

COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR

POTTERS WOODS

The undersigned, Langston Development Company, Inc., an Indiana Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Developer”), the owner of the real estate shown and described herein, do hereby certify that they have laid off, platted and subdivided and do hereby layoff, plat and subdivide said real estate in accordance with the within plat. The following restrictions, limitations and covenants are hereby imposed upon, shall be run with the land contained in such plat and are recorded as Instrument # 9636512 in the Office of the Hamilton County Recorder.

This subdivision shall be known and designated as Potters Woods subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as the “Development”). All streets shown and riot heretofore dedicated are hereby dedicated to the public.

DEFINITIONS. The following are the definitions of the terms as they are used in this Declaration:

- A. “Committee” shall mean the Potters Woods Architectural Control Committee, composed of and operated under the terms of Article II Section 1 herein.
- B. “Association” shall mean the Potters Woods Property Owners' Association, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, the membership and powers of which are more fully described in Article VI herein.
- C. “Builder(s)” shall mean one who acquires a Lot directly from the developer for the purpose of building a single family dwelling on it for immediate re-sale of Lot and dwelling together.

ARTICLE I

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS

Section I. Lot Use and Maintenance.

- A. All Lots in this subdivision are reserved for residential use and no building other than a one-family residence or structure or facility accessory in use thereto shall be erected thereon. All plans for such structures are to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee (“Committee”), for approval prior to any construction.
- B. Not more than one building shall be erected or used for residential purposes on any Lot in this subdivision. No trailer, tent, shack, attached shed, basement, garage, barn, or other out- building or temporary structure shall be used for temporary or permanent residence on any Lot in this subdivision.
- C. No Lot or any part thereof be leased, sublet, assigned or suffered to be used for transient occupancy.
- D. No Lot in this subdivision shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, grass clippings, garbage or other waste and such rubbish or trash shall not be kept, except in sanitary containers. It shall be the duty of the owner of each Lot in the subdivision to keep the grass on the Lot properly cut and to keep the Lot free from weeds and trash and otherwise neat and attractive in appearance. Should any owner fail to do so, the Developer and Homeowners Association may take such action as it deems appropriate in order to make the Lot neat and attractive and the owner shall upon demand reimburse Developer and Homeowners Association for the expense incurred in so doing.

Section 2. Property Lines and Lot Dimensions The front and side yard building setback lines are hereby established; between which line and the property lines of the street, there shall erected or maintained no building or structure. The front setback shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet and the minimum back setback shall be twenty (20) feet. Side setbacks shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet each side excluding elements such as fences, walls, and trellises.

No Lot or combination of Lots may be further subdivided until approval therefore has been obtained from the Noblesville Planning Commission; excepting, however, the Developer and its successors in title shall have the absolute right to increase the size of any Lot by joining to such Lot a section of an adjoining Lot (thereby decreasing the size of such adjoining Lot) so long as the effect of such joining does not result in the creation of a "Lot" with frontage of less than Eighty (80) feet at the front setback building line or less than ten thousand four Hundred (10,400) square feet.

Section 3. Structure Dimensions. The living area, exclusive of one-story open porches, terraces and garages, shall not be less than One Thousand Four Hundred (1,400) square feet in the case of a one-story structure, nor less than One Thousand Six Hundred (1,600) square feet in the case of a two story structure. .

Section 4. Structure Character and Appearance All buildings shall be constructed in a substantial and good workmanlike manner and of new materials. The Committee shall determine and provide a list of all approved building materials. Approved materials on the list may be added or removed from time to time as the Committee deems appropriate. All homes exterior colors including but not limited to shingles, paint, and brick must be approved by the Committee.

Section 5. Garages. All garages shall be attached to the residence dwelling and be a minimum of two (2) car size

Section 6. Storage. A garage or storage building erected or used as an accessory to a residence in this subdivision shall be of permanent construction and shall conform to the general architecture and appearance of such residence. Any accessory structure or home addition must first be approved by the Committee before it is to be erected.

