# WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR SILVERSTONE

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by FLORIDA DESIGN COMMUNITIES, INC., a Delaware corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant".

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain real property in Hillsborough County, Florida, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to create an exclusive residential community known as "SILVERSTONE" on the Exhibit "A" land pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities in the community and for the maintenance of the common properties; and, to this end, the Declarant desires to subject the real property described in Exhibit "A" to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens, hereinafter set forth, each and all of which is and are for the benefit of such property and each owner of such property;

WHEREAS, Declarant has deemed it desirable, for the efficient preservation of the values and amenities in the community, to create an agency to which should be delegated and assigned the powers of maintaining and administering the common properties and facilities, administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions, and collecting and disbursing of the assessments and charges hereinafter created; and

WHEREAS, the Declarant has incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, as a not-for-profit corporation, SILVERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., for the purpose of exercising the functions stated above, which association is not intended to be a Condominium Association as such term is defined and described in the Florida Condominium Act (Chapter 718 of the Florida Statutes);

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant, hereby declares that the real property described in the attached Exhibit "A" shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the following covenants, restrictions, easements, conditions, charges and liens hereinafter set forth which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest therein or any part thereof, their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

## **ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

<u>Section 1</u>. "<u>Architectural Control Committee</u>" or the "<u>Committee</u>" shall mean and refer to the person or persons designated from time to time to perform the duties of the Architectural Control Committee as set forth herein, and their successors and assigns.

<u>Section 2.</u> "<u>Articles</u>" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the SILVERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation.

<u>Section 3.</u> "<u>Association</u>" shall mean and refer to SILVERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 4. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 5. "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association.

<u>Section 6.</u> "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including the improvements thereon) now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

<u>Section 7</u>. "<u>Common Expense</u>" shall mean and refer to any expense for which a general and uniform assessment may be made against the Owners (as hereinafter defined) and shall include, but in no way be limited to, the expenses of upkeep and maintenance of the Common Area, medians and shoulders of publicly dedicated collector and arterial roadways, certain boundary walls and entrance signs.

<u>Section 8.</u> "<u>Declarant</u>" shall mean and refer to FLORIDA DESIGN COMMUNITIES, INC., a Delaware corporation, its successors and assigns. It shall not include any person or party who purchases a Lot from FLORIDA DESIGN COMMUNITIES, INC., unless, however, such purchaser is specifically assigned as to such property by separate recorded instrument, some or all of the rights held by FLORIDA DESIGN COMMUNITIES, INC. as Declarant hereunder with regard thereto.

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<u>Section 9.</u> "<u>Declaration</u>" shall mean and refer to this DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR SILVERSTONE and any amendments or modifications thereof hereafter made from time to time.

<u>Section 10</u>. "<u>Dwelling</u>" shall mean and refer to each and every single family residential unit constructed on any lot.

Section 11. "FHA" shall mean and refer to the Federal Housing Administration.

<u>Section 12.</u> "First Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to an Institutional Lender who holds a first mortgage on a Lot and who has notified the Association of its holdings.

<u>Section 13.</u> "<u>FNMA</u>" shall mean and refer to the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Section 14. "GNMA" shall mean and refer to the Government National Mortgage Association.

<u>Section 15.</u> "<u>Institutional Lender</u>" shall mean and refer to any federally or state chartered bank, insurance company, HUD or VA or FHA approved mortgage lending institution, FNMA, GNMA, recognized pension fund investing in mortgages, and any federally or state chartered savings and loan association or savings bank, or any other institutional lender.

<u>Section 16.</u> "Institutional Mortgage" shall mean and refer to any mortgage given or held by an Institutional Lender.

<u>Section 17</u>. "Interpretation" Unless the context otherwise requires, the use herein of the singular shall include the plural and vice versa; the use of one gender shall include all genders; and the use of the term "including" shall mean "including without limitation". The headings used herein are for indexing purposes only and shall not be used as a means of interpreting or construing the substantive provisions hereof.

Section 18. "Lot" shall mean and refer to the least fractional part of the subdivided lands within any duly recorded plat of any subdivision which prior to or subsequently to such platting is made subject hereto and which has limited fixed bound-aries and an assigned number, letter or other name through which it may be identified; provided, however, that "Lot" shall not mean any Common Area, nor any land owned by the Master Association.

Section 19. "Master Association" shall mean and refer to WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.



<u>Section 20.</u> "<u>Master Declaration</u>" shall mean and refer to the MASTER DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, as recorded in Official Records Book 4733, Page 1883, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, and any duly recorded amendments thereto.

<u>Section 21</u>. "<u>Master Plan</u>" shall mean and refer to the Master Development Plan for WALDEN LAKE on file with the planning and zoning department of Hillsborough County, and as the same may be amended or modified from time to time.

<u>Section 22.</u> "<u>Owner</u>" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. The term "Owner" shall include Declarant for so long as Declarant shall hold title to any lot.

<u>Section 23</u>. "<u>Plat</u>" shall mean and refer to the Plat of WALDEN LAKE UNIT 33-3, recorded in Plat Book 74 at page 41, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

<u>Section 24.</u> "<u>Properties</u>" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described on attached Exhibit "A", and made subject to this Declaration.

Section 25. "VA" shall mean and refer to the Veterans Administration.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Common Area. The Declarant, in order to insure that the Common Area, association owned facilities and other land for which the Association is responsible hereunder will continue to be maintained in a manner that will contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of the Owners and provide for other matters of concern to them, has organized the Association. The purpose of the Association shall be to operate, maintain and repair the Common Area, and any improvements thereon, including, but not limited to any Surface Water Management System (hereinafter referred to as "SWMS"), lakes, retention areas, culverts and/or related appurtenances which may be located within the Properties; to maintain and repair the paved bicycle paths; to maintain and repair that portion of any buffer easement from the edge of the roadways to the top of any berm constructed thereon; and take such other action as the Association is authorized to take with regard to the Properties pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or this Declaration.

<u>Section 2</u>. Expansion of Common Area. Additions to the Common Area may be made in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. The Declarant shall not be obligated, however, to make any such additions. Any and all such additions to the Common Area by Declarant must be accepted by the Association and such acceptance

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shall be conclusively presumed by the recording of a deed in the Public Records of Hillsborough County by or on behalf of Declarant for any such Common Areas or the designation of such Common Areas on a plat duly recorded for any portion of the Properties. The Association shall be required, upon request of Declarant, to execute any documents necessary to evidence the acceptance of such Common Areas.

### ARTICLE III - PROPERTY RIGHTS

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Owners' Easements of Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and non-exclusive easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The right of the Association from time to time in accordance with its Bylaws to establish, modify, amend and rescind reasonable rules and regulations regarding use of the Common Area;

(b) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for use of any facilities situated upon the Common Area;

(c) The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the Common Area by an Owner for any period during which any assessment levied under this Declaration against his Lot remains unpaid, and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

(d) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility as provided by its Articles;

(e) The right of the Association to grant easements as to the Common Area or any part thereof as provided by its Articles; and,

(f) The right of the Association to otherwise deal with the Common Area as provided by its Articles.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the Bylaws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers provided the foregoing actually reside at the Owner's Lot.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Prohibition of Certain Activities</u>. No damage to, or waste of, the Common Area or any part thereof, shall be committed by any Owner or any tenant or invitee of any Owner. No noxious, destructive or offensive activity shall be permitted on or in the Common Area or any part thereof, nor shall anything be done thereon which

may be or may become an unreasonable annoyance or nuisance to any other Owner. No Owner may maintain, treat, landscape, sod, or place or erect any improvement or structure of any kind on the Common Area without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Signs Prohibited. No sign of any kind shall be displayed in or on the Common Area without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. This Section, however, shall not apply to the Declarant.

