# WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. WALDEN TRACE NEIGHBORHOOD

**DEED RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS** 

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR WALDEN TRACE

UNIT 25B

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THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by WALDEN LAKE, INC., a Delaware corporation, hereinafter referredectary Verified Richard ale RICHARD L. AKE as the "Declarant".

WITNESSETH:

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Clerk of Circuit Court Hillaborough County, Fla.

WHEREAS, the Declarant is the owner of certain real property WHEREAS, in Hillsborough County, Florida, as 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 "WALDEN TRACE" on the Exhibit A land, and such other land as may be added thereto 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 together with such additions as may be made to such real property in accordance with the provisions herein 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; and

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 community properties and facilities and 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, WALDEN TRACE 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);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant, hereby declares that the real property described and attached on 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**

Section 1. "Articles" shall mean the articles of incorporation of the WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation.

This instrument prepared by and to be returned to:

Julius J. Zschau, Esq. Sorota and Zschau, P.A. 2515 Countryside Blvd., Suite A Clearwater, FL 33575

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- Section 2. "Association" shall mean and refer to WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- $\underline{\text{Section 3.}}$  "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.
  - Section 4. "By-Laws" shall mean the By-Laws of the Association.
- Section 5. "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.
- Section 6. "Common Expense" 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.
- Section 7. "Declarant or Developer" shall mean and refer to WALDEN LAKE, INC., a Delaware corporation, its successors and assigns. It shall not include any person or party who purchases a Lot from WALDEN LAKE, INC., unless, however, such purchaser is specifically assigned as to such property by separate recorded instrument, some or all of the rights held by WALDEN LAKE, INC. as Declarant hereunder with regard thereto.
- Section 8. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this
  Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for WALDEN TRACE
  and any amendments or modifications thereof hereafter made from time
  to time.
- Section 9. "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.
- Section 10. "FNMA" shall mean and refer to the Federal National Mortgage Association.
- Section 11. "WALDEN TRACE" shall mean and refer to the community known by that name located on the Exhibit A property.
- Section 12. "GNMA" shall mean and refer to the Government National Mortgage Association.
- Section 13. "Institutional Lender" shall mean and refer to any federally or state chartered bank, insurance company, HUD, 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.
- Section 14. "Institutional Mortgage" shall mean and refer to any mortgage by an Institutional Lender.
- Section 15. 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 16. "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 boundaries and an assigned number, letter or other name through which it may be identified; provided, however, that "Lot" shall not mean any Common Area.

Section 17. "Master Association" shall mean and refer to the WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 18. "Master Plan" shall mean and refer to the Master Development Plan for WALDEN TRACE on file with the planning and zoning department of Plant City, Florida, and as the same may be amended or modified from time to time.

Section 19. "Owner" 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 WALDEN LAKE, INC.

Section 20. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described on attached Exhibit A, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association and be made subject to this Declaration.

# ARTICLE II

#### **PURPOSE**

Section 1. Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Common Area. The purpose of the Association shall be to operate, maintain and repair the Common Area, and any improvements thereon; to maintain the entranceways to the Properties and landscaped cul-de-sacs of publicly dedicated streets within the Properties if such are not maintained by the Master Association, and take such other action as the Association is authorized to take with regard to the Properties pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, or this Declaration.

Section 2. Expansion of Common Area. Additions to the Common Area may be made in accordance with the terms of Article VII 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 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 WALDEN TRACE. The Association shall be required, upon request of Declarant, to execute any documents necessary to evidence the acceptance of such Common Areas.

Section 3. Boundary Wall The Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to construct a boundary wall along some or all of the perimeter of the Properties. In the event such boundary wall is constructed, the Association shall be obligated to maintain such wall.

Section 4. 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 arterial and collector streets within the Properties or streets bounding the perimeter thereof to the extent reasonably necessary to discharge the duties of Boundary Wall maintenance under this Declaration. Such right of entry shall be exercised in a peaceful and reasonable manner at reasonable times upon reasonable notice whenever the circumstances permit.

Section 5. Reciprocal Easements. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements between the lands adjacent to either side of a Boundary Wall for lateral and subjacent support, and for encroachments caused by the unwillful placement, settling and shifting of any such walls as constructed, repaired or reconstructed.