Section 7. Drives. Each driveway on a Lot shall be of concrete or asphalt material.

Section 8. Swimming Pools. No above-ground swimming pools shall be permitted in the Development.

Section 9. Solar Heat Panel. No solar heat panels shall be permitted in the Development.

Section 10. Fences. All fences erected in this subdivision must meet the specifications of the Developer or Committee. No fence shall be erected in this subdivision without prior written approval of the Developer or Committee. No fences shall be constructed in areas designated for Retention or Detention nor shall fences be constructed in the Floodway. No fences shall be constructed in front of the building line on any Lot.

Section 11. Sidewalks. Plans and specifications for this subdivision, on file with the Noblesville Planning Commission, require the installation of concrete sidewalks within the street rights-of-way in front of all Lots as shown on the approved plans. Installation of said sidewalks shall be the obligation of the builder of any such Lot, exclusion of the Developer, and shall be completed in accordance with said plans and specifications and the cost of said installation shall be a lien against any such Lot enforceable by the Planning Commission or its successor agency.

Section 12. Yard, Mailbox, and Other Equipment. All Lot owners will be required to install at least a \$1,500 landscape package. This package is to include sod front and side yards and seed and straw of the back yards, at a minimum. Also required is the planting of bushes, plants and two 1 ½" caliper trees, at the minimum. Lot owners shall also be required to comply with the Noblesville street tree ordinance.

Lot owners must install or have installed at least one photo-cell controlled exterior light and mailbox in the front yard by the time the construction of the home on the Lot is complete. The design of the exterior light and mailbox shall be similar throughout the community and shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee may require, for the purpose of uniformity and appearance, that the mailbox and exterior light be purchased from the Developer or its designee.

No clothesline or clothes poles, or any other free-standing semi-permanent poles, rigs or devices, regardless of purpose, shall be constructed, erected or located or used on any Lot.

No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one (1) professional sign of not more than one (1) square foot or one (1) sign of not more than five (5) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent. Signs used by a builder to advertise the property during the construction and sales periods are exempt from this requirement. No radio or television antenna on outside of roof shall be attached to any dwelling house. No free standing radio or television antenna, television receiving disk or dish shall be permitted on any Lot, with the exception of a television reception disk nineteen (19) inches or smaller upon approval of the Committee. No solar panels attached or detached shall be permitted.

Section 13. Placement of Vehicles or Equipment. No boat, trailer or camper of any kind (including but not in limitation thereof, house trailers, camping trailers or boat trailers,) or any disabled vehicle shall be kept or parked on any Lot except within a garage or other approved structure.

Section 14. Unacceptable Activities. No noxious, unlawful or other offensive activity shall be carried out on any Lot in this subdivision, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Section 15. Animals. No animals, livestock or poultry of any description shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes.

ARTICLE II

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS

Section 1. The Architectural Control Committee. Until the Applicable Date, there shall be three (3) additional Special members of the Association, being the persons from time to time appointed by Developer to serve on the Architectural Control Committee. Persons who are Special members shall not be deemed or considered members of the Association nor owners of Lots for any purpose other than to qualify to act as members of the Architectural Control Committee. Special members shall have no voting rights on any matters submitted to a vote of the members (unless such Special member is also a Class A member, in which event his voting rights shall be governed by subsection (a) of this Section. After the Applicable Date the members of the Architectural Control Committee ("Committee") shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Purpose. The Committee shall regulate size, type, external design, appearance, use, location and maintenance of any lands subject to these Covenants and Restrictions and improvements thereon, in such a manner as to preserve and enhance values and to maintain a harmonious relationship among structures and the natural vegetation and topography.

