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**DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM REGIME  
FOR BLUFFS AT BALCONES  
(A Residential Condominium in Travis County, Texas)**

**Declarant:** SDI 2008-BLUFFS, LTD., a Texas limited partnership

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**DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM REGIME FOR  
BLUFFS AT BALCONES**

SDI 2008-BLUFFS, LTD., a Texas limited partnership ("**Declarant**"), is the owner of Lot 2, Block A, Northwest Hills Section Eleven, Phase Two, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Book 42, Page 7, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas (the "**Property**"). The Property is hereby submitted to the terms and provisions of the Texas Condominium Act, Chapter 82 of the Texas Property Code, for the purpose of creating Bluffs at Balcones.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby declared that the Property will be held sold, conveyed, leased, occupied, used, insured, and encumbered with this Declaration, including the representations and reservations of Declarant, set forth on Appendix "A", attached hereto, which will run with the Property, together with all Improvements thereon and all easements, rights, and appurtenances thereto, and be binding upon all parties having right, title, or interest in or to such property, their heirs, successors, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

**ARTICLE 1  
DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise defined in this Declaration, terms defined in Section 82.003 of the Act have the same meaning when used in this Declaration. The following words and phrases, whether or not capitalized, have specified meanings when used in the Documents, unless a different meaning is apparent from the context in which the word or phrase is used.

1.1 "**Act**" means Chapter 82 of the Texas Property Code, the Texas Uniform Condominium Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

1.2 "**Applicable Law**" means the statutes and public laws and ordinances in effect at the time a provision of the Documents is applied, and pertaining to the subject matter of the Document provision. Statutes and ordinances specifically referenced in the Documents are "**Applicable Law**" on the date of the Document, and are not intended to apply to the Property if they cease to be applicable by operation of law, or if they are replaced or superseded by one or more other statutes or ordinances.

1.3 "**Area of Common Responsibility**" means those portions of Units and Townhome Buildings that are designated, from time to time, by the Association to be maintained, repaired, and replaced by the Association, as a common expense, as if the portions were Common Elements, as shown on the Maintenance Responsibility Chart attached to this Declaration as Attachment 3.

1.4 "**Architectural Reviewer**" means Declarant during the Development Period. After expiration of the Development Period, the rights of the Architectural Reviewer will automatically be transferred to the Board.

1.5 "**Assessment**" means any charge levied against a Unit or Owner by the Association, pursuant to the Documents, the Act, or other public law, including but not limited to Regular

Assessments, Special Assessments, Utility Assessments, Individual Assessments, and Deficiency Assessments as defined in Article 6 of this Declaration.

1.6 **"Association"** means Bluffs at Balcones Condominium Community, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, the Members of which shall be the Owners of Units within the Regime. The term "Association" shall have the same meaning as the term "unit owners association" in Section 202.001(2) of the Texas Property Code. The failure of the Association to maintain its corporate charter from time to time does not affect the existence or legitimacy of the Association, which derives its authority from this Declaration, the Certificate, the Bylaws, and the Act.

1.7 **"Board"** means the Board of Directors of the Association.

1.8 **"Builder"** means a party, designated and approved by the Declarant, who constructs any General Common Elements, Limited Common Elements, Unit or any Improvement within the Regime.

1.9 **"Bylaws"** mean the bylaws of the Association, as they may be amended from time to time.

1.10 **"Certificate"** means the Certificate of Formation of the Association filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time.

1.11 **"Common Element"** means all portions of the Property save and except the Units. All Common Elements are **"General Common Elements"** except if such Common Elements have been allocated as **"Limited Common Elements"** by this Declaration for the exclusive use of one or more but less than all of the Units.

1.12 **"Community Manual"** means the community manual, adopted by the Board for the benefit of the Association as part of the initial project documentation for the Regime. The Community Manual shall include the Bylaws and Rules, and may also include such other policies governing the Association as the Board determines to be in the best interests of the Association, in its sole and absolute discretion.

1.13 **"Declarant"** means SDI 2008-BLUFFS, LTD., a Texas limited partnership. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant may, by Recorded written instrument, assign, in whole or in part, exclusively or non-exclusively, any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties under this Declaration to any Person. Declarant may also, by Recorded written instrument, permit any other Person to participate in whole, in part, exclusively or non-exclusively, in any of Declarant's privileges, exemptions, rights and duties under this Declaration.

1.14 **"Declarant Control Period"** means that period of time during which Declarant controls the operation and management of the Association, pursuant to Appendix "A" of this Declaration. The duration of Declarant Control Period is from the date this Declaration is recorded for a maximum period not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days after title to seventy-five percent (75%) of the maximum Units that may be created have been conveyed to Owners other than Declarant.

1.15 **"Declaration"** means this document, as it may be amended from time to time.



1.16 **"Development Period"** means the seven (7) year period beginning on the date this Declaration is recorded, during which Declarant has certain rights as more particularly described on Appendix "A", attached hereto, including rights related to development, construction, expansion, and marketing of the Property. The Development Period is for a term of years and does not require that Declarant own any portion of the Property. Declarant may terminate the Development Period by recording a notice of termination.

**During the Development Period, Appendix "A" has priority over the terms and provisions of this Declaration.**

1.17 **"Documents"** mean, singly or collectively as the case may be, this Declaration, the Plat and Plans, attached hereto as Attachment 1, the Certificate, Bylaws, the Community Manual, and the Rules of the Association, as each may be amended from time to time. An appendix, exhibit, schedule, or certification accompanying a Document is a part of that Document.

**The Documents are subject to amendment or modification from time to time. By acquiring a Unit in Bluffs at Balcones, you agree to comply with the terms and provisions of the Documents, as amended or modified.**

1.18 **"General Common Elements"** mean Common Elements which are not Limited Common Elements. General Common Elements refer to those portions of the Property that are designated as "GCE", "General Common Element", "General Common Area", "Common Area", or by the notation "General Common Elements", "GCE", "General Common Area", "Common Area", or "Common Areas" on Attachment 1, attached hereto.

1.19 **"Improvement"** means every structure and all appurtenances of every type and kind, whether temporary or permanent in nature, including, but not limited to, buildings, outbuildings, storage sheds, patios, recreational facilities, swimming pools, garages, driveways, parking areas and/or facilities, storage buildings, sidewalks, fences, gates, screening walls, retaining walls, stairs, patios, decks, walkways, landscaping, mailboxes, poles, signs, antennae, exterior air conditioning equipment or fixtures, exterior lighting fixtures, water softener fixtures or equipment, and poles, pumps, wells, tanks, reservoirs, pipes, lines, meters, antennas, towers and other facilities used in connection with water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone, regular or cable television, or other utilities.

1.20 **"Limited Common Elements"**, if any, mean those portions of the Property reserved for the exclusive use of one or more Owners to the exclusion of other Owners. Limited Common Elements are designated as "LCE", or "Limited Common Elements", or "Limited Common Areas" on Attachment 1, attached hereto and as provided in *Section 5.4* of this Declaration.

1.21 **"Majority"** means more than half.

1.22 **"Member"** means a member of the Association, each Member being an Owner of a Unit, unless the context indicates that member means a member of the Board or a member of a committee of the Association.

1.23 **"Mortgagee"** means a holder, insurer, or guarantor of a purchase money mortgage secured by a recorded senior or first deed of trust lien against a Unit.

1.24 **"Owner"** means a holder of recorded fee simple title to a Unit. Declarant is the initial Owner of all Units. Mortgagees who acquire title to a Unit through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through judicial or non-judicial foreclosure are Owners. Persons or entities having ownership interests merely as security for the performance of an obligation are not Owners. Every Owner is a Member of the Association.

1.25 **"Person"** shall mean any individual or entity having the legal right to hold title to real property.

1.26 **"Plat and Plans"** means the plat and plans attached hereto as Attachment 1, as changed, modified, or amended in accordance with this Declaration.

1.27 **"Property"** means Lot 2, Block A, Northwest Hills Section Eleven, Phase Two, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Book 42, Page 7, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, together with all Improvements thereon and all easements, rights, and appurtenances thereto, and includes every Unit and Common Element thereon.

1.30 **"Recorded"** means recorded in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas.

1.31 **"Regime"** means the Property, Units, General Common Elements, and Limited Common elements that comprise the condominium regime established under this Declaration.

1.32 **"Resident"** means an occupant or tenant of a Unit, regardless of whether the person owns the Unit.

1.33 **"Rules"** means rules and regulations of the Association adopted in accordance with the Documents or the Act. The initial Rules may be adopted by Declarant for the benefit of the Association.

1.34 **"Townhome"** means the attached single-family dwelling on each individually-owned Unit.

1.35 **"Townhome Building"** means the structure containing multiple Townhomes. Generally, Bluffs at Balcones has 4 or 6 Townhomes per Townhome Building. Although the Townhomes are owned individually, some components may be maintained by the Association as Areas of Common Responsibility.

1.36 **"Underwriting Lender"** means a national institutional mortgage lender, insurer, underwriter, guarantor, or purchaser on the secondary market, such as Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), or

Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), singularly or collectively. The use of this term and these institutions may not be construed as a limitation on an Owner's financing options or as a representation that the Property is approved by any institution.

1.37 "Unit" means a physical portion of the Property designated by this Declaration for separate ownership, the boundaries of which are shown on the Plat and Plans attached hereto as Attachment 1, as further described in *Section 5.2* of this Declaration.

## ARTICLE 2 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DOCUMENTS

2.1. **Subject To Documents.** The Property is held, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, occupied, used, insured, and encumbered subject to the terms, covenants, conditions, restrictions, liens, and easements of this Declaration, including Declarant's representations and reservations as set forth on Appendix "A", attached hereto, which run with the Property, bind all parties having or acquiring any right, title, or interest in the Property, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and inure to the benefit of each Owner of the Property.

2.2. **Additional Property.** Additional real property may be annexed into the Regime and subjected to the Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association on approval of Owners representing at least two-thirds of the ownership interests in the Property, or, during the Development Period, by Declarant as permitted in Appendix "A". Annexation of additional property is accomplished by the Recording of a declaration of annexation, which will include a description of the additional real property. The declaration of annexation may include a description of the Units added to the Regime.

2.3. **Recorded Easements and Licenses.** In addition to the easements and restrictions contained in this Declaration, the Property is subject to all easements, licenses, leases, and encumbrances of record, including those described in the attached Attachment 1, and any shown on a recorded plat, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Each Owner, by accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, whether or not it is so expressed in the instrument of conveyance, covenants and agrees to be bound by prior-recorded easements, licenses, leases, and encumbrances. Each Owner further agrees to maintain any easement that crosses his Unit and for which the Association does not have express responsibility.

2.4. **Common Elements.** The Common Elements of the Property consist of all of the Property, save and except the Units. The designation of Common Elements is determined by this Declaration. The Declarant may install, construct, or authorize certain Improvements on Common Elements in connection with the development of the Property, and the cost thereof is not a common expense of the Association. Thereafter, all costs attributable to Common Elements, including maintenance, insurance, and enhancements, are automatically the responsibility of the Association, unless this Declaration elsewhere provides for a different allocation for a specific Common Element. By accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, each Owner is deemed: (i) to accept the Common Elements of the Property, and any Improvement thereon, in its then-existing condition; (ii) to acknowledge the authority of the Association,

acting through its Board of Directors, for all decisions pertaining to the Common Elements; (iii) to acknowledge that transfer of a Common Element's title (if any) to the Association by or through the Declarant is a ministerial task that does not require acceptance by the Association; and (iv) to acknowledge the continuity of maintenance of the Common Elements, regardless of changes in the Association's Board of Directors or management.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS**

3.1. **General.** In addition to other easements, rights and restrictions established by the Documents, the Property is subject to the easements, rights and restrictions contained in this Article.

3.2. **Owner's Easement of Enjoyment.** Every Owner is granted a right and easement of enjoyment over the General Common Elements and to use of Improvements therein, subject to other limitations, rights and easements contained in the Documents. An Owner who does not occupy a Unit delegates this right of enjoyment to the Residents of his Unit, and is not entitled to use the General Common Elements.

3.3. **Owner's Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Easement.** Each Owner is hereby granted an easement over and across any adjoining Unit, Common Elements and Areas of Common Responsibility to the extent reasonably necessary to maintain, repair and replace such Owner's Unit, the Townhome and other Improvements constructed therein, including but not limited to wires, conduit, cables and pipes that exclusively serve such Owner's Unit, subject to the consent of the Owner of the adjoining Unit, or the consent of the Association in the case of Common Elements and/or Areas of Common Responsibility, and provided that the Owner's use of the easement granted hereunder does not damage or materially interfere with the use of the adjoining Unit, Common Elements, or Areas of Common Responsibility. Requests for entry into an adjoining Unit must be made to the Owner of such Unit in advance. The consent of the adjoining Unit Owner may not be withheld so long as access is reasonable and necessary to maintain, repair and replace such Owner's Unit, the Townhome and other Improvements constructed therein; however, the adjoining Unit Owner may require that access to its Unit be limited to Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., and then only in conjunction with actual maintenance activities. Access to the Common Elements or any portion of the Areas of Common Responsibility for the purpose of maintaining any Unit must be approved in advance and in writing by the Board. The consent of the Board may not be withheld so long as access is reasonable and necessary to maintain, repair and replace such Owner's Unit, the Townhome and other Improvements constructed therein; however, the Board may require that access to the Common Elements and Areas of Common Responsibility be limited to Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., and then only in conjunction with actual maintenance activities. In addition, the Board may require that the Owner abide by additional reasonable rules with respect to use and protection of the Common Elements and Areas of Common Responsibility during any such maintenance. If an Owner

damages an adjoining Unit, Common Element or an Area of Common Responsibility in exercising the easement granted hereunder, the Owner will be required to restore the damaged property to the condition which existed prior to any such damage, at such Owner's expense, within a reasonable period of time.

3.4. **Owner's Ingress/Egress Easement.** Each Owner is hereby granted a perpetual easement over the Property, as may be reasonably required, for vehicular and pedestrian ingress to and egress from his Unit or the Limited Common Elements assigned thereto.

3.5. **Owner's Encroachment Easement.** Every Owner is granted an easement for the existence and continuance of any encroachment by his Unit on any adjoining Unit or Common Element now existing or which may come into existence hereafter, as a result of construction, repair, shifting, settlement, or movement of any portion of a building, or as a result of condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, so that the encroachment may remain undisturbed so long as the Improvement stands.

3.6. **Easement Of Cooperative Support.** Each Owner is granted an easement of cooperative support over each adjoining Unit and Limited Common Element assigned thereto as needed for the common benefit of the Property, or for the benefit of Units in a building, or Units that share any aspect of the Property that requires cooperation. By accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, each Owner: (i) acknowledges the necessity for cooperation in a condominium; (ii) agrees to try to be responsive and civil in communications pertaining to the Property and to the Association; (iii) agrees to provide access to his Unit and Limited Common Elements when needed by the Association to fulfill its duties; and (iv) agrees to try refraining from actions that interfere with the Association's maintenance and operation of the Property.

3.7. **Association's Access Easement.** Each Owner, by accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, whether or not it is so expressed in the instrument of conveyance, grants to the Association an easement of access and entry over, across, under, and through the Property, including without limitation, all Common Areas and the Owner's Unit and all Improvements thereon for the following purposes:

- (i) To perform inspections and/or maintenance that is permitted or required of the Association by the Documents or by Applicable Law.
- (ii) To perform maintenance that is permitted or required of the Owner by the Documents or by Applicable Law, if the Owner fails or refuses to perform such maintenance.
- (iii) To enforce the Documents, including without limitation, the architectural standards (after expiration or termination of the Development Period) and use restrictions.

- (iv) To exercise self-help remedies permitted by the Documents or by Applicable Law.
- (v) To respond to emergencies.
- (vi) To grant easements to utility providers as may be necessary to install, maintain, and inspect utilities serving any portion of the Property.
- (vii) To perform any and all functions or duties of the Association as permitted or required by the Documents or by Applicable Law.

3.8. **Utility Easement.** The Declarant (during the Development Period) and the Association (with written consent of the Declarant during the Development Period) may grant permits, licenses, and easements over the Common Elements for utilities, and other purposes reasonably necessary for the proper operation of the Regime. Declarant (during the Development Period) and the Association (with written consent of the Declarant during the Development Period) may grant easements over and across the Units and Common Elements to the extent necessary or required to provide utilities to Units; provided, however, that such easements will not unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit for residential purposes. Utilities may include, but are not limited to, water, sewer, trash removal, electricity, gas, telephone, master or cable television, and security.

**NOTICE**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ENTITLED "SECURITY" AND "INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY". THE PROVISIONS LIMIT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND ACTIVITIES.**

3.9. **Security.** The Association may, but is not obligated to, maintain or support certain activities within the Property designed, either directly or indirectly, to improve safety in or on the Property. Each Owner and Resident acknowledges and agrees, for himself and his guests, that Declarant, the Association, and their respective directors, officers, committees, agents, and employees are not providers, insurers, or guarantors of security within the Property. Each Owner and Resident acknowledges and accepts as his sole responsibility to provide security for his own person and property, and assumes all risks for loss or damage to same. Each Owner and Resident further acknowledges that Declarant, the Association, and their respective directors, officers, committees, agents, and employees have made no representations or warranties, nor has the Owner or Resident relied on any representation or warranty, express or implied, including any warranty of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, relative to any fire, burglary, and/or intrusion systems recommended or installed, or any security measures undertaken within the Property. Each Owner and Resident acknowledges and agrees that Declarant, the Association, and their respective directors, officers, committees, agents, and employees may not be held liable for any loss or damage by

reason of any failure to provide adequate security or the ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken.

3.10. **Injury to Person or Property.** Neither the Association nor Declarant, or their respective directors, officers, committees, agents, and employees have a duty or obligation to any Owner, Resident or their guests: (i) to supervise minor children or any other person; (ii) to fence or otherwise enclose any Limited Common Element, General Common Element, or other Improvement; or (iii) to provide security or protection to any Owner, Resident, or their guests, employees, contractors, and invitees from harm or loss. By accepting title to a Unit, each Owner agrees that the limitations set forth in this section are reasonable and constitute the exercise of ordinary care by the Association and Declarant. Each Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Association and Declarant, and Declarant's agents from any claim of damages, to person or property arising out of an accident or injury in or about the Regime to the extent and only to the extent caused by the acts or omissions of such Owner, his tenant, his guests, employees, contractors, or invitees to the extent such claim is not covered by insurance obtained by the Association at the time of such accident or injury.

3.11. **Easement to Inspect and Right To Correct.** During the Development Period and for a period of 10 years thereafter, Declarant reserves for itself and for each Builder the right, but not the duty, to inspect, monitor, test, redesign, correct, and relocate any structure, Improvement, or condition that may exist on any portion of the Property, including the Units, and a perpetual nonexclusive easement of access throughout the Property to the extent reasonably necessary to exercise this right. The party exercising such rights will promptly repair, at its sole expense, any damage resulting from the exercise of this right. By way of illustration but not limitation, relocation of mechanical or electrical facilities may be warranted by a change of circumstance, imprecise siting of the original facilities, or the desire or necessity to comply more fully with public codes and ordinances. This Section may not be construed to create a duty for Declarant, the Association, or any Builder and may not be amended without Declarant's written and acknowledged consent. In support of this reservation, each Owner, by accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, hereby grants to Declarant and each Builder an easement of access and entry over, across, under, and through the Property, including without limitation, all Common Elements and the Owner's Unit and all Improvements thereon for the purposes contained in this Section.

3.12. **Parking.** Declarant reserves the right to designate and assign portions of the General Common Elements as parking for the exclusive use of any Owner or for visitor parking. Any parking spaces not specifically designated by the Declarant for the exclusive use of an Owner of a Unit will be under the exclusive control and administration of the Declarant until such time as the Declarant no longer owns any Unit within the Regime. The Association may thereafter assign parking spaces to any Owner or may use such parking spaces in a manner determined by the Board, but subject to any assignment previously made by the Declarant. Any designation and assignment of General Common Elements as parking will be memorialized by a written "assignment of parking" executed by an authorized representative

of the Declarant (or the Association if Declarant no longer owns any Units within the Regime) which shall identify the parking space(s) and the Unit assigned thereto. The assignment shall be made a part of the corporate records of the Association, will be considered an agreement between the Association and such Owner with regard to use of the parking spaces so assigned, and may not be terminated or modified without the consent of the Declarant (or a majority of the Board if Declarant no longer owns any Units within the Regime) and the owner of the Unit to which the parking space was assigned. The Declarant may be required periodically to re-allocate parking to comply with the site plan approved for the Property.

3.13. **Restriction on Transfer of Units.** Unless otherwise approved in advance by Declarant during the Development Period, no Owner may offer a Unit for sale or advertise or otherwise market or attempt to market a Unit for sale in any way until the earlier to occur of: (i) twelve (12) months after the date on which such Owner acquired his Unit from the Declarant; or (ii) the date on which Declarant no longer owns any Unit within the Regime. Declarant reserves the right to terminate the restrictions set forth in this *Section 3.13* by Recording a notice of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following Unit conveyances will not be subject to the resale restriction set forth in this Section:

3.13.1. **Conveyance to the Association.** Any conveyance to the Association or its successors or assignees.

3.13.2. **Conveyance to or from Declarant.** Any conveyance to or from Declarant or its successor or assignee.

3.13.3. **Exempt Family or Related Conveyances.** Any conveyance, whether outright or in trust, that is for the benefit of the Owner making such conveyance or his or her relatives, but only if there is no more than nominal consideration for such conveyance. For the purposes of this exclusion, the relatives of an Owner shall include all lineal descendants of any grandparent of the Owner, and the spouses of the descendants. Any person's stepchildren and adopted children shall be recognized as descendants of that person for all purposes of this exclusion.

3.13.4. **Exemption for Conveyances on Death.** Any conveyance or change of interest by reason of death, whether provided for in a will, trust or decree of distribution.

3.13.5. **Exempt Technical Conveyances.** Any conveyance made solely for the purpose of confirming, correcting, modifying or supplementing a conveyance previously recorded.



3.13.6. Exempt Court Ordered Conveyance. Any conveyance pursuant to any decree or order of a court of record determining or vesting title, including a final order awarding title pursuant to a condemnation proceeding.

3.13.7. Exempt Conveyance to Satisfy Certain Debts. Any conveyance to secure a debt or other obligation or to release property which is security for a debt or other obligation, including conveyances in connection with foreclosure of a deed of trust or mortgage or conveyances in connection with a deed given in lieu of foreclosure.

#### **ARTICLE 4 DISCLOSURES**

This Article discloses selective features of the Regime that may not be obvious to potential Owners and Residents. Because features may change over time, no disclosure in this Article should be relied upon without independent confirmation.

4.1. Contract Services Disclosure. In connection with construction of the Property, the Units may have been wired or fitted for one or more services to be provided by vendors to the individual Unit Owners on a contract basis, such as intrusion monitoring, data, video, and phone services. In exchange for such installations, Declarant may have contracted on behalf of the Owners for a period of service to all Units. In that event, whether or not an Owner chooses to use the service, the Owner is required to pay the Unit's share of the contract for the contract period. The Association may serve as the conduit for the service fees and payments, which may be considered Regular Assessments or Individual Assessments. However, the Association is not the service provider and has no responsibility or liability for the availability or quality of the service, or for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of the wires, conduits, equipment, or other fittings relating to the contract service.

4.2. Streets Within the Property. The streets located outside the Property are public streets and maintained by applicable governmental authorities. Streets or driveways within the Property are private and maintained by the Association as Common Elements or as Areas of Common Responsibility. The Association, acting through the Board has the express authority to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce the rules, regulations and procedures for use of private streets, including but not limited to: (i) identification of vehicles used by Owners and Residents and their guests; (ii) designation of parking areas and no-parking areas, and loading/unloading zones; (iii) Limitations or prohibitions on street or driveway parking; (iv) removal or prohibition of vehicles that violate applicable rules and regulations; (v) fines for violations of applicable rules and regulations.

4.3. Adjacent Thoroughfares. The Property is located adjacent to thoroughfares that may be affected by traffic and noise from time to time and may be improved and/or widened in the future.

4.4. **Zoning.** No representations are made regarding the zoning of adjacent property. The zoning and use of adjacent property may change in the future.

4.5. **Outside Conditions.** Since in every neighborhood there are conditions that different people may find objectionable, it is acknowledged that there may be conditions outside of the Property that an Owner or Resident may find objectionable, and it shall be the sole responsibility of an Owner or Resident to become acquainted with neighborhood conditions which could affect the Property and Unit.

4.6. **Construction Activities.** Declarant and/or Builders will be constructing portions of the Regime and engaging in other construction activities related to the construction of Units and Common Elements. Such construction activities may, from time to time, produce certain conditions on the Regime, including, without limitation: (a) noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, frequency or shrillness; (b) smoke; (c) noxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases; (d) obnoxious odors; (e) dust, dirt or flying ash; (f) unusual fire or explosion hazards; (g) temporary interruption of utilities; and/or (h) other conditions that may threaten the security or safety of Persons on the Regime. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Owners and Residents agree that such conditions on the Regime resulting from construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance and shall not cause Declarant or any Builder to be deemed in violation of any provision of the Declaration.