Section 6. Irrigation. The Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to install irrigation and sprinkling equipment on Common Area, or within landscaped rights of way or cul-de-sacs which the Association is obligated to maintain under this Declaration. The Association shall be obligated to maintain, operate, replace and repair such irrigation and sprinkling equipment at its own expense and such shall be a Common Expense unless such irrigation and sprinkling equipment is maintained by the Master Association.

#### ARTICLE III

# PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. 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 By-Laws to establish, modify, amend and rescind reasonable rules and regulations regarding use of the Common Area;
- (b) 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;
- (c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Aréa to any public agency, authority, or utility as provided by its Articles;
- (d) The right of the Association to grant easements as to the Common Area or any part thereof as provided by its Articles; and,
- (e) The right of the Association to otherwise deal with the Common Area as provided by its Articles.
- Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, 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.
- Section 3. Prohibition of Certain Activities. 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 Association. This Section, however, shall not apply to the Declarant.

 $\underline{\text{Section 5.}}$  Animals. 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.

Section 6. Rules and Regulations. 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 Association.

Section 7. Title to Common Area. The Declarant shall convey title to any Common Area subject to such easements, reservations, conditions and restrictions as may then be of record.

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.

### 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, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and this Declaration. The foregoing does not include persons or entities who hold a leasehold interest or 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 by him. 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 also 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 By-Laws. 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 any such Lot, nor shall any split vote be permitted with respect to such Lot. The two classes of voting memberships, and voting rights related thereto, are as follows:

- 1. Class A. 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. Every Owner of a Lot within WALDEN TRACE, who is a Class A member, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for that Lot.
- 2. Class B. 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 voting rights appurtenant to the Class B Lots shall be as follows: The Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B Lot which it owns.
- 3. Termination of Class B. 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 the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership,
    - (ii) On December 31, 1996, 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.
- Section 2. Manager. 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.
- Section 3. Personal Property for Common Use. 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 By-Laws.
- Section 4. Insurance. The Association at all times shall procure and maintain adequate policies of public liability and other insurance as 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.

Section 5. Implied Rights. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, its Articles or By-Laws, 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 privilege granted herein or therein.

Section 6. Common Expenses. 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 By-Laws 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 agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges; 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.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the 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 By-Laws. 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 walls required or permitted to be maintained by the Association; the employment of security personnel to provide services which are not readily available from any governmental authority; and such other needs as may arise.

# Section 3. Maximum Annual Assessment for Common Expenses.

A. <u>Initial Assessment</u>. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance by the Declarant of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual common Expense assessment per Lot shall be One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00).

B. Duty of Board to Fix Amount. The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment for Common Expenses and such shall be the same for all Class A Lots.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. 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 (2/3rds) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

Section 5. Notice of Meeting and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4. 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 thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At such meeting, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast a majority 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, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast one-third (1/3) of all the votes of each class of membership. 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 By-Laws 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 the Declarant shall be responsible for paying the difference between the Association's expenses of operation otherwise to be funded by annual assessments and the amounts received from Owners, other than Declarant, in payment of the annual assessments levied against their respective Class A Lots. Such difference, herein called the "deficiency", shall not include any reserves for replacements, operating reserves, depreciation reserves, capital expenditures or special assessments. The Declarant may at any time give written notice to the Association prior to January 1 of a year, thereby terminiating effective as of the last day of February of such year 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 owned by Declarant shall therefore 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. Upon transfer of the title of a Lot, owned by the Declarant, the Lot shall be assessed in the amount established for the applicable Class for such Lots 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, 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 Lots subject thereto on August 1, 1987. 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.

Section 9. Lien for Assessments. 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.

Section 10. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. 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.

Section 13. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein or any other lien created in this Declaration shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage which is given to or held by a bank, savings and loan association, FNMA, GNMA, insurance company, or mortgage company or other

institutional lender. 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.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### ADDITIONS THE PROPERTIES

Section 1. Additions to the Common Area. Additions to the Common Area may be made in accordance with the provisions of this Section 1.

