the dwelling on the Lot.

9.6 <u>No Waiver of Future Approvals</u>. Approval of proposals, plans and specifications, or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring approval, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to withhold approval as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or other matters subsequently or additionally submitted for approval.

9.7 <u>Variance</u>. The ARB may authorize variances from compliance with any of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with duly adopted rules and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing; (b) be contrary to this Declaration; or (c) prevent the ARB from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.

Architect, Builder and General Contractor Approval. In order to ensure that appropriate 9.8 standards of construction are maintained throughout the Properties, all architects, Builders and general contractors must be approved by the ARB prior to engaging in any construction activities within the Properties. The ARB may implement an approval process utilizing established criteria and requiring the submission of a written application for approval. Approval of any plans may be withheld until such time as the Owner's architect, Builder or contractor has been approved by the ARB. Approval of an architect, Builder or general contractor may be conditioned upon an agreement with the ARB to maintain certain insurance coverages required by the ARB, pay construction deposits to ensure completion of a project without damage to the Properties, and pay fees determined by the ARB, from time to time. Both the criteria and the application form are subject to change in the sole discretion of the ARB. Approval of architects, Builders and contractors may not be construed as a recommendation of a specific architect, Builder or contractor by the ARB or the Declarant, nor a guarantee or endorsement of the work of such architect, Builder or contractor. The criteria and requirements established by the ARB for approval of architects, Builders and contractors are solely for the Declarant's protection and benefit and are not intended to provide the Owner with any form of guarantee with respect to any approved architect, Builder, or contractor. Owner's selection of an architect, Builder, or contractor shall be conclusive

evidence that the Owner is independently satisfied with any and all concerns Owner may have about the qualifications of such architect, Builder or contractor. Furthermore, Owner waives any and all claims and rights that Owner has or may have now or in the future, against the ARB or the Declarant.

9.9 Limitation of Liability. The standards and procedures established pursuant to this Article are intended to provide a mechanism for maintaining and enhancing the overall aesthetics of the Properties only, and shall not create any duty to any Person. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Article is made on the basis of aesthetic considerations only, and neither the Declarant, the Association, the Board nor the ARB shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, the adequacy of soils or drainage, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes and other governmental requirements, nor for ensuring that all dwellings are of comparable quality, value or size, of similar design, or aesthetically pleasing or otherwise acceptable to neighboring property owners. Neither the Declarant, the Association, the Board, the ARB nor any committee or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages, or loss arising out of the manner or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot. In all matters, the committees and their members shall be defended and indemnified by the Association as provided in Section 4.6.

The Declarant, any member of the ARB or the Board, or the 9.10 Enforcement. representatives of each shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any Lot to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether any structure or improvement is in violation of this Article. Any structure, improvement or landscaping placed or made in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written notice from the ARB, Owners shall, at their own cost and expense, cure any violation or nonconformance or remove such structure or improvement and restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work. Should an Owner fail to cure or remove and restore the property as required, any authorized agent of Declarant, the ARB or the Board shall have the right to enter the property, cure or remove the violation, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. Entry for such purposes and in compliance with this Section shall not constitute a trespass. In addition, the Board may enforce the decisions of the Declarant and the ARB by any means of enforcement described in Section 4.3. All costs, together with the interest at the maximum rate then allowed by law, may be assessed against the benefited Lot and collected as a Specific Assessment.

Unless otherwise specified in writing by the ARB, all approvals granted hereunder shall be deemed conditioned upon completion of all elements of the approved work and all work previously approved with respect to the same Lot, unless approval to modify any application has been obtained. If, after commencement, any Person fails to diligently pursue to completion all approved work, the Association shall be authorized, after notice to the Owner of the Lot and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the By-Laws, to enter upon the Lot and remove or complete any incomplete work and to assess all costs incurred against the Lot and the Owner thereof as a Specific Assessment.

Neither the ARB or any member thereof nor the Association, the Declarant, or their members, officers or directors shall be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this Article. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article or the Residential Design Guidelines may be excluded by the ARB from the Properties, subject to the notice and hearing procedures contained in the By-Laws.

In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall have the authority and standing to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Article and the decisions of the ARB.

## ARTICLE 10: USE RESTRICTIONS

10.1 <u>General</u>. This Article sets out certain use restrictions which must be complied with by all Owners and occupants of any Lot. The Properties shall be used only for residential, recreational, and related purposes (which may include, without limitation, model homes, sales offices for Declarant and/or Builders, an information center and/or a sales office for any real estate broker retained by the Declarant to assist in the sale of property described on Exhibits "A" or "B," offices for any property manager retained by the Association, business offices for the Declarant or the Association and related parking facilities) consistent with this Declaration and any Supplemental Declaration.

10.2 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. In addition to the use restrictions set forth in this Article, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the Members, promulgate, modify, or delete rules and regulations applicable to the Properties. Such rules shall be distributed to all Owners and occupants prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and occupants until and unless overruled, canceled, or modified in a regular or special meeting by Members holding a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, and, during the Development Period, the written consent of the Declarant.

10.3 <u>Occupants Bound</u>. All provisions of the Declaration, By-Laws, and of any rules and regulations, use restrictions or Residential Design Guidelines governing the conduct of Owners and establishing sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants even though occupants are not specifically mentioned.

10.4 <u>Leasing</u>. Lots may be leased for residential purposes only. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the tenant acknowledge receipt of copies of the Governing Documents. The lease shall also obligate the tenant to comply with the foregoing. The Board may require notice of any lease together with such additional information deemed necessary by the Board.

10.5 <u>Residential Use</u>. Lots may be used only for residential purposes of a single family and for ancillary business or home office uses. A business or home office use shall be considered ancillary so long as: (a) the existence or operation of the activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside the Lot; (b) the activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Properties; (c) the activity does not involve regular visitation of the Lot by clients, customers, suppliers, or other invitees or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Properties; (d) the activity does not increase traffic or include frequent deliveries within the Properties; and (e) the activity is consistent with the residential character of the Properties and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Properties, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

No other business, trade, or similar activity shall be conducted upon a Lot without the prior written consent of the Board. The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (a) such activity is engaged in full or part-time, (b) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit, or (c) a license is required.