4.7. **Name of Regime.** "Bluffs at Balcones" is a commonly used phrase and may have been used by third parties in connection with many different types of real estate properties. As a result, there is a risk that one or more third parties may assert that the term "Bluffs at Balcones" or "Bluffs at Balcones Condominiums" has trademark significance and may assert claims for trademark infringement against the Declarant claiming a likelihood of confusion, and may attempt to force Declarant to change the name or recover for damages for trademark infringement. Declarant believes that it has reasonable defenses to such claims on the grounds, *inter alia*, that the term is merely descriptive, primarily geographically descriptive, and/or dilute, to the extent that no third party can claim exclusive rights in use of the term in connection with real estate development projects, including but not limited to the Regime, or that the overall circumstances of use of the term by Declarant is in different channels of commerce, such that there is no likelihood of confusion with any third party's use of the term. It is believed that due to the fact that the name is not known to be in common usage in Austin, Texas, or more generally in connection with a residential condominium community, the term "Bluffs at Balcones" cannot be lawfully appropriated as a trademark by any third party and is not protectable as a trademark under federal or state law; provided, however, that: (A) Declarant shall have no liability should the Regime be forced to change its name; (B) Declarant shall have no duty to contest any claim asserting that the name should be changed; and (C) each Owner shall, by taking title to a Unit, acknowledge that the name "Bluffs at Balcones" was in no way an inducement to purchase, to not sell after purchase, or to expend funds in detrimental reliance on the name remaining "Bluffs at Balcones". During the Declarant Control Period,

Declarant shall have the right in its sole discretion to change the name of the Regime without notice to any person.

4.8. **Encroachments.** Improvements may have been constructed on adjoining lands that encroach onto the Property. Declarant gives no representations or warranties as to property rights, if any, created by such any such encroachments.

4.9. **Budgets.** Any budgets are based on estimated expenses only without consideration for the effects of inflation and may increase or decrease significantly when the actual expenses become known.

4.10. **Light and Views.** The natural light available to and views from a Unit can change over time due to among other things, additional development and the removal or addition of landscaping. **NATURAL LIGHT AND VIEWS ARE NOT PROTECTED.**

4.11. **Schools.** No representations are being made regarding which schools may now or in the future serve the Unit.

4.12. **Sounds.** No representations are made that the Unit is or will be soundproof or that sound and/or vibrations may not be transmitted from one Unit to another or from the common elements (including, but not limited to, any amenity areas) to a Unit. Sound transmission and/or vibrations between Units and Common Elements is inherent in multi-family construction and is not a construction defect. The plumbing and concrete, tile, and hardwood surfaces and other uncovered surfaces within a Unit may transmit noise, and such noise shall not constitute a use of a unit that interferes with or causes disruption to the use and quiet enjoyment of another unit by its respective Owner and/or Resident.

4.13. **Suburban Environment.** The Property is located in a suburban environment and is adjacent to commercial property and structures. Sound and vibrations may be audible and felt from such things as sirens, whistles, horns, the playing of music, people speaking loudly, trash being picked up, deliveries being made, equipment being operated, dogs barking, construction activity, building and grounds maintenance being performed, automobiles, buses, trucks, ambulances, airplanes, trains and other generators of sound and vibrations typically found in a suburban area. In addition to sound and vibration, there may be odors (from neighboring mechanical or agriculturally oriented businesses or from restaurants, food being prepared, and dumpsters) and light (from signs, streetlights, other buildings, car headlights and other similar items) in suburban areas and these things are part of the reality of suburban living. The Units are not constructed to be totally soundproof or free from vibrations. Sounds and vibrations can also be generated from sources located within a Unit or the Common Elements including elevator motors, heating and air conditioning equipment, pump rooms, other mechanical equipment, dogs barking and the playing of certain kinds of music.

4.14. **Water Runoff.** While the drainage system for surface water runoff on the Property will be constructed in accordance with applicable governmental standards, the

Property may still be subject to erosion and/or flooding during unusually intense or prolonged periods of rain. In addition, water may pond on various portions of the Property having impervious surfaces, such as flat roof systems, terraces and balconies.

4.15. **Photography of the Property.** Declarant retains the right to obtain and use photography of the Property for publication and advertising purposes.

4.16. **Changes to Street Names and Addresses.** Declarant retains the right to change, in its sole discretion, the Property name and the street names and addresses in or within the Property including the street address of the Units before or after conveyance to any third-party.

4.17. **Plans.** Any advertising materials, brochures, renderings, drawings, and the like, furnished by Declarant and/or a Builder to Owner which purport to depict the Improvements to be constructed within the Regime or on any Unit are merely approximations and do not necessarily reflect the actual as-built conditions of the.

4.18. **Upgrades.** The cost of upgrades may not necessarily result in a commensurate increase in the value of the Unit and Improvements constructed therein.

4.19. **Unit Systems.** No representations are made that the systems in the Unit including, by way of example only, heating and air conditioning and electrical systems will operate or perform at a level or standard greater than the minimum specifications of the manufacturer. In addition, the performance and methods and practices of operating heating and cooling systems can be directly affected by the orientation and location of a room or Unit in relation to the sun. Declarant has no obligation other than to install a heating and cooling system at the Unit which has been sized and designed based on industry standards for the type and size of Unit to be constructed.

4.20. **Concrete.** Minor cracks in poured concrete, including foundations, garage floors, sidewalks, and driveways, are inevitable as a result of the natural movement of soil (expansion and contraction), shrinkage during the curing of the concrete, and settling of the building. Such minor cracking in poured concrete may not warrant repair. The Association's duty to maintain and repair foundations and other concrete or cementitious components of the building does not extend to minor or cosmetic cracking. Generally, the Association is responsible for repair of the following conditions: (i) leakage or seepage through walls or floors; (ii) cracks in concrete, masonry walls, or masonry veneer that exceed one-quarter inch in width; (iii) improper drainage of water from stoops; and (iv) pitting, scaling, or spalling of concrete work. Concrete subflooring on second and third floors of a unit is typically a non-reinforced "lightweight" concrete topping which may develop extensive cracks and disintegration as a result of normal wear and tear and the movement of the structures on which the lightweight concrete is applied. The Association is not responsible for any aspect of the lightweight concrete in any unit, regardless of the source of damage.

4.21. **Location of Utilities.** The electric meter serving a single Townhome may be located at one end of the Townhome Building. Certain wiring and conduit serving a single Townhome may be located within the Townhome and other portions of the Townhome Building in which such Townhome is located. Declarant makes no representation as to the actual location of utilities, wiring, conduit, mailboxes, street lights, fire hydrants or drainage facilities.

4.22. **Responsibility for Design and Construction.**

- (i) Each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Unit, acknowledges and agrees that the Townhome and the Townhome Building will be designed and constructed by a Builder, and will not be designed or constructed by Declarant. Declarant shall have no responsibility for relating to the design or construction of the Townhome or the Townhome Building.
- (ii) In connection with the foregoing, each Owner shall release Declarant, its partners and their respective officers, agents, directors, representatives and employees (collectively, the "**Released Parties**") from any and all claims, demands, debts, actions, causes of action, suits, personal injury, property damage, agreements, obligations, defenses, offsets and liabilities of any kind or character whatsoever known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in contract or in tort, at law or in equity, that such Owner ever had, now has, or may hereafter have (collectively, the "**Design and Construction Claims**") against the Released Parties for or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever occurring in connection the design and construction of the Townhome and the Townhome Building (collectively, the "**Release**"). **THIS RELEASE EXPRESSLY INCLUDES ANY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.**
- (iii) Each Owner shall defend, indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from and against any cause of action, claim, personal injury, property damage, obligation, liability, cost or expense, including reasonable attorneys fees, incurred, arising out of or resulting from the design and construction of the Townhome and the Townhome Building (collectively, the "**Indemnity**"). **THIS INDEMNITY EXPRESSLY INCLUDES ANY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.**
- (iv) This *Section 4.22* will not be interpreted to invalidate any express written warranty for a Unit provided to an Owner by a Builder who is also an assignee of Declarant's rights under this Declaration.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**UNITS, LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS & ALLOCATIONS**

5.1. **Initial Submitted Units and Maximum Number of Units.** The Regime initially consists of six (6) Units. During the Development Period, Declarant, as permitted in Appendix "A", has reserved the right to create a total of thirty (30) Units on the Property. To add Units to the Regime, Declarant during the Development Period may, from time to time, file an amendment to this Declaration creating such additional Units. To add additional Units to the Regime established by the Declaration, Declarant shall prepare, execute, and record an amendment to this Declaration and the Plat and Plans which amendment will: (i) assign an identifying number to each new Unit; (ii) reallocate the Common Interest Allocation among all Units then existing within the Regime; (iii) describe any additional Limited Common Elements created or designated to each new Unit; and (iv) with respect to new Units, include the information required by Section 82.055 and Section 82.059(b) of the Texas Uniform Condominium Act. No assurance is given as to the dispersion of new Units, total number of new Units, or size of such Units.

5.2. **Unit Boundaries.** The boundaries and identifying number of each Unit are shown on the Plat and Plans attached hereto as Attachment 1. The boundaries of each Unit are further described as follows:

- (i) **Lower Boundary of Unit:** The horizontal plane corresponding to the finished grade of the land within the Unit after construction of the Townhome within the dimensions shown on Attachment 1.
- (ii) **Upper Boundary of Unit:** The horizontal plane parallel to and one-hundred feet (100') above the lower boundary of the Unit.
- (iii) **Lateral Boundaries of Unit:** For the lateral boundary between Townhomes in the same Townhome Building, a plane located at the midpoint of the party wall separating each Townhome and perpendicular to the lower and upper horizontal planes, from the lower boundary of the Unit to the upper boundary of the Unit, as shown on Attachment 1. For all other lateral boundaries, a plane perpendicular to the lower and upper horizontal planes, from the lower boundary of the Unit to the upper boundary of the Unit, as shown on Attachment 1.

***Not a Typical "Condo"***

Although the Unit looks and acts more like a platted townhouse lot than a traditional "air space" condominium unit, the Unit is NEITHER a traditional platted lot NOR a metes and bounds conveyance of land. Instead, each Unit is the surface of a designated piece of land, and everything above the surface for 100 feet, and anything below the surface that serves or supports the above-surface improvements.

5.2.1. Garages. The garage that is attached to a Townhome is part of the Unit.

5.2.2. Courtyards and Balconies. Any balcony or courtyard that is attached to a Townhome is part of the Unit.

5.2.3. What the Unit Includes. Each unit includes the spaces and improvements within the above-described vertical and horizontal boundaries, including without limitation the Townhome, landscaping, driveways, sidewalks, fences, yards, utility lines and meters. In addition to the improvements within the above-described Unit, each Unit also includes improvements, fixtures, and equipment serving the Townhome or Unit exclusively, whether located within, outside, or below the Unit, whether or not attached to or contiguous with the Townhome, including but not limited to any below-grade foundation, piers, retaining walls, fence, or other structural supports; plumbing, sewerage, and utility lines, pipes, drains, and conduits; landscape irrigation and subterranean components of plant material, including roots of trees on the Unit; and any other below-grade item that serves or supports the Townhome or Unit exclusively.

5.3. Townhome Size. The space contained within the vertical and horizontal boundaries of the Unit may not be related to the size of the Townhome contained therein. Each Townhome may be marketed on the basis of a limited number of representational floorplans, each of which may be marked with a rounded and estimated size of air-conditioned space, taken from pre-construction architectural drawings. Those marketing sizes may vary from the size of the actual space contained within a Townhome. The size of a Townhome may be measured different ways for different purposes, such as for tax purposes, appraisal purposes, sales purposes, and for purposes of carpeting and paint. No single measurement is definitive for all purposes. Measurements may be of the area under roof, or the air conditioned space, or the area within the Townhome's exterior walls. The Townhome's partition wall cavities and/or its perimeter wall cavities may or may not be included. The Townhome's garage, balcony, attic, and/or front porch may or may not be included.

5.4. Additional Information to Interpret Unit Boundaries. In the event that there is a conflict between the boundaries of a Unit as described in this Section and as shown on the Plat and Plans, this Section shall control. It is the express intent of the Declarant that the property described as being part of a Unit shall for all purposes herein be treated as and constitute a lawfully described "Unit" as that term is defined in the Act. In the event that there is a final judicial determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the boundaries of a Unit or any portion thereof are so indefinite and vague so as to not create a legally constituted "Unit" within the meaning of the Act, then that portion of the Unit that has not been adequately described shall be severed from the property deemed a part of the Unit (if the remainder of the Unit, excluding the severed portion thereof, constitutes a properly described "Unit" under the Act) and shall thereafter be deemed to be Limited Common Elements reserved to the exclusive use of said Unit, subject to the rights and obligations of other Owners with respect to said property.

5.5. **Common Interest Allocation.** The percentage of interest in the Common Elements (the "**Common Interest Allocation**") is allocated to each Unit is set forth on **Attachment 2**. The Common Interest Allocation set forth on **Attachment 2** has been assigned to each Unit in accordance with a ratio of 1 to the total number of Units. The same formula is to be used in the event the allocated interests are reallocated as a result of any increase or decrease in the number of Units subject to this Declaration. In the event an amendment to this Declaration is filed which reallocates the Common Interest Allocation as a result of any increase or decrease in the number of Units, the reallocation will be effective on the date such amendment is recorded in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas.

5.6. **Common Expense Liabilities.** The percentage of liability for common expenses allocated to each Unit and levied pursuant to *Article 6* is equivalent to the Common Interest Allocation assigned to the Unit.

5.7. **Votes.** One (1) vote is allocated to each Unit. The one vote appurtenant to each Unit is weighted equally for all votes, regardless of the other allocations appurtenant to the Unit. In other words, the one vote appurtenant to each Unit is uniform and equal to the vote appurtenant to every other Unit.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS**

6.1. **Purpose of Assessments.** The Association will use Assessments for the general purposes of preserving and enhancing the Regime, and for the benefit of Owners and Residents, including but not limited to maintenance of real and personal property, management, and operation of the Association, and any expense reasonably related to the purposes for which the Property was developed. If made in good faith, the Board's decision with respect to the use of Assessments is final.

6.2. **Personal Obligation.** An Owner is obligated to pay Assessments levied by the Board against the Owner or the Owner's Unit. Payments are made to the Association at its principal office or at any other place the Board directs. Payments must be made in full regardless of whether an Owner has a dispute with the Association, another Owner, or any other person or entity regarding any matter to which this Declaration pertains. No Owner may exempt himself from his Assessment liability by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the Common Elements or by abandonment of his Unit. An Owner's obligation is not subject to offset by the Owner, nor is it contingent on the Association's performance of the Association's duties. Payment of Assessments is both a continuing affirmative covenant personal to the Owner and a continuing covenant running with the Unit.

6.3. **Types of Assessments.** There are five (5) types of Assessments: Regular, Special, Utility, Individual, and Deficiency Assessments.



6.4. **Regular Assessments.**

6.4.1. **Purpose of Regular Assessments.** Regular assessments are used for common expenses related to the recurring, periodic, and anticipated responsibilities of the Association, including but not limited to:

- (i) Maintenance, repair, and replacement, as necessary, of the Common Elements, and Improvements, equipment, signage, and property owned by the Association.
- (ii) Maintenance, repair, and replacement, as necessary, of the Area of Common Responsibility.
- (iii) Maintenance examination and report, as required by *Article 9*.
- (iv) Utilities billed to the Association.
- (v) Services obtained by the Association and available to all Units.
- (vi) Taxes on property owned by the Association and the Association's income taxes.
- (vii) Management, legal, accounting, auditing, and professional fees for services to the Association.
- (viii) Costs of operating the Association, such as telephone, postage, office supplies, printing, meeting expenses, and educational opportunities of benefit to the Association.
- (ix) Insurance premiums and deductibles.
- (x) Contributions to the reserve funds.
- (xi) Any other expense which the Association is required by law or the Documents to pay, or which in the opinion of the Board is necessary or proper for the operation and maintenance of the Regime or for enforcement of the Documents.

6.4.2. **Annual Budget-Regular.** The Board will prepare and approve an annual budget with the estimated expenses to be incurred by the Association for each fiscal year. The budget will take into account the estimated income and common expenses for the year, contributions to reserve funds, and a projection for uncollected receivables. The Board will make the budget or a summary of the budget available to the Owner of each Unit, although failure to receive a budget or budget summary will not affect

an Owner's liability for Assessments. The Board will provide copies of the budget to Owners who make written request and pay a reasonable copy charge.

6.4.3. Basis of Regular Assessments. Regular Assessments will be based on the annual budget, minus estimated income from sources other than Regular Assessments. Each Unit will be liable for its allocated share of the annual budget. If the Board does not approve an annual budget or fails to determine new Regular Assessments for any year, or delays in doing so, Owners will continue to pay the Regular Assessment as last determined.

6.4.4. Supplemental Increases. If during the course of a year the Board determines that Regular Assessments are insufficient to cover the estimated common expenses for the remainder of the year, the Board may increase Regular Assessments for the remainder of the fiscal year in an amount that covers the estimated deficiency.

6.5. Special Assessments. In addition to Regular and Utility Assessments, the Board may levy one or more Special Assessments against all Units for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, common expenses not anticipated by the annual budget or reserve funds. Special Assessments may be used for the same purposes as Regular Assessments. Special Assessments do not require the approval of the Owners, except that Special Assessments for the following purposes must be approved by at least a majority of the votes in the Association: (i) acquisition of real property; and (ii) construction of additional Improvements within the Regime (excluding the repair or replacement of existing Improvements or the construction of additional Improvements by the Declarant or Builder). Special Assessments are allocated among the Units in the same manner as Regular Assessments.

6.6. Utility Assessments. This Section applies to utilities serving the individual Units and consumed by the Residents that are billed to the Association by the utility provider, and which may or may not be submetered by or through the Association. In addition to Regular Assessments, the Board may levy a Utility Assessment against each Unit. If the Units are submetered for consumption of a utility, the Utility Assessment will be based on the submeter reading. If the Units are not submetered, the Board may allocate the Association's utility charges among the Units by any conventional method for similar types of properties. The levy of a Utility Assessment may include a share of the utilities for the Common Elements, as well as administrative and processing fees, and an allocation of any other charges that are typically incurred in connection with utility or submetering services. The Board may, from time to time, change the method allocation, provided the same type of method or combination of methods is used for all Units.

6.7. Individual Assessments. In addition to Regular and Special Assessments, the Board may levy an individual Assessment against an Owner and the Owner's Unit. Individual Assessments may include, but are not limited to: interest, late charges, and collection costs on delinquent Assessments; reimbursement for costs incurred in bringing an Owner or the

Owner's Unit into compliance with the Documents; fines for violations of the Documents; transfer-related fees and resale certificate fees; fees for estoppel letters and project documents; insurance deductibles; sub-metered utilities serving the Unit; reimbursement for damage or waste caused by willful or negligent acts of the Owner, the Owner's guests, invitees or Residents of the Owner's Unit; common expenses that benefit fewer than all of the Units, which may be assessed according to benefit received; fees or charges levied against the Association on a per-Unit basis; and "pass through" expenses for services to Units provided through the Association and which are equitably paid by each Unit according to benefit received.

6.8. **Deficiency Assessments.** The Board may levy a Deficiency Assessment against all Units for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of repair or restoration for General Common Elements if insurance proceeds or condemnation awards prove insufficient. Deficiency Assessments are allocated among all Units in the same manner as Regular Assessments.

6.9. **Working Capital Fund.** Upon the transfer of a Unit (including both transfers from Declarant to the initial Owner, and transfers from one Owner to a subsequent Owner), a working capital fee in an amount equal to two (2) months of Regular Assessments will be paid by the transferee of the Unit to the Association for the Association's working capital fund. Upon termination of the Development Period (and only at such time), the Board will be permitted to modify any working capital fund assessment payable on the transfer of a Unit. Each working capital contribution will be collected upon the conveyance of the Unit from one Owner (including Declarant) to another (expressly including any re-conveyances of the Unit upon resale or transfer thereof). Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the following transfers will not be subject to the working capital contribution: (i) foreclosure of a deed of trust lien, tax lien, or the Association's assessment lien; (ii) transfer to, from, or by the Association; (iii) voluntary transfer by an Owner to one or more co-owners, or to the Owner's spouse, child, or parent. Contributions to the fund are not advance payments of Regular Assessments and are not refundable. Declarant may not use working capital fees collected hereunder to pay operational expenses of the Association until the Declarant Control Period terminates.

6.10. **Due Date.** Regular Assessments are due on the first calendar day of each month or on such other date as the Board may designate in its sole and absolute discretion, and are delinquent if not received by the Association on or before such date. Special, Individual, and Deficiency Assessments are due on the date stated in the notice of Assessment or, if no date is stated, within ten (10) days after notice of the Special, Individual, or Deficiency Assessment is given.

6.11. **Reserve Funds.** The Association will establish, maintain, and accumulate reserves for operations and for replacement and repair. The Association will budget for reserves and may fund reserves out of Regular Assessments.

6.11.1. **Operations Reserves.** The Association may maintain operations reserves at a level determined by the Board to be sufficient to cover the cost of operational or

maintenance emergencies or contingencies, including deductibles on insurance policies maintained by the Association.

6.11.2. Replacement & Repair Reserves-General Common Elements. The Association will maintain replacement and repair reserves at a level that anticipates the scheduled replacement or major repair of components of the General Common Elements and the Area of Common Responsibility.

6.12. Declarant's Right To Inspect And Correct Accounts. For a period of ten (10) years after termination of the Declarant Control Period, Declarant reserves for itself and for Declarant's accountants and attorneys, the right, but not the duty, to inspect, correct, and adjust the Association financial records and accounts from the formation of the Association until the termination of the Declarant Control Period. The Association may not refuse to accept any adjusting or correcting payment made by or for the benefit of Declarant. By way of illustration but not limitation, Declarant may find it necessary to recharacterize an expense or payment to conform to Declarant's obligations under the Documents or Applicable Law. This Section may not be construed to create a duty for Declarant or a right for the Association, and may not be amended without Declarant's written and acknowledged consent. In support of this reservation, each Owner, by accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, hereby grants to Declarant a right of access to the Association's books and records that is independent of Declarant's rights during the Declarant Control and Development Periods.

6.13. Association's Right To Borrow Money. The Association is granted the right to borrow money, subject to the consent of Owners representing at least a majority of the votes in the Association and the ability of the Association to repay the borrowed funds from Assessments. To assist its ability to borrow, the Association is granted the right to encumber, mortgage, or pledge any of its real or personal property, and the right to assign its right to future income, as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, provided that the rights of the lender in the pledged property are subordinate and inferior to the rights of the Owners hereunder.

6.14. Limitations of Interest. The Association, and its officers, directors, managers, and attorneys, intend to conform strictly to the applicable usury laws of the State of Texas. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Documents or any other document or agreement executed or made in connection with the Association's collection of Assessments, the Association will not in any event be entitled to receive or collect, as interest, a sum greater than the maximum amount permitted by Applicable Law. If from any circumstances whatsoever, the Association ever receives, collects, or applies as interest a sum in excess of the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law, the excess amount will be applied to the reduction of unpaid Special and Regular Assessments, or reimbursed to the Owner if those Assessments are paid in full.

6.15. **Audited Financial Statements.** The Association shall have an audited financial statement for the preceding full fiscal year of the Association prepared and made available within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Association's fiscal year-end.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**ASSESSMENT LIEN**

7.1. **Assessment Lien.** Each Owner, by accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, whether or not it is so expressed in the instrument of conveyance, covenants and agrees to pay Assessments to the Association. Each Assessment is a charge on the Unit and is secured by a continuing lien on the Unit. Each Owner, and each prospective Owner, is placed on notice that title to the Owner's Unit may be subject to the continuing lien for Assessments attributable to a period prior to the date the Unit was conveyed to such Owner. An express lien on each Unit is hereby granted and conveyed by Declarant to the Association to secure the payment of Assessments.

7.2. **Superiority of Assessment Lien.** The Assessment lien is superior to all other liens and encumbrances on a Unit, except only for: (i) real property taxes and assessments levied by governmental and taxing authorities; (ii) a recorded deed of trust lien securing a loan for construction of the original Unit; (iii) a deed of trust or vendor's lien recorded before this Declaration; or (iv) a first or senior purchase money vendor's lien or deed of trust lien recorded before the date on which the delinquent Assessment became due. The Assessment lien is superior to a lien for construction of Improvements to the Unit, regardless of when recorded or perfected. It is also superior to any recorded assignment of the right to insurance proceeds on the Unit, unless the assignment is part of a superior deed of trust lien.

7.3. **Effect of Mortgage's Foreclosure.** Foreclosure of a superior lien extinguishes the Association's claim against the Unit for unpaid Assessments that became due before the sale, but does not extinguish the Association's claim against the former Owner. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale of a superior lien is liable for Assessments coming due from and after the date of the sale, and for the Owner's pro rata share of the pre-foreclosure deficiency as a common expense.

**IF YOU FAIL TO PAY ASSESSMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION, YOU MAY  
LOSE TITLE TO YOUR UNIT IF THE ASSOCIATION FORECLOSES ITS  
ASSESSMENT LIEN AGAINST YOUR UNIT.**

7.4. **Notice and Release of Notice.** The Association's lien for Assessments is created by recordation of this Declaration, which constitutes record notice and perfection of the lien. No other recordation of a lien or notice of lien is required. However, the Association, at its option, may cause a notice of the lien to be Recorded. If the debt is cured after a notice has been recorded, the Association will record a release of the notice at the expense of the curing Owner.

