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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND
RESTRICTIONS
FOR
OWENS CROSSING SUBDIVISION**

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS is made as of the 14th day of May, 2021, Holland Homes, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company (the “Declarant”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the Property, as described in Section 1.21 below, and desires to own, develop, improve, and sell the Property for residential and ancillary purposes, subject to certain easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, requirements, and obligations in order to protect the value and desirability of the Property and to have a flexible and reasonable method for the administration and maintenance of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Declarant has heretofore caused, or shall cause, the Association, as defined in Section 1.03 below, to be formed as an Alabama nonprofit corporation for the purposes of managing and maintaining the Common Areas, as defined in Section 1.07 below, establishing annual budgets for maintaining the Common Areas and paying all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in connection therewith, making Assessments, as defined in Section 1.02 below, and otherwise taking all action which the Association is authorized to undertake hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant does hereby declare that all of that certain real property situated in Lee County, Alabama, which is more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and referenced to as the Property herein, shall be held, developed, improved, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, occupied, and used subject to the following easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens, and regulations, which shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all parties acquiring or having any right, title, or interest in any portion of the Property described in Exhibit A attached hereto and any of the Additional Property, as described in Section 1.01 below (but only to the extent Declarant submits any portion of the Additional Property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration), and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

As used throughout this Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, which meanings shall be applicable to both the singular and plural forms and tenses of such terms:

1.01 **Additional Property.** The term “Additional Property” shall mean and refer to any real property and any Improvements situated thereon lying adjacent to or in close proximity with the Property (but which does not presently comprise any part of the Development) which Declarant may from time to time submit and add to the provisions of this Declaration pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.02 below. The Additional Property may also include additional Common Areas.

1.02 **Assessment.** The term “Assessment” shall mean the annual, special, and individual assessments and any other charges assessed against an Owner by the Association pursuant to Article VII hereof.

1.03 **Association.** The term “Association” shall mean Owens Crossing Homeowners’ Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation.

1.04 **Board.** The term “Board” shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association and their duly elected successors as may be provided in the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws.

1.05 **Bylaws.** The term “Bylaws” shall mean and refer to the bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

1.06 **Certificate of Formation.** The term “Certificate of Formation” shall mean and refer to the Certificate of Formation of the Association and all amendments thereto.

1.07 **Common Areas.** The term “Common Areas” shall mean and refer to all real and personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The Common Areas shall include the Lots labeled “open space” on the Subdivision Plat, as well as any other areas or Improvements on or within the Development which are designated as Common Areas by Declarant from time to time. The designation of any land and/or improvements as Common Areas shall not mean or imply that the public at large acquires any easement of use or enjoyment or any other rights, licenses, or benefits therein or to the use thereof.

1.08 **Common Expenses.** The term “Common Expenses” shall mean and refer to all expenditures made or incurred by or on behalf of the Association, including, without limitation, those expenses described in Section 7.04(e) below, together with all funds assessed for the creation or maintenance of reserves pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration.

1.09 **Declarant.** The term “Declarant” shall mean Holland Homes, LLC, its successors and assigns.

1.10 **Declaration.** The term “Declaration” shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Owens Crossing Subdivision, and all amendments thereto.

1.11 **Development.** The term “Development,” with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the Property and all Improvements thereon and any of the Additional Property submitted to the provisions of this Declaration pursuant to Section 2.02 hereof.

1.12 **Dwelling.** The term “Dwelling,” with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to any Lot improved with a single-family residential structure.

1.13 **Governmental Authority.** The term “Governmental Authority” shall mean any and all city, county, state, and federal governmental or quasi-governmental agencies, bureaus, departments, divisions, or regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over any portion of the Development.

1.14 **Improvement.** The term “Improvement,” with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to all Dwellings, any building, structure, or device constructed, erected, or placed upon any Lot or Common

Area which in any way affects the exterior appearance of any Lot, Dwelling, or Common Area. Improvements shall include, by way of illustration and not limitation, buildings, foundations, covered patios, underground utilities, driveways, walkways, paving, curbing, parking areas, landscaping, fences, screening, walls, signs, and any other artificial or man-made changes or alterations to the natural condition of any Lot or Dwelling. "Improvements" shall also mean any grading, any excavation, or fill, the volume of which exceeds eight (8) cubic yards.