The leasing of a Lot shall not be considered a business or trade within the meaning of this Section. This Section shall not apply to any activity conducted by the Declarant or a Builder approved by the Declarant with respect to its development and sale of the Properties or its use of any Lots which it owns within the Properties.

No garage sale, moving sale, rummage sale, auction, or similar activity shall be conducted upon a Lot without the prior written consent of the Board and compliance with any rules adopted by the Board.

10.6 <u>Occupancy of Unfinished Dwelling</u>. No dwelling erected upon any Lot shall be occupied in any manner before commencement of construction or while in the course of construction, nor at any time prior to the dwelling being fully completed.

10.7 <u>Vehicles</u>.

(a) Automobiles and non-commercial trucks and vans shall be parked only in the garages or in the driveways serving the Lots unless otherwise approved by the ARB; provided however, the Declarant and/or the Association may designate certain on-street parking lanes subject to reasonable rules and approval of the appropriate governmental authority. With the exception of any on-street parking designated by the Declarant and/or the Association, no automobile shall be parked upon any public street or thoroughfare or upon the Private Streets. Commercial vehicles, vehicles primarily used or designed for commercial purposes and vehicles with commercial writings on the exterior shall be parked only in garages. No automobile or non-commercial truck or van commercial vehicle may be left upon any portion of the Properties, except in a garage, if it is unlicensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable of being operated upon the public highways. Such vehicle shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Properties. No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on sidewalks, pathways, trails or unpaved Common Area except for public safety vehicles authorized by the Board.

(b) Recreational vehicles shall be parked only in the garages serving the Lots or other hard-surfaced areas which are not visible from the street, any portion of the Common Area or any other Lot; provided however, guests of an Owner or occupant may park a recreational vehicle on the driveway serving such Owner's or occupant's Lot for a period not to exceed seven (7) Days each calendar year. "Visibility" shall be determined by the ARB in its sole discretion. The term "recreational vehicles," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, mobile homes, boats, "jet skis" or other watercraft, trailers, other towed vehicles, motorcycles, minibikes, scooters, go-carts, golf carts, campers, buses, commercial trucks and commercial vans. Any recreational vehicle parked or stored in violation of this provision in excess of three (3) Days shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Properties. The Declarant and/or the Association may designate certain parking areas within the Properties for recreational vehicles subject to reasonable rules and fees, if any.

(c) Service and delivery vehicles may be parked in the Properties during daylight hours for such periods of time as are reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery within the Properties.

(d) All vehicles shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting the Owners, their occupants, guests, or family members a right to utilize any parking facilities located within the commercial portion of Woodstock Downtown, including the Woodstock Downtown Office Park Condominium.

10.8 <u>Courtyards</u>. Each Owner of a Courtyard Home shall refrain from any action that would deter from or interfere with the use and enjoyment of any Courtyard Easement Area by the authorized users thereof. Prohibited activities shall include without limitation obstruction of the right of access or use and enjoyment of the Courtyards except as permitted under the Governing Documents.

10.9 <u>Private Streets</u>. The Private Streets shall be subject to the provisions of this Declaration regarding use of Common Area. Additionally, Owners of Lots and other permitted users of the Private

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Streets pursuant to Section 2.2 shall be obligated to refrain from any actions which would deter from or interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Private Streets by other authorized users of the Private Streets. Prohibited activities shall include without limitation obstruction of any of the Private Streets and parking on the Private Street except as permitted under the Governing Documents.

10.10 <u>Use of Common Area</u>. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Area, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Area without the prior written consent of the Association; provided, however, that this shall not preclude Owners, their family, guests, tenants or occupants from parking vehicles on the shoulders of any alleys located on the Properties in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors. With the prior written approval of the Board of Directors, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board, an Owner or Owners may reserve portions of the Common Area for use for a period of time as set by the Board. Any such Owner or Owners who reserve a portion of the Common Area as provided herein shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their guests, occupants and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Area and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. The Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

10.11 <u>Animals and Pets</u>. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Lot, with the exception of dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the Board. No animals shall be kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes without prior written Board approval. All permitted pets shall be reasonably controlled by the owner whenever outside a dwelling and shall be kept in such a manner as to not become a nuisance by barking or other acts. The owners of the pet shall be responsible for all of the pet's actions. If, in the sole opinion of the Board, any animal becomes dangerous or an annoyance or nuisance in the Properties or to nearby property or destructive of wildlife, such animal shall be removed from the Properties. By way of explanation and not limitation, this Section may be enforced by exercising self-help rights provided in Section 4.3. This provision shall not be construed to interfere with any provision under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Amendments Act, or any similar applicable federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation. Service animals in active use shall be permitted on the Properties.

10.12 <u>Nuisance</u>. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on his or her property. No property within the Properties shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any item or thing that will cause such Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might, in the sole discretion of the Board, disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property.

No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted within the Properties, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Properties. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Properties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except such devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes or as approved by the ARB, shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any structure on the Lot unless required by law. Any siren or device for security purposes shall contain a device or system which causes it to shut off automatically.

The reasonable and normal development, construction and sales activities conducted or permitted by the Declarant shall not be considered a nuisance or a disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of any Owner or occupant.

10.13 <u>Storage of Materials, Garbage, Dumping, Etc.</u> All garbage cans and recycling bins shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, garbage and recycling shall be placed in appropriate containers at a designated location as directed by the Board from time to time and regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate.

There shall be no dumping of grass clippings, leaves or other debris; rubbish, trash or garbage; petroleum products, fertilizers, or other potentially hazardous or toxic substances in any Common Area, including any walking trail or path, drainage ditch, flood plane, wetland, lake or other portion of the Properties located outside of a Lot, except that fertilizers may be applied to landscaping on Lots provided the fertilizers comply with any applicable governmental conditions or requirements and further provided that care is taken to minimize runoff. Owners are permitted to spread grass clippings upon their Lots so long as the grass clippings are maintained in a neat and attractive manner in accordance with the Community-Wide Standard.