The Association may require reimbursement of its costs of preparing and recording the notice before granting the release.

7.5. **Power of Sale.** By accepting an interest in or title to a Unit, each Owner grants to the Association a private power of non-judicial sale in connection with the Association's assessment lien. The Board may appoint, from time to time, any person, including an officer, agent, trustee, substitute trustee, or attorney, to exercise the Association's lien rights on behalf of the Association, including the power of sale. The appointment must be in writing and may be in the form of a resolution recorded in the minutes of a Board meeting.

7.6. **Foreclosure of Lien.** The Assessment lien may be enforced by judicial or non-judicial foreclosure. A non-judicial foreclosure must be conducted in accordance with the provisions applicable to the exercise of powers of sale as set forth in Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code, or in any manner permitted by law. In any foreclosure, the Owner will be required to pay the Association's costs and expenses for the proceedings, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The Association has the power to bid on the Unit at foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey same.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **EFFECT OF NONPAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS**

An Assessment is delinquent if the Association does not receive payment in full by the due date for Assessments established from time to time by the Board. The Association, acting through the Board, is responsible for taking action to collect delinquent Assessments. From time to time, the Association may delegate some or all of the collection procedures and remedies, as the Board in its sole discretion deems appropriate, to the Association's manager, an attorney, or a debt collector. Neither the Board nor the Association, however, is liable to an Owner or other person for its failure or inability to collect or attempt to collect an Assessment. The following remedies are in addition to and not in substitution for all other rights and remedies which the Association may have pursuant to the Documents or Applicable Law.

8.1. **Interest.** Delinquent Assessments are subject to interest from the due date until paid, at a rate to be determined by the Board from time to time, not to exceed the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the maximum permitted by law. If the Board fails to establish a rate, the rate is ten percent (10%) per annum.

8.2. **Late Fees.** Delinquent Assessments are subject to reasonable late fees, at a rate to be determined by the Board from time to time.

8.3. **Collection Expenses.** The Owner of a Unit against which Assessments are delinquent is liable to the Association for reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by the Association to collect the delinquent Assessments, including attorneys' fees and processing fees charged by the manager.

8.4. **Acceleration.** If an Owner defaults in paying an Assessment that is payable in installments, the Association may accelerate the remaining installments on ten (10) days' written notice to the defaulting Owner. The entire unpaid balance of the Assessment becomes due on the date stated in the notice.

8.5. **Suspension of Vote.** Subject to the below-described limitations, if an Owner's account has been delinquent for at least thirty (30) days, the Association may suspend the right to vote appurtenant to the Unit during the period of delinquency. Suspension does not constitute a waiver or discharge of the Owner's obligation to pay Assessments. When the Association suspends an Owner's right to vote, the suspended Owner may nevertheless participate as a Member of the Association for the following activities: (i) be counted towards a quorum; (ii) attend meetings of the Association; (iii) participate in discussion at Association meetings; (iv) be counted as a petitioner for a special meeting of the Association; and (v) vote to remove a Director and for the replacement of the removed Director. If the number of suspended Members exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the total Members (Co-Owners of a Unit constituting one member), all Members are eligible to vote. These limitations are imposed to prevent a Board from disenfranchising a large segment of the membership and to preserve the membership's right to remove and replace Directors.

8.6. **Assignment Of Rents.** Every Owner hereby grants to the Association a continuing assignment of rents to secure the payment of Assessments to the Association. If a Unit's account become delinquent during a period in which the Unit is leased, the Association may direct the tenant to deliver rent to the Association for application to the delinquent Assessments (including late fees, interest, attorney fees and processing fees), provided the Association gives the Owner notice of the delinquency, a reasonable opportunity to cure the debt, and notice of the Owner's right to a hearing before the Board. The Association must account for all monies received from a tenant and must remit to the Owner any rents received in excess of the delinquent Assessments (including late fees, interest, attorney fees and processing fees). A tenant's delivery of rent to the Association under the authority hereby granted is not a breach of the tenant's lease with the Owner and does not subject the tenant to penalties from the Owner.

8.7. **Money Judgment.** The Association may file suit seeking a money judgment against an Owner delinquent in the payment of Assessments, without foreclosing or waiving the Association lien for Assessments.

8.8. **Notice to Mortgagee.** The Association may notify and communicate with any holder of a lien against a Unit regarding the Owner's default in payment of Assessments.

8.9. **Application of Payments.** The Association may adopt and amend policies regarding the application of payments. The Association may refuse to accept partial payment, i.e., less than the full amount due and payable. The Association may also refuse to accept payments to which the payer attaches conditions or directions contrary to the Association's policy for applying payments. The Association's policy may provide that endorsement and

deposit of a payment does not constitute acceptance by the Association, and that acceptance occurs when the Association posts the payment to the Unit Owner's account.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OBLIGATIONS**

9.1. **Overview.** Generally, the Association maintains the Common Elements, and the Owner maintains his Unit and Townhome. If any Owner fails to maintain his Unit, the Association may perform the work at the Owner's expense. This Declaration permits Owners to delegate additional responsibilities to the Association by adding such responsibilities to the "Area of Common Responsibility", as defined and described below.

9.2. **Association Maintains.** The Association's maintenance obligations will be discharged when and how the Board deems appropriate. Unless otherwise provided in this Declaration, the Association maintains, repairs and replaces, as a common expense, the portions of the Property listed below, regardless of whether the portions are on Units or Common Elements:

- (i) the Common Elements;
- (ii) the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (iii) any real and personal property owned by the Association but which is not a Common Element;
- (iv) any property adjacent to the Property if maintenance of same is deemed to be in the best interests of the Association, and if not prohibited by the owner or operator of said property; and
- (v) any area, item, easement or service the maintenance of which is assigned to the Association by this Declaration or by the plat.

The Association may be relieved of all or any portion of its maintenance responsibilities herein to the extent that: (i) such maintenance responsibility is assigned to an Owner under this Declaration; (ii) such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to an Owner; or (iii) 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 determined that such maintenance is necessary or desirable.

Subject to the maintenance responsibilities herein provided, any maintenance or repair performed on or to the General Common Elements by an Owner or Resident that is the responsibility of the Association hereunder shall be performed at the sole expense of such



Owner or Resident and the Owner and Resident shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the Association even if the Association accepts the maintenance or repair.

The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to Person or property caused by the elements or by the Owner or Resident of any Unit or any other Person or resulting from any utility, rain, snow or ice which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Elements or from any pipe, drain, conduit, appliance or equipment which the Association is responsible to maintain hereunder, except for injuries or damages arising after the Owner or Resident of a Unit has put the Association on written notice of a specific leak or flow from any portion of the Common Elements and the Association has failed to exercise due care to correct the leak or flow within a reasonable time thereafter. The Association shall not be liable to any Owner or Resident of any Unit for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property, which may be stored in or upon any of the Common Elements or any Unit. The Association shall not be liable to any Owner or Resident, for any damage or injury caused in whole or in part by the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities under this Section where such damage or injury is not a foreseeable, natural result of the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities. No diminution or abatement of Assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or Improvements which are the responsibility of the Association or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law ordinance or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

9.3. **Area of Common Responsibility.** The Association, acting through its Members only, has the right but not the duty to designate, from time to time, portions of Units or Townhomes as an Area of Common Responsibility to be treated, maintained, repaired, and/or replaced by the Association as a common expense. A designation applies to every Unit and Townhome having the designated feature. The cost of maintaining components of Units or Townhomes as an Area of Common Responsibility is added to the annual budget and assessed uniformly against all Units as a Regular Assessment, unless Owners of at least a Majority of votes in the Association elect to assess the costs as Individual Assessments.

9.3.1. **Easement.** The Association is hereby granted an easement over and across each Unit, Townhome and Townhome Building to the extent necessary or convenient for the Association or its designee to maintain, repair and/or replace those portions of a Unit, Townhome, or Townhome Building which have been designated as Area of Common Responsibility.

9.3.2. **Change in Designation.** The Association may, from time to time, include additional components of Units, Townhomes and Townhome Buildings within the Area of Common Responsibility; however, in no event may the Association at any time remove from the Area of Common Responsibility components of Units, Townhomes, or

Townhome Buildings previously designated as an Area of Common Responsibility under this Declaration. Any addition to the Area of Common Responsibility must be approved by sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association. The Maintenance Responsibility Chart attached to this Declaration as Attachment 3, may be amended, restated, and published as a separate instrument. Any amended or restated Maintenance Responsibility Chart must be: (1) published and distributed to an Owner of each Unit; (2) reflected in the Association's annual budget and reserve funds; and (3) Recorded.

9.3.3. Initial Designation. On the date of this Declaration, the initial designation of components of Units, Townhomes and Townhome Buildings included in the Area of Common Responsibility is reflected on Attachment 3 of this Declaration.

9.4. Inspection Obligations.

9.4.1. Contract for Services. In addition to the Association's general maintenance obligations set forth in this Declaration, the Association shall, at all times, contract with (subject to the limitations otherwise set forth in this Declaration) or otherwise retain the services of independent, qualified, licensed individuals or entities to provide the Association with inspection services for the Area of Common Responsibility. A Guide to Association's Examination of the Area of Common Responsibility is attached to this Declaration as Attachment 4.

9.4.2. Schedule of Inspections. Such inspections shall take place at least once every two (2) years. A Guide to Association's Examination of Common Elements is attached to this Declaration as Attachment 4. The inspectors shall provide written reports of their inspections to the Association promptly following completion thereof. The written reports shall identify any items of maintenance or repair that either require current action by the Association or will need further review and analysis. The Board shall report the contents of such written reports to the Members of the Association at the next meeting of the Members following receipt of such written reports or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable and shall include such written reports in the minutes of the Association. Subject to the provisions of the Declaration below, the Board shall promptly cause all matters identified as requiring attention to be maintained, repaired, or otherwise pursued in accordance with prudent business practices and the recommendations of the inspectors.

9.4.3. Notice to Declarant. During the Development Period, the Association shall, if requested by Declarant, deliver to Declarant ten (10) days advance written notice of all such inspections (and an opportunity to be present during such inspection, personally or through an agent) and shall provide Declarant (or its designee) with a copy of all written reports prepared by the inspectors.

9.4.4. Limitation. The provisions of this Section shall not apply during the Declarant Control Period unless otherwise directed by the Declarant.

9.5. Owner Responsibility. This Declaration provides that the Association will maintain some significant components of the Units, Townhomes, and Townhome Buildings. Each Owner is responsible for maintaining such Owner's Unit, Townhome, and all Improvements constructed therein or thereon unless such portion is maintained by the Association as an Area of Common Responsibility. Each Owner's responsibility is, at all times, subject to the Architectural Reviewer's architectural control over the Property.

9.5.1. General Duties. Every Owner has the following responsibilities and obligations for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Property, subject to the architectural control requirements of *Article 10* and the use restrictions of *Article 11*:

- (i) to maintain, repair, and replace such Owner's Unit, Townhome, and all Improvements constructed therein or thereon, unless such portion is maintained by the Association as an Area of Common Responsibility;
- (ii) the routine cleaning of any yard, courtyard, porch, balcony, driveway, and sidewalk of within the Owner's Unit;
- (iii) to maintain, repair, and replace all portions of the Property for which he is responsible under this Declaration or by agreement with the Association;
- (iv) to not do any work or fail to do any work which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, would materially jeopardize the soundness and safety of the Property, reduce the value thereof, or impair any easement or real property right thereto;
- (v) to be responsible for his own willful or negligent acts and those of his or the Resident's family, guests, agents, employees, or contractors when those acts necessitate maintenance, repair, or replacement of Common Elements or the property of another Owner, or any component of the Property for which the Association has maintenance or insurance responsibility;
- (vi) to perform his or her responsibilities in such manner so as not to unreasonably disturb other Persons in other Units;
- (vii) to promptly report to the Association or its agent any defect or need for repairs for which the Association is responsible;
- (viii) to pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item that is the responsibility of the Owner but which responsibility such Owner fails

or refuses to discharge (which the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to do), or to pay for the cost of repairing, replacing, or cleaning up any item which, although the responsibility of the Association, is necessitated by reason of the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his or her family, tenants or guests, with the cost thereof to be added to and to become part of the Owner's next chargeable Assessment.

9.5.2. Foundation, Roofs and Drainage. Unless such component has been included within the Area of Common Responsibility:

- (i) The costs to maintain, repair and replace the foundation of a Townhome Building will be allocated equally among the Owners of each Townhome within such building.
- (ii) The costs to maintain, repair and replace roof of a Townhome Building will be allocated equally among the Owners of each Townhome within such building.
- (iii) The costs to maintain, repair and replace the drainage system serving a particular Townhome Building, including but not limited to gutters, downspouts, swales, and French drains, if any, will be allocated equally among the Owners of each Townhome within such building.

**SEE ATTACHMENT 3 MAINTENANCE & RESPONSIBILITY CHART!  
IF IT'S NOT AN AREA OF COMMON RESPONSIBILITY, THEN IT'S THE  
OWNER'S INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

9.6. Owner Cooperation. Since the Regime consists of attached Townhomes, certain components require cooperation among Owners in the same Townhome Building. Shared or continuous roofs, shared foundations, termite treatment and pest control in party walls, and surface water drainage are examples of components that may warrant cooperative efforts. Each Owner will endeavor to cooperate with the other Owners in a Townhome Building to effect the purposes and intent of this Article.

9.6.1. Applicability. Generally, each Owner is solely responsible for maintenance of his Townhome and Unit, except those components that are maintained by the Association as Areas of Common Responsibility. This Section applies if maintenance is the Owner's responsibility and if a particular condition affects more than one Townhome and/or if a particular repair or act of maintenance requires the participation of Owners of more than one Unit

9.6.2. Mutual Agreement. The scope of work, cost of repair, and the choice of contractor will be decided by and divided between the Owners of the Townhomes in

the Townhome Building based on any mutually agreeable allocation. If the Owners agree on everything except the allocation of costs, the expense will be shared evenly and the owner of each Unit will pay an equal share.

9.6.3. Association as Intermediary. If the Owners of Townhomes that share a Townhome Building cannot cooperate, any Owner may ask the Association to perform the required repairs and to levy Individual Assessments for reimbursement of the work. The Association may, but is not required, to respond affirmatively to such a request. The Association may perform an independent inspection and evaluation of the condition and may rely on its findings in any action taken by the Association.

9.6.4. Owner Action. If an Owner fails or refuses to pay his share of costs of repair, the other Owner or Owners in the Townhome Building may pay the entire cost while reserving a right to reimbursement. The right of an Owner to contribution from another Owner under this Section is appurtenant to such Owner's Unit and passes to such Owner's successors in title. Any Owner who advances funds for repair may: (i) request reimbursement from the Association, which may reimburse such costs and seek reimbursement from the nonpaying owner by levying an Individual Assessment against the Unit and Owner; or (ii) Record a lien for the costs advanced.

9.6.5. Dispute Resolution. If the Owners and the Association disagree about the scope of work, the nature or time of the repair, the choice of contractor, or any other aspect of the task that one owner considers essential, *Article 20* will apply. However, if the condition of the Townhome requires prompt attention to prevent further deterioration or damage, nothing in this Article may be construed to prevent an Owner from taking recommended and necessary action to protect such Owner's Unit.

9.7. Owner's Default In Maintenance. If the Board determines that an Owner has failed to properly discharge his obligation to maintain, repair, and replace items for which the Owner is responsible, the Board may give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide the necessary maintenance at Owner's expense. The notice must state, with reasonable particularity, the maintenance deemed necessary and a reasonable period of time in which to complete the work. If the Owner fails or refuses to timely perform the maintenance, the Association may do so at Owner's expense, which is an Individual Assessment (which may include interest, late fees and collection costs as described in *Article 18* below) against the Owner and his Unit. In case of an emergency, however, the Board's responsibility to give the Owner written notice may be waived and the Board may take any action it deems necessary to protect Persons or property, the cost of the action being the Owner's expense.

9.8. Mold. In the era in which this Declaration is written, the public and the insurance industry have a heightened awareness of and sensitivity to anything pertaining to mold. This Section addresses that environment. For more information about mold and mold prevention, an Owner should consult a reliable source, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

9.8.1. **Owner's Duties.** To reduce the risks associated with concentrations of mold, Owners should be proactive in preventing circumstances conducive to mold, identifying mold, and eliminating mold. Towards that end, each Owner is responsible for:

- (i) regularly inspecting his entire Townhome for evidence of water leaks or penetrations or other conditions which may lead to mold growth;
- (ii) repairing promptly any water leaks, breaks, or malfunctions of any kind in his Townhome that may cause damage to another Townhome or Common Element;
- (iii) regularly inspecting his entire Townhome for visible surface mold and promptly removing same using appropriate procedures; and
- (iv) reporting promptly to the Association any water leak, penetration, break, or malfunction in any portion of his Townhome or any adjacent Common Elements for which the Association may have maintenance responsibility.

9.8.2. **Insurance.** Many insurance policies do not cover damages related to mold. The Association may not maintain insurance coverage applicable to mold damage with respect to any Townhome. Accordingly, an Owner who wants insurance coverage with respect to mold and mold-related damages is advised to purchase such insurance coverage as part of his homeowners insurance policy.

9.9. **Warranty Claims.** If the Owner is the beneficiary of a warranty against defects of the Common Elements, the Owner irrevocably appoints the Association, acting through the Board, as his attorney-in-fact to file, negotiate, receive, administer, and distribute the proceeds of any claim against the warranty that pertains to Common Elements.

9.10. **Party Walls.** A wall located on or near the dividing line between 2 Units and intended to benefit both Units constitutes a Party Wall and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, is subject to the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence, willful acts, or omissions.

9.10.1. **Encroachments & Easement.** If the Party Wall is on one Unit or another due to an error in construction, the Party Wall is nevertheless deemed to be on the dividing line for purposes of this Section. Each Unit sharing a Party Wall is subject to an easement for the existence and continuance of any encroachment by the Party Wall as a result of construction, repair, shifting, settlement, or movement in any portion of the Party Wall, so that the encroachment may remain undisturbed as long as the Party Wall stands. Each Unit is subject to a reciprocal easement for the maintenance, repair, replacement, or reconstruction of the Party Wall.

9.10.2. Right to Repair. If the Party Wall is damaged or destroyed from any cause, the owner of either Unit may repair or rebuild the Party Wall to its previous condition, and the Owners of both Units, their successors and assigns, have the right to the full use of the repaired or rebuilt Party Wall.

9.10.3. Maintenance Costs. The Owners of adjoining Units share equally the costs of repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the Party Wall, subject to the right of one Owner to call for larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligence or willful acts or omissions. If an Owner is responsible for damage to or destruction of the Party Wall, that Owner will bear the entire cost of repair, reconstruction, or replacement. If an Owner fails or refuses to pay his share of costs of repair, the other Owner may pay the entire cost while reserving a right to reimbursement. The right of an Owner to contribution from another Owner under this Section is appurtenant to such Owner's Unit and passes to such Owner's successors in title. Any Owner who advances funds for repair may: (i) request reimbursement from the Association, which may reimburse such costs and seek reimbursement from the nonpaying owner by levying an Individual Assessment against the Unit and Owner; or (ii) Record a lien for the costs advanced.

9.10.4. Alterations. The Owner of a Unit sharing a Party Wall may not cut openings in the Party Wall or alter or change the Party Wall in any manner that affects the use, condition, or appearance of the Party Wall to the adjoining Unit. Unless both Owners reach a mutual decision to the contrary, the Party Wall will always remain in the same location as where initially erected.

9.11. Disputes. If a dispute arises regarding the allocation of maintenance responsibilities by this Declaration, the dispute will be resolved by delegating responsibility to the individual Owners. Unit maintenance responsibilities that are allocated to the Association are intended to be interpreted narrowly to limit and confine the scope of Association responsibility. It is the intent of this Article that all components and areas not expressly delegated to the Association are the responsibility of the individual Owners.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **ARCHITECTURAL COVENANTS AND CONTROL**

10.1. Purpose. Because the Townhomes are part of a single, unified community, the Association has the right to regulate every aspect of the exterior of the Property, including the exterior design, use and appearance of all Improvements located within Townhomes and Common Elements, in order to preserve and enhance the Property's value and architectural harmony. One purpose of this Article is to promote and ensure the level of taste, design, quality, and harmony by which the Property is developed and maintained. Another purpose is to allow the Association to respond to changes in technology, style, and taste. The Association has the right to regulate every aspect of proposed or existing Improvements on the Property, including replacements or modifications of original construction or installation. During the

Development Period, a primary purpose of this Article is to reserve and preserve Declarant's right of architectural control.

10.2. **Architectural Reviewer.** The purposes of this Article shall be undertaken by the Architectural Reviewer. Until expiration of the Development Period, the Architectural Reviewer shall mean Declarant or its designee. Upon expiration or termination of the Development Period, the rights of the Architectural Reviewer will automatically be transferred to the Board or a committee appointed by the Board.

**UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PERIOD, ONLY THE  
DECLARANT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING  
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL IN THE ASSOCIATION – INCLUDING ALL  
TASTE, DESIGN AND STANDARDS!**

10.3. **Limits on Liability.** Neither the Declarant, nor the Board, or their directors, officers, committee members, employees or agents will have any liability for decisions made as Architectural Reviewer in good faith, and which are not arbitrary or capricious. Neither the Declarant, nor the Board, or their directors, officers, committee members, employees or agents are responsible for: (i) errors in or omissions from the plans and specifications submitted to the Board; (ii) supervising construction for the Owner's compliance with approved plans and specifications; or (iii) the compliance of the Owner's plans and specifications with governmental codes and ordinances, state and federal laws. Approval of a modification or Improvement may not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to withhold approval of similar proposals, plans or specifications that are subsequently submitted.

10.4. **Prohibition of Construction, Alteration and Improvement.** Without the Architectural Reviewer's prior written approval, no Person, other than Declarant or Builder, may commence or continue any construction, alteration, addition, Improvement, installation, modification, redecoration, or reconstruction of or to the Property, or do anything that affects the appearance, use, or structural integrity of the Property.

**YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE EXTERIOR OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN YOUR  
UNIT UNLESS YOU HAVE THE SIGNED CONSENT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL  
REVIEWER.**

10.5. **No Deemed or Verbal Approval.** Approval by the Architectural Reviewer may not be deemed, construed, or implied from an action, a lack of action, or a verbal statement by the Declarant, Declarant's representative or designee or the Association, an Association director or officer, a member or chair of the Declarant or Board-appointed architectural control committee, the Association's manager, or any other representative of the Association. To be valid, approval of the Architectural Reviewer must be: (i) in writing; (ii) on a form or letterhead issued by the Architectural Reviewer; (iii) signed and dated by a duly authorized representative



of the Architectural Reviewer, designated for that purpose; (iv) specific to a Townhome; and (v) accompanied by detailed plans and specifications showing the proposed change. If the Architectural Reviewer fails to respond in writing – negatively, affirmatively, or requesting information – within sixty (60) days after the Architectural Reviewer’s actual receipt of the Owner’s application, **the application is deemed denied. Under no circumstance may approval of the Architectural Reviewer be deemed, implied or presumed.** If the Architectural Reviewer approves a change, the Owner or the Architectural Reviewer may require that the architectural approval be recorded. Architectural Reviewer approval of an architectural change automatically terminates if work on the approved Improvement has not started by the commencement date stated in the Architectural Reviewer’s approval or, if no commencement date is stated, within ninety (90) days after the date of Architectural Reviewer approval.

10.6. **Application.** To request Architectural Reviewer approval, an Owner must make written application and submit two (2) identical sets of plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials, and locations of the work to be performed. The application must clearly identify any requirement of this Declaration for which a variance is sought. If the application is for work that requires a building permit from a municipality or other regulatory authority, the Owner must obtain such permit and provide a copy to the Architectural Reviewer in conjunction with the application. The Architectural Reviewer may return one set of plans and specifications to the applicant marked with the Architectural Reviewer’s response, such as “Approved,” “Denied,” or “Submit Additional Information.” The Architectural Reviewer will retain the other set of plans and specifications, together with the application, for the Association’s files. The Architectural Reviewer has the right, but not the duty, to evaluate every aspect of construction and property use that may alter or adversely affect the general value of appearance of the Property.

10.7. **Owner's Duties.** If the Architectural Reviewer approves an Owner's application, the Owner may proceed with the Improvement, provided the Owner adheres strictly to the plans and specifications which accompanied his application, and the Owner initiates and completes the Improvement in a timely manner.

## **ARTICLE 11 USE RESTRICTIONS**

11.1. **Variance.** The use of the Property is subject to the restrictions contained in this Article, and subject to Rules adopted pursuant to this Article. The Board or the Declarant, as the case may be, may grant a variance or waiver of a restriction or Rule on a case-by-case basis when unique circumstances dictate, and may limit or condition its grant. To be effective, a variance must be in writing. The grant of a variance does not effect a waiver or estoppel of the Association’s right to deny a variance in other circumstances.

11.2. **Association’s Right To Promulgate Rules and Adopt Community Manual.** The Association, acting through the Board, is granted the right to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce reasonable Rules, and penalties for infractions thereof, regarding the occupancy, use,

disposition, maintenance, appearance, and enjoyment of the Property. The Association, acting through the Board, is further granted the right to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce the Community Manual, setting forth therein such policies governing the Association as the Board determines to be in the best interests of the Association, in its sole and absolute discretion.