- (a) Additions. Additional land within the area described in Exhibit "A" may be brought within the jurisdiction and control of the Association as Common Area provided such is done within twelve (12) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, under no circumstances shall the Declarant be required to make such additions to the Common Area. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 1, the Declarant does not commit to, warrant or represent that any such additional Common Area shall be created or that, if it is created, what development thereof, if any, will be done.
- (b) General Plan of Development. The Declarant has on file at its business office in Hillsborough County, Florida, presently located at 1602 West Timberlane Drive, Plant City, Florida 33566, 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 Declaration 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.
- (c) Acceptance of Land. 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, the Association is irrevocably bound to accept such conveyance.

# ARTICLE VIII

#### USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Residential Use. All of the Subdivision shall be known and described as residential property and no more than one detached, single-family dwelling may be constructed on any Lot as shown in the Subdivision, 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 2 of this Article.

Section 2. Construction Trailers and Model Homes. No Lot, building or building site shall be used or occupied by other than a single family and family servants, and shall not be used for other than residential use, except for the model homes and offices, construction and information trailer, approved by Declarant, until such time as that company shall sell same for residential use, after which time said Lot or Lots shall be used for single family residential purposes only.

Section 3. Living Area. The ground floor living area of the main dwelling shall be not less than one thousand five hundred (1500) square feet for a one story dwelling and one thousand (1000) square feet for a two story dwelling with a total of not less than one thousand five hundred (1500) square feet for both floors combined, exclusive of garages, covered walks and open porches unless otherwise submitted and accepted for approval by Declarant, if Lot home value and improvements shall be sufficient to allow different square footage requirements. The height of any building shall not be more than two full stories above the required minimum elevation.

Section 4. Completion of Construction. When the construction of any building is once begun, work thereon must be prosecuted diligently and completed within a reasonable time.

Section 5. Use of Accessory Structures. No outbuilding shall be built or used for permanent or temporary residence purposes except however guest houses may be built and used for such purposes, provided construction of same is approved in writing by Declarant or by the Association. No existing structure shall be moved onto any Lot. Temporary buildings, mobile homes, or field construction offices may be used by Declarant and its agents or builders in connection with construction work. No structure or shelter of any type of a temporary nature or character shall be used as a residence.

# Section 6. Setback Lines.

- A. <u>Front.</u> No dwelling or other structure shall be erected on any lot nearer than twenty-five (25) feet from a front street line nor nearer than twenty (20) feet from any side street line.
- B. Rear. No dwelling shall be erected nearer than thirty (30) feet from a rear yard line.
- C. <u>Side</u>. In order to maintain a maximum distance between residences, no home or other structure shall be erected nearer than ten (10) feet from either side yard line, with the further requirement that as each successive house is built, both ten (10) foot sidelines shall adjoin so that there shall be twenty (20) feet between dwellings; it being the objective of these restrictions to provide a pleasing and non-congested development.

D. Screened Enclosures. Set backs for screened enclosures of any type shall be the minimum prescribed by the governmental authority having jurisdiction of the same. REC. 5097% 032

#### E. General.

- 1. Covered walks, utility, and storage rooms, which are a part of a garage are subject to the foregoing setback requirements for a garage, as are buildings, including but not limited to glass houses and screen enclosures with solid roofs, with the further requirement that outbuildings shall be located only in the rear yard.
- 2. The terms "front yard line", "side yard line" and "rear yard line" are as used and shown by illustration on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 7. Garages. Each house shall have an enclosed front or side entry two (2) car garage minimum. Garages may be in the front or side yard and, if so, are subject to the same set-back requirements as the house proper. No garage shall be erected on any Lot prior to the construction of a house thereon.
- Section 8. Fences, Walls and Hedges. No fence or wall of any type shall be erected on any Lot or building Lot unless such fence or wall is approved by Declarant, or its assigns or the Architectural Control Committee, in writing prior to the commencement of construction. Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee, or its assigns, reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or disapprove any such proposed fence or wall.
  - (a) No such approval specified in this Section hereabove shall be given for the construction of any fence wall of any kind having a height of more than five (5) feet in the front yard or more than six (6) feet in any side or rear yard.
  - (b) Fence walls shall have appropriate pilasters and caps. Fence walls parallel and close to streets may be required to meet aesthetic standards as established by Declarant which standards are not necessarily required of fence walls more distant from streets. Properly designed wrought iron fences may be approved. Steel fences of a chain link type will not be approved. Wood fences may be approved only if of high quality construction and design.
  - (c) If any governmental authority prohibits a fence wall as high as the height stipulated in these restrictions, the fence wall so stipulated shall be the maximum height allowed by such governmental authority.
- Section 9. Brick Construction. If brick construction is contemplated, brick not less than three (3) inches thick over a frame stud wall will be considered a masonry wall. Wood trim is permitted where normally used. At least fifty percent (50%) of the area of the first story finished floor of the house shall not be less than sixteen (16) inches above the footing. Driveways may be either brick or concrete; written approval by Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee is required prior to commencement of construction. Gravel type roofs may not be used except on flat roof surfaces.
- Section 10. Air Conditioning. All air conditioner compressors shall be screened so as to be wholly or substantially not visible from a street or any other Lot.
- Section 11. Storage. All garbage or trash containers, oil tanks, bottle gas tanks, soft water tanks, and similar structures or installation shall be placed under the surface of the ground or in screened areas so as to not be visible from the street or any other Lot.