Each Owner shall maintain its Lot in a neat and orderly condition throughout initial construction of a residential dwelling and not allow trash or debris from its activities to be carried by the wind or otherwise scattered within the Properties. Storage of construction materials on the Lot shall be subject to such conditions, rules, and regulations as may be set forth in the Residential Design Guidelines. Each Owner shall keep roadways, easements, swales, and other portions of the Properties clear of silt, construction materials and trash from its activities at all times. Trash and debris during initial construction of a residential dwelling shall be contained in standard size dumpsters or other appropriate receptacles and removed regularly from Lots and shall not be buried or covered on the Lot. Any Lot on which construction is in progress shall be inspected by the Owner thereof prior to each weekend, and during the weekend all materials shall be neatly stacked or placed and any trash or waste materials shall be removed. In addition, Owners shall remove trash and debris from the Lot upon reasonable notice by Declarant in preparation for special events.

10.14 <u>Combustible Liquid</u>. There shall be no storage of gasoline, kerosene, propane, heating or other fuels, except for a reasonable amount of fuel that may be stored in containers appropriate for such purpose on each Lot for emergency purposes and operation of lawn mowers, grills and similar tools or equipment and except as may be approved in writing by the ARB. The Association shall be permitted to store fuel for operation of maintenance vehicles, generators and similar equipment.

10.15 <u>Guns</u>. The discharge of firearms on the Properties is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes without limitation "BB" guns, pellet guns, and firearms of all types. The Board may impose fines and exercise other enforcement remedies as set forth in this Declaration, but shall have no obligation to exercise self-help to prevent or stop any such discharge.

10.16 <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed after a subdivision plat including such Lot has been approved and filed in the Public Records without the Declarant's prior written consent during the Development Period and the prior written consent of the ARB thereafter. In addition, no dwelling shall be subdivided or partitioned to create housing for more than a single family. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots which it owns. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations, if any.

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10.17 <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections or driveways shall be landscaped, improved and maintained so as to permit safe sight across such areas as may be set forth in the Residential Design Guidelines or otherwise approved by the ARB. No fence, wall, hedge or shrub shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would cause a traffic or sight problem.

### 10.18 Drainage and Grading.

(a) Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No improvements, obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner or occupant may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains.

(b) Each Owner shall be responsible for controlling the natural and man-made water flow from its Lot. No Owner shall be entitled to overburden the drainage areas or drainage system within any portion of the Properties with excessive water flow from its Lot. Owners shall be responsible for all remedial acts necessary to cure any unreasonable drainage flows from Lots. Neither the Association nor the Declarant bears any responsibility for remedial actions to any Lot.

(c) Use of any areas designated as "drainage easement areas" on any recorded subdivision plat of the Properties, shall be subject to strict prohibitions against encroachment of structures into, over or across the drainage easement areas, and the right of the Declarant to enter upon and maintain the drainage easement areas. Such maintenance activities may include disturbance of landscaping pursuant to the terms contained in any declaration of easements, notwithstanding approval of the landscaping as set forth in Article 9.

(d) No Person shall alter the grading of any Lot without prior approval pursuant to Article 9 of this Declaration. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself and the Association a perpetual easement across the Properties for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow. The exercise of such an easement shall not materially diminish the value of or unreasonably interfere with the use of any Lot without the Owner's consent.

(e) All Persons shall comply with any and all applicable federal, state, county and city erosion control ordinances and regulations in construction of improvements on any Lot and, where required, shall maintain silt fencing and vegetative and structural sediment control and collection devices.

(f) All Persons shall comply with any and all applicable state or county ground disturbance laws, including, but not limited to Chapter 9 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, specifically O.C.G.A. §25-9-6, also referred to as the "Call-Before-You-Dig" law.

10.19 <u>Irrigation</u>. Owners shall not install sprinkler or irrigation systems which draw upon ground or surface waters nor from any Detention Pond, pond, water quality facility or any other body of water within the Properties. However, the Declarant and the Association shall have the right to draw water from such sources for the purpose of irrigating the Area of Common Responsibility.

10.20 <u>Lakes and Other Bodies of Water</u>. All lakes, ponds, streams, and other bodies of water within the Properties, if any, shall be used only in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted and published by the Board. Use of any motorized or gasoline powered boats on any of the lakes or other bodies of water within the Properties shall be prohibited. The Association shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of lakes, ponds, streams, and other bodies of water within the Properties. In addition, the Association shall not be responsible for maintaining, increasing or decreasing the water level within

any lake or other body of water or removing vegetation from any lake or other body of water. Except as designated by the Declarant, no trails or pathways shall be established along the perimeter of any lake, pond or other body of water. With the exception of any community dock constructed on behalf of the Association, no docks, piers, or gazebos shall be constructed, attached or floated upon or adjacent to any lake, pond, or other body of water.

10.21 <u>Wetlands</u>. All areas designated on a recorded plat as "wetlands" shall be generally left in a natural state, and any proposed alteration of the wetlands must be in accordance with any restrictions or covenants encumbering such property and be approved by all appropriate regulatory bodies. Prior to any alteration of a Lot, the Owner shall determine if any portion thereof meets the requirements for designation as a regulatory wetland. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section, the Declarant, the Association, and the successors, assigns, affiliates and designees of each may conduct such activities as have been or may be permitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or any successor thereof responsible for the regulation of wetlands.

### ARTICLE 11: EASEMENTS

Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates, and declares the non-exclusive, perpetual easements set forth herein for the enjoyment of the Declarant, the Association, the Members, the Owners, and their successors-in-title.

11.1 <u>Easements of Encroachment</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements of encroachment, and for maintenance and use of any permitted encroachment, between adjacent Lots and between each Lot and any adjacent Common Area due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of these restrictions) to a distance of not more than three (3) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary along a line perpendicular to such boundary. However, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of, or with the knowledge and consent of, the Person claiming the benefit of such easement.

### 11.2 Easements for Utilities, Etc.

(a) Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements, for itself during the Development Period, for the Association, and the designees of each (which may include, without limitation, any governmental or quasi-governmental entity and any utility company) perpetual non-exclusive easements upon, across, over, and under all of the Properties (but not through a structure, existing or proposed) to the extent reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, constructing, monitoring, replacing, repairing, maintaining, operating and removing cable, digital or similar television systems, master television antenna systems, and other devices for sending or receiving data and/or other electronic signals; security and similar systems; roads, walkways, pathways and trails; ponds, wetlands, irrigation, and drainage systems; street lights and signage; and all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, telephone, gas and electricity systems, lines and meters; and an easement for access of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, across, and through the Properties, as necessary, to exercise the easements described above.