EVERY RESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11.3. **Rules and Regulations.** In addition to the restrictions contained in this Article, each Townhome is owned and occupied subject to the right of the Board to establish Rules, and penalties for infractions thereof, governing:

- (i) Use of Common Elements.
- (ii) Hazardous, illegal, or annoying materials or activities on the Property.
- (iii) The use of Property-wide services provided through the Association.
- (iv) The consumption of utilities billed to the Association.
- (v) The use, maintenance, and appearance of anything visible from the street, Common Elements, or other Townhomes.
- (vi) The occupancy and leasing of Townhomes.
- (vii) Animals.
- (viii) Vehicles.
- (ix) Disposition of trash and control of vermin, termites, and pests.
- (x) Anything that interferes with maintenance of the Property, operation of the Association, administration of the Documents, or the quality of life for Residents.

11.4. **Ages Of Residents.** No person under the age of 18 years may occupy a Townhome unless he lives with a Resident who is his spouse, parent, legal guardian, or a designee of his parent or legal guardian. Upon request by the Association, an Owner must provide satisfactory proof of the ages and relationships of the occupants of his Townhome.

11.5. **Animals - Household Pets.** Except for fish, there shall be allowed no more than two household pets plus no more than two birds in any Townhome; *provided, however*, that said pets may consist only of domesticated dogs, cats and/or fish and may not be kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose and not become a nuisance or annoyance to neighbors.

Additionally, American Pit Bull Terriers, Rotweillers, Doberman Pinschers, potbellied pigs and snakes of all types are specifically prohibited. The Board may require that all pets be registered. Owners must immediately pick up all solid waste of their pets and dispose of such waste appropriately. All individual pets, including cats, must be leashed at all times when outside a Townhome. Pets may not be kept on a deck, porch or patio. The Board may adopt rules regarding an area(s) designated for the walking of pets and procedures for taking the pets to such area(s). No reptiles or other forms of wildlife shall be kept in or on the Regime. Without limiting the generality of this *Section 11.5*, violations of the provisions of this *Section 11.5* will entitle the Association to all of its rights and remedies, including, but not limited to, the right to fine Owners and/or to require, through order of the Board, any pet to be permanently removed from the Regime. No one other than an Owner or an Occupant is permitted to keep any pet.

11.6. **Annoyance.** No Unit may be used in any way that: (i) may reasonably be considered annoying to neighbors; (ii) may be calculated to reduce the desirability of the Property as a residential neighborhood; (iii) may endanger the health or safety of Residents; (iv) may result in the cancellation of insurance on any portion of the Property; (v) violates any law; or (vi) creates noise or odor pollution. The Board has the sole authority to determine what constitutes an annoyance.

11.7. **Appearance.** Both the exterior and the interior of the Townhomes must be maintained in a manner so as not be unsightly when viewed from the street, Common Elements, or neighboring Townhomes. The Board will be the arbitrator of acceptable appearance standards.

11.8. **Declarant Privileges.** In connection with the development and marketing of the Property, Declarant has reserved a number of rights and privileges to use the Property in ways that are not available to other Owners and Residents, as provided in Appendix "A" of this Declaration. Declarant's exercise of a Development Period right that appears to violate a Rule or a Use Restriction of this Article does not constitute waiver or abandonment of the restriction by the Association.

11.9. **Drainage.** No person may interfere with the established drainage pattern over any part of the Property unless an adequate alternative provision for proper drainage has been approved by the Board.

11.10. **Driveways-Parking Prohibited.** Parking and the storage of personal property is prohibited on driveways in front of garages. Sidewalks and other passageways may not be used for any purpose that interferes with their ongoing use as routes of vehicular or pedestrian access.

11.11. **Garages.** Residents must park all vehicles in their garage. The original garage area of a Townhome may not be enclosed or used for any purpose that would prohibit the parking of vehicles therein. The automatic garage door opener is to be maintained by the Owner.

11.12. **Landscaping.** No person may perform landscaping, planting, or gardening anywhere upon the General Common Elements without the Board's prior written authorization.

11.13. **Noise and Odor.** A Resident must exercise reasonable care to avoid making or permitting to be made loud, disturbing, or objectionable noises or noxious odors that are likely to disturb or annoy Residents of neighboring Townhomes. The Rules may limit, discourage, or prohibit noise-producing activities and items in the Townhomes and on the Common Element.

**NOT SOUNDPROOFED**

The Townhomes have been constructed to reduce the transmission of sound between adjoining Townhomes, BUT, the Townhomes are not soundproofed. Noise transmission between adjoining Townhomes is possible.

11.14. **Occupancy.** The Board may adopt Rules regarding the occupancy of Townhomes. If the Rules fail to establish occupancy standards, no more than 2 persons per bedroom may occupy a Townhome, subject to the exception for familial status. The Association's occupancy standard for Residents who qualify for familial status protection under the fair housing laws may not be more restrictive than the minimum (*i.e., the fewest people per Townhome*) permitted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A person may not occupy a Townhome of the person constitutes a direct threat to the health or safety of other persons, or if the person's occupancy would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others.

11.15. **Residential Use.** The use of a Townhome is limited exclusively to residential purposes or any other use permitted by this Declaration. This residential restriction does not, however, prohibit a Resident from using the Townhome for personal business or professional pursuits provided that: (i) the uses are incidental to the use of the Townhome as a dwelling; (ii) the uses conform to applicable governmental ordinances; (iii) there is no external evidence of the uses; (iv) the uses do not entail visits to the Townhome by employees or the public; and (v) the uses do not interfere with Residents' use and enjoyment of neighboring Townhomes. Other than the air conditioned part of a Townhome, no thing or structure on the Property may be occupied as residence at any time by any Person. This provision applies, without limitation, to the garage.

11.16. **Signs.** No sign of any kind (including signs advertising Townhomes for sale, for rent or for lease), may be erected, placed, or permitted to remain on the Property or to be visible from windows in the Townhomes unless written approval has been obtained in advance from the Board. The Board may adopt sign guidelines associated with the erection and display of certain signs which guidelines may govern the location, nature, dimensions, number, and time period a sign may remain on the Property or a Townhome. As used in this Section, "sign" includes, without limitation, lettering, images, symbols, pictures, shapes, lights, banners, and any other representation or medium that conveys a message. The Association may effect the

immediate removal of any sign or object which has not been approved in advance by the Board or otherwise violates the Documents or any sign guidelines promulgated by the Board, or which the Board deems inconsistent with Property standards without liability for trespass or any other liability connected with the removal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, during the Development Period, the Declarant, and not the Board, must approve all signs.

11.17. **Structural Integrity.** No person may directly or indirectly impair the structural soundness or integrity of a building or other Townhome, nor do any work or modification that will impair any existing easement or real property right.

11.18. **Antenna.** Each Resident will avoid doing or permitting anything to be done that may unreasonably interfere with the television, radio, telephonic, electronic, microwave, cable, or satellite reception on the Property. Antennas, satellite or microwave dishes, and receiving or transmitting towers that are visible from a street or from another Townhome are prohibited within the Property, except (1) reception-only antennas or satellite dishes designed to receive television broadcast signals, (2) antennas or satellite dishes that are one meter or less in diameter and designed to receive direct broadcast satellite service (DBS), or (3) antennas or satellite dishes that are one meter or less in diameter or diagonal measurement and designed to receive video programming services via multipoint distribution services (MDS) (collectively, the "Antenna") are permitted if located (a) inside the structure (such as in an attic or garage) so as not to be visible from outside the structure, (b) in a fenced yard, or (c) attached to or mounted on the rear wall of a structure below the eaves. If an Owner determines that an Antenna cannot be located in compliance with the above guidelines without precluding reception of an acceptable quality signal, the Owner may install the Antenna in the least conspicuous location on the Townhome where an acceptable quality signal can be obtained. The Association may adopt reasonable rules for the location, appearance, camouflaging, installation, maintenance, and use of the Antennas to the extent permitted by public law.

11.18.1. **Owner Responsibility.** The installation of an Antenna on the Area of Common Responsibility automatically subjects the Owner of the Townhome to which the Antenna is affixed to this Section, regardless of who installs the Antenna and regardless of whether the Owner has actual notice of the installation. The Owner is solely responsible for (1) the cost of maintaining, repairing, replacing, and removing, as necessary, the Antenna, and (2) the cost of repairing the Area of Common Responsibility if such repairs are necessitated by the Antenna or its installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement, irrespective of whether the repairs are undertaken by the Owner or the Association. If required by the Association, the Owner will remove the Antenna, as necessary, to permit the Association to maintain, repair, or replace the Area of Common Responsibility as the Association, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or desirable.

11.18.2. **Interference.** An Antenna or the use of an Antenna may not interfere with satellite or broadcast reception to other Townhomes or the Common

Elements, or otherwise be a nuisance to Residents or to the Association. The Board may determine what constitutes a nuisance to the Association,

11.18.3. Risk. An Antenna on the Area of Common Responsibility exists at the sole risk of the Owner and/or Resident of the Townhome to which the Antenna is attached. The Association does not insure the Antenna and is not liable to the Owner or any other Person for any loss or damage to the Antenna from any cause. The Owner will defend and indemnify the Association, its directors, officers, and Members, individually and collectively, against losses due to any and all claims for damages or lawsuits, by anyone, arising from the Owner's Antenna.

11.19. Vehicles. All vehicles on the Property, whether owned or operated by the Residents or their families and guests, are subject to this Section and any Rules regulating the types, sizes, numbers, conditions, uses, appearances, and locations of vehicles on the Property. The Board may prohibit any vehicle from which the Board deems to be a nuisance, unsightly, or inappropriate. The Board may prohibit sales, storage, washing, repairs, or restorations of vehicles on the Property. Vehicles that transport inflammatory or explosive cargo are prohibited from the Property at all times. No vehicle may obstruct the flow of traffic, constitute a nuisance, or otherwise create a safety hazard on the Property. The Association may effect the removal of any vehicle in violation of this Section or the Rules without liability to the owner or operator of the vehicle.

11.20. Window Treatments. The Regime is designed to have a uniform window appearance for all the Townhomes. Therefore, the color and condition of all window panes, window screens, and window treatments must conform to the building standard. All window treatments within the Townhome, that are visible from the street or another Townhome, must be maintained in good condition and must not detract from the appearance of the Property. The Board may require an Owner to change or remove a window treatment, window film, window screen, or window decoration that the Board determines to be inappropriate, unattractive, or inconsistent with the Property's uniform window standard. The Board may prohibit the use of certain colors or materials for window treatments.

## **ARTICLE 12** **UNIT LEASING**

12.1. Lease Conditions. The leasing of Townhomes is subject to the following conditions: (i) no Townhome may be rented for transient or hotel purposes or for a period less than one hundred and eighty (180) days unless otherwise approved in advance by the Board; (ii) no Townhome may be subdivided for rent purposes, and not less than an entire Townhome may be leased; (iii) all leases must be in writing and must be made subject to the Documents; (iv) an Owner is responsible for providing his tenant with copies of the Documents and notifying him of changes thereto; and (v) each tenant is subject to and must comply with all provisions of the Documents, federal and State laws, and local ordinances.

12.2. **Owner Occupancy.** For purposes of this Article, a Townhome is considered "Owner occupied" if at least one Resident of an occupied Townhome is an Owner of the Townhome or is related by blood, marriage, or adoption to an Owner of the Townhome, or if the Townhome is vacant - - except that a Townhome being offered for lease may not be considered "Owner occupied" even though the Townhome is then-vacant or then-occupied by an Owner. In calculating occupancy, Townhomes are counted uniformly regardless of size.

12.3. **Eviction Of Tenants.** Every lease agreement on a Townhome, whether written or oral, express or implied, is subject to and is deemed to include the following provisions:

12.3.1. **Violation Constitutes Default.** Failure by the tenant or his invitees to comply with the Documents, federal or State law, or local ordinance is deemed to be a default under the lease. When the Association notifies an Owner of his tenant's violation, the Owner will promptly obtain his tenant's compliance or exercise his rights as a landlord for tenant's breach of lease. If the tenant's violation continues or is repeated, and if the Owner is unable, unwilling, or unavailable to obtain his tenant's compliance, then the Association has the power and right to pursue the remedies of a landlord under the lease or State law for the default, including eviction of the tenant, subject to the terms of this Section.

12.3.2. **Association as Attorney-in-Fact.** Notwithstanding the absence of an express provision in the lease agreement for enforcement of the Documents by the Association, each Owner appoints the Association as his attorney-in-fact, with full authority to act in his place in all respects, solely for the purpose of enforcing the Documents against his tenants, including but not limited to the authority to institute forcible detainer proceedings against his tenant on his behalf, provided the Association gives the Owner at least 10 days' notice, by certified mail, of its intent to so enforce the Documents.

12.3.3. **Association Not Liable for Damages.** The Owner of a leased Townhome is liable to the Association for any expenses incurred by the Association in connection with enforcement of the Documents against his tenant. The Association is not liable to the Owner for any damages, including lost rents, suffered by the Owner in relation to the Association's enforcement of the Documents against the Owner's tenant.

12.4. **Exemption.** A Mortgagee that acquires title to the Townhome by foreclosure of its deed of trust lien or by deed in lieu of foreclosure of its lien is exempt from the effect of this Article. During the Development Period, Declarant is exempt from the effect of this Article.

### **ARTICLE 13** **ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS**

13.1. **Board.** Unless the Documents expressly reserve a right, action, or decision to the Owners, Declarant, or another party, the Board acts in all instances on behalf of the Association.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, references in the Documents to the "Association" may be construed to mean "the Association acting through its Board of Directors."

13.2. **The Association.** The duties and powers of the Association are those set forth in the Documents, together with the general and implied powers of a condominium association and a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas. Generally, the Association may do any and all things that are lawful and necessary, proper, or desirable in operating for the peace, health, comfort, and general benefit of its Members, subject only to the limitations on the exercise of such powers as stated in the Documents. The Association comes into existence on issuance of its corporate charter. The Association will continue to exist at least as long as the Declaration is effective against the Property, regardless of whether its corporate charter lapses from time to time.

13.3. **Name.** A name is not the defining feature of the Association. Although the initial name of the Association is Bluffs at Balcones Condominium Community, Inc., the Association may operate under any name that is approved by the Board and (1) filed with the Travis County Clerk as an assumed name, or (2) filed with the Secretary of State of Texas as the name of the filing entity. The Association may also change its name by amending the Documents. Another legal entity with the same name as the Association, or with a name based on the name of the Property, is not the Association, which derives its authority from this Declaration. The name "Bluffs at Balcones" is not a trade name.

13.4. **Duration.** The Association was formed on as of the date the Certificate was filed with the Secretary of State of Texas. The Association will continue to exist at least as long as this Declaration, as it may be amended, is effective against all or part of the Property.

13.5. **Governance.** The Association will be governed by a board of directors elected by the Members. Unless the Bylaws or Certificate provide otherwise, the Board will consist of at least three (3) persons elected at the annual meeting of the Association, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Association will be administered in accordance with the Bylaws. Unless the Documents provide otherwise, any action requiring approval of the Members may be approved in writing by Owners representing at least a majority of the ownership interests, or at a meeting by Owners' representing at least a majority of the ownership interests that are represented at the meeting.

13.6. **Merger.** Merger or consolidation of the Association with another association must be evidenced by an amendment to this Declaration. The amendment must be approved by Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Townhomes. On merger or consolidation of the Association with another association, the property, rights, and obligations of another association may, by operation of law, be added to the properties, rights, and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to the merger. The surviving or consolidated association may administer the provisions of the Documents within the Property, together with the covenants and restrictions established on any other property under its jurisdiction. No



merger or consolidation, however, will effect a revocation, change, or addition to the covenants established by this Declaration within the Property.

13.7. **Membership.** Each Owner is a Member of the Association, ownership of a Townhome being the sole qualification for membership. Membership is appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of the Townhome. The Board may require satisfactory evidence of transfer of ownership before a purported Owner is entitled to vote at meetings of the Association. If a Townhome is owned by more than one person or entity, each co-owner is a Member of the Association and may exercise the membership rights appurtenant to the Townhome.

13.8. **Manager.** The Board may delegate the performance of certain functions to one or more managers or managing agents of the Association. To assist the Board in determining whether to delegate a function, a Guide to Association's Major Management & Governance Functions is attached to this Declaration as Attachment 5. The Guide lists several of the major management and governance functions of a typical residential development with a mandatory owners association. The Guide, however, may not be construed to create legal duties for the Association and its officers, directors, members, employees, and agents that are not justified by the needs of the Association. Rather, the Guide is intended as a tool or an initial checklist for the Board to use periodically when considering a delegation of its functions. As a list of functions that owners associations commonly delegate to a manager, the Guide should not be considered as a complete list of the Board's duties, responsibilities, or functions. Notwithstanding any delegation of its functions, the Board is ultimately responsible to the Members for governance of the Association.

13.9. **Books and Records.** The Association will maintain copies of the Documents and the Association's books, records, and financial statements. Books and records of the Association will be made available for inspection and copying pursuant to the requirements of the Applicable Law.

13.10. **Indemnification.** The Association indemnifies every officer, director, and committee member (for purposes of this Section, "Leaders") against expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed on the Leader in connection with any threatened or pending action, suit, or proceeding to which the Leader is a party or respondent by reason of being or having been a Leader. A Leader is not liable for a mistake of judgment. A Leader is liable for his willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. This right to indemnification does not exclude any other rights to which present or former Leaders may be entitled. As a common expense, the Association may maintain general liability and directors and officers' liability insurance to fund this obligation.

13.11. **Obligations of Owners.** Without limiting the obligations of Owners under the Documents, each Owner has the following obligations:

13.11.1.Information. Within thirty (30) days after acquiring an interest in a Townhome, within thirty (30) days after the Owner has notice of a change in any information required by this Subsection, and on request by the Association from time to time, an Owner will provide the Association with the following information: (i) a copy of the recorded deed by which Owner has acquired title to the Townhome; (ii) the Owner's address, phone number, and driver's license number, if any; (iii) any Mortgagee's name, address, and loan number; (iv) the name and phone number of any Resident other than the Owner; and (v) the name, address, and phone number of Owner's managing agent, if any.

13.11.2.Pay Assessments. Each Owner will pay Assessments properly levied by the Association against the Owner or such Owner's Townhome and will pay Regular Assessments without demand by the Association.

13.11.3.Compliance with Documents. Each Owner will comply with the Documents as amended from time to time.

13.11.4.Reimburse for Damages. Each Owner will pay for damage to the Property caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Owner, a Resident of the Owner's Townhome, or the Owner or Resident's family, guests, employees, contractors, agents, or invitees.

13.11.5.Liability for Violations. Each Owner is liable to the Association for violations of the Documents by the Owner, a Resident of the Owner's Townhome, or the Owner or Resident's family, guests, employees, agents, or invitees, and for costs incurred by the Association to obtain compliance, including attorney's fees whether or not suit is filed.

13.12. Townhome Resales. This Section applies to every sale or conveyance of a Townhome or an interest in a Townhome by an Owner other than Declarant:

13.12.1. Resale Certificate. An Owner intending to sell his Townhome will notify the Association and will request a condominium resale certificate from the Association.

13.12.2. No Right of First Refusal. The Association does not have a right of first refusal and may not compel a selling Owner to convey the Owner's Townhome to the Association.

13.12.3. Other Transfer-Related Fees. A number of independent fees may be charged in relation to the transfer of title to a Townhome, including but not limited to, fees for resale certificates, estoppel certificates, copies of Documents, compliance inspections, ownership record changes, and priority processing, provided the fees are customary in amount, kind and number for the local marketplace. Transfer-related fees

are not refundable and may not be regarded as a prepayment of or credit against regular or special assessments. Transfer-related fees may be charged by the Association or by the Association's managing agent, provided there is no duplication of fees. Transfer-related fees charged by or paid to a managing agent must have the prior written approval of the Association, are not subject to the Association's assessment lien, and are not payable by the Association. This Section does not obligate the Board or the manager to levy transfer-related fees. This exclusion may be waived by a party to a conveyance who requests transfer-related services or documentation for which fees are charged.

13.12.4. **Information.** Within thirty (30) days after acquiring an interest in a Townhome, an Owner will provide the Association with the following information: a copy of the settlement statement, or deed by which Owner has title to the Townhome; the Owner's email address (if any); U.S. Post address, and phone number; any mortgagee's name, address, and loan number; the name and phone number of any resident other than the Owner; the name, address, and phone number of Owner's managing agent, if any.

13.12.5. **Exclusions.** The requirements of this Section do not apply to the following transfers: (i) foreclosure of a mortgagee's deed of trust lien, a tax lien, or the Association's assessment lien; (ii) conveyance by a mortgagee who acquires title by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure; transfer to, from, or by the Association; (iii) voluntary transfer by an Owner to one or more Co-Owners, or to the Owner's spouse, child, or parent; a transfer by a fiduciary in the course of administering a decedent's estate, guardianship, conservatorship, or trust; a conveyance pursuant to a court's order, including a transfer by a bankruptcy trustee; or (iv) a disposition by a government or governmental agency.

#### **ARTICLE 14** **ENFORCING THE DOCUMENTS**

14.1. **Notice And Hearing.** Before levying a fine for violation of the Documents (other than nonpayment of Assessments), or before levying an Individual Assessment for property damage, the Association will give the Owner written notice of the levy and an opportunity to be heard, to the extent required by applicable law. The Association's written notice must contain a description of the violation or property damage; the amount of the proposed fine or damage charge; a statement that not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the notice, the Owner may request a hearing before the Board to contest the fine or charge; and a stated date by which the Owner may cure the violation to avoid the fine - - unless the Owner was given notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure a similar violation within the preceding twelve (12) months. The Association may also give a copy of the notice to the Resident. Pending the hearing, the Association may continue to exercise its other rights and remedies for the violation, as if the declared violation were valid. The Owner's request for a hearing suspends only the levy of a fine or damage charge. The Owner may attend the hearing in person, or may be represented by

another person or written communication. The Board may adopt additional or alternative procedures and requirements for notices and hearing, provided they are consistent with the requirements of applicable law.

14.2. **Remedies.** The remedies provided in this Article for breach of the Documents are cumulative and not exclusive. In addition to other rights and remedies provided by the Documents and by law, the Association has the following rights to enforce the Documents:

14.2.1. **Nuisance.** The result of every act or omission that violates any provision of the Documents is a nuisance, and any remedy allowed by law against a nuisance, either public or private, is applicable against the violation.

14.2.2. **Fine.** The Association may levy reasonable charges, as an Individual Assessment, against an Owner and the Owner's Townhome if the Owner or Resident, or the Owner or Resident's family, guests, employees, agents, or contractors violate a provision of the Documents. Fines may be levied for each act of violation or for each day a violation continues, and does not constitute a waiver or discharge of the Owner's obligations under the Documents.

14.2.3. **Suspension.** The Association may suspend the right of Owners and Residents to use Common Elements (except rights of ingress and egress) for any period during which the Owner or Resident, or the Owner or Resident's family, guests, employees, agents, or contractors violate the Documents. A suspension does not constitute a waiver or discharge of the Owner's obligations under the Documents.

14.2.4. **Self-Help.** The Association has the right to enter a Common Element or Townhome to abate or remove, using force as may reasonably be necessary, any erection, thing, animal, person, vehicle, or condition that violates the Documents. In exercising this right, the Board is not trespassing and is not liable for damages related to the abatement. The Board may levy its costs of abatement against the Townhome and Owner as an Individual Assessment. Unless an emergency situation exists in the good faith opinion of the Board, the Board will give the violating Owner fifteen (15) days' notice of its intent to exercise self-help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may not alter or demolish an item of construction on a Townhome without judicial proceedings.

14.2.5. **Suit.** Failure to comply with the Documents will be grounds for an action to recover damages or for injunctive relief to cause any such violation to be remedied, or both. Prior to commencing any legal proceeding, the Association will give the defaulting party reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the violation.

14.3. **Board Discretion.** The Board may use its sole discretion in determining whether to pursue a violation of the Documents, provided the Board does not act in an arbitrary or capricious manner. In evaluating a particular violation, the Board may determine that under

the particular circumstances: (i) the Association's position is not sufficiently strong to justify taking any or further action; (ii) the provision being enforced is or may be construed as inconsistent with applicable law; (iii) although a technical violation may exist, it is not of such a material nature as to be objectionable to a reasonable person or to justify expending the Association's resources; or (iv) that enforcement is not in the Association's best interests, based on hardship, expense, or other reasonable criteria.

14.4. **No Waiver.** The Association and every Owner has the right to enforce all restrictions, conditions, covenants, liens, and charges now or hereafter imposed by the Documents. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce a provision of the Documents is not a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

14.5. **Recovery of Costs.** The costs of curing or abating a violation are the expense of the Owner or other person responsible for the violation. If legal assistance is obtained to enforce any provision of the Documents, or in any legal proceeding (whether or not suit is brought) for damages or for the enforcement of the Documents or the restraint of violations of the Documents, the prevailing party is entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all reasonable and necessary costs incurred by it in such action, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

## **ARTICLE 15** **INSURANCE**

15.1. **General Provisions.** The broad purpose of this Article is to require that the Property be insured with the types and amounts of coverage that are customary for similar types of properties and that are acceptable to mortgage lenders, guarantors, or insurers that finance the purchase or Improvement of Townhomes. Because the insurance requirements of mortgage underwriters are subject to change, as are State-promulgated insurance regulations and policies, this Articles tries to balance the need for certain minimum insurance requirements with the desire to adapt to a periodically changing insurance environment. The Board will make every reasonable effort to comply with the requirements of this Article.