Section 12. Clothes Hanging and Drying. No clothesline, permanent or portable, shall be placed so as to be visible from the street or from adjacent or nearby Lots.

Section 13. Vehicles. No motor vehicle shall be parked in the Subdivision except on a paved or concrete driveway or in a garage. No trailers, mobile homes or motor homes, may be kept on any Lot and no campers, vans, buses, junk or inoperative vehicles may be stored or kept except inside a garage with closed doors.

Section 14. Lot Upkeep. The erection of a new house, or the repair of any house or structure damaged by fire or otherwise, on any Lot shall be completed without unreasonable delay, and should the Owner leave such house or structure in an incomplete condition for a period of more than sixty (60) days, Declarant is authorized and empowered in its discretion either to tear down and clean from the premises said house or structure which is incomplete or in need of repair, or to complete or repair same in a manner deemed to be proper, in the discretion of Declarant and, in either event the expense so incurred by Declarant shall be a lien against such Lot, enforceable in the same manner as a mortgage lien.

Each Lot with a house thereon, whether occupied or unoccupied shall be maintained clean and free from refuse, debris, unsightly growth, and any fire hazard. Each Owner of each house in said subdivision shall maintain and paint the exterior of said house, including the roof thereon, as often as is necessary to keep same in first class condition. In the event any Lot Owner shall fail, neglect, or omit to keep clean and maintain any Lot in the manner hereinabove specified for more than ten (10) days after having given written notice to do so by the Association or Declarant addressed via Registered or Certified Mail return receipt requested to such Owner at his last known address, Declarant or the Association may enter upon such Lot for the purpose of remedying said defects and failures stated in said notice, and the expense of so remedying said defects shall be charged to the Owner of such Lot and shall become a lien upon such Lot, collectable and enforceable in the same manner as other charges or liens as hereinabove provided.

Section 15. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be displayed on any Lot except a sign advertising said Lot for sale, and except signs of Declarant or builders in the Subdivision and their respective assigns on Lots used for its offices until such Lot, or Lots, are sold for residential purposes as defined in Paragraph 2 hereinabove. No such sign advertising said Lot for sale shall be displayed on any Lot without the prior written approval of Declarant or the Association.

Section 16. Animals. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot, except that dogs and cats or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose.

Section 17. Commercial Uses and Nuisances. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall occur upon or incident to any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is an annoyance or nuisance.

Section 18. Antennae. No television antenna, other antenna, microwave dish or similar device of any type shall be erected, installed or maintained on the exterior of any Lot or upon any improvement within the Properties unless approved by the Architectural Control Committee and provided same is not visible from any other Lot or street.

Section 19. Sprinklers. Each Lot with a house thereon shall have a sprinkler system which provides coverage for ground areas on said Lot and adjacent parkways.

Section 20. Landscaping. Each Lot shall be attractively landscaped with no less than thirty (30) plants, which shall be at least equal to Florida Number One Grade, as specified by the Grades and Standards Law of the Florida Department of Agriculture, and each of which shall not be less than eighteen (18") inches in height, and have at least two (2) hardwood trees at three (3") inches or greater caliper in the front yard. All landscaping shall be done in accordance to a landscaping plan approved by Declarant. OFF. 5097 6

Section 21. Mailboxes. Street mailboxes shall be a type consistent with the character of the development and shall be placed and maintained to compliment the houses in the subdivision. At such time as door postal service is available, Owners shall be required to have mailboxes attached to the main dwelling structure and street mailboxes shall be removed within ten (10) days of commencement of such door postal service.