Declarant may assign to any local water supplier, sewer service provider, electric company, telephone company, natural gas supplier, Internet service provider, cable television/satellite service provider and/or utility sub-metering company the easements set forth herein across the Properties for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, inspecting, repairing, and maintaining utility lines, poles, wires, transformers, service pedestals, meters, boxes and other necessary apparatus, fixtures and

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appliances as applicable. In addition, Declarant may assign to any garbage collection company, including any municipally-operated garbage collection service, the easements set forth herein across the Properties, including the Private Streets, for ingress, egress and collection of garbage from Lots.

(b) Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself during the Development Period and its designees non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements, and the non-exclusive right and power to grant such specific easements as may be necessary, in the sole discretion of Declarant, in connection with the orderly development of any property described on Exhibits "A" or "B."

(c) Any damage to a Lot resulting from the exercise of the easements described in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall promptly be repaired by, and at the expense of, the Person exercising the easement. Nothing contained herein shall obligate the Declarant, the Association or the Board to pursue legal recourse against any Person damaging a Lot or any portion thereof as a result of the exercise of this easement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Person exercising its easement rights, the Association may repair such damage and assess the costs as set forth in Article 8 of this Declaration. The exercise of these easements shall not extend to permitting entry into the structures on any Lot, nor shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Lot, and except in an emergency, entry onto any Lot shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or occupant.

(d) Declarant reserves unto itself the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the request of any Person holding, or intending to hold, an interest in the Properties, or at any other time, (i) to release all or any portion of the Properties from the burden, effect, and encumbrance of any of the easements granted or reserved under this Section, or (ii) to define the limits of any such easements.

11.3 <u>Easements to Serve Additional Property</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant easements for itself and its duly authorized successors and assigns, including without limitation, successors-in-title, agents, representatives, and employees, successors, assigns, licensees, and mortgagees, an easement over the Common Area for the purposes of enjoyment, use, access, and development of the Additional Property, whether or not such property is made subject to this Declaration. This easement includes, but is not limited to, a right of ingress and egress over the Common Area for construction of roads, for the posting of signs, and for connecting and installing utilities serving the Additional Property. Declarant agrees that it and its successors or assigns shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Common Area as a result of vehicular traffic connected with development of the Additional Property.

11.4 <u>Easement for Entry</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant easements for the Association to enter upon any Lot for emergency, security, and safety reasons. Such right may be exercised by any member of the Board, the Association's officers, committee members, agents, employees and managers of the Association, and by all police officers, fire fighters, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Lot shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This easement includes the right to enter any Lot to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of fire, slope erosion, immediate risk of personal injury, or other hazard if an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a reasonable time after request by the Board, but shall not authorize entry into any dwelling without permission of the Owner, except by emergency personnel acting in their official capacities. Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass.

## 11.5 Easements for Maintenance and Enforcement.

(a) Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant rights and easements for the Association to enter all portions of the Properties, including each Lot, but excluding the interior of any residential dwelling located thereon, to (i) perform its maintenance responsibilities under Article 5, and (ii) make inspections to ensure compliance with the Governing Documents. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Lot shall be only during reasonable hours. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, and any damage shall be repaired by the Association at its expense.

(b) The Declarant also reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares nonexclusive perpetual, appurtenant rights and easements for each Owner, occupant, or authorized agent of an Owner or occupant to enter those portions of the Properties, including each Lot, but excluding the interior of any residential dwelling located thereon, as reasonably necessary due to the close proximity of the dwellings located thereon, to perform its maintenance responsibilities under Article 5. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Lot shall be only after providing the Owner or occupant of the Lot at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice and shall occur during reasonable hours. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to the burdened property. The Owner, occupant, or authorized agent of an Owner or occupant using this easement shall indemnify the Owner of the burdened property against all claims or damage resulting from use of this easement, including without limitation any damage to improvements, which damage shall be repaired by the Owner, occupant, or authorized agent of an Owner or occupant responsible for the damage at his or her expense. Each Owner and/or occupant shall cooperate with each and every other Owner and/or occupant for purposes of this easement.

(c) The Association also may enter a Lot, excluding the interior of any residential dwelling, to abate or remove, using such measures as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates the Governing Documents. All costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, may be assessed against the violator as a Specific Assessment.

(d) Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass, and prior notice to the Owner shall not be required except as provided in Section 5.2.

11.6 <u>Easements for Detention Pond, Water Quality Facilities Maintenance and Flood Water</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself and its successors, assigns and designees and the Association the nonexclusive, perpetual, appurtenant right and easement, but not the obligation, to enter upon any portion of the Properties upon which a water quality facility is located or upon any Detention Pond located within the Area of Common Responsibility, regardless of whether such water quality facilities or Detention Ponds are situated upon the Common Area or within a Lot, to (a) install, keep, maintain, and replace water quality facilities, pumps, and irrigation systems in order to provide water for the irrigation of any of the Area of Common Responsibility; (b) draw water from such sources for purposes of irrigation; (c) construct, maintain, and repair any water quality facility, bulkhead, wall, dam, or other structure retaining water; and (d) remove trash and other debris therefrom and fulfill maintenance responsibilities as provided in this Declaration. The Declarant, the Association, and their designees shall have an access easement over and across any of the Properties abutting or containing any portion of any detention pond to the extent reasonably necessary to exercise their rights under this Section.

Declarant further reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself and its successors, assigns and designees, and the Association the non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant right and easement of access and encroachment over the Common Area and Lots (but not the dwellings

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thereon) adjacent to or within twenty (20) feet of any Detention Ponds in order to (a) temporarily flood and back water upon and maintain water over such portions of the Properties; (b) fill, drain, dredge, deepen, clean, fertilize, dye, and generally maintain, including, but not limited to the reasonable removal of trees, vegetation, grass and weeds, as needed, the detention ponds within the Area of Common Responsibility; (c) maintain and landscape the slopes and banks pertaining to such ponds; (d) disturb existing landscaping; and (e) pile dirt and plant materials upon such areas. All persons entitled to exercise these easements shall use reasonable care in, and repair any damage resulting from the intentional exercise of such easements. All affected areas shall be restored to a neat and attractive condition to the extent practical, as soon as reasonably possible after completion of any construction or maintenance activities authorized in this Declaration. Nothing herein shall be construed to make Declarant or any other Person liable for damage resulting from flooding due to heavy rainfall or other natural disasters.