1.15 **Institutional Mortgagee.** The term "Institutional Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any federal or state chartered bank, trust company, life insurance company, federal or state savings and loan association, real estate investment trust, or other recognized lending institution which normally and customarily engages in the business of making mortgage loans and shall include any institutional or governmental purchaser of mortgage loans in the secondary market, such as Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, which holds a first mortgage on any Lot or Dwelling which has been duly and properly recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama.

1.16 **Lot.** The term "Lot" shall mean and refer to any unimproved portion of the Property upon which it is intended that a Dwelling be constructed thereon and which is identified on the Subdivision Plat. A parcel of land shall be deemed unimproved and thus considered to be a Lot rather than a Dwelling, until the Improvements constructed thereon are sufficiently complete to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and reasonably permit habitation thereof. Upon such completion, such Lot and the Improvements thereon shall collectively be considered to be a Dwelling for purposes of this Declaration.

1.17 **Mortgage.** The term "Mortgage," with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security device encumbering a Lot or Dwelling or any interest therein and which shall have been duly and properly recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama.

1.18 **Mortgagee.** The term "Mortgagee," with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the holder of any Mortgage and shall include any Institutional Mortgagee.

1.19 **Occupant.** The term "Occupant" shall mean and include any Owner, the family members, guests, tenants, agents, employees, and invitees of any Owner and their respective family members, guests, tenants, agents, employees, invitees, and any other person who occupies or uses any Dwelling within the Development. All actions or omissions of any Occupant are and shall be deemed the action or omission of the Owner of such Dwelling.

1.20 **Owner.** The term "Owner," with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the record owner, including Declarant, of fee simple title to any Lot or Dwelling whether a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, proprietorship, association, or other entity of any nature, including natural persons, but shall not include (i) any Mortgagee unless and until such Mortgagee has foreclosed on its Mortgage and purchased such Lot or Dwelling at the foreclosure sale held with respect to the foreclosure of such Mortgage, or (ii) any lessee, purchaser, contract purchaser, or vendor who has an interest in any Lot or Dwelling solely by virtue of a lease, contract, installment contract, or other agreement.

1.21 **Property.** The term "Property," with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to that certain real property situated in Lee County, Alabama, which is more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

1.22 **Subdivision Plat.** The term “Subdivision Plat,” with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to that certain plat filed for record in Plat Book 44 at Page 149 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama.

ARTICLE II PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION

2.01 **General Declaration.** Declarant hereby declares that the Property is and shall be subject to the easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens, and regulations of this Declaration and the Property, any part thereof and each Lot, Dwelling, and Common Area thereof shall be held, owned, sold, transferred, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, occupied, built upon, and otherwise used, improved, and maintained subject to the terms of this Declaration, which easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens, and regulations shall run with the land and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Declarant and upon all Owners and Occupants of the Property and any Lot, Dwelling, and Common Area thereof.

2.02 **Additional Property.** Declarant reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time during the pendency of this Declaration, to add and submit any Additional Property to the provisions of this Declaration and, to the extent any of the Additional Property is specifically submitted to the terms and provisions of this Declaration by Declarant, then any such Additional Property shall constitute part of the Property. Additional Property may be submitted to the provisions of this Declaration by an instrument executed by Declarant in the manner required for the execution of deeds and recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama, which instrument shall be deemed an amendment to this Declaration (which need not be consented to or approved by any Owner, Occupant, or Mortgagee of any Lot or Dwelling) and shall (a) refer to this Declaration stating the book and page number in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama, where this Declaration is recorded, (b) contain a statement that such Additional Property is conveyed subject to the provisions of this Declaration or only specified portions thereof, (c) contain an exact description of such Additional Property and (d) state such other or different covenants, conditions, and restrictions as the Declarant, in its sole discretion, shall specify to regulate and control the use, occupancy, and improvement of such Additional Property. From and after the date on which an amendment to this Declaration is recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama, submitting any Additional Property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration, the number of votes in the Association shall be increased by the number of Lots or Dwellings within the Additional Property which are added and submitted to the Declaration so that there shall continue to be one vote in the Association per Lot or Dwelling within the Development. In no event shall Declarant be obligated to submit any Additional Property to the provisions of this Declaration or to impose any of the covenants, conditions, or restrictions set forth in this Declaration upon any real property owned by Declarant situated adjacent to or in close proximity with the Development. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, (1) the provisions of this Section 2.02 may not be abrogated, modified, rescinded, supplemented, or amended, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Declarant, and (2) the rights reserved by Declarant pursuant to this Section 2.02 shall not be deemed to inure to the benefit of any transferee or purchaser of the Additional Property or any portion thereof, unless Declarant, in its sole discretion, transfers and conveys to such transferee or purchaser the rights reserved herein by express reference to Section 2.02 of this Declaration.