15.1.1. **Unavailability.** The Association, and its directors, officers, and managers, will not be liable for failure to obtain any coverage required by this Article or for any loss or damage resulting from such failure if the failure is due to the unavailability of a particular coverage from reputable insurance companies, or if the coverage is available only at demonstrably unreasonable cost.

15.1.2. **No Coverage.** Even if the Association and the Owner have adequate amounts of recommended and required coverages, the Property may experience a loss that is not covered by insurance. In that event, the Association is responsible for restoring the Common Elements as a common expense, and the Owner is responsible for restoring his Townhome at his sole expense. This provision does not apply to the deductible portion of a policy.

15.1.3. Requirements. The cost of insurance coverages and bonds maintained by the Association is a common expense. Insurance policies and bonds obtained and maintained by the Association must be issued by responsible insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The Association must be the named insured on all policies obtained by the Association. The Association's policies should contain the standard mortgage clause naming either the Mortgagee or its servicer followed by "its successors and assigns." The loss payee clause should show the Association as trustee for each Owner and Mortgagee. Policies of property and general liability insurance maintained by the Association must provide that the insurer waives its rights to subrogation under the policy against an Owner. The Association's insurance policies will not be prejudiced by the act or omission of any Owner or Resident who is not under the Association's control.

15.1.4. Association as Trustee. Each Owner irrevocably appoints the Association, acting through its Board, as his trustee to negotiate, receive, administer, and distribute the proceeds of any claim against an insurance policy maintained by the Association.

15.1.5. Notice of Cancellation or Modification. Each insurance policy maintained by the Association should contain a provision requiring the insurer to give prior written notice, as provided by the Act, to the Board before the policy may be canceled, terminated, materially modified, or allowed to expire, by either the insurer or the insured. The Board will give to Eligible Mortgagees, and the insurer will give go Mortgagees, prior notices of cancellation, termination, expiration, or material modification.

15.1.6. Deductibles. An insurance policy obtained by the Association may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof may not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the policy limits satisfy the coverage limits required by this Declaration or an Underwriting Lender. In the event of an insured loss, the deductible is treated as a common expense of the Association in the same manner as the Insurance premium. However, if the Board reasonably determines that the loss is the result of the negligence or willful misconduct of an Owner or Resident or their invitee, then the Board may levy an Individual Assessment against the Owner and his Townhome for the amount of the deductible that is attributable to the act or omission, provided the Owner is given notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with *Section 14.1* of this Declaration.

15.2. Property Insurance-Association. The Association will obtain property insurance for all improvements insurable by the Association. This insurance must be in an amount sufficient to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in event of damage or destruction from any insured hazard. The Federal National Mortgage Association recommends use of a guaranteed replacement cost

endorsement, or a replacement cost endorsement, together with an agreed amount endorsement in case of coinsurance.

15.2.1. Common Property Insured. The Association will insure: (i) General Common Elements; (ii) Limited Common Elements; and (iii) property owned by the Association including, if any, records, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and supplies.

15.2.2. Townhomes. In addition to insuring the Common Elements against casualty loss, the Association will maintain property insurance on the Townhomes as originally constructed. The Association may insure betterments and Improvements installed by current or previous Owners, but will have no obligation to insure such items. In insuring Townhomes, the Association may be guided by types of policies customarily available for similar types of properties.

15.2.3. Endorsements. To the extent reasonably available, the Association will obtain endorsements to its property insurance policy if required by an Underwriting Lender, such as Inflation Guard Endorsement, Building Ordinance or Law Endorsement, and a Special Condominium Endorsement.

15.3. Liability Insurance-Association. The Association will maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy over the Common Elements – expressly excluding the liability of each Owner and Resident within his Townhome – for bodily injury and property damage resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use of the Common Elements. The amount of coverage should be at least that required by an Underwriting Lender, to the extent reasonably available. The purpose of this requirement is, in part, to assure mortgage companies that the Association maintains at least minimum levels of insurance coverage. For example, the Federal National Mortgage Association requires a minimum of \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage per single occurrence. If the policy does not contain a severability of interest provision, it should contain an endorsement to preclude the insurer's denial of an Owner's claim because of negligent acts of the Association or other Owners.

15.4. Worker's Compensation-Association. The Association may maintain worker's compensation insurance if and to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of State law or if the Board so chooses.

15.5. Fidelity Coverage-Association. The Association may maintain blanket fidelity coverage for any person who handles or is responsible for funds held or administered by the Association, whether or not the person is paid for his services. The policy should be for an amount that exceeds the greater of: (i) the estimated maximum funds, including reserve funds, that will be in the Association's custody at any time the policy is in force; or (ii) an amount equal to three (3) months of Regular Assessments on all Townhomes. A management agent that handles Association funds should be covered for its own fidelity insurance policy with the same coverages. If the Property has more than twenty (20) Townhomes, the Association must maintain fidelity coverage to the extent reasonably available.

15.6. **Directors and Officers Liability-Association.** The Association may maintain directors and officers liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance, indemnity bonds, or other insurance the Board deems advisable to insure the Association's directors, officers, committee members, and managers against liability for an act or omission in carrying out their duties in those capacities.

15.7. **Mortgagee Required Policies-Association.** The Association may maintain any insurance and bond required by an Underwriting Lender for condominium developments as long as an Underwriting Lender is a Mortgagee or an Owner.

15.8. **Other Policies-Association.** The Association may maintain any insurance policies and bonds deemed by the Board to be necessary or desirable for the benefit of the Association.

15.9. **Insurance-Owner.**

15.9.1. **Insurance by Owners.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, each Owner is liable for damage to the Property caused by the Owner or by persons for whom the Owner is responsible. **Each Owner is hereby required to obtain and maintain general liability insurance** to cover this liability as well as occurrences within his Townhome, in amounts sufficient to cover the Owner's liability for damage to the property of others in the Property and to the Area of Common Responsibility, whether such damage is caused willfully and intentionally, or by omission or negligence. The Board may establish minimum insurance requirements, including types and minimum amounts of coverage, to be individually obtained and maintained by Owners if the insurance is deemed necessary or desirable by the Board to reduce potential risks to the Association or other Owners. If an Owner fails to maintain required insurance, the Board may obtain it on behalf of the Owner who will be obligated for the cost as an Individual Assessment.

15.9.2. **Owners' Responsibilities.** On request, an Owner will give the Board written notification of any and all structural changes, additions, betterments, or Improvements to his Townhome, and any other information the Board may require to maintain adequate levels of insurance coverage. Each Owner will comply with reasonable requests by the Board for periodic inspection of the Townhome for purposes of insurance appraisal. Each Owner, at his expense, will maintain any insurance coverages required by the Association pursuant to this Article. Each Owner at his expense, may obtain additional insurance coverage of his real property, Improvements, and betterments thereto, or personal property.

15.9.3. **Association Does Not Insure.** The Association does not insure an Owner or Resident's personal property. Each Owner and Resident is solely responsible for insuring his personal property in his Townhome and on the Property, including furnishings, vehicles, and stored items. **THE ASSOCIATION STRONGLY**



RECOMMENDS THAT EACH OWNER AND RESIDENT PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN INSURANCE ON HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AFTER LOSS**

16.1. **Subject To Act.** The Association's response to damage or destruction of the Property will be governed by Section 82.111(i) of the Act. The following provisions apply to the extent the Act is silent.

16.2. **Restoration Funds.** For purposes of this Article, "**Restoration Funds**" include insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, Deficiency Assessments, Individual Assessments, and other funds received on account of or arising out of injury or damage to the Property. All funds paid to the Association for purposes of repair or restoration will be deposited in a financial institution in which accounts are insured by a federal agency. Withdrawal of Restoration Funds requires the signatures of at least two (2) Board Members or that of an agent duly authorized by the Board.

16.2.1. **Sufficient Proceeds.** If Restoration Funds obtained from insurance proceeds or condemnation awards are sufficient to repair or restore the damaged or destroyed Property, the Association, as trustee for the Owners, will promptly apply the funds to the repair or restoration.

16.2.2. **Insufficient Proceeds.** If Restoration Funds are not sufficient to pay the estimated or actual costs of restoration as determined by the Board, the Board may levy a Deficiency Assessment against the Owners to fund the difference.

16.2.3. **Surplus Funds.** If the Association has a surplus of Restoration Funds after payment of all costs of repair and restoration, the surplus will be applied as follows: If Deficiency Assessments were a source of Restoration Funds, the surplus will be paid to Owners in proportion to their contributions resulting from the Deficiency Assessment levied against them; provided that no Owner may receive a sum greater than that actually contributed by him, and further provided that any Delinquent Assessments owed by the Owner to the Association will first be deducted from the surplus. Any surplus remaining after the disbursement described in the foregoing paragraph will be common funds of the Association to be used as directed by the Board.

16.3. **Costs And Plans.**

16.3.1. **Cost Estimates.** Promptly after the loss, the Board will obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of restoring the damaged Property. Costs may include premiums for bonds and fees for the services of professionals, as the Board deems necessary, to assist in estimating and supervising the repair.

16.3.2. Plans and Specifications. Common Elements will be repaired and restored substantially as they existed immediately prior to the damage or destruction. Townhomes will be repaired and restored substantially in accordance with original construction plans and specifications, unless the Association insures betterments and Improvements made by Owners, in which case the Townhomes will be repaired and restored substantially as they existed immediately prior to the damage or destruction . Alternate plans and specifications for repair and restoration of either Common Elements or Townhomes must be approved by Owners of at least two-thirds of the Townhomes and by certain Mortgagees if so required by the Mortgagee Protection article of this Declaration.

16.4. Owner's Duty to Repair.

16.4.1. Uninsured Loss. Within sixty (60) days after the date of damage, the Owner will begin repair or reconstruction of any portion of his Townhome not covered by the Association's blanket insurance policy, subject to the right of the Association to supervise, approve, or disapprove repair or restoration during the course thereof.

16.4.2. Insured Loss. If the loss to a Townhome is covered by the Association's insurance policy, the Owner will begin repair or restoration of damage on receipt of the insurance proceeds or any portion thereof from the Association, subject to the rights of the Association to supervise, approve, or disapprove the repair or restoration during the course thereof.

16.4.3. Failure to Repair. If an Owner fails to repair or restore damage as required by this Section, the Association may effect the necessary repairs and levy an Individual Assessment against the Owner and Townhome for the cost thereof, after giving an Owner of the Townhome reasonable notice of the Association's intent to do so.

16.5. Owner's Liability For Insurance Deductible. If repair or restoration of Common Elements or Townhomes is required as a result of an insured loss, the Board may levy an individual assessment, in the amount of the insurance deductible, against the Owner or Owners who would be responsible for the cost of the repair or reconstruction in the absence of insurance.

ARTICLE 17

TERMINATION AND CONDEMNATION

17.1. Association As Trustee. Each Owner hereby irrevocably appoints the Association, acting through the Board, as trustee to deal with the Property in the event of damage, destruction, obsolescence, condemnation, or termination of all or any part of the Property. As trustee, the Association will have full and complete authority, right, and power to do all things reasonable and necessary to effect the provisions of this Declaration and the Act, including, without limitation, the right to receive, administer, and distribute funds, awards, and

insurance proceeds; to effect the sale of the Property as permitted by this Declaration or by the Act; and to make, execute, and deliver any contract, deed, or other instrument with respect to the interest of an Owner.

17.2. **Termination.** Termination of the terms of this Declaration and the condominium status of the Property will be governed by Section 82.068 of the Act, except that an agreement to terminate must be approved by Owners of at least eighty percent (80%) of the Townhomes and by certain Mortgages pursuant to *Article 18* of this Declaration. In the event of condemnation of the entire Property, an agreement to terminate may be executed by the Board without a vote of Owners or Mortgagees.

17.3. **Condemnation.** The Association's response to condemnation of any part of the Property will be governed by Section 82.007 of the Act. On behalf of Owners, but without their consent, the Board may execute an amendment of this Declaration to reallocate allocated interests following condemnation and to describe the altered parameters of the Property. If the Association replaces or restores Common Elements taken by condemnation by obtaining other land or constructing additional Improvements, the Board may, to the extent permitted by law, execute an amendment without the prior consent of Owners to describe the altered parameters of the Property and any corresponding change of facilities or Improvements.

## ARTICLE 18 MORTGAGEE PROTECTION

18.1. **Introduction.** This Article is supplemental to, not a substitution for, any other provision of the Documents. In case of conflict, this Article controls. Some sections of this Article apply to "Mortgages," as defined in *Article 1*. Other sections apply to "Eligible Mortgagees," as defined below.

18.1.1. **Known Mortgagees.** An Owner who mortgages his Townhome will notify the Association, giving the complete name and address of his mortgagee and the loan number. The Association's obligations to mortgagees under the Documents extend only to those mortgagees known to the Association. All actions and approvals required by mortgagees will be conclusively satisfied by the mortgagees known to the Association, without regard to other holders of mortgages on Townhomes. The Association may rely on the information provided by Owners and mortgagees.

18.1.2. **Eligible Mortgagees.** "Eligible Mortgagee" means the holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first purchase money mortgage secured by a recorded deed of trust lien against a Townhome who has submitted to the Association a written notice containing its name and address, the loan number, and the identifying number and street address of the mortgaged Townhome. A single notice per Townhome will be valid so long as the Eligible Mortgagee holds a mortgage on the Townhome. The Board will maintain this information. The Association will treat the notice as the Eligible Mortgagee's request to be notified of any proposed action requiring the consent of Eligible

Mortgagees. A provision of the Documents requiring the approval of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgagees will be based on the number of Townhomes subject to mortgages held by Eligible Mortgagees. For example, "51 percent of Eligible Mortgagees" means Eligible Mortgagees of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Townhomes that are subject to mortgages held by Eligible Mortgagees.

18.2. **Amendment.** This Article establishes certain standards for the benefit of Underwriting Lenders, and is written to comply with their requirements and guidelines in effect at the time of drafting. If an Underwriting Lender subsequently changes its requirements, the Board, without approval of Owners or mortgagees, may amend this Article and other provisions of the Documents, as necessary, to meet the requirements of the Underwriting Lender.

18.3. **Termination.** An action to terminate the legal status of the Property after substantial destruction or condemnation must be approved by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of Eligible Mortgagees. An action to terminate the legal status for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation must be approved by at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of Eligible Mortgagees.

18.4. **Implied Approval.** The approval of an Eligible Mortgagee is implied when the Eligible Mortgagee fails to respond within sixty (60) days after receiving the Association's written request for approval of a proposed amendment, provided the Association's request was delivered by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

18.5. **Other Mortgagee Rights.**

18.5.1. **Inspection of Books.** The Association will maintain current copies of the Documents and the Association's books, records, and financial statements in accordance with Applicable Law. Mortgagees may inspect the Documents and records, by appointment, during normal business hours.

18.5.2. **Financial Statements.** A Mortgagee may have an audited statement prepared at its own expense.

18.5.3. **Attendance at Meetings.** A representative of an Eligible Mortgagee may attend any meeting which an Owner may attend.

18.5.4. **Right of First Refusal.** Any right of first refusal imposed by the Association with respect to a lease, sale, or transfer of a Townhome does not apply to a lease, sale, or transfer by a Mortgagee, including transfer by deed in lieu of foreclosure or foreclosure of a deed of trust lien.

18.5.5. **Management Contract.** If professional management of the Association is required by this Article, the contract for professional management may not require more

than ninety (90) days' notice to terminate the contract, nor payment of a termination penalty.

18.6. **Insurance Policies.** If an Underwriting Lender that holds a mortgage on a Townhome or desires to finance a Townhome has requirements for insurance of condominiums, the Association must try to obtain and maintain the required coverages, to the extent they are reasonably available, and must try to comply with any notifications or processes required by the Underwriting Lender. Because underwriting requirements are subject to change, they are not recited here.

18.7. **Notice of Actions.** The Association will use its best efforts to send timely written notice to Eligible Mortgagees of the following actions:

- (i) Any condemnation or casualty loss that affects a material portion of the Property or the mortgaged Townhome.
- (ii) Any sixty (60) day delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by the Owner of the mortgaged Townhome.
- (iii) A lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association.
- (iv) Any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgagees.
- (v) Any proposed amendment of a material nature, as provided in this Article.
- (vi) Any proposed termination of the condominium status of the Property.

18.8. **Amendments of a Material Nature.** A Document amendment of a material nature must be approved by owners representing at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association, and by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of Eligible Mortgagees. **THIS APPROVAL REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO AMENDMENTS EFFECTED BY THE EXERCISE OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHT PROVIDED IN APPENDIX "A" ATTACHED HERETO.** A change to any of the provisions governing the following would be considered material:

- (i) Voting rights.
- (ii) Assessment liens or the priority of assessment liens.
- (iii) Reductions in reserves for maintenance, repair, and replacement of Common Elements.

- (iv) Responsibility for maintenance and repairs.
- (v) Reallocation of interests in the General Common Elements or Limited Common Elements, or rights to their use; except that when Limited Common Elements are reallocated by Declarant pursuant to any rights reserved by Declarant pursuant to Appendix "A", by agreement between Owners (only those Owners and only the Eligible Mortgagees holding mortgages against those Townhomes need approve the action).
- (vi) Redefinitions of boundaries of Townhomes, except that when boundaries of only adjoining Townhomes are involved, then only those owners and the Eligible Mortgagees holding mortgages against the Townhome or Townhomes need approve the action.
- (vii) Convertibility of Townhomes into Common Elements or Common Elements into Townhomes.
- (viii) Expansion or contraction of the Property, or the addition, annexation, or withdrawal of property to or from the Property.
- (ix) Property or fidelity insurance requirements.
- (x) Imposition of any restrictions on the leasing of Townhomes.
- (xi) Imposition of any restrictions on Owners' right to sell or transfer their Townhomes.
- (xii) Restoration or repair of the Property, in a manner other than that specified in the Documents, after hazard damage or partial condemnation.
- (xiii) Any provision that expressly benefits mortgage holders, insurers, or guarantors.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**AMENDMENTS**

19.1. **Consents Required.** As permitted by the Act or by this Declaration, certain amendments of this Declaration may be executed by Declarant acting alone, or by certain Owners acting alone, or by the Board acting alone. Otherwise, amendments to this Declaration must be approved by Owners representing at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association.

19.2. **Amendments Generally.** For amendments requiring the consent of Eligible Mortgagees, the Association will send each Eligible Mortgagee a detailed description, if not the

exact wording, of any proposed amendment. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Declaration to the contrary, no amendment to this Declaration shall modify, alter, abridge or delete any: (i) provision of this Declaration that benefits Declarant; (ii) rights, privileges, easements, protections, or defenses of Declarant; or (iii) rights of the Owners or the Association in relationship to Declarant, without the written consent of Declarant attached to and Recorded with such amendment. In addition, no amendment to this Declaration shall modify, alter, abridge or delete any: (i) permissible use of a Townhome absent the consent of the Owner(s) of the Townhome affected by the change in permissible use; or (ii) any license, easement or other contractual rights contained in this Declaration, including, without limitation, any easement, right and license benefiting or in favor of the Declarant.

19.3. **Effective.** To be effective, an amendment must be in the form of a written instrument: (i) referencing the name of the Regime, the name of the Association, and the recording data of this Declaration and any amendments hereto; (ii) signed and acknowledged by an officer of the Association, certifying the requisite approval of Owners and, if required, Eligible Mortgagees; provided, however, this subsection (ii) will not apply for amendments prosecuted by Declarant pursuant to any rights reserved by Declarant under this Declaration; and (iii) Recorded.

19.4. **Declarant Rights.** Declarant has an exclusive right to unilaterally amend this Declaration for the purposes stated in Appendix "A". An amendment that may be executed by Declarant alone is not required to name the Association or to be signed by an officer of the Association. No amendment may affect Declarant's rights under this Declaration or the Act without Declarant's written and acknowledged consent, which must be part of the recorded amendment instrument. Because Appendix "A" of this Declaration is destined to become obsolete, beginning ten (10) years after the date this Declaration is first recorded, the Board may restate, re-record, or publish this Declaration without Appendix "A". The automatic expiration and subsequent deletion of Appendix "A" does not constitute an amendment of this Declaration. This Section may not be amended without Declarant's written and acknowledged consent.

## ARTICLE 20 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

20.1. **Introduction and Definitions.** The Association, the Owners, Declarant, Builders, all persons subject to this Declaration, and any person not otherwise subject to this Declaration who agrees to submit to this Article (collectively, the "Parties") agree to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes involving the Property and to avoid the emotional and financial costs of litigation and arbitration if at all possible. Accordingly, each Party hereby covenants and agrees that this Article applies to all Claims as hereafter defined. As used in this Article only, the following words, when capitalized, have the following specified meanings:

20.1.1. "**Claim**" means any claim, grievance, or dispute between Parties involving the Property, except Exempt Claims as defined below, and including without limitation:

- (i) Claims relating to the rights and/or duties of Declarant, or its permitted assigns, under the Documents.
- (ii) Claims relating to the design or construction of the Property or any Improvement by Declarant, a Builder, their permitted assigns, their contractor or subcontractors, or their designee.

20.1.2. **"Claimant"** means any Party having a Claim against any other Party.

20.1.3. **"Exempt Claims"** means the following claims or actions, which are exempt from this Article:

- (i) The Association's claim for Assessments, and any action by the Association to collect Assessments.
- (ii) An action by a Party to obtain a temporary restraining order or equivalent emergency equitable relief, and such other ancillary relief as the court deems necessary to maintain the status quo and preserve the Party's ability to enforce the provisions of this Declaration.
- (iii) Any enforcement by the Association or the Declarant of the easements, architectural control, maintenance, and use restrictions of this Declaration; provided, however, that any enforcement action brought by the Association against the Declarant, or vice versa, is not an Exempt Claim hereunder.
- (iv) A suit to which an applicable statute of limitations would expire within the notice period of this Article, unless a Party against whom the Claim is made agrees to toll the statute of limitations as to the Claim for the period reasonably necessary to comply with this Article.

20.1.4. **"Respondent"** means any Party against which a Claim has been asserted by a Claimant.

20.2. **Mandatory Procedures.** Claimant may not initiate any proceeding before any administrative tribunal seeking redress of resolution of its Claim until Claimant has complied with the procedures of this Article. As provided in *Section 20.7* below, a Claim will be resolved by binding arbitration.

20.3. **Notice.** Claimant must notify Respondent in writing of the Claim (the **"Notice"**), stating plainly and concisely: (i) the nature of the Claim, including date, time, location, persons involved, and Respondent's role in the Claim; (ii) the basis of the Claim (i.e., the provision of the Documents or other authority out of which the Claim arises); (iii) what Claimant wants Respondent to do or not do to resolve the Claim; and (iv) that the Notice is given pursuant to this Section. For Claims governed by Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code, the time period



for negotiation in *Section 20.4* below, is equivalent to the sixty (60) day period under Section 27.004 of the Texas Property Code. If a Claim is subject to Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code, the Claimant and Respondent are advised, in addition to compliance with *Section 20.4*, to comply with the terms and provisions of Section 27.004 during such sixty (60) day period. *Section 20.4* does not modify or extend the time period set forth in Section 27.004 of the Texas Property Code. Failure to comply with the time periods or actions specified in Section 27.004 could affect a Claim if the Claim is subject to Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code. The one hundred and twenty (120) day period for mediation set forth in *Section 20.5* below, is intended to provide the Claimant and Respondent with sufficient time to resolve the Claim in the event resolution is not accomplished during negotiation. If the Claim is not resolved during negotiation, mediation pursuant to *Section 20.5* is required without regard to the monetary amount of the Claim.

20.4. **Negotiation.** Claimant and Respondent will make every reasonable effort to meet in person to resolve the Claim by good faith negotiation. Within sixty (60) days after Respondent's receipt of the Notice, Respondent and Claimant will meet at a mutually-acceptable place and time to discuss the Claim. If the Claim involves all or any portion of the Property, then at such meeting or at some other mutually-agreeable time, Respondent and Respondent's representatives will have full access to the Property that is subject to the Claim for the purposes of inspecting the Property. If Respondent elects to take corrective action, Claimant will provide Respondent and Respondent's representatives and agents with full access to the Property to take and complete corrective action.

20.5. **Mediation.** If the parties negotiate, but do not resolve the Claim through negotiation within one-hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the Notice (or within such other period as may be agreed on by the parties), Claimant will have thirty (30) additional days within which to submit the Claim to mediation under the auspices of a mediation center or individual mediator on which the parties mutually agree. The mediator must have at least five (5) years of experience serving as a mediator and must have technical knowledge or expertise appropriate to the subject matter of the Claim. If Claimant does not submit the Claim to mediation within the 30-day period, Respondent will submit the Claim to mediation in accordance with this *Section 20.5*.

20.6. **Termination Of Mediation.** If the Parties do not settle the Claim within thirty (30) days after submission to mediation, or within a time deemed reasonable by the mediator, the mediator will issue a notice of termination of the mediation proceedings indicating that the Parties are at an impasse and the date that mediation was terminated. Thereafter, Claimant may file suit or initiate arbitration proceedings on the Claim, as appropriate and permitted by this Article.