<u>Section 5</u>. <u>Animals</u>. No animals shall be permitted on or in the Common Area at any time except as may be provided in the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

<u>Section 6</u>. <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. No Owner or other permitted user shall violate the reasonable Rules and Regulations for the use of the Common Area, as the same are from time to time adopted by the Board.

<u>Section 7</u>. <u>Title to Common Area</u>. The Declarant shall convey title to any Common Area subject to such easements, reservations, conditions and restrictions as may then be of record. The Common Area shall not be mortgaged or conveyed without the prior approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A Members.

Section 8. Easements Reserved in Common Area. The Declarant hereby reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, whether or not expressed in the deed thereto, the right to grant easements over any of the Common Area for the installation, maintenance, replacement and repair of drainage, water, sewer, electric and other utility lines and facilities, provided such easements benefit land which is or will become part of the Properties. The Declarant shall further have the right, but without obligation, to install drainage, as well as water, sewer and other utility lines and facilities in, on, under and over the Common Area, provided such lines and facilities benefit land which is or will be within the Properties. The Association shall join in or separately execute any easements for the foregoing purposes which the Declarant shall direct or request from time to time.

<u>Section 9.</u> <u>Boundary Fences</u>. The Declarant may construct a border fence along all or part of some or all of the Properties. Such border fence (the "Boundary Fence") may be constructed on Common Areas or the Lots and shall be maintained in the same manner in which it was initially constructed. Whether or not located on Common Areas, the maintenance, replacement and repair of any such Boundary Fence shall be the obligation of, and shall be undertaken by the Owners of the Lots abutting the easement or Common Area upon which such Boundary Fence is constructed as to such portion thereof as actually abuts the Lot each Lot Owner owns. If the Lot Owner fails to maintain and repair the portion of the Boundary Fence for which the Lot Owner is responsible to the satisfaction of the Association, the Association may notify such Owner of its dissatisfaction, in writing, such written instrument to be either handdelivered or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested to such Owner. If the Owner fails to correct the maintenance deficiency to the satisfaction of the Association within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written notice, the Association shall have the authority, through its Board of Directors, but shall not be obligated to cause the maintenance deficiency to be corrected. The cost of such action shall be assessed against such Owner's Lot and shall be immediately due and payable and shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of this Declaration.

<u>Section 10.</u> Easement for Maintenance. The Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to the Association, its agents and contractors a non-exclusive perpetual easement as to all land adjacent to publicly dedicated streets within the Properties or streets bounding the perimeter thereof to the extent reasonably necessary to discharge its duties under this Declaration, if any. Such right of entry shall be exercised in a peaceful and reasonable manner at reasonable times upon reasonable notice whenever the circumstances permit.

<u>Section 11</u>. <u>Reciprocal Easements</u>. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements between the lands adjacent to either side of a buffer for lateral and subjacent support, and for encroachments caused by the unwillful placement, settling and shifting of any structure constructed, repaired or reconstructed.

<u>Section 12</u>. <u>Entrance Islands</u>. The Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to erect landscaped entrance islands to the Properties which shall be maintained by the Master Association. The Master Association, its agents and contractors are hereby granted a non-exclusive perpetual easement as to all lands adjacent to entrance islands for the purpose of maintenance and repair of such entrance islands.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Voting Rights. Every Owner of a Lot, which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association, subject to and bound by the Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and this Declaration. The foregoing does not include persons or entities who hold a leasehold interest or an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Ownership, as defined above, shall be the sole qualification for membership. When any Lot is owned of record by two or more persons or other legal entity, all such persons or entities shall be members. An Owner of more than one Lot shall be entitled to one membership for each Lot owned. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment, and it shall be automatically transferred by conveyance of that Lot. The Declarant shall be a member so long as it owns one or more Lots.

Section 2. Membership Classifications. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership, Class A, and Class B. All votes shall be cast in the manner

provided in the Bylaws. The two classes of voting memberships, and voting rights related thereto, are as follows:

(a) <u>Class A</u>. Class A members shall be all Owners of Lots subject to assessment; provided, however, so long as there is Class B membership the Declarant shall not be a Class A member. When more than one person or entity holds an interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such persons determine, but in no event shall more than the number of votes hereinafter designated be cast with respect to such Lot nor shall any split vote be permitted with respect to such Lot. Every Owner of a Lot within the Properties, who is a Class A member, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for that Lot.

(b) <u>Class B</u>. The Class B member of the Association shall be the Declarant until such Class B membership is converted to Class A at Declarant's option or as hereinafter set forth. Class B Lots shall be all Lots, owned by the Declarant which have not been converted to Class A as provided below. The Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B Lot which it owns.

(c) <u>Termination of Class B</u>. From time to time, Class B membership may cease and be converted to Class A membership, and any Class B Lots then subject to the terms of this Declaration shall become Class A Lots upon the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earliest:

(i) When 75% of the Lots are conveyed to Owners, other than Declarant; or

(ii) On December 31, 1999; or

(iii) When the Declarant waives in writing its right to Class B membership.

## **ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Section 1. Responsibilities. The Association, subject to the rights of the Owners set forth in this Declaration, shall be responsible for the exclusive management and control of the Common Area, and shall keep the same in good, clean and proper condition, order and repair. The Association shall also maintain and care for the land designated in Article II, hereof, in the manner therein required. The Association shall be responsible for the payment of all costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with the operation, administration and management of the Common Area, and performance of its other obligations hereunder.



<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Manager</u>. The Association may obtain, employ and pay for the services of an entity or person, hereinafter called the "Manager", to assist in managing its affairs and carrying out its responsibilities hereunder to the extent it deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Association shall determine to be necessary or desirable, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by the Manager. Any management agreement must be terminable for cause upon thirty (30) days notice, be for a term not to exceed three (3) years, and be renewable only upon mutual consent of the parties.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Personal Property for Common Use</u>. The Association may acquire and hold tangible and intangible personal property and may dispose of the same by sale or otherwise, subject to such restrictions, if any, as may from time to time be provided in the Association's Articles or Bylaws.

Section 4. Insurance. The Association at all times shall procure and maintain adequate policies of public liability insurance, as well as other insurance that it deems advisable or necessary. The Association additionally shall cause all persons responsible for collecting and disbursing Association moneys to be insured or bonded with adequate fidelity insurance or bonds.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, its Articles or Bylaws, or by law and every other right or privilege reasonably implied from the existence of any right or privilege granted herein or therein or reasonably necessary to effectuate the exercise of any right or privileges granted herein or therein.

<u>Section 6</u>. <u>Common Expense</u>. The expenses and costs incurred by the Association in performing the rights, duties, and obligations set forth in this Article, are hereby declared to be Common Expenses and shall be paid by Class A members. All expenses of the Association in performing its duties and obligations or in exercising any right or power it has under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws are deemed to be and are hereby Common Expenses. Common Expenses shall be borne by Class A members.

## **ARTICLE VI - COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance thereto, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or conveyance, is deemed to covenant and agrees to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges and charges for Common Expenses; and (2) special assessments or charges against a particular Lot as may be provided by the terms of this Declaration. Such assessments and charges, together with interest,

costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a lien upon the property against which such assessment is made. Each such assessment or charge, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to an Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

The assessments levied by the Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. Association shall be used to promote the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Properties, and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area and the carrying out of the other responsibilities and obligations of the Association under this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such funds may be used for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of Properties, services and facilities related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including the costs of repair, replacement and additions thereto; the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision thereof; the payment of taxes and assessments made or levied against the Common Area; the procurement and maintenance of insurance; the employment of attorneys, accountants and other professionals to represent the Association when necessary or useful; the maintenance, landscaping and beautification of the Common Area and such public lands as may be designated by the Declarant or the Association; the maintenance, repair and replacement of Boundary fences to the extent required or permitted to be maintained by the Association pursuant to this Declaration; the employment of security personnel to provide services which are not readily available from any governmental authority; and such other needs as may arise.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Annual Assessment for Common Expenses</u>. The annual assessments for Common Expenses shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and shall be the same for each Class A Lot.