2.03 **Mutuality of Benefit and Obligation.** The provisions of this Declaration are made (a) for the mutual and reciprocal benefit of each Lot and Dwelling within the Property and are intended to create

mutual, equitable servitudes upon and in favor of each Lot and Dwelling, (b) to create reciprocal rights and obligations between the respective Owners and all future and subsequent Owners of any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, and (c) to create a privity of contract and estate between the Owners, their respective heirs, successors, and assigns.

2.04 **Development of Property.** Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, for so long as Declarant owns any Lot or Dwelling in the Development, to make improvements and changes to all Common Areas and to all Lots or Dwellings owned by Declarant, including without limitation, (i) installation and maintenance of any Improvements in or to the Common Areas, (ii) changes in the location of the boundaries of any Lots or Dwellings owned by Declarant or of the Common Areas, and (iii) installation and maintenance of any water, sewer, and any other utility systems and facilities within the Common Areas.

2.05 **Subdivision Plat.** Declarant reserves the right to record, modify, amend, revise, and otherwise add to, at any time and from time to time, the Subdivision Plat setting forth such information as Declarant may deem necessary with regard to the Development, including, without limitation, the locations and dimensions of all Lots, utility easements, drainage easements, access easements, and set-back line restrictions. Any such subdivision plats or any amendments thereto shall be binding on the portions of the Property indicated thereon as if such subdivision plat were specifically incorporated into this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, Declarant may at any time or from time to time divide, redivide, combine and/or resubdivide any Lots owned by Declarant.

ARTICLE III EASEMENTS

3.01 **Grant of Nonexclusive Easements to Owners.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration and the rules, regulations, fees, and charges from time to time established by the Board, Declarant does hereby grant to each Owner and Occupant the nonexclusive right, privilege, and easement of access to and the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas in common with Declarant, and all other Owners and Occupants. The easement and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01 are and shall be permanent and perpetual, are nonexclusive, are appurtenant to, and shall pass and run with title to each Lot and Dwelling.

3.02 **Reservation of Easements with Respect to Common Areas.**

(a) **Easement Upon Common Areas.** Declarant does hereby establish and reserve, for itself, the Association, and their respective agents, employees, contractors, representatives, invitees, successors, and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through, and upon all of the Common Areas for the purpose of (i) constructing Dwellings and other Improvements in and to any Lots and Dwellings, (ii) installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing any other Improvements to the Property or to the Common Areas, and (iii) doing all other things reasonably necessary and proper in connection therewith; provided, however, that in no event shall Declarant have any obligation to undertake any of the foregoing. In addition to the other rights and easements established and reserved herein and regardless of whether Declarant continues to own any portion of the Property, Declarant hereby establishes and reserves for itself and its heirs and assigns, a permanent and perpetual, nonexclusive easement to have access, ingress to, and egress from and the right and privilege to use and enjoy the Common Areas and all Improvements thereon for such purposes as Declarant deems appropriate.

(b) Changes in Common Areas. Declarant does hereby establish and reserve unto itself and its successors and assigns the permanent right to change, modify, and realign the boundaries of any of the Common Areas. Declarant further reserves the right, but shall not have any obligation, to convey by quitclaim deed to the Association at any time and from time to time any portion of the Property or any Improvements thereto to be utilized as Common Areas, as Declarant, in its sole discretion, may determine.