Section 22. Wells. Except with the prior written approval and permission of the Architectural Control Committee and all governmental agencies having jurisdiction, no well shall be sunk or drilled on any Lot. However, Declarant reserves the right, but without obligation, to place or locate wells, pumping stations and tanks within the Subdivision where appropriate.

Section 23. Enforcement. These restrictions may be enforced by Declarant, the Association and by any person or corporation otherwise entitled by law to enforce same.

Section 24. Electrical Distribution. All electrical service installations served by the underground electrical distribution system shall be installed underground and maintained in accordance with specifications of the Tampa Electric Company for such installations.

Section 25. Reflective Glass. No reflective glass windows shall be utilized in any improvements constructed within the Properties.

#### 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 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 Declarant by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, at 1602 West Timberlane Drive, Plant City, Florida 33566 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 Paragraph shall terminate on December 31, 1996, 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 of their structure, 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 within the walls of said

structure, or change any grade or drainage flow on the Subdivision or modify any landscaping on the Subdivision without the written consent of the Declarant, for the period set forth in Section 1 of this Article and thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Association first had and obtained. The Declarant, and subsequently the Board of Directors of the Association, may establish any reasonable requirements it deems necessary to grant or deny such modifications, including but not limited to, the submission of full plans and specifications to the Declarant or Board of Directors of the Association, as applicable.

#### ARTICLE X

# GENERAL PLAN OF DEVELOPER REC.

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Section 1. Deed Restrictions. In addition to this Declaration, the Declarant may record for parts of WALDEN TRACE additional deed restrictions applicable thereto either by master instrument or individually recorded instruments. Such deed restrictions may vary as to different parts of WALDEN TRACE 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 WALDEN TRACE 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 1 shall require the Declarant to impose uniform deed restrictions or to impose additional deed restrictions of any kind on all or any part of WALDEN TRACE.

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 Section 1 of this Article. 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 or such deed restrictions, he shall bear all expenses of the litigation, 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 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 affect any other provisions of this Declaration, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless terminated by the vote of eighty (80) percent of the Voting Members of each Class of members, at a meeting called for such purpose. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period or any subsequent ten (10) year period by 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 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.

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 five (5) years from the date of its recording to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by 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 WALDEN TRACE. Any such amendment shall be executed by the Declarant and shall be effective upon its recording. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment.

Section 6. Master Association. In addition to the terms of this Declaration, and the Articles and By-Laws of the Association, all Lots are also subject to the terms and provisions of the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for WALDEN LAKE, recorded in O.R. Book 4733, at page 1883, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, together with all amendments thereof now or herafter made, called the "Master Declaration". All Owners automatically become members of the WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (the Master Association) and are subject to the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws 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.

Section 7. Notice. 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.

Section 8. 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.

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  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1987.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Marlene Messin

WALDEN LAKE, INC.

"Declarant"

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Attest: Alexandria

(CORPORATE SKAL

STATE OF FLORIDA ) SS COUNTY OF HIStorbush )

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day of

Vice President and Lillie M. Robarc

A551+. as Secretary, respectively, on

behalf of and for WALDEN LAKE, INC.

Notary Public, State of Florida

My commission expires:

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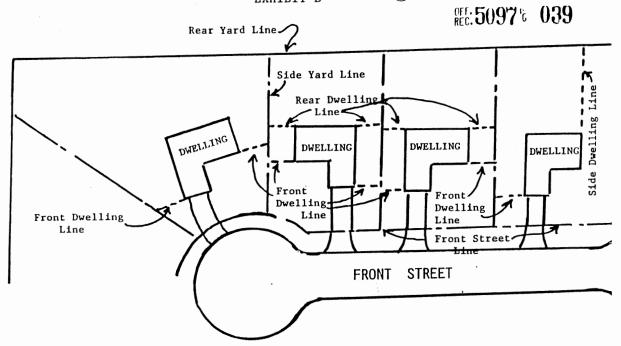
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#### DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Township 79 South, Range 22 East, Hillsborough County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