<u>Section 4</u>. <u>Special Assessments for Capital Improvements</u>. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.</u>

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Notice of Meeting and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under</u> <u>Sections 3 and 4</u>. Written notice of any members meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 and 4 of this Article shall be sent to all members not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. At such meeting, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast onethird (1/3) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement. No subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Declarant's Common Expenses Assessment. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration or the Association's Articles or Bylaws to the contrary, as long as there is Class B membership in the Association, the Declarant shall not be obligated for, nor subject to any annual assessment for any Lot which it may own, provided Declarant shall be responsible for paying the difference between the Association's expenses of operation otherwise to be funded by annual assessments (after applying all income received by the Association from other sources) and the amount received from Owners, other than the Declarant, in payment of the annual assessments levied against their Class A Lots. Such difference shall be called the "deficiency", and shall not include any reserve for replacements, operating reserve, depreciation reserves, capital expenditures or special assessments. The Declarant may at any time, give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association terminating its responsibility for the deficiency, and waiving its right to exclusion from annual assessments. Upon giving such notice, or upon termination of Class B membership, whichever is sooner, each Lot or completed Unit with a Certificate of Occupancy owned by Declarant shall thereafter be assessed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual assessment established for Lots owned by Class A members other than Declarant. Declarant shall not be responsible for any reserve for replacements, operating reserves, depreciation reserves, capital expenditures or special assessments. Such assessment shall be prorated as to the remaining months of the year, if applicable. Declarant shall be assessed only for Lots which are subject to the operation of this Declaration. Upon transfer of title of a Lot owned by Declarant, the Lot shall be assessed in the amount established for Lots owned by Owners other than the Declarant, prorated as of and commencing with, the month following the date of transfer of title. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Lots from which the Declarant derives any rental income, or holds an interest as mortgagee or contract Seller, shall be assessed at the same amount as Lots owned by Owners other than the Declarant, prorated as of and commencing with, the month following the execution of the rental agreement or mortgage, or the contract purchaser's entry into possession as the case may be.

Section 7. Exemption from Assessments. The assessments, charges and liens provided for or created by this Article VI shall not apply to the Common Area or common area of the Master Association, any property dedicated to and accepted for maintenance by a public or governmental authority or agency, any property owned by a public or private utility company or public or governmental body or agency, and any property owned by a charitable or non-profit organization.

Section 8. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments for Common Expenses shall commence as to all Lots subject

thereto at such time as the Board of Directors shall determine apropriate and shall be prorated to the date of coneyance of the Lot from the Declarant to its purchaser. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment for Common Expenses against each Lot not later than December 1 of each calendar year for the following calendar year. Written notice of the annual assessment for Common Expenses shall be sent to every Owner subject hereto. Unless otherwise established by the Board of Directors, annual assessments for Common Expenses shall be collected on an annual basis. The due date for special assessments shall be as established by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 9</u>. <u>Lien for Assessments</u>. All sums assessed to any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, including those owned by the Declarant, together with interest and all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association.

<u>Section 10.</u> <u>Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments:</u> <u>Remedies of the Association</u>. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate allowed by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area, or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 11. Foreclosure. The lien for sums assessed pursuant to this Declaration may be enforced by judicial foreclosure by the Association in the same manner in which mortgages on real property may be foreclosed in Florida. In any such foreclosure, the Owner shall be required to pay all costs and expenses of foreclosure, including reasonable attorney's fees. All such costs and expenses shall be secured by the lien being foreclosed. The Owner shall also be required to pay to the Association any assessments against the Lot which shall become due during the period of foreclosure, and the same shall be secured by the lien foreclosed and accounted for as of the date the Owner's title is divested by foreclosure. The Association shall have the right and power to bid at the foreclosure or other legal sale to acquire the Lot foreclosed, and thereafter to hold, convey, lease, rent, encumber, use and otherwise deal with the same as the owner thereof.

Section 12. Homestead. By acceptance of a deed thereto, the Owner and spouse thereof, if married, of each Lot shall be deemed to have waived any exemption from liens created by this Declaration or the enforcement thereof by foreclosure or otherwise, which may otherwise have been available by reason of the homestead exemption provisions of Florida law, if for any reason such are applicable. This Section is not intended to limit or restrict in any way the lien or rights granted to the Association by this Declaration, but to be construed in its favor.

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Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the Section 13. assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage which is given to or held by an Institutional Lender, or which is guaranteed or insured by the FHA or VA. The sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to foreclosure of such a first mortgage or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. The Association shall, upon written request, report to any such first mortgagee of a Lot any assessments remaining unpaid for a period longer than thirty (30) days after the same shall have become due, and shall give such first mortgagee a period of thirty (30) days in which to cure such delinquency before instituting foreclosure proceedings against the Lot; provided, however, that such first mortgagee first shall have furnished to the Association written notice of the existence of its mortgage, which notice shall designate the Lot encumbered by a proper legal description and shall state the address to which notices pursuant to this Section are to be given. Any such first mortgagee holding a lien on a Lot may pay, but shall not be required to pay, any amounts secured by the lien created by this Article VI.

Section 14. Special Assessment for Maintenance Obligations of Owners. In the event an Owner obligated to maintain, replace or repair a Boundary Fence, or portion thereof, pursuant to this Declaration shall fail to do so, or should an Owner fail to perform any other repair, replacement or maintenance for which such Owner is responsible pursuant to this Declaration, the Association, upon ten (10) days prior written notice sent certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or hand delivered, may have such work performed, and the cost thereof shall be specially assessed against such Lot, which assessment shall be secured by the lien set forth in Section 9 of this Article VI.

<u>Section 15.</u> <u>Certificate of Amounts Due</u>. The Association shall upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

## ARTICLE VII - GENERAL PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>General Plan of Development</u>. The Declarant has on file at its business office, presently located at 2020 Clubhouse Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573, a general plan of development (the "General Plan") for the land which is subject to this Declaration, showing a general indication of the size and location of developments; the approximate size and location of Common Area, if any; and the general nature of any proposed Common Area facilities and improvements, if any. Such General plan shall not bind the Declarant to make any such Common Areas or adhere to the General Plan.

Such General Plan may be amended or modified by the Declarant, in whole or in part, at any time, or discontinued.

Section 2. Deed Restrictions. In addition to this Declaration, the Declarant may record for parts of the Properties additional deed restrictions applicable thereto either by master instrument or individually recorded instruments. Such deed restrictions may vary as to different parts of the Properties in accordance with the Declarant's development plan and the location, topography and intended use of the land made subject thereto. To the extent that part of the Properties is made subject to such additional deed restrictions, such land shall be subject to additional deed restrictions and this Declaration. The Association shall have the duty and power to enforce such deed restrictions if expressly provided for therein, and to exercise any authority granted to it by them. Nothing contained in this Section 2 shall require the Declarant to impose uniform deed restrictions or to impose additional deed restrictions of any kind on all or any part of the Properties.

The covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Section 3. Duration. Declaration shall run with and bind the land and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the Owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida, after which time the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless prior to the end of such twenty five (25) year period, or each successive ten (10) year period, an instrument signed by the then owners of eighty percent (80%) of the Lots agreeing to terminate the covenants, conditions and restrictions at the end of such twenty-five (25) year or ten (10) year period has been recorded in the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida. Provided, however, that no such agreement to terminate the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be effective unless made and recorded at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective date of such change. This Section may not be amended.

<u>Section 4</u>. <u>Amendment</u>. This Declaration may be amended from time to time by recording among the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, an instrument signed either by:

(a) The Declarant, as provided in Section 5 of this Article; or

(b) A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members of each class of membership, at a meeting called for such purpose; or

(c) By the duly authorized officers of the Association provided such amendment by the Association officers has been approved in the manner provided in Paragraph (b) of this Section. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as the Declarant, or its assigns shall own any Lot no amendment shall diminish, discontinue or in any way adversely affect the rights of the Declarant under this Declaration, nor shall any amendment pursuant to (b) or (c) above be valid unless approved by the Declarant, as evidenced by its written joinder. Any amendment to this Declaration which would affect any SWMS located within the properties must have the prior approval of SWFWMD; such approval need not be recorded.

Section 5. Exception. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, the Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, for a period of seven (7) years from the date of its recording to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots or any other amendment which Declarant deems necessary provided such amendment does not destroy or substantially alter the general plan or scheme of development of the Properties. Any such amendment shall be executed by the Declarant and shall be effective upon its recording in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment.

<u>Section 6</u>. <u>Acceptance of Land</u>. In the event that the Declarant conveys, from time to time, any portion or portions of the real property contained within the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto to the Association, the Association is irrevocably bound to accept such conveyance.

## ARTICLE VIII - USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Residential Use. All of the Properties shall be known and described as residential property and no more than one detached, single-family dwelling may be constructed on any Lot, except that more than one Lot may be used for one dwelling, in which event, all Restrictions shall apply to such Lots as if they were a single Lot, subject to the easements indicated on the Plat and the easement reserved in Section 4 of this Article.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Structures</u>. No structure shall be erected nearer than twenty-five (25) feet from a front Street Line or twenty (20) feet from a Side Street Line. No Structure shall be erected nearer than ten (10) feet from a Side Yard Line or nearer than thirty (30) feet from a Rear Yard Line. A swimming pool may not be located in the Front Yard of any Lot. The terms "Structure", "Street Line", and "Front Yard", shall have the meanings ascribed by the Plant City Zoning Regulations in effect as of the date of the recording of this Declaration; provided, however, the term "Structure" shall not include a

fence. The terms, "Side Yard Line" and "Rear Yard Line" are as used in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Above ground swimming pools are prohibited.

Section 3. Dwelling. No dwelling shall have a floor square foot area of less than one thousand (1,000) square feet, exclusive of screened area, open porches, terraces, patios and garages. All dwellings shall have at least two (2) inside baths. A "bath", for the purposes of this Declaration, shall be deemed to be a room containing at least one (1) shower or tub, and a toilet and wash basin. All dwellings shall have at least a two (2) car garage attached to and made part of the dwelling. No dwelling shall exceed two and one-half (2 1/2) stories nor thirty-five (35) feet in height. All dwellings shall be constructed with concrete driveways and grassed front, side and rear lawns, provided that lot areas designated on the Plat for drainage easement purposes need not be grassed. Each dwelling shall have a shrubbery planting in front of the dwelling.

## Section 4. Easements.

(a) Perpetual easements for the installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage areas are hereby reserved to Declarant, Plant City and Hillsborough County in and to all utility easement and drainage easement areas shown on the Plat (which easements shall include, without limitation, the right of reasonable access over Lots to and from the easements areas), and Declarant, Plant City and Hillsborough County each shall have the right to convey such easements on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis to any person, corporation or governmental entity. Declarant also hereby reserves unto itself, the Master Association, the Association, and any owner, present or future, of land adjacent to the Properties, perpetual easements for drainage over, through and across the eastern fifteen feet of Lots 1 through 3, inclusive; the western twenty feet of Lots 18 through 27, inclusive, and the northern fifteen feet of Lots 32 through 35, inclusive. Neither the easement rights reserved pursuant to this Section or as shown on the Plat shall impose any obligation on Declarant to maintain such easement areas, nor to install or maintain the utilities or improvements that may be located on, in or under such easements, or which may be served by such easements. Within easement areas, no structure, planting, or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with access to or the installation of the use and maintenance of the easement areas or any utilities or drainage facilities, or which may change the direction of flow or obstruct or retard the flow of drainage water in any easement areas, or which may reduce the size of any water retention areas constructed by Declarant in such easement areas. The easement areas of each Lot, whether as reserved hereunder or as shown on the Plat, and all improvements in such easement areas shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot upon which such easement exists, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible. With regard to specific easements for drainage shown on the Plat, the Declarant shall have the right, without any obligation imposed thereby,

to alter or maintain drainage facilities in such easement areas, including slope control areas.

(b) The Declarant may designate certain areas of the Properties as "Drainage Easements" on the final plat. No permanent improvements or structures shall be placed or erected upon the Drainage Easements. In addition, no fences, driveways, pools and decks, patios, air conditioners, any impervious surface improvements, utility sheds, sprinkler systems, trees, shrubs, hedges, plants or any other landscaping element other than sod shall be placed or erected upon or within such Drainage Easements. This Paragraph shall not apply to Declarant if such improvements by it are approved by either Plant City or Hillsborough County.

(c) Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to construct, maintain, repair, replace or remove any fences, berms, and/or landscaping ormonuments or both, and shall have all easements reasonably necessary upon the Properties to permit Declarant to exercise such rights. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be cnstrued to obligate Declarant to construct any such berms and/or landscaping or monuments. Any berm constructed by Declarant on a buffer easement shall be maintained as initially constructed. No improvements, structures, fences, driveways, pools and decks, patios, air conditioners, impervious surface material, utility sheds, sprinkler systems, trees, shrubs, hedges, plans or any other landscaping element other than sod shall be placed or erected upon any berm without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. This Paragraph shall not apply to Declarant so long as Declarant owns one or more lots on any of the properties included with the Master Plan.

(d) Association and Owners consent hereby to an easement for utilities, including but not limited to telephone, gas, water and electricity, sanitary sewer service, and irrigation and drainage in favor of all lands which abut the Properties, their present Owners and their successors and assigns. The easement set forth in this Section shall include the right to "tie in", join and attach to the existing utilities, sanitary sewer service, irrigation and drainage in the Properties so as to provide access to these services to said abutting lands directly from the Properties.

(e) The Board of Directors shall have the right to create new easements for pedestrian and vehicular traffic and utility services across and through the Properties; provided, however, that the creation thereof does not adversely affect the use of any Lot.

(f) The creation of new easements as provided for in this Section shall not unreasonably interfere with ingress to and egress from a Lot or residence thereon.

(g) In the event that any structure or improvement on any Lot shall encroach upon any of the Common Areas or upon any other Lot for any reason other

than the intentional or negligent act of the Owner, or in the event any Common Area shall encroach upon any Lot, then an easement shall exist to the extent of such encroachment for so long as the encroachment shall exist.

(h) If ingress or egress to any Lot is through the Common Area, or any part thereof, any conveyance or encumbrance of such Common Area shall be subject to such Lot Owner's easement for ingress or egress over and across such Common Area.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Use of Accessory Structures</u>. Other than the dwelling and its attached garage, no tent, shack, barn, utility shed or building shall, at any time, be erected and used on any Lot temporarily or permanently, whether as a residence or for any other purpose; provided, however, temporary buildings, mobile homes, or field construction offices may be used by Declarant and its agents in connection with construction work. No recreation vehicle may be used as a residence or for any other purpose on any of the Lots.