20.7. **Binding Arbitration-Claims.** All Claims must be settled by binding arbitration. Claimant or Respondent may, by summary proceedings (*e.g.*, a plea in abatement or motion to stay further proceedings), bring an action in court to compel arbitration of any Claim not

referred to arbitration as required by this *Section 20.7*. This section may not be amended without the prior written approval of the Declarant, the Association (acting through a Majority of the Board), and Owners holding at least seventy percent (70%) of the votes in the Association.

**20.7.1. Governing Rules.** If a Claim has not been resolved after Mediation as required by *Section 20.5*, the Claim will be resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with the terms of this *Section 20.7* and the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or, if the AAA is unable or unwilling to act as the arbitrator, then the arbitration shall be conducted by another neutral reputable arbitration service selected by Respondent in Travis County, Texas. Regardless of what entity or person is acting as the arbitrator, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the AAA's "Construction Industry Dispute Resolution Procedures" and, if they apply to the disagreement, the rules contained in the Supplementary Procedures for Consumer-Related Disputes. If such Rules have changed or been renamed by the time a disagreement arises, then the successor rules will apply. Also, despite the choice of rules governing the arbitration of any Claim, if the AAA has, by the time of Claim, identified different rules that would specifically apply to the Claim, then those rules will apply instead of the rules identified above. In the event of any inconsistency between any such applicable rules and this *Section 20.7*, this *Section 20.7* will control. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator shall be binding and not subject to appeal, but may be reduced to judgment in any court having jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary or any applicable rules for arbitration, any arbitration with respect to Claims arising hereunder shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators, to be chosen as follows:

- (1) one arbitrator shall be selected by Respondent, in its sole and absolute discretion;
- (2) one arbitrator shall be selected by the Claimant, in its sole and absolute discretion; and
- (3) one arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the arbitrators having been selected by Respondent and the Claimant, in their sole and absolute discretion.

**20.7.2. Exceptions to Arbitration; Preservation of Remedies.** No provision of, nor the exercise of any rights under, this *Section 20.7* will limit the right of Claimant or Respondent, and Claimant and the Respondent will have the right during any Claim, to seek, use, and employ ancillary or preliminary remedies, judicial or otherwise, for the purposes of realizing upon, preserving, or protecting upon any property, real or personal, that is involved in a Claim, including, without limitation, rights and remedies relating to: (i) exercising self-help remedies (including set-off rights); or (ii) obtaining provisions or ancillary remedies such as injunctive relief, sequestration, attachment, garnishment, or the appointment of a receiver from a court having jurisdiction before,

during, or after the pendency of any arbitration. The institution and maintenance of an action for judicial relief or pursuit of provisional or ancillary remedies or exercise of self-help remedies shall not constitute a waiver of the right of any party to submit the Claim to arbitration nor render inapplicable the compulsory arbitration provisions hereof.

20.7.3. Statute of Limitations. All statutes of limitation that would otherwise be applicable shall apply to any arbitration proceeding under this *Section 20.7*.

20.7.4. Scope of Award; Modification or Vacation of Award. The arbitrator shall resolve all Claims in accordance with the applicable substantive law. The arbitrator may grant any remedy or relief that the arbitrator deem just and equitable and within the scope of this *Section 20.7*; provided, however, that for a Claim, or any portion of a Claim governed by Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code, or any successor statute, in no event shall the arbitrator award damages which exceed the damages a Claimant would be entitled to under Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code. The arbitrator may also grant such ancillary relief as is necessary to make effective the award. In all arbitration proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$50,000.00, in the aggregate, the arbitrator shall make specific, written findings of fact and conclusions of law. In all arbitration proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$50,000.00, in the aggregate, the parties shall have the right to seek vacation or modification of any award that is based in whole, or in part, on an incorrect or erroneous ruling of law by appeal to an appropriate court having jurisdiction; provided, however, that any such application for vacation or modification of an award based on an incorrect ruling of law must be filed in a court having jurisdiction over the Claim within fifteen (15) days from the date the award is rendered. The arbitrator's findings of fact shall be binding on all parties and shall not be subject to further review except as otherwise allowed by applicable law. In no event may an arbitrator award speculative, consequential, or punitive damages for any Claim.

20.7.5. Other Matters. To the maximum extent practicable, an arbitration proceeding hereunder shall be concluded within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the filing of the Claim for arbitration by notice from either party to the other. Arbitration proceedings hereunder shall be conducted in Travis County, Texas. The arbitrator shall be empowered to impose sanctions and to take such other actions as the arbitrator deems necessary to the same extent a judge could pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable law. The arbitrator shall have the power to award recovery of all costs and fees (including attorney's fees, administrative fees, and arbitrator's fees) to the prevailing party. Each party agrees to keep all Claims and arbitration proceedings strictly confidential, except for disclosures of information required in the ordinary course of business of the parties or by applicable law or regulation. In no event shall any party discuss with the news media or grant any interviews with the news media regarding a Claim or issue any

press release regarding any Claim without the written consent of the other parties to the Claim.

20.8. **Allocation Of Costs.** Except as otherwise provided in this Article, each Party bears all of its own costs incurred prior to and during the proceedings described in the Notice, Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration sections above, including its attorneys fees. Respondent and Claimant will equally divide all expenses and fees charged by the mediator and arbitrator.

20.9. **General Provisions.** A release or discharge of Respondent from liability to Claimant on account of the Claim does not release Respondent from liability to persons who are not party to Claimant's Claim. The Respondent and Claimant to any Exempt Claim may mutually agree to submit such Exempt Claim to the negotiation, mediation, and/or arbitration sections above.

20.10. **Period of Limitation.**

20.10.1. **For Actions by an Owner or Resident of a Townhome.** The exclusive period of limitation for any of the Parties to bring any Claim of any nature against Declarant or its contractors, including, but not limited to, a Claim of construction defect or defective design of a Townhome, shall be the earliest of: (i) for Claims alleging construction defect or defective design, two (2) years and one (1) day from the date that the Owner or Resident discovered or reasonably should have discovered evidence of the Claim, provided, however, that in no event shall the limitation period exceed four (4) years and one (1) day from the date Declarant conveyed the Townhome to the original Owner unless the basis of the Claim was intentionally concealed or willfully concealed by Declarant or its contractors, in which case, the state law governing the limitation period and period of repose shall apply to the Claim; or (ii) for Claims other than those alleging construction defect or defective design, two (2) years and one (1) day after the date Declarant conveyed the Townhome to the original Owner or such other shorter period specified in any written agreement between Declarant and the Owner to whom Declarant initially conveyed the Townhome, unless the basis of the Claim was intentional fraud or willful misconduct, in which case, the applicable law governing the limitation period and period of repose shall apply to the Claim.

20.10.2. **For Actions by the Association.** The exclusive period of limitation for the Association to bring any Claim of any nature against Declarant or its contractors, including, but not limited to, a Claim of construction defect or defective design of the Common Elements, shall be the earliest of: (i) for Claims alleging construction defect or defective design, two (2) years and one (1) day from the date that the Association or its agents discovered or reasonably should have discovered evidence of the Claim, provided, however, that in no event shall the limitation period exceed four (4) years from the date Declarant substantially completed the Common Elements unless the basis

of the Claim was intentionally concealed or willfully concealed by Declarant or its contractors, in which case, the state law governing the limitation period and period of repose shall apply to the Claim; or (ii) for Claims other than those alleging construction defect or defective design of the Common Elements, two (2) years and one (1) day after the Declarant Control Period, unless the basis of the Claim was intentional fraud or willful misconduct, in which case, the applicable law governing the limitation period and period of repose shall apply to the Claim.

20.11. **Approval & Settlement.** Notwithstanding any provision in this Article to the contrary, the initiation of binding arbitration as required by this Article is subject to the following conditions:

20.11.1. **Owner Acceptance.** Each Owner, by accepting an interest in or title to a Townhome, whether or not it is so expressed in the instrument of conveyance, covenants and agrees to be bound by this *Section 20.11* and *Article 20*.

20.11.2. **Owner Approval.** The Association may not initiate binding arbitration or any judicial proceeding without the prior approval of Owners holding at least a Majority of the votes in the Association, except that no such approval is required for the initiation of arbitration or litigation to resolve any Exempt Claim.

20.11.3. **Funding Arbitration and Litigation.** Except for Exempt Claims, the Association must levy a Special Assessment to fund the estimated costs of arbitration conducted pursuant to this *Article 20* or any judicial action initiated by the Association. The Association may not use its annual operating income or reserve funds or savings to fund arbitration or litigation, unless the Association's annual budget or a savings account was established and funded from its inception as an arbitration and litigation reserve fund.

20.11.4. **Settlement.** The Board, on behalf of the Association and without the consent of Owners, is hereby authorized to negotiate the settlement of arbitration and litigation, and may execute any document related thereto, such as settlement agreement and waiver or release of claims.

This *Section 20.11* may only be amended with the prior written approval of the Declarant, the Association (acting through a Majority of the Board), and Owners holding seventy percent (70%) of the votes in the Association.

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

21.1. **Notices.** Any notice permitted or required to be given by this Declaration shall be in writing and may be delivered either personally or by mail. If delivery is made by mail, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the third day (other than a Sunday or legal holiday)

after a copy of the same has been deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the person at the address given by such person to the Association for the purpose of service of notices. Such address may be changed from time to time by notice in writing given by such person to the Association of created.

21.2. **Compliance.** The Owners hereby covenant and agree that the administration of the Association will be in accordance with the provisions of the Documents and applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances, as same may be amended from time to time, of any governmental or quasigovernmental entity having jurisdiction over the Association or Property.

21.3. **Higher Authority.** The documents are subordinate to federal and State law, and local ordinances. Generally, the terms of the Documents are enforceable to the extent they do not violate or conflict with local, State, or federal law or ordinance.

21.4. **Interpretation.** The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes of creating a uniform plan for the development and operation of the Regime and of promoting and effectuating the fundamental concepts of the Regime set forth in this Declaration. This Declaration shall be construed and governed under the laws of the State of Texas.

21.5. **Duration.** Unless terminated or amended by Owners as permitted herein, the provisions of this Declaration run with and bind the Property, and will remain in effect perpetually to the extent permitted by law.

21.6. **Captions.** In all Documents, the captions of articles and sections are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining or modifying the text to which they refer. Boxed notices are inserted to alert the reader to certain provisions and are not to be construed as defining or modifying the text.

21.7. **Construction.** The provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable, and the invalidity or partial invalidity of any provision or portion thereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision or portion thereof. Unless the context requires a contrary construction, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular; and the masculine, feminine, or neuter shall each include the masculine, feminine, and neuter. All captions and titles used in this Declaration are intended solely for convenience of reference and shall not enlarge, limit or otherwise effect that which is set forth in any of the paragraphs, sections, or articles hereof. Throughout this Declaration there appears text enclosed by a box. This text is used to aid in the reader's comprehension of certain provisions of this Declaration. In the event of a conflict between the text enclosed by a box and any provision of this Declaration, the provision of the Declaration will control.

21.8. **Declarant as Attorney in Fact and Proxy.** To secure and facilitate Declarant's exercise of the rights reserved by Declarant pursuant to Appendix "A" and elsewhere in this Declaration, each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Townhome and each Mortgagee, by

accepting the benefits of a Mortgage against a Townhome within the Regime, and any other Person, by acceptance of the benefits of a mortgage, deed of trust, mechanic's lien contract, mechanic's lien claim, vendor's lien and/or any other security interest against any Townhome in the Regime, shall thereby be deemed to have appointed Declarant such Owner's, Mortgagee's, and Person's irrevocable attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to do and perform, each and every act permitted or required to be performed by Declarant pursuant to Appendix "A" or elsewhere in this Declaration. The power thereby vested in Declarant as attorney-in-fact for each Owner, Mortgagee, and/or Person, shall be deemed, conclusively, to be coupled with an interest and shall survive the dissolution, termination, insolvency, bankruptcy, incompetency, and death of an Owner, Mortgagee, and/or Person and shall be binding upon the legal representatives, administrators, executors, successors, heirs, and assigns of each such party. In addition, each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Townhome, and each Mortgagee, by accepting the benefits of a mortgage, deed of trust, mechanic's lien contract, mechanic's lien claim, vendor's lien, and/or any other security interest against any Townhome in the Regime, shall thereby appoint Declarant the proxy of such Owner, Mortgagee, or Person, with full power of substitution in the premises, to do and perform each and every act permitted or required pursuant to Appendix "A" or elsewhere in this Declaration, and which may otherwise be reasonably necessary in connection therewith, including without limitation, to cast a vote for such Owner, Mortgagee, or Person at any meeting of the Members for the purpose of approving or consenting to any amendment to this Declaration in order to effect and perfect any such act permitted or required pursuant to Appendix "A" or elsewhere in this Declaration and to execute and record amendments on their behalf to such effect; and the power hereby reposed in Declarant, as the attorney-in-fact for each such Owner, Mortgagee, or Person includes, without limitation, the authority to execute a proxy as the act and deed of any Owner, Mortgagee, or Person and, upon termination or revocation of any Owner's proxy as permitted by the Texas Non-profit Corporation Act the authority to execute successive proxies as the act and deed of any Owner, Mortgagee, or Person authorizing Declarant, or any substitute or successor Declarant appointed thereby, to cast a like vote for such Owner at any meeting of the Members of the Association. Furthermore, each Owner, Mortgagee, and Person upon request by Declarant, will execute and deliver a written proxy pursuant to Section 82.110(b) of the Act, including a successive written proxy upon the termination or revocation as permitted by the Act of any earlier proxy, authorizing Declarant, or any substitute or successor Declarant appointed thereby, to cast a like vote for such Owner at any meeting of the Members of the Association. All such appointments and successive proxies shall expire as to power reserved by Declarant pursuant to Appendix "A" or elsewhere in this Declaration on the date Declarant no longer has the right to exercise such rights. All such proxies shall be non-revocable for the maximum lawful time and upon the expiration of non-revocable period, new proxies shall again be executed for the maximum non-revocable time until Declarant's right to require such successive proxies expires.

21.9. **Appendix/ Attachments.** The following appendixes, attachments and exhibits are attached to this Declaration and are incorporated herein by reference:

Attachment 1	Plats and Plans
Attachment 2	Schedule of Allocated Interests
Attachment 3	Maintenance Responsibility Chart
Attachment 4	Guide to Association's Examination of Common Elements
Attachment 5	Guide to Association's Major Management and Governance Functions
Appendix "A"	Declarant Representations and Reservations

***[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]***



EXECUTED on this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2008.

**DECLARANT:**

**SDI 2008 -BLUFFS, LTD.**, a Texas limited partnership

By: Spicewood Development, Inc., a Texas corporation, its General Partner

By: [Signature]  
Printed Name: RYAN ZIEHE  
Title: VICE PRESIDENT,  
LAND DEVELOPMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
  §  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 13 day of October, 2008, by Ryan Ziehe, Vice President of Spicewood Development, Inc., a Texas corporation, General Partner of SDI 2008-Bluffs, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, on behalf of said corporation and limited partnership.

[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Texas

[seal]



CONSENT OF MORTGAGEE

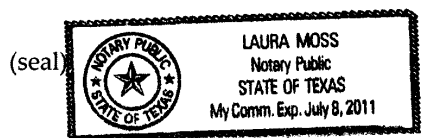
The undersigned, being the sole owner and holder of the lien created by a Deed of Trust dated July 15, 2008 (the "Lien") recorded under Register No. 2008120212 in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, securing a note of even date therewith, executes this Declaration solely for the purposes of (i) evidencing its consent to this Declaration, and (ii) subordinating the Lien to this Declaration, both on the condition that the Lien shall remain superior to the Assessment Lien in all events. The undersigned further consents, and subordinates the Lien, to any subsequent amendments to this Declaration executed by Declarant for the sole purpose of adding Townhomes, and reallocating general common elements, limited common elements, and allocated interests associated with the addition of Townhomes, and revising the plats and plans required to add such Townhomes, all in accordance with the Declaration. The undersigned makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, of any nature whatsoever, to any Owner with respect to any Townhome or the effect of the terms and provisions of this Regime.

COMPASS BANK:

By: Clare L Branson  
Printed Name: Clare L Branson  
Title: Sr. Vice President

THE STATE OF Texas §  
COUNTY OF Travis §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 13 day of October, 2008 by Clare L Branson Sr. Vice President of Compass Bank, on behalf of said bank.



L. Moss  
Notary Public, State of Texas

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**[CONDOMINIUM PLATS AND PLANS]**

The plats and plans, attached hereto as Attachment 1 contains the information required by the Texas Uniform Condominium Act.

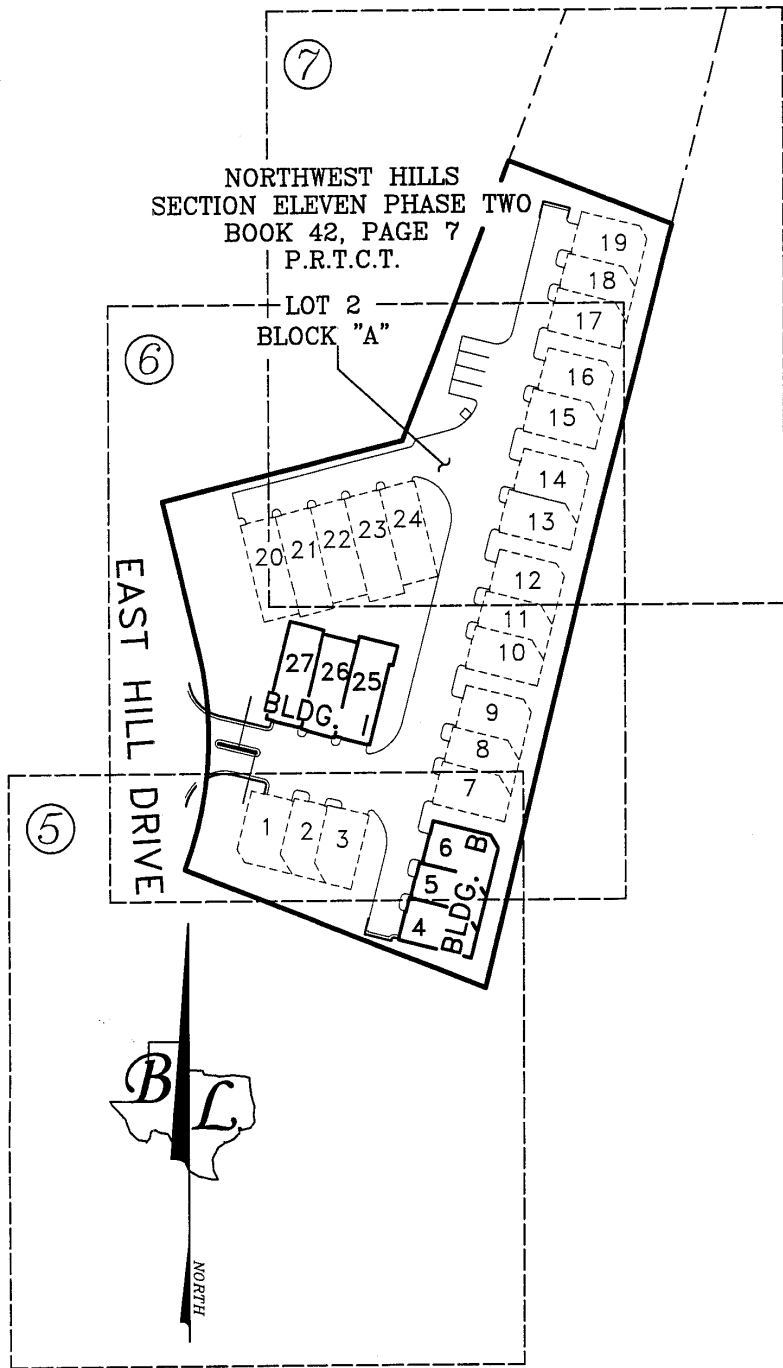
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**BOUNDARIES OF UNIT**

The legal boundaries of each Unit are established by the Declarant and the plats and plans attached hereto. However, each Owner acknowledges that the Unit may be measured and depicted in a manner which differs from the legal boundaries of a Unit. For example, the Unit may be measured or depicted differently for tax purposes, appraisal purposes, sales purposes, and for purposes of carpeting and paint. No single measurement is definitive for all purposes. Measurements may be of the area under roof, or the air conditioned space, or the area within the Unit's legal boundaries. The Unit's partition wall cavities and/or its perimeter wall cavities may or may not be included. The Unit's garage area, attic area, and/or balcony space may or may not be included.

***SEE SHEET 2 OF 11 OF ATTACHMENT 1 FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION***



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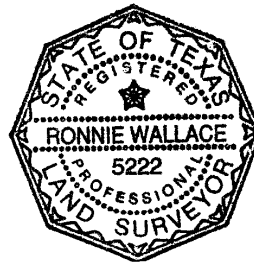
§ Certification of Surveyor §

The attached plats and plans, attached hereto as "Attachment 1" contains the information required by Section 82.052 and Section 82.059 of the Texas Uniform Condominium Act, as applicable.

*Ron. Wallace*

Ronnie Wallace  
R.P.L.S. No. 5222

Date: *18 September 2008*



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**GENERAL NOTES**

- 1.) THE CONFIGURATION REPRESENTED IN THE DRAWINGS OF THE BUILDINGS IS BASED UPON THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY ECKOLS & ASSOCIATES AIA, AND ARE NOT BASED UPON ACTUAL ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS.
- 2.) ALL IMPROVEMENTS AND LAND REFLECTED ON THE PLAT ARE DESIGNATED AS GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS, SAVE AND EXCEPT PORTIONS OF THE REGIME DESIGNATED AS LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS OR "L.C.E." OR UNITS: (i) IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM REGIME FOR THE BLUFFS AT BALCONES CONDOMINIUMS; OR (ii) ON THE PLATS AND PLANS OF THE REGIME.
- 3.) OWNERSHIP AND USE OF CONDOMINIUM UNITS IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM REGIME FOR THE BLUFFS AT BALCONES CONDOMINIUMS.
- 4.) EACH UNIT, BUILDING, LIMITED COMMON ELEMENT AND GENERAL COMMON ELEMENT IS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE DECLARANT AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM REGIME FOR THE BLUFFS AT BALCONES CONDOMINIUMS. PURSUANT TO SUCH PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DECLARANT HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO: (i) COMPLETE OR MAKE IMPROVEMENTS INDICATED ON THE PLAT AND PLANS (ii) EXERCISE ANY DEVELOPMENT RIGHT PERMITTED BY THE TEXAS UNIFORM CONDOMINIUM ACT AND THE DECLARATION (iii) USE UNITS OWNED OR LEASED BY DECLARANT AS MODELS, STORAGE AREAS, AND OFFICES FOR THE MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE, CUSTOMER SERVICE, CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING OF THE PROPERTY AND (iv) APPOINT OR REMOVE ANY DECLARANT-APPOINTED OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE DECLARANT CONTROL PERIOD (AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION) CONSISTENT WITH THE TEXAS UNIFORM CONDOMINIUM ACT. AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION, FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING, IDENTIFYING, AND MARKETING THE PROPERTY, DECLARANT RESERVES AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT TO PLACE OR INSTALL SIGNS, BANNERS, FLAGS, DISPLAY LIGHTING, POTTED PLANTS, EXTERIOR DECORATIVE ITEMS, SEASONAL DECORATIONS, TEMPORARY WINDOW TREATMENTS, AND SEASONAL LANDSCAPING ON THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING ITEMS AND LOCATIONS THAT ARE PROHIBITED TO OTHER OWNERS AND RESIDENTS. AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION, DECLARANT HAS AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS IN AND THROUGH THE COMMON ELEMENTS (AS DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION) AND UNITS OWNED OR LEASED BY DECLARANT FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, MANAGING, AND MARKETING THE PROPERTY, AND FOR DISCHARGING DECLARANT'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TEXAS UNIFORM CONDOMINIUM ACT AND THE DECLARATION.