As a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Southwesterlymost corner of Lot 25, Rlock 1 of WALDEN LAKE UNIT 11-P, as recorded in Plat Book 53, page 43 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, and proceed N. 73°41' 40" E. (a plat. bearing), along the Southerly boundary of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24. and 25, Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE UNIT 11-B, a distance of 626.10 feet to the Southeasterlymost corner of Lot 21, Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE UNIT 11-B, said point also lying on the East boundary of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 6; thence S. 00°08' 20" E., along said East boundary, a distance of 492.88 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of WALDEN LAKE UNIT 24-A, as recorded in Plat Buok 53, page 50 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida; thence S. 10°04' 00" M., along the West boundary of Lot 1, Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE UNIT 24-A, a distance of 93.41 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of Golfview Drive; thence N. 79° 56' 00" M., along said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 55.11 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 250.00 feet and a chord which bears N 75°52' 43" W., a distance of 35.36 feet; thence along the arc of said curve to the right and said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 35.39 feet to a Point of Reverse Curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 250.00 feet and a chord which bears N . 75°52' 57" E., a distance of 35.36 feet; thence along the arc of said curve; thence N. 79° 56' 00" W., along said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 35.39 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence N. 79° 56' 00" W., along said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 191.38 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence N. 15°26' 00" W., a distance of 181.43 feet; thence along the arc of said curve to the right and said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 191.38 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence N. 15°26' 00" W., along said Nort

Which has been platted as WALDEN LAKE UNIT 25-B, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book  $\underline{61}$ , Page  $\underline{36}$ , Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida



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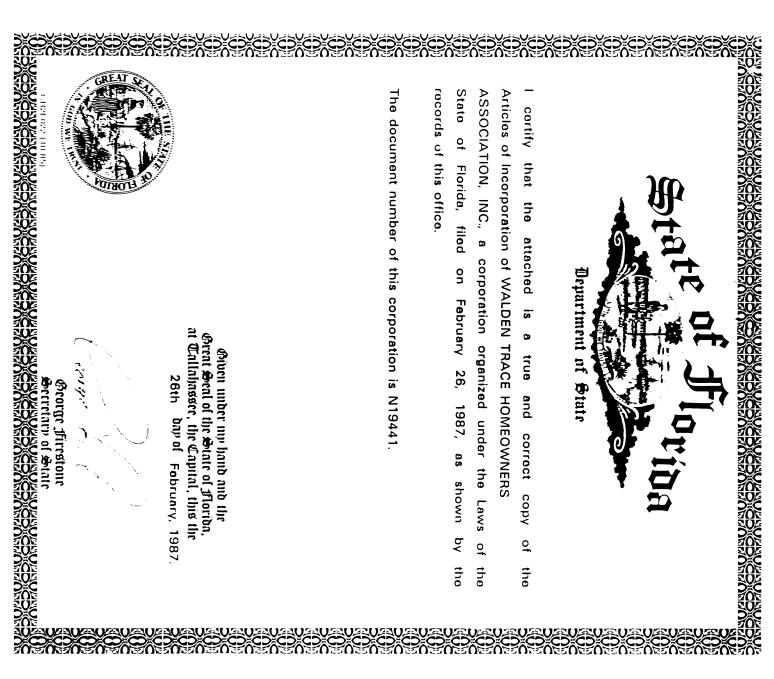
# JOINDER OF PROPERTY OWNER (WALDEN TRACE UNIT 25-B - INDIVIDUAL)

The undersigned, being owner of the following described property:  $$\bf l$$  through 19

Lot(s) inclusive in Walden Lake Unit 25-B, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 61 at Page 36 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, (the Property),

hereby consents to and joins in the execution of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for WALDEN TRACE UNIT 25-B, to which this joinder is attached, for the purpose of subjecting said property to the terms and provisions thereof.