No building, fence, wall or other construction or improvement of any kind shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made without the prior approval of the Committee. Such approval shall be obtained only after written application has been made to the committee by the owner of the Lot. The manner of application shall be in the form as prescribed from time to time by the Committee, and shall be accompanied by two sets of plans and specifications. Such plans shall include plot plan showing location of proposed improvements, specification of all exterior materials and colors and any proposed landscaping. In the event said Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required as long as said design meets all other requirements of the covenants and restrictions herein and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

ARTICLE III.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS. GUIDELINES AND RIGHT

Section 1. Easements. There are strips of ground as shown on this plat and marked Drainage and Utility Easement, which are reserved for the use of public utilities for the installation of water and sewer mains, poles, ducts, lines and wires, subject at all times to the proper authorities and to the easement herein reserved. No permanent or other structures are to be erected or maintained upon said strips of land, but owners of Lots in this subdivision shall take their titles subject to the rights of public utilities.

Areas shown on this plat and marked as Detention/ Retention shall be recorded as drainage easements, reserved for the installation and maintenance of storm sewer structures and subject at all times to proper City and/or County authorities and the easement herein reserved. These areas shall be maintained free of weeds, trash or other obstruction by the homeowner or Homeowner's Association.

Section 2. Drainage of Storm or Other Water In the event storm water drainage from any Lot flows across another Lot, provision shall be made to permit such drainage to continue, without restriction or reduction, across the downstream Lot and into the natural drainage channel or course, even though no specific drainage easement for such flow of water is provided on said plat.

No rain or storm water runoff or such things as roof water, street pavement or surface water caused by natural precipitation, shall at any time be discharged into or permitted to flow into the Sanitary Sewer System, which shall be a separate sewer system from the Storm Water and Surface Water Runoff Sewer System. No sanitary sewage shall at any time be discharged or permitted to flow into the above mentioned Storm Water and Surface Water Runoff Sewer System.

Section 3. Enforcement of Restrictions and Conditions The Developer, and any owner shall have the right to enforce, by any proceedings at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of these covenants and restrictions. Failure by the Developer, or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

In the event the Developer or owner shall be successful in any proceeding, whether at law or in equity, brought to enforce any restriction, covenant, limitation, easement, condition, reservation, lien or charge now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of the Restrictions, Covenants, Limitations, Easements and Approvals appended to and made a part of the Plat of the community, it shall be entitled to recover from the party against whom the proceeding was brought all of the attorneys' fees and related costs and expenses it incurred in such proceeding.

The right to enforce these provisions by injunction, together with the right to cause the removal by due process of law, or any structure or part hereof erected or maintained in violation hereof, is hereby dedicated to the public and reserved to the several owners of the several Lots in this subdivision and to their heirs and assigns.

Section 4. Invalidation of Covenant. Invalidation of anyone of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Term of Covenants and Restrictions The foregoing covenants or restrictions are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of this plat, at which time said covenants or restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods often (10) years unless changed by vote of 75% of the then owners of the buildings covered by these covenants or restrictions in whole or in part.

Section 6. Waiver or Rights to Remonstrate. Lot owners, upon taking title, agree to waive all rights to oppose future zoning changes and special permits necessary to complete the Master Plan of Potters Woods. No owner of any Lot shown herein shall have the right to remonstrate against annexation of that Lot to the Town of Noblesville.

Section 7. Ownership, Use, Enjoyment, and Maintenance of Commons "Commons and "Commons Area" shall mean those areas set aside for conveyance to the Association, as shown on the plats as Blocks F and G and Landscape Easements. Any commons depicted on the recorded plats of the Development shall remain private, and neither the Developer's execution of recording of the plats nor the doing of any other act by the Developer is, or is intended to be, a dedication to the public of the commons. Ownership of any of the Commons shall be conveyed in fee simple title, free of financial encumbrances to the Association upon their completion. Such conveyance shall be subject to easements and restrictions of record, and such other conditions as the Developer at the time of conveyance deems appropriate. Such conveyance shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Association and those persons who shall be members thereof from time to time.

Developer shall be responsible for improving and or maintaining all Common Areas until such time as the Commons are conveyed to the Association at which time the Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Commons.