3.03 **Reservation of Easement for Utilities**. Declarant does hereby establish and reserve for itself and the Association and their respective successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through, and upon all portions of the Common Areas and all Lots, or any Dwellings which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, erecting, replacing, relocating, maintaining, and operating all utilities necessary or convenient for the use of any portion of the Development, including, without limitation, publicly or privately owned and operated electrical, gas, telephone, water, and sewer services, storm drains and sewers, drainage systems, retention ponds, lines, pipes, conduits, equipment, machinery, and other apparatus and appurtenances necessary or otherwise reasonably required in order to provide any utility service to any portion of the Development. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 3.03 to the contrary, the utilization of any of the easements and rights established and reserved pursuant to this Section 3.03 shall not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any Dwelling.

3.04 **Reservation of Maintenance Easement**. Subject to the terms and provisions of Section 6.02(b) below, Declarant does hereby establish and reserve for the Association and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns a permanent and perpetual right and easement to enter upon any Lot or Dwelling for the purpose of mowing, removing, clearing, cutting, or pruning underbrush, weeds, stumps, or other unsightly growth and removing trash so as to maintain reasonable standards of health, fire prevention, safety, and appearance with the Development; provided, however, that such easement shall not impose any duty or obligation upon Declarant or the Association to perform any of the foregoing actions.

3.05 **Reservation of Environmental Easement**. Declarant does hereby establish and reserve for itself, the Association, and their respective agents, employees, heirs, successors, and assigns a permanent and perpetual right and easement on, over, across, and upon all Lots and all unimproved portions of any Dwelling for the purpose of taking any action necessary to effect compliance with any watershed, soil erosion, or environmental rules, regulations, and procedures from time to time promulgated or instituted by any Governmental Authorities or the Board. The easement and right established and reserved herein shall include, without limitation, the right to implement erosion control procedures and practices, the right to drain standing water, and the right to take any other action which may be required in order to satisfy the requirements of any Governmental Authorities. Except in the case of an emergency situation or a perceived emergency situation, the exercise by Declarant or the Association of the rights reserved in this Section 3.05 shall not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any Dwelling situated on any Lot.

3.06 **Drainage Easement**. Drainage Easements and Facilities means those areas of land within the Development (including the improvements thereto) now or hereafter owned by the Association or used by the Association or Owners for the drainage purposes as referenced in this Declaration. Each Owner in the Development acquires an indivisible property interest to all the above-described Drainage Easements and Facilities for the purpose of constructing, operating, inspecting, maintaining and repairing such Facilities. The financial responsibility for maintenance of the Drainage Easements and Facilities shall be the Association's and be shared by the Owners of all of the Lots in the Development, except that minor maintenance of the drainage areas (such as mowing and landscaping along and around the Drainage

Easement and Facilities) shall be performed by the Owners of the Lots where the Drainage Easements and Facilities are located. All Owners are deemed to have consented to entry upon their property necessary to construct, inspect and maintain the Drainage Easements and Drainage Facilities. No buildings or permanent structures may be constructed or maintained over or on any easement area subject to this Declaration.

ARTICLE IV ASSOCIATION

4.01 **Membership.** The Owner of each Lot or Dwelling shall be a member of the Association. Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot or Dwelling; provided, however, that: (a) Declarant shall be deemed a member of the Association and shall have one (1) vote for each Lot or Dwelling owned by Declarant in the Development; (b) in the event any Lot or Dwelling is owned by more than one (1) person, then the Owner of such Lot shall, designate only one (1) representative to serve as a member of the Association who shall exercise all voting rights attributable to the Lot or Dwelling owned by such Owner; and (c) no Mortgagee shall become a member of the Association until such time, if at all, that the Mortgagee becomes an Owner by virtue of foreclosure of its Mortgage and title to such encumbered Lot or Dwelling is vested in Mortgagee pursuant to a duly recorded deed. The transfer or conveyance of fee title to any Lot or Dwelling (other than by a Mortgage as security for the payment of an obligation) shall automatically include the transfer of all membership rights and obligations of such Owner in the Association with respect to the Lot or Dwelling transferred and conveyed, notwithstanding any failure of the transferor to endorse to his transferee any certificates, assignments, or other evidence of such membership. Membership or the rights and benefits in the Association may not be transferred, assigned, conveyed, or otherwise alienated in any manner separate and apart from the ownership of a Lot or Dwelling. Each member of the Association shall at all times comply with the provisions of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, and all rules and regulations which may from time to time be adopted by the Board or the members of the Association.