Declarant reserves unto itself the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the request of any Person holding, or intending to hold, an interest in the Properties, or at any other time, (a) to release all or any portion of the Properties from the burden, effect, and encumbrance of any of the easements granted or reserved under this Section, or (b) to define the limits of any such easements.

11.7 <u>Easement for Drainage</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself and its successors, assigns and designees and the Association the right and easement to create and maintain satisfactory drainage across each Lot; provided however such easement area shall not include any portion of a Lot upon which the foundation of a dwelling is located. This easement shall include the right to construct and maintain catch basins, retention ponds, a Detention Pond, drainage swales, storm sewers, storm drains, sloping banks, cut or fill. Neither the Declarant, the Association or any Owner constructing according to plans and specifications approved under Article 9 hereof and by the appropriate governmental authority shall have any liability to Owner due to the increased flow or increased velocity of surface water resulting from approved construction on a Lot.

11.8 <u>Easement for Walking Trail Access</u>. Declarant hereby grants to the Owners a perpetual, non-exclusive easement over and across any areas designated as "walking trails" or "paths" on any recorded subdivision plat of the Properties. Use of such walking trails or paths shall be governed by reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by the Association.

11.9 <u>Easements for Courtyards</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for each Owner of a Courtyard Home the following easements.

(a) <u>Encroachment</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements of encroachment, and for maintenance and use of any permitted encroachment, between adjacent Courtyard Homes and between each Courtyard Home and any adjacent Common Area due to requirements for stabilization of improvements such as walls permitted to be constructed pursuant to Article 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11.1, the encroachment may exceed three (3) feet, so long as the encroachment is in conjunction with improvements made and approved pursuant to Article 9. In no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred in violation of Article 9 and due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of, or with the knowledge and consent of, the Person claiming the benefit of such easement.

(b) <u>Maintenance</u>, <u>Repair and Construction</u>. The Declarant also reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive perpetual, appurtenant rights and easements for each Owner of a Courtyard Home, occupant, or authorized agent of such Owner or occupant to enter those portions of an adjacent Lot containing a Courtyard Home, but excluding the interior of any residential dwelling located thereon, as reasonably necessary due to the close proximity of the dwellings located thereon, to perform the Owner's maintenance and repair responsibilities under Article 5, and to construct

improvements approved pursuant to Article 9. Except for such activities performed within the Courtyard Easement Areas benefiting an Owner's Lot or in emergencies, entry onto a Lot containing a Courtyard Home for the purposes set forth herein shall be only after providing the Owner or occupant of the Lot at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice and shall occur during reasonable hours. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to the encumbered property. The Owner, occupant, or authorized agent of an Owner or occupant using this easement shall indemnify the Owner of the encumbered property against all claims or damage resulting from use of this easement, including without limitation any damage to improvements, which damage shall be repaired by the Owner, occupant, or authorized agent of an Owner or occupant responsible for the damage at his or her expense. Each Owner and/or occupant shall cooperate with each and every other Owner and/or occupant for purposes of this easement.

(c) <u>Exercise of Easements</u>. In exercising the easements granted under this Section, an Owner or Owner's agent, employee or contractor shall (i) shall exercise said Owner's easement rights in a reasonable fashion and in such a manner so as not to interfere with the adjacent Courtyard Home Owner's use and enjoyment of that Owner's Courtyard Home, and (ii) shall leave the easement area over which said Owner is exercising the rights set forth herein, in the same state as which it was found, having removed any debris or maintenance equipment remaining or being employed. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, and any damage shall be repaired by the Owner or occupant responsible for the damage at his or her expense. Each Owner of a Courtyard Home shall cooperate with each and every other Owner of a Courtyard Home for purposes of the easements set forth in this Section. Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass.

11.10 <u>Lateral Support</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares nonexclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements over every portion of the Common Area, every Lot, and any improvement which contributes to the lateral support of another portion of the Common Area or of another Lot for lateral support, and each shall also have the right to lateral support which shall be appurtenant to and pass with title to such property.

11.11 <u>Easement for Use of the Private Streets</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself, the Association, the Members and the Owners, their family members, lessees, social invitees and licensees, a perpetual, non-exclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to, over and across the Private Streets. Use of the Private Streets shall be governed by reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by the Association.

11.12 <u>Easement for Use of Alleys</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself, the Association, the Members and the Owners, their family members, lessees, social invitees and licensees, a perpetual, non-exclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to, over and across any portions of the Properties designated as an "Alley" on a recorded plat thereof. Use of the alleys shall be governed by reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by the Association.

11.13 Easement for Special Events. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself, its successors, assigns and designees a perpetual, non-exclusive appurtenant easement over the Common Area for the purpose of conducting or allowing its designees to conduct educational, cultural, entertainment, promotional or sporting events, and other activities of general community interest at such locations and times as Declarant, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in a Lot, acknowledges and agrees that the exercise of this easement may result in a temporary increase in traffic, noise, gathering of crowds, and related inconveniences, and each Owner agrees on behalf of itself and the occupants of its Lot to take no action, legal or otherwise, which would interfere with the exercise of such easement or to recover damages for or as the result of any such activities.

11.14 <u>Liability for Use of Easements</u>. No Owner shall have a claim or cause of action against the Declarant, the Association, their successors or assigns, arising out of the exercise or non-exercise of any easement reserved hereunder or shown on any subdivision plat for the Properties, except in cases of willful or wanton misconduct.

## ARTICLE 12: MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders, insurers and guarantors of first Mortgages on Lots in the Properties. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the By-Laws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

12.1 <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage who provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the street address of the Lot to which its Mortgage relates, thereby becoming an "Eligible Holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:

(a) Any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Properties or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Holder;

(b) Any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such Eligible Holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) Days, or any other violation of the Declaration or By-Laws relating to such Lot or the Owner or occupant which is not cured within sixty (60) Days;

(c) Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or

(d) Any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Holders pursuant to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation requirements.