Section 7A. Ownership and Maintenance of Block C. The Lot owners of Lots abutting Block C shall own equal and undivided interest in said Block as tenants in common, and it shall be the obligation of each owner in common with the other Lot owners abutting said Block to contribute an equal share of the cost of maintenance of said Block. Where a majority of the abutting Lot owners of Block C elect to allocate costs to maintain such area and one or more Lot owners fails to pay their allocable share of such maintenance, then the owners paying such cost may file a lien for the reasonable value of labor performed and materials furnished as prescribed by the lien laws of the State of Indiana against any such Lot and the owner thereof and recover the full assessment owned together with interest from the due date and reasonable attorney's fees. Block C shall also be considered a Drainage and Utility Easement.

Section 8. Development and Sale Period Nothing contained in Articles I, II & III shall be construed or interpreted to restrict the activities of the Developer and Builders in connection with the development and Sale of the Development and the Construction and Sale of Homes on said Development. The above shall be entitled to engage in such activities and to construct, install, erect and maintain such facilities, upon any portion of the Development at any time owned or leased by the Developer or Builders as, in the sole opinion of the Developer or Builders, may be reasonably required, or convenient or incidental to, the development of the Development and sale of the Lots and Homes on said Lots; such facilities may include, without limitation, storage areas, signs, parking areas, model residences, construction offices, sale offices and business offices.

ARTICLE IV

Potters Woods Homeowners Association

There has been or will be created, under the laws of the State of Indiana, not-for-profit corporation to be known as the "POTTERS WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION".

Section 1. Membership in Association Each Lot owner shall, automatically upon becoming an owner, be and become a member of the Association and shall remain a member until such time as his ownership of a Lot ceases. Membership in the Association shall terminate when such owner ceases to be an owner and will be transferred to the new owner of his Lot; provided, however, that any person who holds the interest of an owner in a Lot in this subdivision merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a member until and unless he realizes upon his security, at which time he shall automatically be and become an owner and a member of the Association.

Section 2. Voting Rights. The Association shall have the following classes of membership, with the following voting rights:

A. Class A. Class A members shall be all owners except Class B members. Each Class A member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot of which such member is the owner with respect to each matter submitted to a vote of the members upon which the Class A members are entitled to vote. When more than one (1) person constitutes the owner of a particular Lot, all such persons shall be members of the Association, but all of such persons shall have only one (1) vote for such Lot, which vote shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any such Lot A membership in the Association shall only be transferred by the transfer of the record title of a Lot .

B. Class B. Class B members shall be the Developer and all successors and assigns of Developer designated by Developer as Class B members in a written notice mailed or delivered to the President of the Association. Each Class B member shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot of which it is the owner and five (5) votes for each individually numbered parcel of land shown upon, and identified as a Lot on, any recorded subdivision plat of the subdivision, or any part thereof of which it is the owner (either as to the entire numbered parcel or any part thereof) which is not a "Lot" as defined in this declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, on all matters requiring a vote of the members of the Association. The Class B membership shall cease and terminate upon the first to occur of (i) the date upon which the written resignation of the class B members as such is delivered to the President of the Association, (ii) the date Developer no longer owns any Lots nor any portion of any individually numbered parcel of land shown upon and identified as a Lot on, any recorded subdivision plat of the subdivision, or any part thereof, or (iii) January 1, 2003, (the "Applicable Date").

After the Applicable Date, Class B memberships shall be converted to Class A memberships, and each former Class B member shall be entitled to one (1) class A membership for each Lot owned and for each individually numbered parcel of land shown upon, and identified as a Lot on, any recorded subdivision plat of the subdivision, or any part thereof, of which it is then the owner (either as to the entire numbered parcel or any part thereof) which is not a "Lot" as defined herein.

Section 3. Functions.

A. The Association shall maintain the entrance landscaping, signage and the landscape easements shown on the plat (s) and shall keep such area in a neat, clean and presentable condition at all times.

B. The Association shall maintain and repair the Common Areas shown on the plat (s) including improvements thereon.

C. The Association shall maintain the water retention areas shown on the plat (s) as part of the overall drainage system to serve the development.

D. The Association shall procure and maintain casualty insurance for the Common Areas, liability insurance and such other insurance as it deems necessary or advisable.