Section 6. Commercial Uses and Nuisances. No trade, business, profession or other type of commercial activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, except as hereinafter provided for Declarant and except that real estate brokers, Owners and their agents may show dwellings for sale or lease; nor shall anything be done on any Lot which may become a nuisance, or an unreasonable annoyance to the neighborhood. Everv person, firm or corporation purchasing a Lot recognizes that Declarant, its agents or designated assigns, have the right to (i) use Lots or houses erected thereon for sales offices, field construction offices, storage facilities, general business offices, and (ii) maintain fluorescent lighted or spotlight furnished model homes in the Properties open to the public for inspection seven (7) days per week for such hours as are deemed Declarant's rights under the preceding sentence shall terminate on necessary. December 31, 1999, unless prior thereto Declarant has indicated its intention to abandon such rights by recording a written instrument among the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida. It is the express intentions of this Section that the rights granted Declarant to maintain sales offices, general business offices and model homes shall not be restricted or limited to Declarant's sales activity relating to the Properties, but shall benefit Declarant in the construction, development and sale of such other property and Lots which Declarant may own.

Section 7. Animals. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot, except that cats, dogs, and other household pets may be kept provided they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes; provided further that no person owning or in custody of a dog shall allow the dog to stray or go upon another Lot without the consent of the Owner of such Lot; and provided further that no more than a total of two (2) animals may be kept on any Lot. Each dog must be on a leash when the dog is outside of the Owner's Lot.

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Section 8. Fences, Walls and Hedges. Except as to fences, walls or hedges originally constructed or planted by Declarant, if any, no fence, wall or hedge of any nature shall be erected, constructed or planted on any Lot unless such fence, wall or hedge is approved by Declarant in writing prior to commencement of construction or planting. Declarant reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or disapprove any such proposed fence, wall or hedge until such time as there are completed Dwellings having certificates of occupancy on all Lots, and all Lots have been conveyed to Owners other than Declarant. No fence, wall or hedge may have a height of more than six (6) feet in any Side Yard or Rear Yard. "Side Yard" shall mean and refer to that area of the Lot lying between the Dwelling and the Side Yard Line. "Rear Yard" shall mean and refer to that area of the Lot lying between the Dwelling and the Rear Yard Line. Provided, however, that no fence, wall or hedge permitted under this Section 8 shall exceed the maximum height permitted by any governmental authority. No fences or walls of any nature shall be constructed in the Front Yard of any Lot. Fences, walls or hedges within five feet and parallel to any street shall meet aesthetic standards as established by Declarant, which standards may be greater than those required of fences, walls, or hedges more distant from streets. Wrought iron fences as approved by Declarant may be constructed. In addition, the following restrictions shall apply:

a. Fences shall not be allowed on Lots 1 through 17, inclusive, or on Lots 29 through 31, inclusive.

b. Fences shall not be allowed on Lot 28, except for the southern lot line, behind the Dwelling.

c. Any fences which may be constructed by Declarant along the rear of Lots 18-27 and the southern property line of Lot 28 shall be maintained by the Owners of the Lots on which the fences are constructed. There is hereby reserved to the Association and the Master Association the right, but not the obligation, to maintain any fences constructed in accordance with this paragraph "c" and there is also hereby reserved unto the Association and the Master Association an easement over Lots 18 thorugh 28, inclusive, for the purpose of performing such maintenance. The costs of any such maintenance performed by the Association or the Master Association shall be assessed against such Owner's Lot and shall be immediately due and payable and shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of this Declaration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant, in its sole discretion, may construct fences, walls, or hedges anywhere within the Properties, provided they do not violate any governmental laws, rules, regulation or ordinances.

<u>Section 9</u>. <u>Vehicles</u>. No motor vehicles shall be parked on the Properties except on a paved or concrete driveway or in a garage. No motor vehicles which are primarily used for commercial purposes, other than those present on business, nor any trailers, may be parked on the Properties unless inside a garage and concealed from public

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view. Boats, boat trailers, campers, commercial trucks, commercial vans, motorcycles and other recreational vehicles shall be parked inside of garages and concealed from public view, or on the Lot behind the Rear Dwelling Line and concelaed from view of adjoining Lots and general public view. Any vehicle not in operable condition must be kept inside a garage and concealed from public view.

<u>Section 10</u>. <u>Storage</u>. No Lot shall be used for the storage of rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers properly concealed from public view.

Section 11. Clothes Hanging and Drying. All outdoor clothes hanging and drying activities shall be done in a manner so as not to be visible from any Front Street or Side Street or any adjacent or abutting property and are hereby restricted to the areas between the Rear Dwelling Line and the Rear Yard Line and, in the cases of Lots bordering a Side Street, to that portion of the aforedescribed area which is not between the Side Street and the Side Dwelling Line. All clothes poles shall be capable of being lifted and removed by one (1) person in one (1) minute's time and shall be removed by the Owner when not in actual use for clothes drying purposes.

<u>Section 12</u>. <u>Antennas and Satellite Dishes</u>. No exterior radio, TV satellite dishes or other electronic antennas or aerials shall be allowed, unless installed in attics or garages and concealed from the public view.

<u>Section 13</u>. <u>Street Lighting</u>. All Lots shall be within a street lighting district pursuant to which street lighting service is to be provided and taxes or assessments therefor levied in accordance with applicable governmental ordinances, rules and regulations, now or hereafter in effect.

Section 14. Lot Upkeep. All Owners of Lots with completed houses thereon shall, as a minimum, have the grass regularly cut and all trash and debris removed. If an Owner of a Lot fails, in Association's sole discretion, to maintain their Lot as required herein, the Association, after giving such Owner at least ten (10) days written notice, is hereby authorized, but shall not be hereby obligated, to maintain that Lot and said Owners shall reimburse Association for actual costs incurred therewith.

Section 15. Signs. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, no signs of any nature whatsoever shall be erected or displayed upon any of the Properties other than by Declarant, except when express prior written approval of the size, shape, content and location thereof has been obtained from the Association. Every Owner has the right, without the consent of the Association, to place upon his Lot one (1), but only one (1), professionally made sign which shall not be larger than nine (9) square feet and which shall contain no wording other than "For Sale" or "For Rent", the name and address of one (1) registered real estate broker and a phone number of Owner or his agent. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Declarant, its successors, agents or designated assigns, shall have the exclusive right to maintain signs of any type and size and for any purpose in the Properties.

<u>Section 16</u>. <u>Trees</u>. No Owner shall remove, damage, trim, prune or otherwise alter any tree in the Properties, the trunk of which tree is eight (8) inches or more in diameter at a point twenty-four (24) inches above the adjacent ground level, except as follows:

(a) With the express written consent of the Association.

(b) If the trimming, pruning or other alteration of such tree is necessary because the tree or a portion thereof creates an eminent danger to person or property and there is not sufficient time to contact the Association for their approval.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, an Owner may perform, without the express written consent of the Association, normal and customary trimming and pruning of any such tree, the base or trunk of which is located on said Owner's Lot, provided such trimming or pruning does not substantially alter the shape or configuration of any such tree or would cause premature deterioration or shortening of the life span of any such tree.

(d) It is the express intention of this Section 16 that the trees existing on the Properties at the time of the recording of this Declaration, and those permitted to grow on the Properties after said time, be preserved and maintained as best as possible in their natural state and condition. Accordingly, these provisions shall be construed in a manner most favorable to the preservation of that policy and intent.