12.2 <u>No Priority</u>. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Area.

12.3 <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.

12.4 <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) Days of the date of the Association's request, provided such request is delivered to the Mortgagee by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

## ARTICLE 13: DECLARANT'S RIGHTS

13.1 <u>Transfer or Assignment</u>. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in the Governing Documents may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to the Association or to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that which the Declarant has under this Declaration or the By-Laws. Upon any such transfer, the Declarant shall be automatically released from any and all liability arising with respect to such transferred rights and obligations. No such transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Public Records.

13.2 <u>Development and Sales</u>. The Declarant and Builders authorized by Declarant may maintain and carry on the Properties such activities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the development of the Properties and/or the construction or sale of Lots, such as sales activities, tournaments, charitable events, and promotional events, and restrict Members from using the Common Area during such activities. Such activities shall be conducted in a manner to minimize (to the extent reasonably possible) any substantial interference with the Members' use and enjoyment of the Common Area. In the event that any such activity necessitates exclusion of Owners from Common Areas, such activities shall not exceed seven (7) consecutive Days. The Declarant and authorized Builders shall have easements over the Properties for access, ingress and conducting such activities.

In addition, the Declarant and Builders authorized by Declarant may establish within the Properties including any clubhouse, such facilities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the development of the Properties and/or the construction or sale of homes, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model homes, tents, sales offices, sales centers and related parking facilities. During the Development Period, Owners may be excluded from use of all or a portion of such facilities in the Declarant's sole discretion. The Declarant and authorized Builders shall have easements over the Properties for access, ingress, and egress and use of such facilities.

Declarant may permit the use of the Common Area by Persons other than Owners without the payment of any use fees.

13.3 <u>Improvements to Common Areas</u>. The Declarant and its employees, agents and designees shall also have a right and easement over and upon all of the Common Area for the purpose of making, constructing and installing such improvements to the Common Area as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

13.4 <u>Additional Covenants</u>. No Person shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, declaration of condominium, easements, or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Properties without Declarant's review and written consent. Any attempted recordation without such consent shall result in such instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by written consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the Public Records. No such instrument recorded by any Person, other than the Declarant pursuant to Section 7.4, may conflict with the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles.

13.5 <u>Right of the Declarant to Disapprove Actions</u>. Until two (2) years following the termination of the Class "B" membership, the Declarant shall have the right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association, the Board and any committee which, in the sole judgment of the Declarant, would tend to impair rights of the Declarant or Builders under the Governing Documents, or interfere with development of, construction on, or marketing of any portion of the Properties, or diminish

the level of services being provided by the Association. This right to disapprove is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any right to approve or disapprove specific actions of the Association, the Board or any committee as may be granted to the Class "B" Member or the Declarant in the Governing Documents.

(a) The Declarant shall be given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings (or by written consent in lieu of a meeting) of the Association, the Board or any committee. Such notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address the Declarant has registered with the secretary of the Association, which notice complies with the By-Laws and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the By-Laws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at such meeting. The Declarant may waive its right to receive notice in the same manner as provided in the By-Laws.

(b) The Declarant shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein. The Declarant, its representatives or agents may make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee.

(c) No action, policy or program subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein shall become effective or be implemented until and unless the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) above have been met and the time period set forth in subsection (d) below has expired.

(d) The Declarant, acting through any authorized representative, may exercise its right to disapprove at any time within ten (10) Days following the meeting at which such action was proposed or, in the case of any action taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting, at any time within ten (10) Days following receipt of written notice of the proposed action. No action, policy or program shall be effective or implemented if the Declarant exercises its right to disapprove. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions but shall not include a right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. The Declarant shall not use its right to disapprove the reduction of the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

13.6 <u>Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Declaration, no amendment to or modification of any use restrictions and/or rule contained in Article 10, the Residential Design Guidelines or the provisions contained within Article 9 shall be effective without prior notice to and the written consent of the Declarant, during the Development Period. This Article may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarant. The rights contained in this Article shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, or (b) upon recording by Declarant of a written statement that all sales activity has ceased.

### ARTICLE 14: GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 14.1 <u>Duration</u>.

(a) Unless terminated as provided in Section 14.1(b), the provisions of this Declaration shall run with, bind the Properties and remain in effect perpetually to the extent permitted by law; provided, however, so long as Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provisions of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land for so long as permitted by Georgia law. To the extent that Georgia law limits the period during which covenants may run with the land, then to the extent consistent with such law, this Declaration shall automatically be extended at the expiration of such period for successive periods of twenty (20) years

each. Notwithstanding the above, if any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by Georgia law, this Declaration may be terminated within the first twenty (20) years after the date of recording by an instrument signed by Owners of at least ninety percent (90%) of the total Lots within the Properties, which instrument is recorded in the Public Records; provided however, regardless of the provisions of Georgia law, this Declaration may not be terminated during the Development Period without the prior written consent of the Declarant. After twenty (20) years from the date of recording, this Declaration may be terminated only by an instrument signed by Owners owning at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Lots and constituting at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the total number of Owners, and by the Declarant, if the Declarant owns any portion of the Properties, which instrument complies with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §44-5-60(d) and is recorded in the Public Records. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit termination of any easement created in this Declaration without the consent of the holder of such easement.

### 14.2 <u>Amendment</u>.

(a) <u>By Declarant</u>. Until termination of the Class "B" membership, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any purpose. Thereafter, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration at any time and from time to time if such amendment is necessary (i) to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (ii) to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Lots; (iii) to enable any institutional or governmental lender, purchaser, insurer or guarantor of Mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make, purchase, insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots; or (iv) to satisfy the requirements of any local, state or federal governmental agency. However, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Lot unless the Owner shall consent in writing. In addition, during the Development Period, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose, provided the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Owner. The failure of an amendment to apply uniformly to all Lots shall not constitute a material adverse effect upon the rights of any Owner.