E. The Association may contract for such service as management, snow removal, security control, trash removal, and such other services as the Association deems necessary or advisable.

F. Owning all Common Areas when deeded to and paying taxes and assessments levied and assessed against, and payable with respect to, the Common Areas and paying any other necessary expenses and costs in connection with the Common Areas

Section 4. Assessments.

A. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. Each owner of any Lot in the subdivision, except the Developer and Builder, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, whether or not it shall be expressed in such a deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges; and (2) special assessments for capital improvements and operating deficits; such assessments to be established

and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land until paid in full and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the owner of such property at the time when the assessment was due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessment shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them or unless, prior to such transfer, a written notice of the lien for such assessments shall have been recorded in the office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. No charge or assessment shall ever be levied by the Association against the Developer.

B. Date of Commencement of Annual assessment Annual Assessments shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of March of each calendar year or, if so determined by the Association, in such other periodic installments as may be specified by the Association. If a Lot is conveyed after the first of March the annual assessment provided for herein shall be pro-rated as of the date of closing. The Board of Directors shall fix any increase in the amount of the monthly assessment at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of such increase. Written notice of annual assessments and such other assessment notices as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate shall be sent to every owner subject hereto. The due dates for all assessments shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, at any time, furnish a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association that the assessments on a specific Lot have been paid or that certain assessments against said Lot have not been paid, as the case may be.

C. Special Assessments In addition to the annual operating assessment, the Association may levy a special assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvement which the Association is required to maintain or for operating deficits which the Association may from time to time incur, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of majority of the votes of the members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Written notices for such meetings shall be sent 30-60 days in advance of the meeting and at least 60% of all possible votes must be cast to constitute a quorum.

D. Remedies for Non-Payment Any charge assessed against any Lot, together with interest and other charges or costs as hereinafter provided, shall become and remain a lien upon that Lot until paid in full and shall also be a personal obligation of the owner or owners of that Lot at the time the charge fell due. Such charge shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum until paid in full. If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association, such charge has remained due and payable for an unreasonably period of time, the Board may, on behalf of the Association, institute such procedures, either at law or in equity, by foreclosure or otherwise, to collect the owing in any court of competent jurisdiction. The owner of the Lot or Lots shall, in addition to charges owed, be obligated to pay all costs incurred by the Association, including attorney's fees, in collecting the charges due. Every owner of a Lot in the Development and any person who may acquire any interest in any Lot in the Development, whether as owner or otherwise, is hereby notified, and by acquisition of such interest agrees, that any such liens which may exist upon said Lot at the time of acquisition of such interest are valid liens and shall be paid. Every person who shall become an owner of a Lot in the Development is hereby notified that by the act of acquiring, making such purchase or acquiring such title, such person shall be conclusively held to have covenanted to pay the Association all charges that the Association shall make pursuant to this subparagraph of the Restrictions.

E. Subordination of the lien to Mortgage. The lien of the assessments provided herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien.

Section 5. Management of Board of Directors The business and affairs of the Association shall be governed and managed by the Board of Directors. No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors unless he is, or is deemed in accordance with this Declaration to be, an owner, including a person appointed by Declarant as provided in Section 2 of this Article VI.

Section 6. Initial Board of Directors

The initial Board of Directors shall be composed of the persons designated or to be designated by the Developer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in, or any other provisions of, this Declaration or these Articles, (a) the Initial Board shall hold office until the first meeting of the members of the Association occurring on or after the Applicable Date, and (b) in the event of any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Initial Board for any reason or cause whatsoever prior to such first meeting occurring on or after the Applicable Date determined as provided above, every such vacancy shall be filled by a person appointed by Developer, who shall thereafter be deemed a member of the Initial Board. Each owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot with, or by acquisition of any interest in a dwelling house by any type of juridic acts inter vivos or causa mortis, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have appointed Developer as such owner's agent, attorney-in-fact and proxy, which shall be deemed coupled with an interest and irrevocable until the Applicable Date determined as provided above, to exercise all of said owner's right to vote, and to vote as Developer determines, on all matters as to which members of the Association are entitled to vote under the Declaration, these Articles or otherwise. This appointment of Developer as such owner's agent, attorney-in-fact and proxy shall not be affected by incompetence of the owner granting the same. Each person serving on the Initial Board, whether as an original member thereof or as a member thereof appointed by Developer to fill a vacancy, shall be deemed a Special member of the Corporation and an owner solely for the purpose of qualifying to act as a member of the Board of Directors and for no other purpose. No such person serving on the Initial Board shall be deemed or considered a member of the Association nor an owner of a Lot for any other purpose (unless he is actually the owner of a Lot and thereby a member of the Association).