	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument			
	on the 23rd day of March , 1987.			
<u> </u>	Witnesses:  By:  (Seal)  Philip A. Fremento, President (Seal)			
	STATE OF FLORIDA			
	COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH			
	BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized to admi-			
	nister oaths and take acknowledegments, personally appeared PHILIP A. FREMENTO, as President of Richmond American Homes, Inc.			
	to me well known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the			
	foregoing instrument, andhe acknowledged before me thathe			
executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes th				
	express.			
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this			
	23rd day of March, 1987.			
	Notary Public, State of Florida			
	My Commission Expires:			
	Notary Public, State of Florida  My Commission Expires June 27, 1988  Bonued Hard Troy Lain Linguistics, Inc.			



#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

A Florida Corporation Not For Profit

#### ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, and is hereinafter called the "Association".

#### ARTICLE II

#### PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residence Lots within the certain tract of property described on Exhibit A attached hereto, hereinafter referred to as the "Properties", and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the above-described property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association and for this purpose 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 that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, hereinafter called the "Declaration", appplicable to the Properties and recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;
- 2. fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;

- 3. acquire by gift, (purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;
- 4. borrow money, and with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) 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. participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members;
- 7. have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (1985), as it may now or hereafter have or exercise.

#### ARTICLE III

# MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

A. 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, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. The foregoing does not include persons or entities who hold a leasehold interest or interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Ownership, as defined above, shall be the note 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 by him. 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 also be a member so long as it owns one or more Lots.

- B. 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 By-Laws. 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 any such Lot, nor shall any split vote be permitted with respect to such Lot. The two classes of voting memberships, and voting rights related thereto, are as follows:
  - 1. Class A. 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. Every Owner of a Lot within WALDEN TRACE, who is a Class A member, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for that Lot.
  - 2. Class B. 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 voting rights appurtenant to the Class B Lots shall be as follows: The Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B Lot which it owns.
  - 3. Termination of Class B. 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 the total votes outstanding in the Class  $\Lambda$  membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership,
      - (ii) On December 31, 1996, or
    - (iii) When the Declarant waives in writing its right to Class B membership.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time or times subsequent to any such conversion, additional land is added by the

Declarant pursuant to Article VII of the Declaration, such additional land shall automatically be and become Class B Lots, as appropriate. In addition, if following such addition of land, the total votes allocable to all Lots then owned by the Declarant (calculated as if all such Lots are Class B, whether or not they are) shall exceed the remaining total votes outstanding in the remaining Class A membership (i.e., excluding the Declarant), then any Class A Lots owned by the Declarant shall automatically be reconverted to Class B. Any such reconversion shall not occur, however, if either occurrence (ii) or (iii) above shall have taken place.

ARTICLE IV

DURATION

A. The Corporation shall exist perpetually, unless terminated as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE V

SUBSCRIBERS

The name and residence of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation is:

Julium J. Zmchau

2515 Countryside Blvd., Suite A Clearwater, FL 33575

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

The affairs of the Corporation are to be administered under the direction by the Board of Directors by a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, deem necessary. Such officers shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation as provided in the By-Laws. The names of the persons who are to serve as the initial officers until their succession at the lirst annual meeting of the members are as follows:

Kim Frosoll

as President

Frank Kurchinski

as Vice President

Ja Cox

as Secretary/Treasurer

#### ARTICLE VII

#### DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of three (3) members. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors of the Corporation until the first election of their successors as provided for in the By-Laws are as follows:

Kim Frosell	1602 West Timberlane Plant City, Florida	
Frank Kurchinski	1602 West Timberlane Plant City, Florida	
Ja Cox	1602 West Timberlane Plant City, Florida	

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### BY-LAWS

The initial By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the original Board of Directors and thereafter the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be made, altered or rescinded by the members of the Corporation in the manner set forth in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE IX

# AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, from time to time, by the assent of seventy-five (75) percent of the aggregate of Class A votes and Class B votes outstanding and duly qualified to vote at the time such amendment is made. Such amendment shall be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a written resolution executed by not less than a majority of Class A Voting members and Class B voting members.

# ARTICLE X

# DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association 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 non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify every officer and director and every former officer and director to the full extent permitted by

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Board of Directors of this Association, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 25th day of February, 1987.

STATE OF FLORIDA )

COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid personally appeared Julius J. Zschau, to me known to be the person described as Incorporator in and who acknowledged before me that he has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State named above, this 25th day of February, 1987.

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My Commission Expires:

NOTABLY DBOLLD STALL OF FLORIDA MY COMMISSION LSP. MAR. 5, 1990 BORNES TUPO OF MERAL LMS. UND.

# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, it is submittenat WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Plant City, State of Florida, has named SOROTA AND ZSCHAU, P.A, located at 2515 Countryside Blvd., Suita A, City of Clearwater, State of Florida, 33575, as its Agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

Blaving been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

SOROTA AND ZSCHAU, P.A.

By: (RESIDING

DATE: February 25, 1987

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#### DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Township 29 South, Range 22 East, Hillsborough County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

As a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Southwesterlymost corner of Lot 25, Rlock 1 of WALDEN LAKE UNIT 11-P, as recorded in Plat Book 53, page 43 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, and proceed N. 73°41°40° E. (a plat bearing), along the Southerly boundary of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE UNIT 11-B, a distance of 626.10 feet to the Southeasterlymost corner of Lot 21. Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE Southeasterlymost corner of Lot 21, Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE UNIT 11-B, said point also lying on the East boundary of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 6; thence S. 00°08' 20" E., along said East boundary, a distance of 492.88 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of WALDEN LAKE UNIT 24-A, as recorded in Plat Buok 53, page 50 of the Public Records of Hillsborough Lounty, Florida; thence S. 10°04' 00" W., along the West boundary of Lot 1, Block 1 of said WALDEN LAKE UNIT 24-A, a distance of 93.41 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of Golfview Drive; thence N. 79°56' 00" W., along said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 55.11 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 250.00 feet and a chord which bears N. 75°52' 43" W. and Islance of 250.00 feet and a chord which bears N 75°52' 43" W., a distance of 35.36 feet; thence along the arc of said curve to the right and said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 35.39 feet to a Point of Reverse Curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 250.00 feet and a chord which bears N. 75°52' 57" E., a distance of 35.36 feet; thence along the arc of said curve to the left and said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 35.39 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence N. 79° 56' 00" W., along said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 274.47 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 170.00 feet and a chord which bears N. 47°41' 00" W., a distance of 181.43 feet; thence along the arc of said curve to the right and said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 191.38 feet to the Point of langency of said curve; thence N. 15°26' 00" W., along said Northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 220.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Which has been platted as WALDEN LAKE UNIT 25-B, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book 61, Page 36, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida

# WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE I

#### NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. Name. The name of the corporation is WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to an "The Annociation".

Section 2. Location. The principal office of the Association shall be located at 1602 West Timberlane Drive, Plant City, Florida 33566, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE II

#### DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to WALDEN TRACE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Construction Parcel" shall mean any lot shown on any original plat of the Properties.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown on any recorded amended plat of the Properties.

Section 5. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any hot 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.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to WALDEN LAKE, INC. its successors and assigns if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, Florida.

Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

Section 9. "Voting Member" shall mean the owner authorized to cast the vote for a Lot as set forth in the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE III

# MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Annociation, and each subsequent regular meeting of the members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock, P.M. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class A Voting members.

Section 3. Notice of Meeting. Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by, or at the direction of the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-third (1/3) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for

any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 5 Proxies. At all meetings of members, each voting member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his bot.

Section 6. Place. All members meetings shall be held within Hillsborough County, Florida.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of three (3) directors, who need not be members of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect three (3) directors for a term of one (1) year and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect three (3) directors for a term of one (1) year.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the voting members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any nervice he may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimburned for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors. Any action so approved shall have the effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

#### ARTICLE V

# NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot unless unanimously waived by the voting members present at the meeting. At such election the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

Cumulative voting is not permitted.

# ARTICLE VI

#### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as the Board may from time to time establish at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two (2) directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly hold meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

#### ARTICLE VII

# POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors
  to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three
  (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
  - (b) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote:
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
  - (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
  - (1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each hot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period.
  - (2) send written notice of each assessment to every owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and
  - (3) foreclose the lien against any property for which announments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.

- (d) issue, or cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
- (e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Associaton;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;

#### ARTICLE VIII

# OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice-president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such dutles as the Board may, from time to time determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

# CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of WALDEN TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, and,

THAT the foregoing By-Laws constitute the original By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, thereof, held on the 26th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1957

. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and alliked the seal of said Association this do day of 1, 1987.

Socretary

(Corporate Seal)