## Section 17. Ponds, Wetland Regulation.

(a) In no event, shall any pond, lake, retention area, or any body of water which may be located within the Properties be used for irrigation, swimming, bathing, fishing or boating purposes.

(b) As to portions of the Property which have a boundary contiguous to any lake or other body of water within the Development, the following restrictions shall be applicable:

(1) No boathouse, dock, wharf or other structure of any kind shall be erected, placed, altered or maintained on the shores of any lake or body of water unless erected by Declarant, its successors and assigns, subject to any and all governmental approvals and permits that may be required.

(2) The Association shall be responsible for the water quality and beds of all private lakes and/or bodies of water to the edge where the water meets the

land. There is hereby reserved to the Master Association the right, but not the obligation, to maintain the water quality and beds of all private lakes and/or bodies of water to the edge where the water meets the land, and there is also hereby reserved to the Master Association an easements over and across the Properties for the purpose of performing such maintenance. The costs of any such maintenance performed by the Master Association shall be a Common Expense of the Association which shall be immediately due and payable by the Association to the Master Association. The Owner of each Lot which abuts any private lake or body of water shall be responsible for the maintenance of said Lot to the point at which the land meets the water.

(3) No boat, boat trailer, or vehicular parking or use of the lake slope or shore areas shall be permitted.

(4) No solid or liquid waste, litter or other materials may be discharged into/onto or thrown into/onto any lake or other body of water or on the banks thereof.

(c) No Owner shall remove native vegetation that becomes established within any wet detention pond, lake or any body of water within the Properties.

(d) No Owner may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, buffer areas, drainage easements and upland conservation areas described in the recorded Plat.

(e) No Owner may withdraw water from any pond, lake, retention area or any body of water located within the Properties for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to irrigation or recreational purposes.

Section 18. Lots Adjacent to Trapnell Road and Timberline Drive. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, no Owner of a Lot which is adjacent to Trapnell Road or Timberline Drive may perform any activity or construct any fence, wall, hedge, pool, pool screen enclosure, patio, deck or any other structure on said Lot, or do anything to the exterior of the Dwelling on said Lot which would detract, in the sole discretion of Declarant, Association, or the Architectural Control Committee, from the visual appearance of said Lot and Dwelling from Trapnell Road or Timberline Drive. Other than construction originally performed by Declarant on Lots adjacent to Trapnell Road and Timberline Drive, no other construction of any type or any alteration of any type to said Lot or the Dwelling thereon, may be performed by the Owner without the prior written approval of Declarant, Association, or the Architectural Control Committee.

<u>Section 19</u>. <u>Amendments and Modifications by Declarant</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant, its successors and designated



assigns, reserves the right and authority, subject to FHA/VA approval (which approval need not be evidenced in the public record), for a period of seven (7) years from the date of recording of this Declaration to amend, modify or grant exceptions or variances from any of the Use Restrictions set forth in this Article VIII without notice to or approval by other Lot Owners, provided that such amendments, modifications, exceptions or variances shall be substantially consistent with the general uniform plan of residential development. All amendments, modifications, exceptions or variances increasing or reducing the minimum square foot area of dwellings, pertaining to fence size, location or composition, or pertaining to the location of structures on a Lot shall be conclusively deemed to be within the authority and right of Declarant under this Section.

## **ARTICLE IX - ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL**

Section 1. Generally. Prior to the commencement of the work described therein, all building plans and specifications, including plot plan, grading plan and material lists, for the original construction, alteration or addition of structures, or for the erection of walls, hedges or fences, and all plans for the landscaping of yards and yards that abut public streets, and all plans or agreements relating to the appearance, colors and materials to be used on the exterior of a structure, shall be approved in writing by the Declarant, its successors or designated assigns. Declarant shall have the absolute right to approve or disapprove said plans for any reason, including aesthetic considerations... All plans must be sent to the Delaration by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, at 2020 Clubhouse Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573, or such other address as Declarant may hereafter from time to time designate in writing. Any plans not disapproved within thirty (30) days after their receipt by Declarant shall be deemed approved. The rights granted to Declarant under this Section shall terminate December 31, 1999, unless prior thereto Declarant has indicated its intention to abandon such rights by recording a written instrument among the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

Section 2. Modifications. No Owner shall cause any additions, modifications, improvements or changes to be made on the exterior or their Dwelling, including painting, stone work or veneer, brick work or veneer, stucco or stucco veneer or any facade of any nature or other decoration, or the installation of electrical wiring, machinery, water softener or air-conditioning units which may protrude through the walls or roof of the structure, or in any manner change the appearance of any portion of the structure which is not within the walls of said structure, or change any grade or drainage flow of the Properties or modify any landscaping in the Properties without the written consent of the Declarant, for the period set forth in Section 1 of this Article, and thereafter from the Board of Directors of the Association or any Architectural Control Committee designated by the Board of Directors. The Declarant, and subsequently the Board of Directors of the Association, including but not limited to, the

submission of full plans and specifications to Declarant or the Board of Directors of the Association, as applicable.

## ARTICLE X - GENERAL PLAN OF DEVELOPER

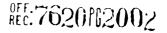
<u>Section 1</u>. <u>HUD, FHA or VA Approval</u>. As long as there is a Class B member, the following actions will require the prior approval of HUD or FHA or VA:

- (a) Dedication of additional Common Areas;
- (b) Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association;
- (c) Amendment of the Bylaws of the Association;
- (d) Dissolution of the Association;
- (e) Amendment of this Declaration; and
- (f) Annexation of additional properties.

Such approval need not be evidenced in writing and the recording, filing or dedication, as appropriate, shall be presumed to have such approval when made.

Section 2. Enforcement. The Association, the Declarant and any Owner, shall each have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration or as may be expressly authorized by deed restrictions as described in this Declaration. Failure of the Association, Declarant, or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein or therein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. If a person or party is found in the proceedings to be in violation of or attempting to violate the provisions of this Declaration, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, including those on appeal, incurred by the party enforcing them. Declarant and Association shall not be obligated to enforce this Declaration or such deed restrictions and shall not in any way or manner be held liable or responsible for any violation of this Declaration or such deed restrictions and shall not in any way or manner be held liable or responsible for any violation of this Declaration or such deed restrictions and shall not in any way or manner be held liable or responsible for any violation of this Declaration or such deed restrictions and shall not in any way or manner be held liable or responsible for any violation of this Declaration or such deed restrictions and shall not in any way or manner be held liable or responsible for any violation of this Declaration or such deed restrictions by any person other than itself.

Section 3. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by law, judgment or court order shall in no way effect any other provisions of this Declaration, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.



Section 4. Master Association. In addition to the terms of this Declaration, and the Articles and Bylaws of the Association, all Lots are also subject to the terms and provisions of the Master Declaration, as defined in Article I. All Owners automatically become members of the Master Association and are subject to the Master Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and rules and regulations thereof in effect from time to time. Pursuant to the Master Declaration, assessments are due and charges are levied by the Master Association, payment of which is secured by a lien on the Owner's Lot. Each Lot Owner, by the acceptance of a deed or otherwise acquiring title to a Lot thereby does agree to responsibilities and obligations as a member of the Master Association, including the payment of such assessments, dues and charges as shall be levied thereby.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>FNMA Requirements</u>. Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the Institutional Lender, or insurer or guarantor thereof and the Lot number or address, any such eligible mortgage holder or eligible insurer or guarantor will be entitled to timely written notice of:

(a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of any Lot on which there is a first mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible mortgage holder or eligible insurer or guarantor, as applicable;

(b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by any Owner of a Lot subject to a first mortgage held, insured or guaranteed by such eligible holder or eligible insurer or guarantor, which remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days;

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

(d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of mortgage holders.