Section 7. Additional Qualifications of Board of Directors. Where an owner consists of more than one person or is a partnership, corporation, trust or other legal entity, then one of the persons constituting the multiple owner, or a partner or an officer or trustee, shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, except that no single Lot or dwelling house may be represented on the Board of Directors by more than one person at a time.

Section 8. Term of Office and Vacancy of Board of Directors. Subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this Article VI, the entire membership of the Board of Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association. The Initial Board shall be deemed to be elected and re-elected as the Board of Directors at each annual meeting until the first meeting of the members occurring on or after the Applicable Date provided herein. After the Applicable Date, each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. Each Director shall hold office throughout the term of his election and until his successor is elected and qualified. Subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this Article VI as to the Initial Board, any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board or by vote of the owners if a Director is removed in accordance with Section 9 of this Article VI. The Director so filling a vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting of the members and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 9. Removal of Directors. A Director or Directors, except the members of the Initial Board, may be removed with or without cause by vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast at a special meeting of the owners duly called and constituted for such purpose. In such case, his successor shall be elected at the same meeting from eligible owners nominated at the meeting. A Director so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the owners and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Section 10. Duties of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association representing all of the owners and being responsible for the functions and duties of the Association. After the Applicable Date, the Board may, on behalf of the Association, employ a reputable and recognized professional property management agent (herein called the "Managing Agent") upon such terms as the Board shall find, in its discretion, reasonable and customary. The Managing Agent, if one is employed, shall assist the Board in carrying out its duties., which include, but are not limited to:

- a. assessment and collection from the owners of the owners' respective shares of the expenses necessary to carry out all the functions of the Association. Board of Directors shall notify all Lot owners of any increase in the amount of the monthly assessment a minimum of thirty (30) days before the increase is in effect;
- b. preparation of the proposed annual budget, a copy of which will be mailed or delivered to each owner at the same time as the notice of the annual or special meeting at which the same is to be acted upon is mailed or delivered;
- c. preparing and delivering annually to the owners a full accounting of all receipts and expenses incurred in the prior year; if possible, such accounting shall be delivered to each owner simultaneously with delivery of the proposed annual budget for the current year;
- d. keeping a current, accurate and detailed record of receipts and expenditures affecting the Common Areas and the business and affairs of the Association, specifying and itemizing the Common Expenses; all records and vouchers shall be available for examination by an owner at any time during normal business hours.

Section 11. Powers of the Board of Director. The Board of Directors shall have such powers as are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the performance of their duties. These powers include, but are not limited to, the power;

- a. to employ a Managing Agent to assist the Board in performing its duties;
- b. to purchase, lease or otherwise obtain for the Association, to enable it to perform its functions and duties, such equipment, materials, labor and services as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Directors;
- c. to employ legal counsel, architects, contractors, accountants and others as in the judgment of the Board of Directors may be necessary or desirable in connection with the business and affairs of the Association;
- d. to employ, designate, discharge and remove such personnel as in the judgment of the Board of Directors may be necessary for the maintenance, upkeep, repair and replacement of the Common Areas and to perform all other maintenance, upkeep, repair and replacement duties of the Association and Board;
- e. to include the cost of performing all of its functions, duties and obligations as Common Expense and to pay all of such costs therefrom;
- f. to open and maintain a bank account or accounts in the name of the Association;
- g. to promulgate, adopt, revise, amend and alter from time to time such additional rules and regulations with respect to use, occupancy, operation and enjoyment of the Real Estate and the Common Areas (in addition to those set forth in this Declaration) as the Board, in its discretion, deems necessary or advisable; provided, however, that copies of any such additional rules and regulations so adopted by the Board shall be promptly delivered to all Owners; and
- h. to grant to such public or private companies, entities or bodies as the Board shall approve, such easements as may be necessary to provide the Lots, dwelling houses and Common Areas with facilities for utility and similar services, including but not limited to cable television facilities and services; provided that such easements are located within or are co-extensive with any one or more easements or Common Areas shown upon, and identified as such on, or provided for in, any subdivision plat of the Real Estate, whether such plat is heretofore or hereafter recorded.