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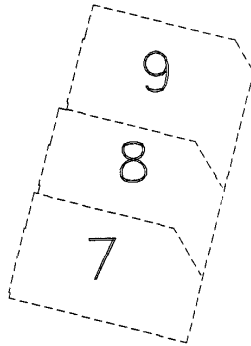
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### LEGEND

- ◻ CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND (TYPE II)
- 1/2" IRON REBAR FOUND; (NOTED, IF CAPPED)
- ▲ NAIL FOUND
- △ CALCULATED POINT
- PROPOSED WALL
- P.R.T.C.T. PLAT RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
- R.O.W. RIGHT OF WAY
- G.C.E. GENERAL COMMON ELEMENT
- ( ) RECORD INFORMATION



FUTURE PLANNED BUILDING (SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS—  
"NEED NOT BE BUILT")

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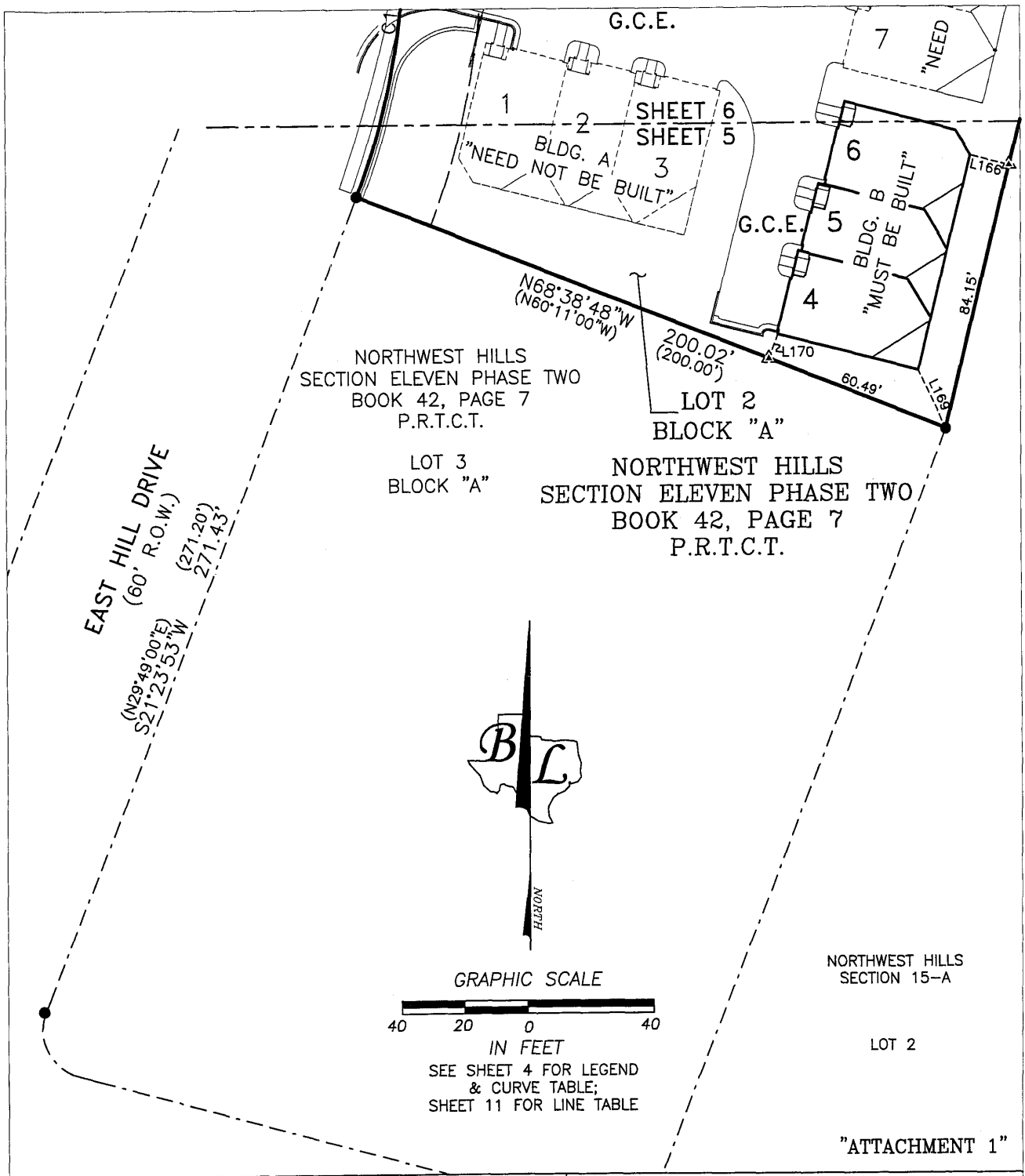
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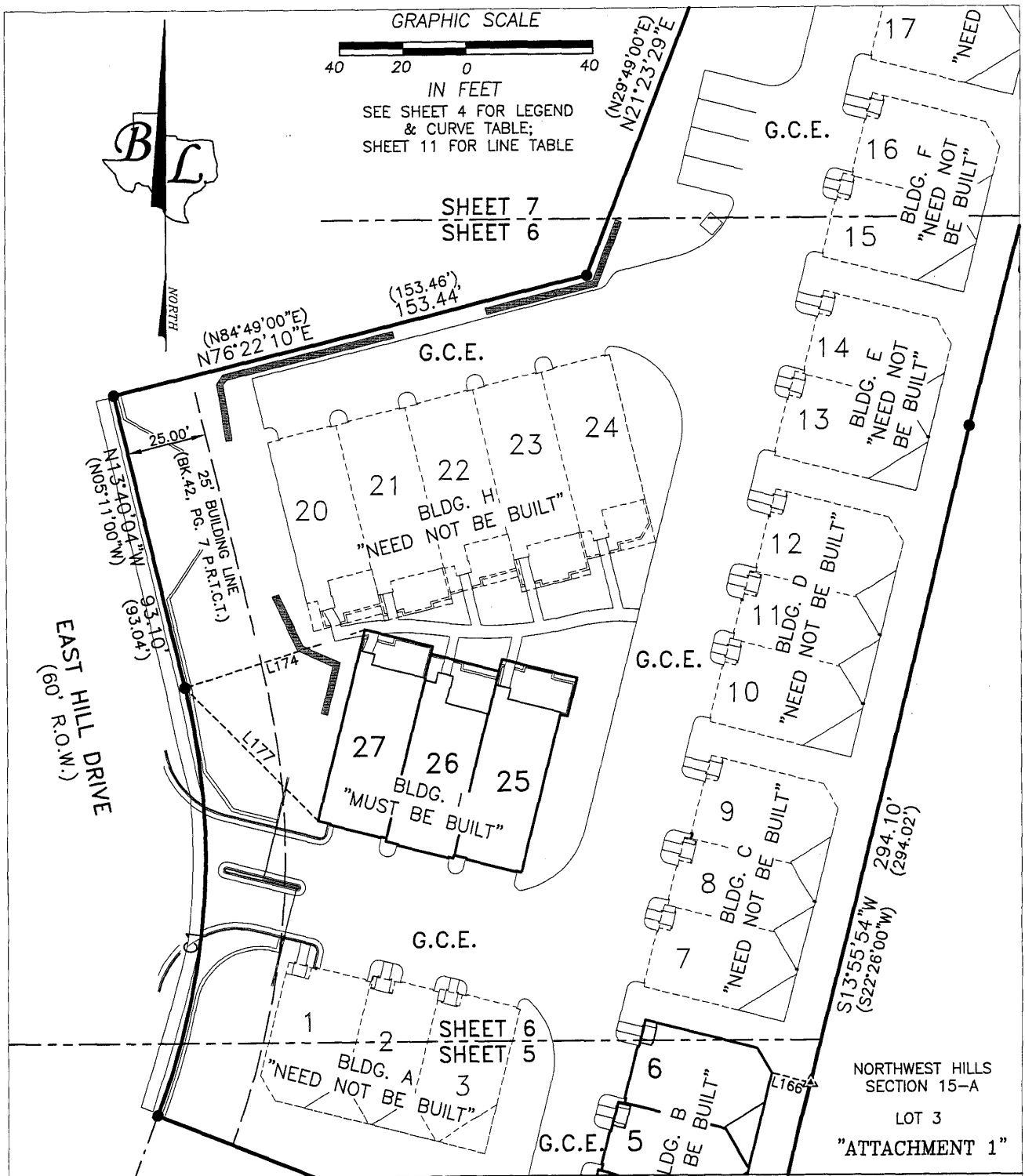


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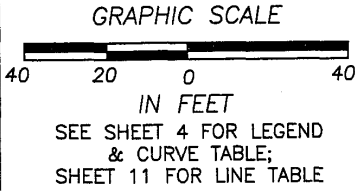
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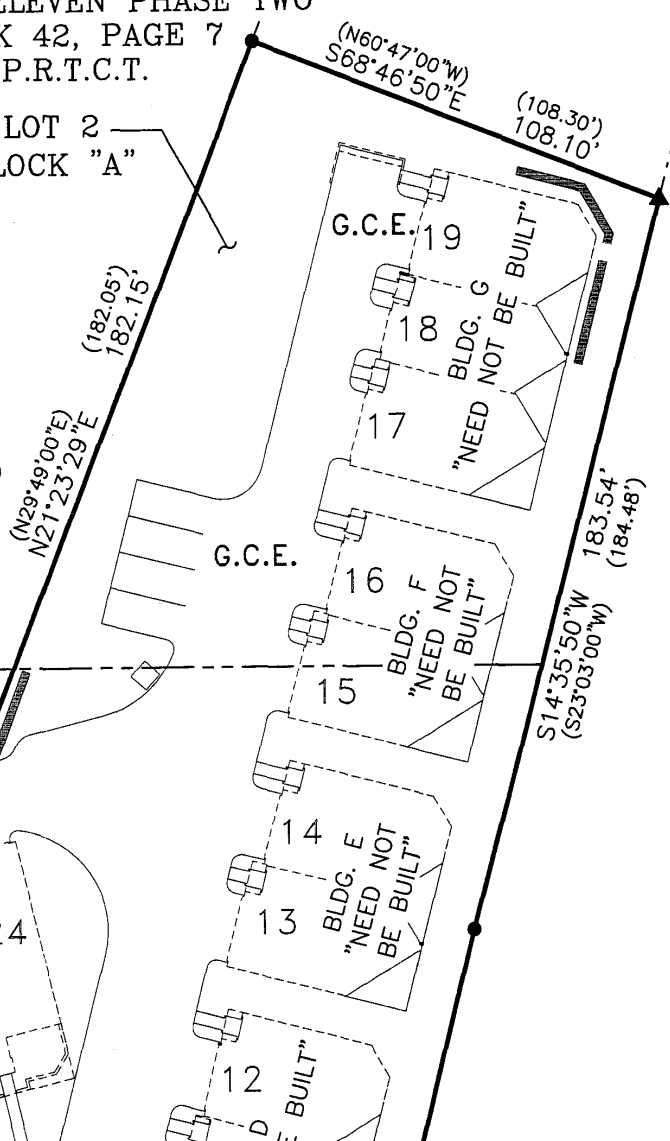
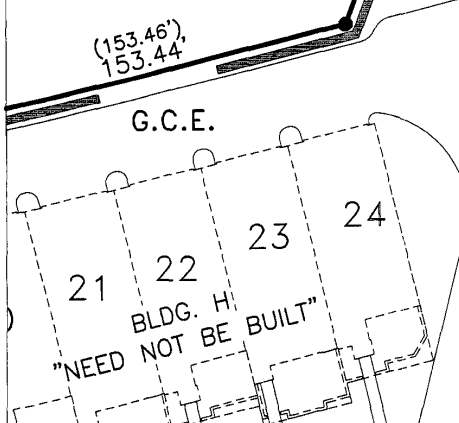
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SECTION 15-A

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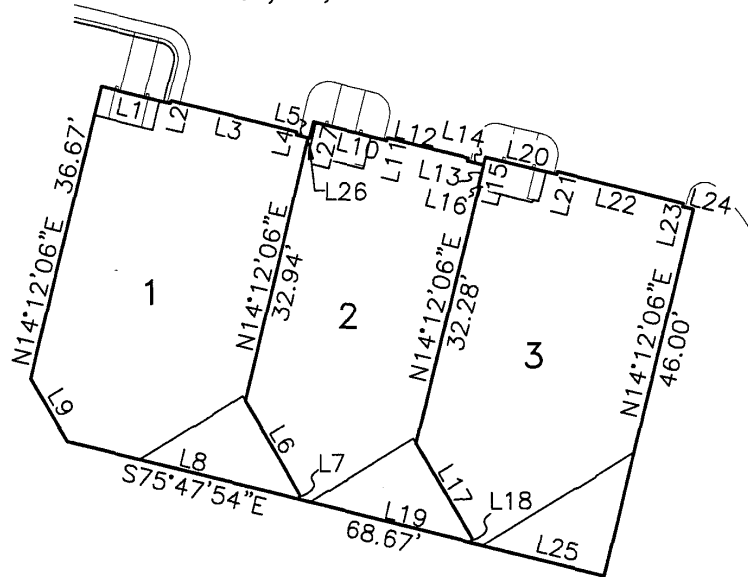
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**ANNOTATION DETAIL SHEET FOR BUILDINGS A,  
B, C, D & G**



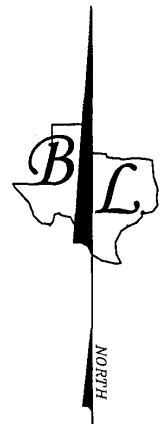
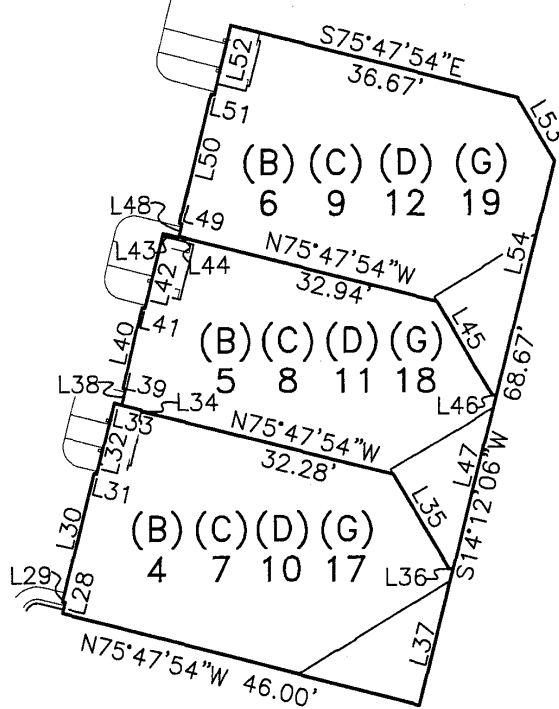
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**BUILDING B  
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"MUST BE BUILT"**

**BUILDING C  
(UNITS 7, 8 & 9) -  
"NEED NOT BE BUILT"**

**BUILDING D  
(UNITS 10, 11 & 12) -  
"NEED NOT BE BUILT"**

**BUILDING G  
(UNITS 17, 18 & 19) -  
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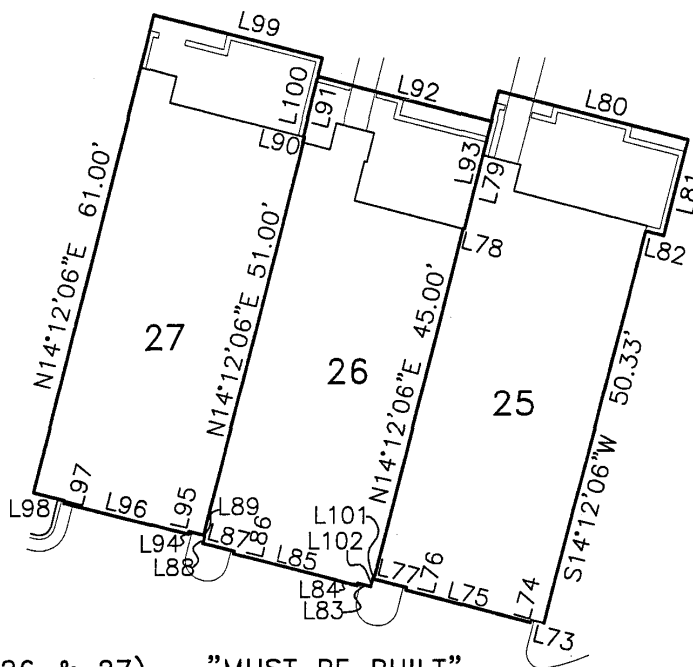
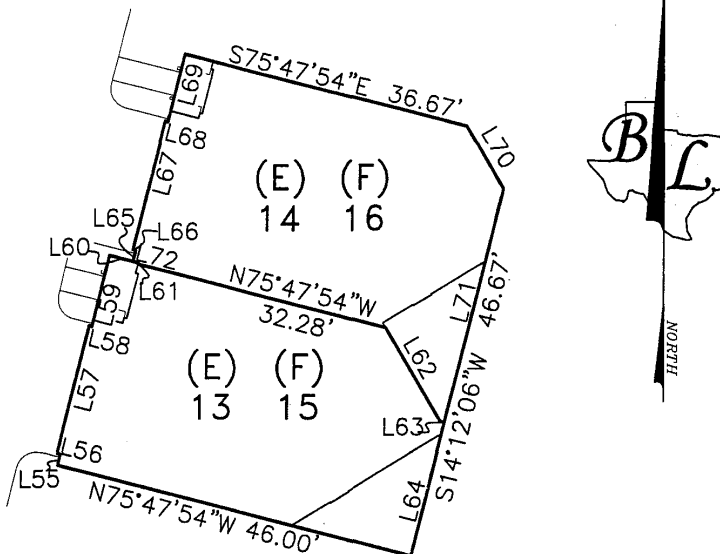
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ANNOTATION DETAIL SHEET FOR BUILDINGS E, F, & I

BUILDING E  
(UNITS 13 & 14) -  
"NEED NOT BE BUILT"

BUILDING F  
(UNITS 15 & 16) -  
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BUILDING I (UNITS 25, 26 & 27) - "MUST BE BUILT"

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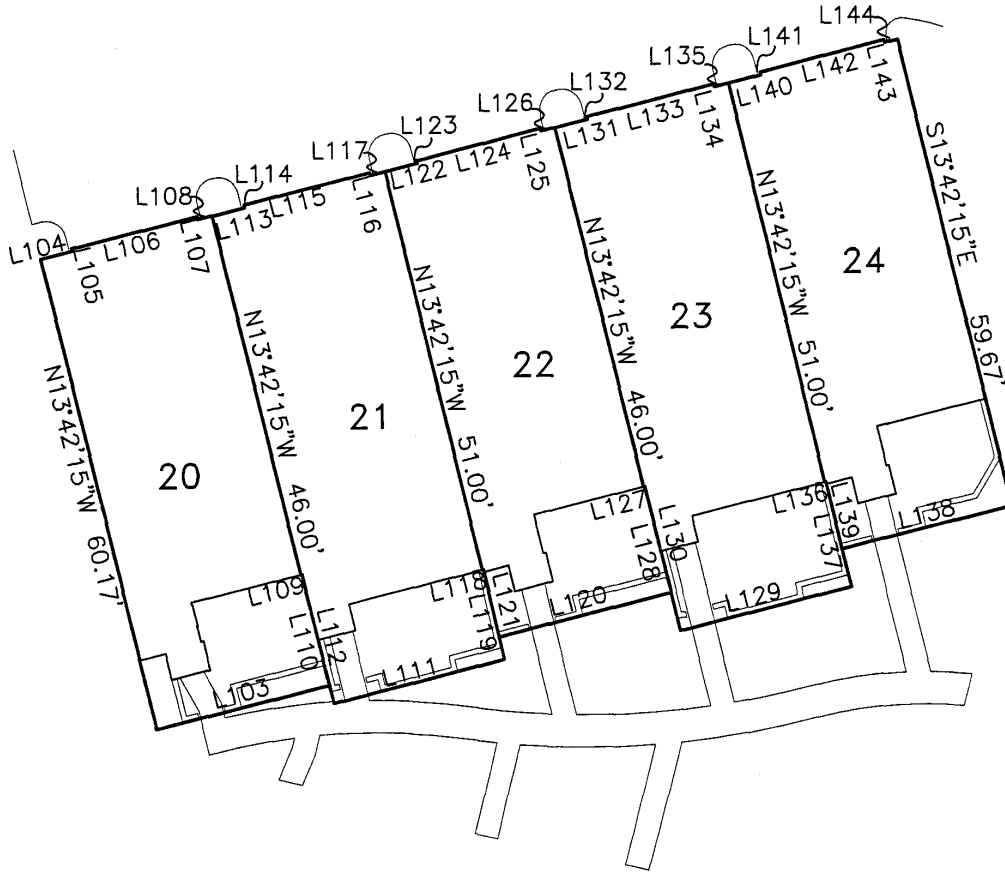
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# ANNOTATION DETAIL SHEET FOR BUILDING H



BUILDING H (UNITS 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24) – "NEED NOT BE BUILT"

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LINE TABLE		
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L3	S75°47'54"E	16.25'
L4	S14°12'06"W	0.35'
L5	S75°47'54"E	1.54'
L6	S30°47'54"E	13.48'
L7	S14°12'06"W	0.53'
L8	N75°47'54"W	29.70'
L9	N30°47'54"W	8.96'
L10	S75°47'54"E	9.38'
L11	N14°12'06"E	0.35'
L12	S75°47'54"E	10.25'
L13	S14°12'06"W	0.35'
L14	S75°47'54"E	2.04'
L15	S14°12'06"W	2.67'
L16	S75°47'54"E	0.17'
L17	S30°47'54"E	13.48'
L18	S14°12'06"W	0.53'
L19	N75°47'54"W	22.00'
L20	S76°01'49"E	9.05'
L21	N14°12'06"E	0.35'
L22	S75°47'54"E	16.25'
L23	S14°12'06"W	0.35'
L24	S75°47'54"E	1.38'
L25	N75°47'54"W	16.97'
L26	S75°47'54"E	0.17'
L27	N14°12'06"E	2.00'
L28	N14°12'06"E	1.37'
L29	N75°47'54"W	0.35'
L30	N14°12'06"E	16.25'
L31	S75°47'54"E	0.35'
L32	N14°12'06"E	9.04'
L33	S75°47'54"E	3.67'
L34	S14°12'06"W	0.17'
L35	S30°47'54"E	13.48'
L36	S75°47'54"E	0.53'
L37	S14°12'06"W	16.97'
L38	N14°12'06"E	2.04'
L39	N75°47'54"W	0.35'
L40	N14°12'06"E	10.25'
L41	S75°47'54"E	0.35'
L42	N14°12'06"E	9.37'
L43	S75°47'54"E	2.00'
L44	N14°12'06"E	0.17'
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L50	N14°12'06"E	16.25'
L51	S75°47'54"E	0.35'
L52	N14°12'06"E	8.71'
L53	S30°47'54"E	8.96'
L54	S14°12'06"W	29.70'
L55	N14°12'06"E	1.37'
L56	N75°47'54"W	0.35'
L57	N14°12'06"E	16.25'
L58	S75°47'54"E	0.35'
L59	N14°12'06"E	9.04'
L60	S75°47'54"E	3.67'

LINE TABLE		
LINE	BEARING	LENGTH
L61	S14°12'06"W	0.17'
L62	S30°47'54"E	13.48'
L63	S75°47'54"E	0.53'
L64	S14°12'06"W	16.97'
L65	N14°12'06"E	1.37'
L66	N75°47'54"W	0.35'
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L69	N14°12'06"E	8.71'
L70	S30°47'54"E	8.96'
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L72	N75°47'54"W	0.67'
L73	N75°47'54"W	1.71'
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L75	N75°47'54"W	16.25'
L76	N14°12'06"E	0.35'
L77	N75°47'54"W	4.21'
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L79	N14°12'06"E	17.50'
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L82	N75°47'54"W	2.33'
L83	N75°47'54"W	1.71'
L84	S14°12'06"W	0.35'
L85	N75°47'54"W	16.25'
L86	N14°12'06"E	0.35'
L87	N75°47'54"W	4.04'
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L89	N75°47'54"W	0.17'
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L92	S75°47'54"E	22.67'
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L98	N75°47'54"W	4.04'
L99	S75°47'54"E	22.00'
L100	S14°12'06"W	10.00'
L101	N75°47'54"W	0.17'
L102	S14°12'06"W	1.00'
L103	S76°17'45"W	22.33'
L104	N76°17'45"E	4.04'
L105	N13°42'15"W	0.35'
L106	N76°17'45"E	16.25'
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L109	N76°17'45"E	0.17'
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L111	S76°17'45"W	22.33'
L112	N13°42'15"W	16.50'
L113	N76°17'45"E	4.21'
L114	N13°42'15"W	0.35'
L115	N76°17'45"E	16.25'
L116	S13°42'15"E	0.35'
L117	N76°17'45"E	1.87'
L118	N76°17'45"E	0.17'
L119	S13°42'15"E	11.50'
L120	S76°17'45"W	22.33'

LINE TABLE		
LINE	BEARING	LENGTH
L121	N13°42'15"W	8.67'
L122	N76°17'45"E	4.21'
L123	N13°42'15"W	0.35'
L124	N76°17'45"E	16.25'
L125	S13°42'15"E	0.35'
L126	N76°17'45"E	1.87'
L127	N76°17'45"E	0.17'
L128	S13°42'15"E	13.67'
L129	S76°17'45"W	22.33'
L130	N13°42'15"W	18.50'
L131	N76°17'45"E	4.21'
L132	N13°42'15"W	0.35'
L133	N76°17'45"E	16.25'
L134	S13°42'15"E	0.35'
L135	N76°17'45"E	1.87'
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L141	N13°42'15"W	0.35'
L142	N76°17'45"E	16.25'
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L144	N76°17'45"E	1.71'
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L151	S75°24'10"E	11.91'
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L168	S84°49'31"E	39.57'
L169	S25°59'47"E	20.19'
L170	S21°21'12"W	7.95'
L171	S21°21'12"W	26.07'
L172	S21°21'12"W	17.53'
L173	S11°55'17"W	44.94'
L174	S72°41'52"W	59.21'
L175	S66°54'53"W	43.96'
L176	N88°40'23"E	16.09'
L177	S45°01'40"E	58.75'

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**CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER SUMMARY**

01-3501-0403-0000

**SUMMARY OF ALL ACCOUNT(S)**

	SUMMARY OF CURRENT YEAR		SUMMARY OF ALL TAXES DUE	
	TAX YEAR	BASE TAX	DUE 10/08	DUE 11/08
TRAVIS COUNTY	2007	994.07	0.00	0.00
CITY OF AUSTIN	2007	816.89	0.00	0.00
ISD - AUSTIN	2007	2,355.08	0.00	0.00
AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	2007	194.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>		<b>4,360.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>***** COMMENTS ***** CAUTION ***** READ BEFORE CLOSING *****</b>	
TRAVIS COUNTY	- TAX RATE INCLUDES TRAVIS CO HOSPITAL DISTRICT
ISD - AUSTIN	- 2008 DATA FOR THIS JURISDICTION IS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER ROLLBACK ELECTION ON NOV 4

CAD# <b>01-3501-0403-0000</b> DESC <b>LOT 2 BLK A NORTHWEST HILLS SEC 11 PHS 2 ABST/SUB ID S09732</b> ACREAGE <b>1.997</b> SITUS <b>EAST HILL DR 02</b> MAIL <b>7200 N MO PAC EXPY STE 450 AUSTIN TX 78731-2307</b> ASSESSED OWNER(S) <b>EASTHILL INVESTMENTS LTD</b>	01 02 03 68 AB4/AB1  <b>2008 ASSESSED VALUES</b> LAND 202,500 IMPROVEMENT 0 <b>TOTAL VALUE 202,500</b>
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**TAX ENTITY INFORMATION**

<b>TRAVIS COUNTY</b>	<b>PAYMENTS AS OF</b>	<b>09/26/2008</b>
P O BOX 149328 AUSTIN TX 78714-9328	08 TAX RATE	0.4801000
PHONE 512-854-9473	W/O EXEMPT	972.20
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	<b>DUE 11/08</b>	0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>994.07</b>

<b>CITY OF AUSTIN</b>	<b>PAYMENTS AS OF</b>	<b>09/26/2008</b>
COLLECTED BY TRAVIS CO	08 TAX RATE	0.4012000
PHONE 512-854-9473	W/O EXEMPT	812.43
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	<b>DUE 10/08</b>	0.00
	<b>DUE 11/08</b>	0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>816.89</b>

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<b>ISD - AUSTIN</b>		<b>PAYMENTS AS OF</b>			<b>09/26/2008</b>
COLLECTED BY TRAVIS CO		07 TAX RATE			1.1630000
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<b>AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIST</b>		<b>PAYMENTS AS OF</b>			<b>09/26/2008</b>
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<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>194.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**NO MAINTENANCE ASSESSED**

\*\*\* THIS SUBDIVISION IS NOT ASSESSED BY AN HOA \*\*\*  
**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT 01-3501-0403-0000**

<b>DESC</b>	LOT 2 BLK A NORTHWEST HILLS SEC 11 PHS 2 ABST/SUB ID S09732
<b>SITUS</b>	EAST HILL DR 02

<b>EXAMINER</b> TR2/ANG 07/26/2005	<b>CONTACTED</b>
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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**[ENCUMBRANCES]**

1. Restrictive Covenant recorded under Book 42, Page 7, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.
2. Drainage easement recorded under Document No. 2002031615, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas.