(b) <u>By the Board</u>. The Board shall be authorized to amend this Declaration without the consent of the Members (i) for the purpose of submitting the Properties to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. §44-3-220, *et seq.* (1994) and conforming this Declaration to any mandatory provisions thereof; (ii) to correct scrivener's errors and other mistakes of fact, provided that amendments under this provision have no material adverse effect on the rights of the Owners; and (iii) for the purpose of bringing any provision contained herein into compliance with the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, as more fully set forth in Section 14.4. During the Development Period, any such amendment shall require the written consent of the Declarant.

(c) <u>By Members</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided above and elsewhere in this Declaration, this Declaration may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members holding sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class."A" votes in the Association, and, during the Development Period, the written consent of the Declarant.

Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.

(d) <u>Validity and Effective Date</u>. Any amendment to the Declaration shall become effective upon recordation in the Public Records, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within six (6) months of its recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of this Declaration. No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant or the Class "B" Member without the written consent of the Declarant, the Class "B" Member, or the assignee of such right or privilege.

If an Owner consents to any amendment to this Declaration or the By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority to consent, and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

14.3 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any provision of this Declaration, in whole or in part, or any application of a provision of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect other provisions or applications.

14.4 Fair Housing Amendments Act. The provisions of the Governing Documents shall be subordinate to the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. § 3601, *et seq.*, (hereinafter referred to as "FHAA"), and shall be applied so as to comply with the FHAA. In the event that there is a conflict between or among the Governing Documents and the FHAA, the FHAA shall prevail. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in the event that any provision of this Declaration conflicts with the FHAA, the Board of Directors, without the consent of the Members or of the Declarant, shall have the unilateral right to amend this Declaration for the purpose of bringing this Declaration into compliance with the FHAA. Furthermore, notwithstanding Section 2.3 hereof, the Board shall have the unilateral right to assign portions of the Common Area as Exclusive Common Area or to reassign Common Area previously assigned as Exclusive Common Area to one (1) or more Owner(s) or occupant(s) should such action be required in order to make a reasonable accommodation under the FHAA.

14.5 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. It is the intent of the Association and the Declarant to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes involving the Properties and to avoid the emotional and financial costs of litigation if at all possible. Accordingly, the Association, the Declarant and each Owner covenants and agrees that it shall attempt to resolve all claims, grievances or disputes involving the Properties, including, without limitation, claims, grievances or disputes arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the Governing Documents through alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation and arbitration. To foster the amicable resolution of disputes, the Board may adopt alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Participation in alternative dispute resolution procedures shall be voluntary and confidential. Should either party conclude that such discussions have become unproductive or unwarranted, then the parties may proceed with litigation.

14.6 <u>Litigation</u>. Except as provided below, no judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of Members holding eighty percent (80%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association. This Section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens); (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided in Article 8; (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation; (d) counter-claims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it; or (e) actions brought by the Association against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods or services arising out of a contract for services or supplies to the

Association. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the percentage of votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

14.7 <u>Non-Merger</u>. Notwithstanding the fact that Declarant is the current owner of the Properties, it is the express intention of Declarant that the easements established in the Declaration for the benefit of the Properties and Owners shall not merge into the fee simple estate of individual lots conveyed by Declarant or its successor, but that the estates of the Declarant and individual lot owners shall remain as separate and distinct estates. Any conveyance of all or a portion of the Properties shall be subject to the terms and provisions of this Declaration, regardless of whether the instrument of conveyance refers to this Declaration.

14.8 <u>Grants</u>. The parties hereby declare that this Declaration, and the easements created herein shall be and constitute covenants running with the fee simple estate of the Properties. The grants and reservations of easements in this Declaration are independent of any covenants and contractual agreements undertaken by the parties in this Declaration and a breach by either party of any such covenants or contractual agreements shall not cause or result in a forfeiture or reversion of the easements granted or reserved in this Declaration.

14.9 <u>Cumulative Effect; Conflict</u>. The provisions of this Declaration shall be cumulative with any additional recorded covenants, restrictions and declarations applicable to any portion of the Properties; provided however, in the event of a conflict between or among this Declaration and such covenants, restrictions or declarations and/or the provisions of any articles of incorporation, by-laws, rules and regulations, policies or practices adopted or carried out pursuant thereto, this Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles, and rules and regulations of the Association shall prevail over those of any portion of the Properties. The foregoing priorities shall apply, but not be limited to, the lien for assessments created in favor of the Association. Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration or other recorded covenants, restrictions and declarations applicable to any portion of the Properties from containing additional covenants, restrictions or provisions which are more restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration and the Association shall have the standing and authority to enforce the same.

14.10 <u>Use of the "Woodstock Downtown Residential" Name and Logo</u>. No Person shall use the phase "Woodstock Downtown Residential" or the logo for Woodstock Downtown Residential, if any, or any derivative in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's prior written consent; however, Owners may use the phrase "Woodstock Downtown Residential" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within Woodstock Downtown Residential and the Declarant, the Association and any other community association located in Woodstock Downtown Residential shall each be entitled to use the phrase "Woodstock Downtown Residential" in their names.

14.11 <u>Compliance</u>. Every Owner and occupant of any Lot shall comply with the Governing Documents. Failure to comply shall be grounds for an action by the Association, the Declarant, or by any aggrieved Owner(s) to recover sums due, for damages or injunctive relief, or for any other remedy available at law or in equity, in addition to those enforcement powers granted to the Association in Section 4.3.

14.12 <u>Notice of Sale or Transfer of Title</u>. Any Owner desiring to sell or otherwise transfer title to a Lot shall give the Board at least seven (7) Days prior written notice of the name and address of the purchaser or transferee, the date of such transfer of title, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. After the transfer of title, the transferor shall continue to be jointly and severally responsible with the transferee for all obligations of the Owner of the Lot, including assessment

obligations, until the date upon which such notice is received by the Board, notwithstanding the transfer of title.