<u>Section 6</u>. <u>Notice</u>. Any notice required to be sent to any Owner under the provisions of this instrument shall be deemed to have been properly sent when personally delivered or mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of said Owner.

<u>Section 7</u>. <u>Assignments</u>. Declarant shall have the sole and exclusive right at any time and from time to time to transfer and assign to, and to withdraw from such person, firm, or corporation as it shall select, any or all rights, powers, easements, privileges, authorities, and reservations given to or reserved by Declarant by any part or paragraph of this Declaration or under the provisions of the plat. If at any time hereafter there shall be no person, firm, or corporation entitled to exercise the rights, powers, easements, privileges, authorities, and reservations given to or reserved by Declarant under the provisions hereof, the same shall be vested in and exercised by a committee to be elected or appointed by the Owners of a majority of Lots. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed as conferring any rights, powers, easements, privileges, authorities or reservations in said committee, except in the event aforesaid.

<u>Section 8</u>. <u>Withdrawal</u>. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Declarant reserves the absolute right to amend this Declaration at any time, without prior notice and without the consent of any person or entity, for the purpose of removing certain portions of the Properties from the provisions of this Declaration.

Section 9. Warranties. Declarant makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the improvements located in, on or under the Common Area. Each owner of a Lot, other than Declarant, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance thereto, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or conveyance, is deemed to acknowledge and agree that there are no warranties of merchantability, fitness or otherwise, either express or implied, made or given, with respect to the improvements in, on or under the Common Area, all such warranties being specifically excluded.

<u>Section 10</u>. <u>FHA/VA/FNMA Approval</u>. As long as there is a Class B membership, and provided FHA or VA approval is sought by Declarant, the following actions will require the prior approval of the FHA or VA: annexation of additional properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration, the Articles and/or Bylaws, except as set forth in Article VII, Section 4 hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein has caused this Declaration to be executed by its duly authorized officers and affixed its corporate seal as of this <u>16th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 199<u>4</u>.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

FLORIDA DESIGN COMMUNITIES, INC. a Delaware corporation

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Printed Name:Kathryn A. ZimmermarPrinted Name:Gary Nelson

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Attest Val Printed Name: Patricia A Kel

President

Its:\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

(CORPORATE SEAL)

"DECLARANT"

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>Hillsborough</u>

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>16thday</u> of <u>December</u>, 1994, by <u>Gary Nelson</u> and <u>Patricia A. Kelsey</u> as \_\_\_\_\_\_ President and <u>Asst.</u> Secretary, respectively, of Florida Design Communities, Inc., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who are personally known to me or who have produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Title: Commission No.: My commission expires:

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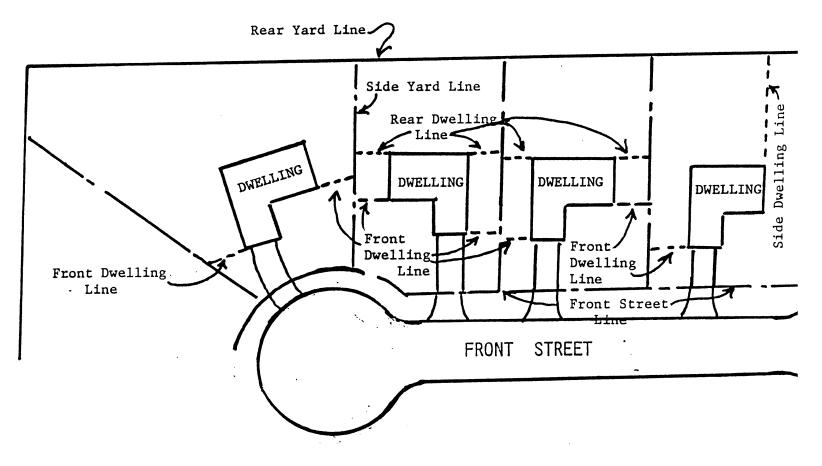
A parcel of land in Section 12. Township 29 South. Range 21 East all lying and being in Hillsborough County. Florida. being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Said Section 12 thence N 89°00'08"W along the South boundary of said SW 1/4 of Section 12 a distance of 163.83 feet: thence N 00°59'52'E a distance of 50.22 feet to a POINT OF BEGINNING. said point being on the rightof way line of Trapnell Road: thence N 89°26'19"W along said right-of-way line a distance of 503.78 feet: thence departing said right-of-way line N 00°28'16'E a distance of 966.12 feet: thence N 88°55'11'W a distance of 259.64 feet: thence N 00°32'10'E a distance of 446.31 feet. to a point on the Southerly boundary line of Walden Lake Unit 33-1. Phase B. as recorded in Plat Book 72. Page 51 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County. Florida: thence along the aforesaid Southerly boundary the following: S 89°33'30'E. 367.99 feet: thence S 64°47'13'E. 190.46 feet: thence S 79°05'06'E. 96.33 feet: thence S 66°30'23'E. 161.21 feet: thence N 25°08'32'E. 84.93 feet: thence S 60°16'34'E. 198.59 feet' along the Southerly boundary of Walden Lake Unit 33-1. Phase A. as recorded in Plat Book 71. Page 31 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County. Florida to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of West Timberlane Drive as recorded in Official record book 6428. Page 1854 of the Public records of the East having a radius of 800.00 feet and a central angle of 28°56'00': thence Southerly along the arc of said curve a distance of403.99 feet. said arc subtended by a chord which bears S 15°27'52'W a distance of 399.71 feet to the end of said curve: thence continuing along the said Westerly right-of-way of West Timberlane Drive S 00°59'52'W a distance of 850.06 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Trapnell Road: thence N 89°13'20'W. a distance of 118.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 22.5737 Acres of land. more or less.

which has been platted as WALDEN LAKE UNIT 33-3, in Plat Book 74, at page 41, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

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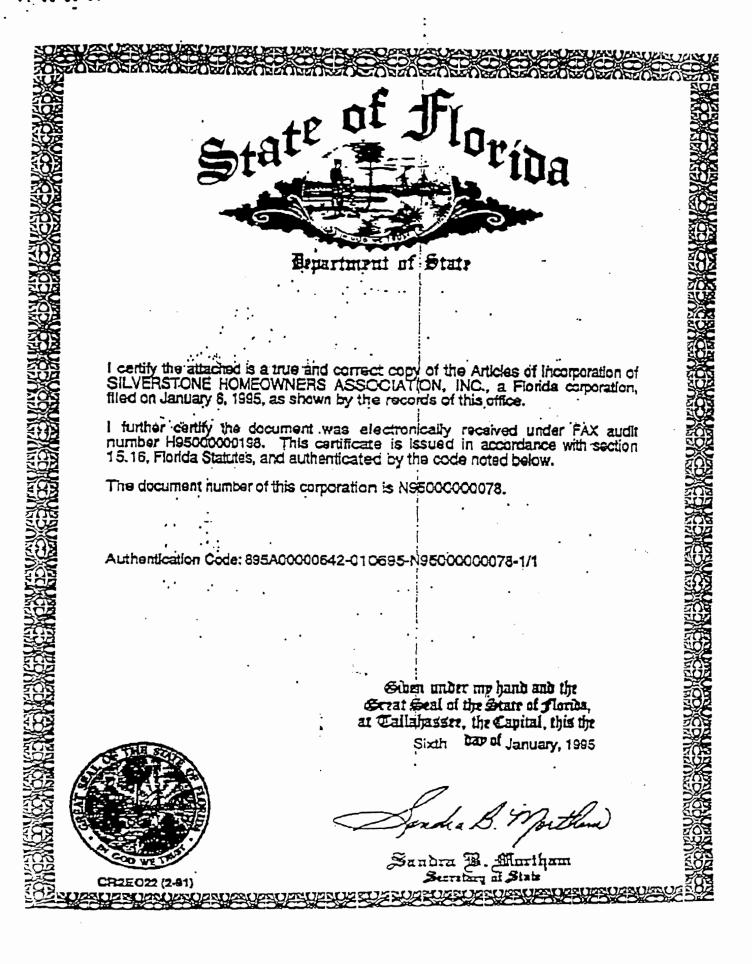
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SILVERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, being a resident of the State of Florida and of full age, hereby forms a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and certify as follows:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is SILVERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called the "Association".

#### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office of this Association shall be located at 2020 Clubhouse Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573, which office may be changed from time to time by action of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE III - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and street address of the initial registered agent and office of the Association shall be JULIUS J. ZSCHAU, Johnson, Blakely, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, P.A. 911 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida 34616.

#### ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members. The specific purposes for which it is formed are to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents within the property described on Exhibit "A" to that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for SilverStone, recorded in O.R. Book 7620, at page 1978, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida (together with any amendments or modifications thereto herein called the "Declaration), herein called the "Properties". The purposes of this Association shall include, without limitation of the foregoing, the operation, maintenance and architectural control of the Lots and Common Area within the Properties, including without limitation any Surface Water Management System (hereinafter referred to as "SWMS"), lakes, retention areas,

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culverts, and/or related appurtenances which may be located within the Properties, and carrying out, enforcing and otherwise fulfilling its rights and responsibilities under and pursuant to the Declaration. For the foregoing purposes, this Association is empowered to:

(1) exercise all of the powers and privileges, and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided;

(2) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of this Association, including all license fees, taxes, or governmental charges levied or imposed against the real or personal property of this Association;

(3) acquire, either by gift, purchase or otherwise, and to own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease or transfer, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property, or interests therein, in connection with the affairs of this Association;

(4) borrow money, and upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;

(5) dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of this Association's property to any public body or governmental agency or authority, or any public or private utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members;

(6) grant easements as to the Common Area to public and private utility companies, and to public bodies or governmental agencies or other entities or persons, without cost or charge, where convenient, desirable or necessary in connection with the development of the Properties, and the providing of utility and other services thereto;

(7) participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each class of members;

(8) adopt, alter, amend, and rescind reasonable rules and regulations from time to time, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by the Declaration and with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation;

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(9) contract for the maintenance and management of the Common Area and to authorize a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties under the Declaration;

(10) to adopt such annual budgets as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Declaration; and

(11) have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

A. <u>Membership</u>. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by the provisions of the Declaration to assessment by this Association, shall be a member of this Association. The foregoing does not include persons or entitles who hold a leasehold interest or an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Ownership, as defined above, shall be the sole qualification for membership. When any Lot is owned of record by two or more persons or other legal entity, all such persons or entitles shall be members. An Owner of more than one Lot shall be entitled to one membership for each Lot owned by him. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lots which are subject to assessment, and shall be automatically transferred by the conveyance of that Lot. The Declarant shall be a member of the Association so long as it owns one (1) or more Lots.

B. <u>Membership Classifications</u>. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership, Class A, and Class B. All votes shall be cast in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The two classes of voting memberships, and voting rights related thereto, are as follows:

(1) <u>Class A.</u> Class A members shall be all Owners of Lots subject to assessment; provided, however, so long as there is Class B membership the Declarant shall not be a Class A member. When more than one person or entity holds an interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such persons determine, but in no event shall more than the number of votes hereinafter designated be cast with respect to such Lot nor shall any split vote be permitted with respect to such Lot. Every Owner of a Lot within the Properties, who is a Class A member, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for that Lot.

(2) <u>Class B</u>. The Class B member of the Association shall be the Declarant until such Class B membership is converted to Class A at Declarant's option or as hereinafter set forth. Class B Lots shall be all Lcts, owned by the Declarant which

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have not been converted to Class A as provided below. The Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B Lot which it owns.

C. <u>Termination of Class B</u>. From time to time, Class B membership may cease and be converted to Class A membership, and any Class B Lots, then subject to the terms of this Declaration shall become Class A Lots, upon the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earliest

- (1) When 75% of the Lots are conveyed to Owners, other than Declarant;
- or

(2) On December 31, 1999; or

(3) When the Declarant waives in writing its right to Class B membership.

#### ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which so long as Class B membership exists, shall consist of three (3) directors, and thereafter shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) directors. Directors shall be members of the Association; provided, however, that so long as Class B membership shall exist, directors need not be members of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until their successors are elected and qualified, unless they sconer shall die, resign or be removed, are:

#### NAME

#### ADDRESS

Tom Riley

Gary Nelson

Marlene Merrin

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The initial Board of Directors herein designated shall serve until Class 8 membership has ceased and been converted to Class A membership and until the first annual membership meeting thereafter, at which time the members shall elect three (3) directors. Directors elected at the first such annual membership meeting and thereafter shall serve for a period of one year; and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. So long as Class 8 membership shall exist, any member of the Board of

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Directors may be removed, with or without cause, but only by the Class B member, and any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors shall only be filled by appointment by the Class B member.

#### ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

The Association shall be administered by a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated in the Bylaws, and shall be elected at the time and in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws. Officers need not be members of the Association. The names and addresses of the initial officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS
Tom Riley	President	2020 Clubhouse Drive - Sun City Center, FL 33573
Gary Nelson	Vice President	2020 Clubhouse Drive Sun City Center, FL 33573
Marlene Merrin	Secretary/ Treasurer	2020 Clubhouse Drive Sun City Center, FL 33573

#### ARTICLE VIII - SUBSCRIBER

The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

NAME

#### ADDRESS

Julius J. Zschau

#### 911 Chestnut Street Clearwater, FL 34616

#### ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

This Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by members entitled to cast not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members. Upon dissolution of this Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of this Association, including but not limited to any SWMS, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any

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non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes, but in no event shall such assets inure to the benefit of any member or other private individual.

### ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Association shall be initially adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

A. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, from time to time, as follows:

(1) Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is considered.

(2) A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by the Board of Directors or by not less than one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the Association.

(3) Except as elsewhere provided, an amendment shall be adopted if approved either.

(a) by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Board of Directors and also by not less than fifty-one (51) percent of the votes of the voting members duly qualified to vote; or

(b) by not less than seventy-five (75) percent of the vote of the voting members duly qualified to vote, regardless of approval of the Board of Directors.

B. No amendment shall make any change in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights or property rights of members, without approval in writing by all members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon Lots.

C. No amendment shall make any change in the rights of the Declarant without the written approval of the Declarant. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration.

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D. No amendment shall be effective until a copy of such amendment shall have been certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and thereafter shall have been recorded in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

#### ARTICLE XIL - INDEMNIFICATION

Every director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association to the fullest extent of the law against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or Imposed on him in connection with any proceeding or settlement of any proceeding to which he may be a party or In which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Association, whether or not he is a director or officer at the time such expenses are Incurred. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled.

#### ARTICLE XIII - INTERPRETATION

Express reference is hereby made to the terms, provisions, definitions, and rules of interpretation contained in the Declaration where necessary to interpret, construe, and clarify the provisions of these Articles. In subscribing and filing these Articles, it is the intent of the undersigned that the provisions hereof be consistent with the provisions of the Declaration and, to the extent not prchibited by law, that the provisions of these Articles and of the Declaration be, interpreted, construed, and applied so as to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the subscriber of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this  $3^{\prime\prime}$  day of  $3^{\prime\prime}$ , 1995.

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