Section 12. Limitation of Board Action. After the Applicable Date, the authority of the Board of Directors to enter into contracts shall be limited to contracts involving a total expenditure of less than \$2,500.00 without obtaining the prior approval of a majority of the cumulative vote of the owners, except that in the following cases such approval shall not be necessary:

- a. contracts for replacing or restoring portions of the Common Areas damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty where the cost thereof is payable out of insurance proceeds actually received or for which the insurance carrier has acknowledged coverage;
- b. proposed contracts and proposed expenditures expressly set forth in the proposed annual budget as approved by the owners at the annual meeting; and
- c. expenditures necessary to deal with emergency conditions in which the Board of Directors reasonably believes there is insufficient time to call a meeting of the owners.

Section 13. Compensation of Board of Directors. No Director shall receive any compensation for his services as such, except to such extent as may be expressly authorized by a majority vote of the owners. the Managing Agent, if any is employed, shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for its services, the cost of which shall be a Common Expense.

Section 14. Non-Liability of Directors and Officers. The Directors and officers of the Association shall not be liable to the owners or any other persons for any error or mistake of judgment exercised in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as Directors and officers, except for their own individual willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence. The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless and defend each of the Directors and officers against any and all liability to any person, firm or corporation arising out of contracts made by the Board on behalf of the Association, unless any such contract shall have been made in bad faith. It is intended that the Directors and officers shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract made by them on behalf of the Association,

Section 15. Additional Indemnity or Directors and Officers. The Association shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend any person, his heirs, assigns and legal representatives, made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or officer of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, except as otherwise specifically provided herein in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or officer is liable for gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. The Association shall also reimburse to any such Director or officer the reasonable costs of settlement of or judgment rendered in any action, suite or proceeding, if it shall be found by a majority vote of the owners that such Director or officer was not guilty of gross negligence or misconduct. In making such findings and notwithstanding the adjudication in any action, suit or proceeding against a Director or officer, no Director or Officer shall be considered or deemed to be guilty of or liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties where, acting in good faith, such Director or officer relied on the books and records of the Association or statements or advice made by or prepared by the Managing Agent (if any) or any other officer or employee thereof, or any accountant, attorney or other person, firm or corporation employed by the Corporation to render advise or service unless such director or officer had actual knowledge of the falsity or incorrectness thereof; nor shall a Director or officer be deemed guilty of or liable for negligence or misconduct by virtue of the fact that he failed or neglected to attend a meeting or meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 16. Bond of Board or Directors. The Board of Directors may provide surety bonds and may require the Managing Agent (if any), the treasurer of the Association, and any other officers as the Board deems necessary, to provide surety bonds, indemnifying the Association against larceny, theft, embezzlement, forgery, misappropriation, wrongful abstraction, willful misapplication, and other acts of fraud or dishonesty, in such sums and with such sureties as may be approved by the Board of Directors and any such bond shall specifically include protection for any insurance proceeds received for any reason by the Board. The expense of any such bonds shall be a Common Expense.

Section 17. Initial Management Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration, Developer shall have, and Developer hereby reserves to itself, the exclusive right to manage or designate a Managing Agent for the Real Estate and Common Areas, and to perform all the functions of the Corporation, until the Applicable Date. Developer may, at its option,