4.02 **Board.** The Board shall have the rights and duties set forth in the Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws. Declarant hereby retains and shall have the right to appoint or remove, with or without cause, any member or members of the Board and any officer or officers of the Association until such time as Declarant no longer is the Owner of any portion of the Property. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot or Dwelling, vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association as provided by this Section 4.02.

4.03 **Voting Rights.** Subject to the rights reserved to Declarant in the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws and the rights of the Association to suspend any Owner's voting rights or privileges in the Association pursuant to Section 10.01 below, the Owner of each Lot or Dwelling shall be entitled to one (1) vote in any matters submitted to the members of the Association for approval. Such voting rights shall continue to apply to each Lot or Dwelling upon the addition of any of the Additional Property to this Declaration. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot or Dwelling, consents and agrees to the dilution of his voting interest in the Association by virtue of the resubdivision of any Lot by Declarant or the submission of any Additional Property to the terms of this Declaration. In no event, whether as a result of there being multiple ownership interests in any Lot or Dwelling or otherwise, shall more than one vote be allowed for any one Lot or Dwelling. Fractional voting shall not be permitted. For purposes of this Section 4.03, Declarant shall be deemed to be the Owner of and entitled to all voting rights attributable to any Lots or Dwellings owned by Declarant.

4.04 Duties and Powers of Association. In addition to the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations of the Association otherwise set forth in this Declaration, the Association shall have the power to do, cause to be done, and otherwise perform or cause to be performed any of the duties and powers set forth in the Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege granted to it expressly by this Declaration or by law, together with every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege. In the event of any conflict, ambiguity, or inconsistency between the *Code of Alabama*, this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations adopted by the Association, then the provisions of the *Code of Alabama*, this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, and any rules and regulations adopted by the Association, in that order, shall prevail and each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot or Dwelling, covenants and agrees to vote in favor of and execute any amendments as may be necessary to remove or alleviate any such conflict, ambiguity, or inconsistency. The powers of the Association shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the power to purchase one or more Lots and/or Dwellings and any other real or personal property, whether tangible or intangible, and to hold, lease, mortgage, sell, and otherwise convey the same, (ii) subject to the provisions of this Section 4.04, the right to own and hold title to any of the Common Areas, and Improvements located within or with on any Common Areas, as well as the right to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring additional Common Areas, for constructing, repairing, maintaining, or improving the Common Areas or any portion thereof or for providing any of the services authorized herein, (iii) subject to the provisions of this Section 4.04, the right to give Mortgages or other security instruments encumbering all or any part of the Common Areas as security for any loan obtained by the Association; provided, however, that the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage shall be subject and subordinate to all of the rights, interests, privileges, easements, licenses, and options reserved or established herein for the benefit of Declarant, the Association, and all Owners and Occupants, (iv) the right to grant and accept easements, (v) the right to dedicate or transfer fee simple title to all or any portion of the Common Areas to any Governmental Authority; provided, however, that except as provided in Section 8.03 below, the dedication or transfer of title to any of the Common Areas must be approved by a majority of those Owners present in person or by proxy at a duly held meeting of the Association called for such purpose, and (vi) the right to arrange with any of the Governmental Authorities or any public or private utilities or others, for the furnishing of trash collection, water, sewer, and/or security services for the Common Areas and/or the Lots and Dwellings. For so long as Declarant shall own any portion of the Property, the Association shall not, without the consent of Declarant, borrow money or pledge, mortgage, encumber, sell, or otherwise convey any interest it may have in the Common Areas. Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary herein, in the Certificate of Formation or in the Bylaws, the powers and authority granted to the Association shall be exercised by the Board, acting through the officers of the Association, without further consent or action on the part of the Owners.