14.13 Exhibits. Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" attached to this Declaration are incorporated by this reference and amendment of such exhibits shall be governed by the provisions of Section 14.2. Exhibit "D" is attached for informational purposes and may be amended as provided therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Declarant has executed this Declaration this <u>L</u> day 2005. of Signed, sealed and delivered this day of **Q** in the presence of: btary Public

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My Commission Expires:

**NOTARY SEAL** EXPIRES GEORGIA AUG 23, 2007

DECLARANT:

WOODSTOCK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: Hedgewood Development, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, its Manager

[SEAL] By: W. Donnel Name: James Title:

# **OWNER CONSENT**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Owner of some or all of the tract or parcel of land described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto does hereby declare and consent, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's heirs, successors, legal representatives, successors-in-title and assigns, that from and after the date hereof the property of Owner described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto shall be owned, held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied, and encumbered subject to all of the terms, provisions, covenants, restrictions and easements contained in the Declaration. This 1st day of June ,2005. OWNER: **HEDGEWOOD PROPETIES, INC., a** Georgia corporation By: Name: nnel Title: esiden [AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL] Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of: My Commission Expires:  $O_{RGI}$ [AFFIX NOTARY SEAL] P:\Clients\2318\Owner Consent - blank.doc

### MORTGAGEE CONSENT

<u>First Cheroke. State Bonk</u> ("Lender"), beneficiary under a Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement dated <u>Line3</u>, <u>2014</u>, and recorded on <u>July 12</u>, <u>2004</u>, in the Public Records at Deed Book <u>7217</u>, Page <u>302</u> (as amended from time to time, the "Security Deed"), for itself and its successors and assigns, approves the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Woodstock Downtown Residential (the "Declaration"). Lender agrees and acknowledges that, upon recordation of the Declaration, the restrictive covenants contained in the Declaration will run with the land which serves as security for the debt evidenced by the Security Deed and further agrees that any foreclosure or enforcement of any other remedy available to Lender under the Security Deed will not render void or otherwise impair the validity of the Declaration.

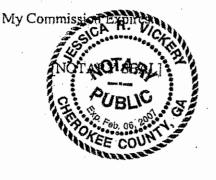
Dated: March 30 \_ 20 05.

LENDER:

By:

Signed, scaled and delivered this  $30^{14}$  day of <u>march</u>, 2005 in the presence of:

Notary Public



First Cheroke State Bonk [SEAL] Name: Title: Senior Vice Pres.

### MORTGAGEE CONSENT

CapitalSource Finance, LLC ("Lender"), beneficiary under a Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement dated June 3, 2004, and recorded on July 12, 2004, in the Public Records at Deed Book 7217, Page 324 and assigned by virtue of that certain Collateral Assignment of Loan Documents dated June 3, 2004, and recorded on July 12, 2004, in the Public Records at Deed Book 7217, Page 374 (the "Security Deed"), for itself and its successors and assigns, approves the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Woodstock Downtown Residential (the "Declaration"). Lender agrees and acknowledges that, upon recordation of the Declaration, the restrictive covenants contained in the Declaration will run with the land which serves as security for the debt evidenced by the Security Deed and further agrees that any foreclosure or enforcement of any other remedy available to Lender under the Security Deed will not render void or otherwise impair the validity of the Declaration.

Dated: April 18, 2005.

LENDER:

Title:

Signed, sealed and delivered this 18th day of April 2005 in the presence of:

My Commission Expires: 12/02/2008

[NOTARY SEAL]

a Delaware limited liability company fSEAL] By: Smith Lèe T Name: Senior Counsel

CAPITALSOURCE FINANCE, LLC,

# MORTGAGEE CONSENT

Fidelity Bank ("Lender"), beneficiary under a Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement dated February 25, 2005, and recorded on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in the Public Records at Deed Book 7825, Page 449, and a Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement dated April 21, 2005, to be recorded in the Public Records, for itself and its successors and assigns, approves the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Woodstock Downtown Residential (the "Declaration"). Lender agrees and acknowledges that, upon recordation of the Declaration, the restrictive covenants contained in the Declaration will run with the land which serves as security for the debt evidenced by the Security Deed and further agrees that any foreclosure or enforcement of any other remedy available to Lender under the Security Deed will not render void or otherwise impair the validity of the Declaration.

April 26 ,2005 Date:

Signed, sealed and delivered this day of 2005 in the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public

Commission Expires: [NOTARY SEAL] FIDELITY BANK a state banking association

LENDER:

Name: Title:

MARICLAIRE GARNER Notary Public, Fulton County, Georgia My Commission Expires March 8, 2009

# **Courtyard Homes and Courtyard Easement Areas**

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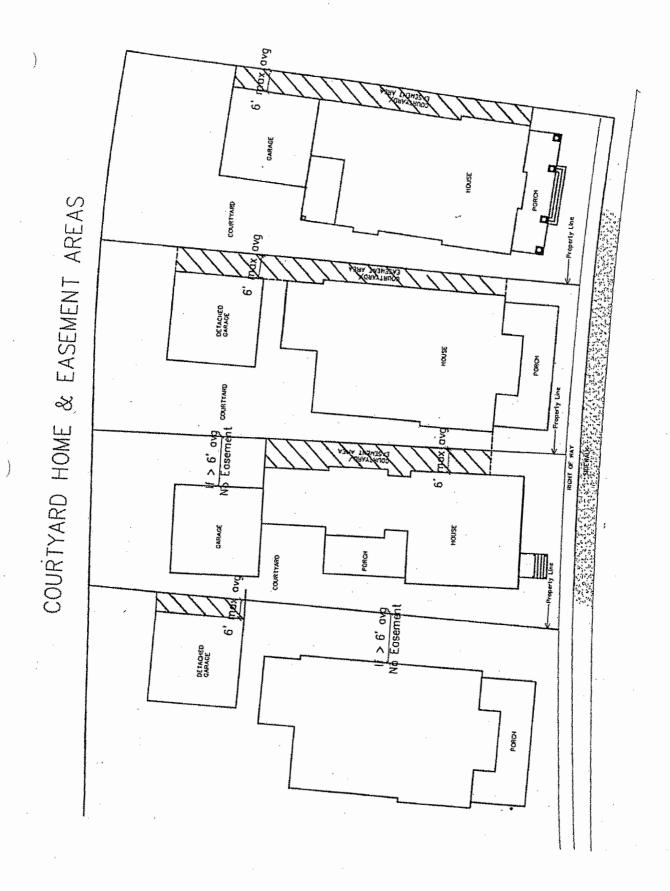


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