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**COMMON INTEREST ALLOCATION**

The Common Interest Allocation and percentage of liability for common expenses for each Townhome is 1/6. Each Townhome is allocated one (1) vote.

**THE COMMON INTEREST ALLOCATION ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR UNIT WILL DECREASE IF ADDITIONAL UNITS ARE CREATED AND ADDED TO THE REGIME BY THE DECLARANT.**

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY CHART**

“All aspects” includes maintenance, repair, and replacement, as needed.

“CE” means Common Element.

<b>COMPONENT OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY AS “AREA OF COMMON RESPONSIBILITY”</b>	<b>OWNER RESPONSIBILITY (subject to applicable architectural controls and use restrictions)</b>
Control access gate at street entrance. (CE)	All aspects.	None.
Water detention pond, if any. (CE)	All aspects.	None.
Fences, screening walls, and retaining walls around perimeter of property.	All aspects.	None.
Interior concrete street. (CE)	All aspects.	None.
Street lights. (CE)	All aspects.	None.
Sidewalks.	All aspects of sidewalks on Common Elements. (CE)	All aspects of sidewalks on Townhome.
Mailboxes & exterior street addresses or Townhome numbers.	All aspects.	None.
Trash receptacles.	Community dumpster, if any. (CE)	Bags or individual wheeled cans, if used.
Courtyard/fenced yards.	None.	All aspects.
Grounds and irrigation facilities - outside courtyard/fenced yards.	All aspects, including irrigation - on Common Elements and Townhomes.	None.

COMPONENT OF PROPERTY	ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY AS "AREA OF COMMON RESPONSIBILITY"	OWNER RESPONSIBILITY (subject to applicable architectural controls and use restrictions)
Roofs.	All aspects.	None.
Gutters and downspouts.	All aspects.	None.
Roof-mounted attachments.	All aspects.	None.
Exterior vertical walls of Buildings, garage doors, and other exterior features of Buildings not specifically listed in chart.	Periodic re-painting or re-staining of painted or stained surfaces.	All other aspects, except those noted for Association, including stone, stucco, fascia board, wall studs, and insulation.
Building foundations, patio slabs, and A/C slabs.	None.	All aspects.
Concrete driveways.	All aspects.	None.
Exterior light fixtures on Buildings.	None.	All aspects.
Fireplaces & chimneys.	None.	All aspects, including firebox, chimney cap, flue & damper, periodical flue cleaning (the Board may elect to provide periodic flue cleaning in lieu of the Owner).
Skylights, if any.	None.	All aspects.
Attics.	None.	All aspects.
Insulation & weatherstripping.	None.	All aspects.
Building interior, including improvements, fixtures, partition walls and floors within Townhome.	None.	All aspects.

<b>COMPONENT OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY AS "AREA OF COMMON RESPONSIBILITY"</b>	<b>OWNER RESPONSIBILITY (subject to applicable architectural controls and use restrictions)</b>
Sheetrock in Townhome (walls and ceilings) & treatments on walls.	None.	All aspects.
Exterior doors of Townhomes.	Periodic re-staining.	All other aspects.
Windows of Townhomes.	Exterior caulking in connection with periodic exterior painting or staining.	All other aspects, except those noted for Association, including window frames, screens, locks, glass panes, glazing, and caulking.
Water, wastewater, electrical lines & systems.	All aspects of common lines & systems, none for those serving an individual Townhome.	All aspects of lines, pipes, fixtures, and appliances serving only that Townhome.
Heating and cooling systems & water heaters.	None.	All aspects.
Intrusion alarms smoke/heat detectors, monitoring equipment.	None.	All aspects.
Cable for television or internet	Standards for location and appearance of cable and/or conduit.	All other aspects.
Television antennas & satellite dishes.	None.	All aspects.

NOTE 1: The components listed in the first column are applicable only if they exist, and may not be construed to create a requirement to have such a component. A skylight is an example of a component that may or may not be on a Building.

NOTE 2: If an Owner fails or refuses to perform necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement, the Association may perform the work after giving required notices to the Owner.

NOTE 3: This Maintenance Responsibility Chart may be revised by the Association, with the approval of Owners representing at least a Majority of the Townhomes in the Property. A revised Maintenance Responsibility Chart must be Recorded. The Maintenance Responsibility Chart may not be revised within the Declarant's consent prior to expiration of the Development Period.

## ATTACHMENT 4

### GUIDE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S EXAMINATION OF COMMON ELEMENTS

This Guide provides information to assist the Board in conducting an biennial examination of the Common Elements for the purpose maintaining replacement and repair reserves at a level that anticipates the scheduled replacement or major repair of components of the General Common Elements maintained by the Association. The examination is required by the Declaration and is a necessary prerequisite to establishing sufficient replacement reserves. Additional information on conducting the examination may be obtained from the Community Associations Institute and their publication, *The National Reserve Study Standards of the Community Associations Institute*. See [www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org). In addition, the Community Associations Institute provides certification for qualified preparers of reserve studies, known as a "Reserve Professionals Designation" (R.S.). Neither this Declaration or current law requires that the Board engage an individual holding a Reserve Professional Designation for the purpose of conducting the annual examination of the Common Elements. Because laws and practices change over time, the Board should not use this Guide without taking into account applicable changes in law and practice.

#### **Developing a Plan**

In developing a plan, the age and condition of Common Elements maintained by the Association must be considered. The possibility that new types of material, equipment, or maintenance processes associated with the repair and/or maintenance of Common Elements should also be taken into account. The individual or company who prepares the examination calculates a suggested annual funding amount and, in doing so, may consider such factors as which components are included, estimated replacement costs of the components, useful lives of the components, inflation, and interest on reserve account balances or other earnings rates. Annual contributions to the replacement fund from annual assessments are based on this examination or reserve study. A reserve study generally includes the following:

- Identification and analysis of each major component of Common Elements maintained by the Association
- Estimates of the remaining useful lives of the components
- Estimates of the costs of replacements or repairs
- A cash flow projection showing anticipated changes in expenditures and contributions over a time period generally ranging between 20 and 30 years
- The "Funding Goal" which is generally one of the following:
  - Component Full Funding: Attaining, over a period of time, and maintaining, once the initial goal is achieved, a cumulative reserve

account cash balance necessary to discharge anticipated expenditures at or near 100 percent; or

- **Threshold Funding:** Maintaining the reserve account cash balance above a specified dollar or percent funded amount.

Note that Threshold Funding will increase the likelihood that special assessments will be required to fund major repairs and replacements. For example, one study has shown that a Threshold Funding goal of 40 to 50% results in a 11.2% chance that the Association will be unable to fund repairs and replacement projects in the next funding year. See "Measuring the Adequacy of Reserves", *Common Ground*, July/August 1997. The same study found that Component Full Funding reduces this likelihood to between .09 and 1.4%.

#### **Finding Common Element Component Replacement Information**

Common Element component replacement information may be obtained from contractors, suppliers, technical specialists (IT, cable, fiber optics, etc), or a "Reserve Study" specialist or from using tables in technical manuals on useful lives of various components. The Board must reevaluate its funding level periodically based upon changes to the Common Elements as well as changes to replacement costs and component conditions.



**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**GUIDE TO ASSOCIATION'S MAJOR MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS**

This Guide lists several of the major management and governance functions of a typical residential development with a mandatory owners association. The Association's Board of Directors may, from time to time, use this Guide to consider what functions, if any, to delegate to one or more managers, managing agents, employees, or volunteers. Because laws and practices change over time, the Association and/or the Board should not use this Guide without taking account of applicable changes in law and practices.

<b>MAJOR MANAGEMENT &amp; GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>Performed by Association officers or directors</b>	<b>Delegated to Association employee or agent</b>
<p><b><u>FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p>To adopt annual budget and levy assessments, per Declaration.</p> <p>Prepare annual operating budget, periodic operating statements, and year-end statement.</p> <p>Identify components of the property the Association is required to maintain. Estimate remaining useful life of each component. Estimate costs and schedule of major repairs and replacements, and develop replacement reserve schedule. Update same.</p> <p>Collect assessments and maintain Association accounts.</p> <p>Pay Association's expenses and taxes.</p> <p>Obtain annual audit and income tax filing.</p> <p>Maintain fidelity bond on whomever handles Association funds.</p> <p>Report annually to members on financial status of Association.</p>		

<b>MAJOR MANAGEMENT &amp; GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>Performed by Association officers or directors</b>	<b>Delegated to Association employee or agent</b>
<p><b><u>PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p>Inspect, maintain, repair, and replace, as needed, all components of the property for which the Association has maintenance responsibility.</p> <p>Contract for services, as needed to operate or maintain the property.</p> <p>Prepare specifications and call for bids for major projects.</p> <p>Coordinate and supervise work on the property, as warranted.</p>		
<p><b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p>Receive and respond to correspondence from owners, and assist in resolving owners' problems related to the Association.</p> <p>Conduct hearings with owners to resolve disputes or to enforce the governing documents.</p> <p>Obtain and supervise personnel and/or contracts needed to fulfill Association's functions.</p> <p>Schedule Association meetings and give owners timely notice of same.</p> <p>Schedule board meetings and give directors timely notice of same.</p> <p>Enforce the governing documents.</p> <p>Maintain insurance and bonds as required by the governing documents or state law, or as customary for similar types of property in the same geographic area.</p> <p>Maintain Association books, records, and files.</p>		

<b>MAJOR MANAGEMENT &amp; GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>Performed by Association officers or directors</b>	<b>Delegated to Association employee or agent</b>
Maintain Association's corporate charter and registered agent & address.		
<p><b><u>OVERALL FUNCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>Promote harmonious relationships within the community.  Protect and enhance property values in the community.  Encourage compliance with governing documents and applicable laws and ordinances.</p> <p>Act as liaison between the community of owners and governmental, taxing, or regulatory bodies.</p> <p>Protect the Association and the property from loss and damage by lawsuit or otherwise.</p>		

## APPENDIX "A"

### DECLARANT RESERVATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

#### A.1. General Provisions.

A.1.1. Introduction. Declarant intends the Declaration to be perpetual and understands that provisions pertaining to the initial development, construction, marketing, and control of the Property will become obsolete when Declarant's role is complete. As a courtesy to future users of the Declaration, who may be frustrated by then-obsolete terms, Declarant is compiling Declarant-related provisions in this Appendix.

A.1.2. General Reservation and Construction. Notwithstanding other provisions of the Documents to the contrary, nothing contained therein may be construed to, nor may any mortgagee, other Owner, or the Association, prevent or interfere with the rights contained in this Appendix which Declarant hereby reserves exclusively unto itself and its successors and assigns. In case of a conflict between this Appendix "A" and any other Document, this Appendix "A" controls. This Appendix may not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant. The terms and provisions of this Appendix must be construed liberally to give effect to Declarant's intent to protect Declarant's interests in the Property.

A.1.3. Purpose of Development and Declarant Control Periods. This Appendix gives Declarant certain rights during the Development Period and Declarant Control Period to ensure a complete and orderly sellout of the Property, which is ultimately for the benefit and protection of Owners and mortgagees. The "**Development Period**", as specifically defined in the *Section 1.16* of the Declaration, means the seven (7) year period beginning on the date this Declaration is recorded, unless such period is earlier terminated by Declarant's recordation of a notice of termination. Declarant Control Period is defined in *Section 1.14* of the Declaration. Declarant may not use its control of the Association and the Property for an advantage over the Owners by way of retention of any residual rights or interests in the Association or through the creation of any contractual agreements which the Association may not terminate without cause with ninety (90) days' written notice.

A.2. Declarant Control Period Reservations. For the benefit and protection of Owners and mortgagees, and for the purpose of ensuring a complete and orderly build-out and sellout of the Property, Declarant will retain control of the Association, subject to the following:

A.2.1. Association Budget. During the Declarant Control Period, the Declarant-appointed Board will establish a projected budget for the Property as a fully developed, fully constructed, and fully occupied residential community with a level of services and

maintenance that is typical for similar types of developments in the general area of the Property, using cost estimates that are current for the period in which the budget is prepared. The Association budget may not include enhancements voluntarily provided by Declarant to facilitate the marketing of new homes in the Property.

A.2.2. Officers and Directors. During Declarant Control Period, the Board may consist of three (3) persons. Declarant may appoint, remove, and replace any officer or director of the Association, none of whom need be members or owners, and each of whom is indemnified by the Association as a "Leader," subject to the following limitation: within one hundred and twenty (120) days after fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of Townhomes that may be created have been conveyed to Owners other than Declarant, at least one-third of the Board must be elected by Owners other than Declarant.

A.2.3. Obligation for Assessments. For each Townhome owned by Declarant, Declarant is liable for Special Assessments, Utility Assessments, Individual Assessments, and Deficiency Assessments in the same manner as any Owner. Regarding Regular Assessments, during the Declarant Control Period only, Declarant at Declarant's option may support the Association's budget by either of the following methods: (i) Declarant will pay Regular Assessments on each Declarant owned Townhome in the same manner as any Owner; or (ii) Declarant will assume responsibility for the difference between the Association's actual common expenses as they are paid and the Regular Assessments received from Owners other than Declarant, and will provide any additional funds necessary to pay actual cash outlays of the Association. On the earlier to occur of three (3) years after the first conveyance of a Townhome by the Declarant or termination of the Declarant Control Period, Declarant must begin paying Assessments on each Declarant owned Townhome according to the Townhome's allocated Interest for Assessments.

A.2.4. Obligation for Reserves. During the Declarant Control Period, neither the Association nor Declarant may use the Association working capital or reserve funds to pay operational expenses of the Association.

A.2.5. Enhancements. During the Declarant Control and Development Periods, Declarant – solely at Declarant's discretion – may voluntarily provide enhancements for the Property, such as higher levels of maintenance, management, insurance, and seasonal color in landscaping. Such enhancements are not included in the Association's annual operating budget or, alternatively, if included are identified as Declarant enhancements.

A.2.6. Expenses of Declarant. Expenses related to the completion and marketing of the Property will be paid by Declarant and are not expenses of the Association.

A.2.7. Management Contract. If Declarant enters into a professional management contract on behalf of the Association during Declarant Control Period, the Association has the right to terminate the contract without cause or penalty, but with at least 30 days written notice to the manager, at any time after a Board elected by the Owners other than Declarant takes office.

A.2.8. Common Elements. At or prior to termination of Declarant Control Period, if title or ownership to any Common Element is capable of being transferred, Declarant will convey title or ownership to the Association. At the time of conveyance, the Common Element will be free of encumbrance except for the property taxes, if any, accruing for the year of conveyance. Declarant's conveyance of title or ownership is a ministerial task that does not require and is not subject to acceptance by the Association or the Owners.

A.3. Development Period Rights. Declarant makes the following representations and reservations regarding Declarant's development of the Property:

A.3.1. Annexation. The Property is subject to expansion for up to seven (7) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. During the Development Period, Declarant may annex additional property into the Regime, and subject such property to this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by recording an amendment or supplement of this Declaration, executed by Declarant, in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas.

A.3.2. Creation of Townhomes. When created, the Property contains six (6) Townhomes; however, Declarant reserves the right to create up to and including thirty (30) Townhomes upon full buildout of all phases of the project which may include land added by the Declarant in accordance with the Declaration. Declarant's right to create Townhomes is for a term of years and does not require that Declarant own a Townhome in the Property at the time or times Declarant exercises its right of creation. The instrument creating additional units must include a revised schedule of allocated interests.

A.3.3. Changes in Development Plan. During the Development Period, Declarant may modify the initial development plan to respond to perceived or actual changes and opportunities in the marketplace. Modifications may include, without limitation, the subdivision or combination of Townhomes, changes in the sizes, styles, configurations, materials, and appearances of Townhomes, and Common Elements.

A.3.4. Architectural Control. During the Development Period, Declarant has the absolute right of architectural control. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the Development Period and after termination of Declarant Control, or earlier if Declarant permits, the Board may appoint or serve as a "modifications committee" to respond

exclusively to modifications of completed Townhomes that are owned by persons other than Declarant. A modifications committee may not involve itself with the approval of new Townhomes or Common Elements.

A.3.5. Transfer Fees. During the Development Period, Declarant will not pay transfer-related and resale certificate fees.

A.3.6. Website & Property Name. During the Development Period, Declarant has the unilateral right to approve or disapprove uses of any website purporting to serve the Property or the Association, all information available on or through the Property website, if any, and all uses of the property name by the Association.

A.3.7. Fines and Penalties. During the Development Period, neither Declarant nor Townhomes owned by Declarant are liable to the Association for late fees, fines, administrative charges, or any other charge that may be considered a penalty.

A.3.8. Statutory Development Rights. As permitted by the Act, Declarant reserves the following Development Rights which may be exercised during the Development Period: (i) to add real property to the Property; (ii) to create Townhomes, General Common Elements, and Limited Common Elements within the Property; (iii) to subdivide Townhomes or convert Townhomes into Common Elements; and (iv) to withdraw from the Property any portion of the real property marked on the Plat and Plans as "Development Rights Reserved" or "Subject to Development Rights," provided that no Townhome in the portion to be withdrawn has been conveyed to an Owner other than Declarant.

A.3.9. Development Rights Reserved. Regarding portions of the real property shown on the Plat and Plans as "Development Rights Reserved" or "Subject to Development Rights," if any, Declarant makes no assurances as to whether Declarant will exercise its Development Rights, the order in which portions will be developed, or whether all portions will be developed. The exercise of Development Rights as to some portions will not obligate Declarant to exercise them as to other portions.

A.3.10. Amendment. During the Development Period, Declarant may amend this Declaration and the other Documents, without consent of other Owners or any mortgagee, for the following limited purposes:

- (i) To meet the requirements, standards, or recommended guidelines of an Underwriting Lender to enable an institutional or governmental lender to make or purchase mortgage loans on the Townhomes.
- (ii) To correct any defects in the execution of this Declaration or the other Documents.

- (iii) To add real property to the Property, in the exercise of statutory Development Rights.
- (iv) To create Townhomes, General Common Elements, and Limited Common Elements within the Property, in the exercise of statutory Development Rights.
- (v) To subdivide, combine, or reconfigure Townhomes or convert Townhomes into Common Elements, in the exercise of statutory Development Rights.
- (vi) To amend the Maintenance Responsibility Chart.
- (vii) To withdraw from the Property any portion of the real property marked on the Plat and Plans as "Development Rights Reserved" or "Subject to Development Rights" in the exercise of statutory Development Rights.
- (viii) To resolve conflicts, clarify ambiguities, and to correct misstatements, errors, or omissions in the Documents.
- (ix) To change the name or entity of Declarant.
- (x) For any other purpose, provided the amendment has no material adverse effect on any right of any owner.

**A.4. Special Declarant Rights.** As permitted by the Act, Declarant reserves the below described Special Declarant Rights, to the maximum extent permitted by law, which may be exercised, where applicable, anywhere within the Property during the Development Period. Unless terminated earlier by an amendment to this Declaration executed by Declarant, any Special Declarant Right may be exercised by Declarant so long as Declarant holds a Development Right to create additional Townhomes or Common Elements or Declarant owns a Townhome, whichever ceases last. Earlier termination of certain rights may occur by statute.

- (i) The right to complete or make Improvements indicated on the Plat and Plans.
- (ii) The right to exercise any Development Right permitted by the Act and this Declaration.
- (iii) The right to make the Property part of a larger condominium or planned community.
- (iv) The right to use Townhomes owned or leased by Declarant or Common Elements as models, storage areas, and offices for the marketing, management, maintenance, customer service, construction, and leasing of the Property.



- (v) For purposes of promoting, identifying, and marketing the Property, Declarant reserves an easement and right to place or install signs, banners, flags, display lighting, potted plants, exterior decorative items, seasonal decorations, temporary window treatments, and seasonal landscaping on the Property, including items and locations that are prohibited to other Owners and Residents. Declarant reserves an easement and right to maintain, relocate, replace, or remove the same from time to time within the Property. Declarant also reserves the right to sponsor marketing events – such as open houses, MLS tours, and brokers parties – at the Property to promote the sale of Townhomes.
- (vi) Declarant has an easement and right of ingress and egress in and through the Common Elements and Townhomes owned or leased by Declarant for purposes of constructing, maintaining, managing, and marketing the Property, and for discharging Declarant's obligations under the Act and this Declaration.
- (vii) The right to appoint or remove any Declarant-appointed officer or director of the Association during Declarant Control Period consistent with the Act.

**A.5. Additional Easements and Rights.** Declarant reserves the following easements and rights, exercisable at Declarant's sole discretion, for the duration of the Development Period:

- (i) An easement and right to erect, construct, and maintain on and in the Common Elements and Townhomes owned or leased by Declarant whatever Declarant determines to be necessary or advisable in connection with the construction, completion, management, maintenance, and marketing of the Property.
- (ii) The right to sell or lease any Townhome owned by Declarant. Townhomes owned by Declarant are not subject to leasing or occupancy restrictions or prohibitions contained elsewhere in this Declaration or the other Documents.
- (iii) The right of entry and access to all Townhomes to perform warranty-related work, if any, for the benefit of the Townhome being entered, adjoining Townhomes, or Common Elements. Requests for entry must be made in advance for a time reasonably convenient for the Owner who may not unreasonably withhold consent.
- (iv) An easement and right to make structural changes and alterations on Common Elements and Townhomes used by Declarant as models and offices, as may be necessary to adapt them to the uses permitted herein. Declarant, at Declarant's sole expense, will restore altered Common

Elements and Townhomes to conform to the architectural standards of the Property. The restoration will be done within one hundred and twenty (120) days after termination of the Development Period.

- (v) An easement over the entire Property, including the Townhomes, to inspect the Common Elements and all Improvements thereon and related thereto to evaluate the maintenance and condition of the Common Element Improvements.
- (vi) The right to provide a reasonable means of access and parking for prospective Townhome purchasers in connection with the active marketing of Townhomes by Declarant.

**A.6. Marketing Other Locations.** This Declaration grants to Declarant a number of significant rights to market the Property. Declarant hereby reserves for itself and its affiliates the right to use each and every such right and privilege for the additional purposes of promoting, identifying, and marketing off-site developments of Declarant or its affiliates for the duration of the Development Period, even though Declarant may have completed the marketing of Townhomes in the Property. Additionally, Declarant – at Declarant’s sole option and discretion – may extend the effect of this Section for up to twelve (12) months after the end of the Development Period by paying the Association \$1,000.

**A.7. Common Elements.** Because the Common Elements are owned by the owners, collectively and in undivided interest, the Common Elements are not capable of being separately conveyed. The transfer of control of the Association at the end of the Declarant Control Period is not a transfer of the ownership of the Common Elements. Because ownership of the Common Elements is not conveyed by Declarant to the Association, there is no basis for the popular misconception that Owners may “accept” or “refuse” the Common Elements.

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