4.05 Agreements. Subject to the conditions, restrictions, and other provisions of this Declaration, all agreements, actions, and determinations lawfully authorized by the Board shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors, and assigns and all others having any interest in the Development. In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association, through the Board, shall have the right and authority to delegate to such persons of its choice such duties of the Association as may be determined by the Board. In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation thereof, the Association may obtain and pay for the services of any person or entity to manage its affairs or any part thereof, to the extent it deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Association shall deem necessary or desirable for the proper operation of any portion of the Development, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by independent contract

with the Association. All costs and expenses incurred incident to the employment of a manager of the Development or any of the Common Areas shall be a Common Expense. During the term of any such management agreement entered into by the Association with a third party, such manager may, if authorized by the Board, exercise all the powers and shall be responsible for the performance of all of the duties of the Association, excepting any of such powers or duties specifically and exclusively reserved to the Board or the officers of the Association by the Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, or the Bylaws. Such manager may be an individual, corporation, or other legal entity and may be bonded in such manner as the Board may require, with the costs of such bond to be a Common Expense. In addition to the foregoing, the Association may pay for and the Board may hire and contract for such legal and accounting services as are necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Development, or the enforcement of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations of the Association.

4.06 Management by Declarant or its Affiliates. Declarant or any affiliate thereof may be employed as the manager of the Association and the Development for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property, at such compensation and on such terms as would be usual, customary, and obtainable in an arms-length transaction with any third party providing comparable services for any real estate development in the southeastern United States of the size, quality, and nature of the Development. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot or Dwelling, shall be deemed to ratify the provisions of this Section 4.06 and specifically be deemed to have approved any such management agreement entered into by the Association and Declarant or any affiliate thereof.

4.07 Rules and Regulations. The Board may establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of all Lots, Dwellings, and Common Areas. Without limiting the foregoing, the Board may adopt rules and regulations which shall govern the use of any of the Common Areas, the enforcement of all of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board and such other matters. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless such rule or regulation is specifically overruled, cancelled, or modified by the Board or by the majority vote of the total votes of the Association at any regular or special meeting of the Association; provided, however, that no such rules or regulations may be overruled, cancelled, or modified unless such action is also approved by Declarant for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property.

4.08 Indemnification. The Association shall and does hereby indemnify, defend, and agree to hold each and every officer, agent, representative, and member of the Board and the Declarant harmless from and against any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, suffered, paid, or incurred by any such officer, agent, representative, or member of the Board in connection with any action, suit, or other proceedings (including the settlement of any suit or proceedings if approved by the Board) to which such person may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, agent, representative, or member of the Board. The Declarant and officers, agents, representatives, and members of the Board and the Declarant shall not be liable for any mistake in judgment, negligence, or otherwise except for their own willful misconduct or reckless disregard of duty, as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. The officers, agents, representatives, and members of the Board and the Declarant shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association, and the Association shall and does hereby indemnify, defend, and agree to forever hold each such officer, agent, representative, and member of the Board and the Declarant harmless from any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. The indemnification obligations and rights provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer, agent,

representative, or member of the Board may be entitled, including anything provided to the contrary contained in the Certificate of Formation or the Bylaws. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability insurance and officers and director's liability insurance in order to fulfill its obligations under this Section 4.08 and the costs of such insurance shall constitute a Common Expense.

4.09 **Initial Contribution.** Except for the Declarant, each Owner shall pay an initial contribution to the Association in the amount of Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00) upon the transfer or purchase of a Lot or Dwelling. This initial contribution shall be paid upon the transfer or sale of a Lot or Dwelling by the transferee or purchaser, as the case may be, of the Lot or Dwelling. This initial contribution is in addition to the Assessments described herein.

ARTICLE V USE AND DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS

5.01 **Use Restrictions.** Each Lot and Dwelling shall be used for single-family residential purposes only and no trade or business of any kind may be carried on in or from any Lot or Dwelling; provided, however, that Declarant may maintain and carry on such activities as may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction, improvement, and sale of Lots and/or Dwellings. The use of any portion of a Dwelling as an office by an Owner shall not be considered a violation of this covenant if such use does not create regular customer, client, or employee traffic and does not constitute a violation of any applicable zoning ordinances.

5.02 **Underground Utilities.** All utility lines, pipes, conduits, and wiring for electrical, gas, telephone, water, sewer, cable television, security, and any other utility service for any portion of the Property shall be installed and maintained below ground. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the electrical power lines of Alabama Power Company to the transformers may be located above ground and on power poles.

5.03 **Landscaping.**

(a) Each Owner shall, to the extent practicable, attempt to incorporate into the landscaping plan the natural plant life existing on such Lot and shall otherwise take such steps which would, to the extent practicable, preserve the existing trees, plant life, wild flowers, and natural environment, including natural drainage channels, which exist on such Lot.

(b) No hedge or shrubbery planting which obstructs sight-lines of streets and roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any Lot or Dwelling where such hedge or shrubbery interferes with traffic sight-lines for roadways within the Development. The determination of whether any such obstruction exists shall be made by the Board, whose determination shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all Owners.

(c) No bird baths, fountains, reflectors, flagpoles, statues, lawn sculptures, lawn furnishings, artificial plants, rock gardens, bird houses, or other fixtures and accessories shall be placed or installed within the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling.

(d) No vegetable, herb, or similar gardens or plants shall be planted or maintained in the front yards of any Lot or Dwelling.

(e) Each Owner shall at all times keep the exterior of the Dwelling in a well-kept condition and shall adequately irrigate all landscaping. Permanent in-ground irrigation systems are required for each Lot. Each Owner shall be required to replace any dead or unsightly landscaping.

(f) Seasonal or holiday decoration (e.g., Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) shall be promptly removed from each Lot or Dwelling within seven (7) days after the holiday.

5.04 Roofing.

(a) No solar or other energy collection panel, equipment, or device shall be installed or maintained on any Lot or Dwelling, including, without limitation, the roof of any Dwelling if the same would be visible from any street.

(b) No projections of any type shall be placed or permitted to remain above the roof of any Dwelling except for approved chimneys and vent stacks.

5.05. Parking. All automobiles owned or used by the Owner or Occupant of any Dwelling and their respective family members shall be parked within each Lot, and shall not be parked on the streets or roadways.

5.06 Fences. All fences must be black ornamental fencing. No wooden, chain link, vinyl coated, or wire fences shall be permitted within the Development. No fences shall be allowed in yards. Above ground electric fences shall not be permitted. Fences cannot be in the front yard. They must be installed starting at a minimum of 1/3 the total depth of the home, measuring from the front of the home, toward the back. The fence cannot extend beyond this point toward the front of the home.

5.07 Satellite Dishes and Antennae. No satellite dishes shall be allowed on any Lot or Dwelling, other than roof mounted satellite dishes, not to exceed twenty-four (24) inches in diameter located on the side roofs of Dwellings. No radio antenna, radio receiver, or other similar device or aerial shall be attached to or installed on any Lot or Dwelling or any other portion of the Development unless the same is contained entirely within the interior of a building or other structure, is not visible from any street or adjacent Lot or Dwelling. No radio or television signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation or transmission shall be permitted to originate from any Lot or Dwelling which may interfere with the reception of radio or television signals within the Development.

5.08 Outdoor Personal Property.

(a) No furniture shall be placed, kept, installed, maintained, or located in or on the front or side yards of a Lot or Dwelling.

(b) Basketball backboards are prohibited.

(c) Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes shall be prohibited on any Lot or Dwelling. No clothing, rugs, or other items shall be hung, placed, or allowed to remain on any railing, fence, or wall.

(d) Barbecue grills, other types of outdoor cooking equipment, and fire pits shall be located only in the backyard of a Dwelling (meaning, for clarification, the side of the Dwelling opposite of the street) and shall not be visible from the street.

(e) Bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques, and other types of home crafts shall not be permitted in the front yards of any Lot or Dwelling nor shall any of the foregoing items be attached to the front of any Dwelling.

5.09 **Pets and Animals.** No animals, livestock, birds, or poultry of any kind shall be kept, raised, or bred by any Owner upon any Lot, Dwelling, or other portion of the Development; provided, however, that not more than two (2) dogs or cats (or a combination of one dog and one cat) may be kept and maintained on a Lot so long as they are not kept for breeding or commercial purposes. The limitation on the number of animals in the preceding sentence shall apply to unattended animals kept outside of the Dwelling. No pet shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or become a nuisance. No structure or area for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the front or side yards of the Lots; rather, all such structures or areas shall be located only in the backyards, and shall not be visible from any street. Dogs and cats shall not be allowed to roam unattended within the Development; all dogs shall be kept and maintained within fenced areas on a Lot or Dwelling, or otherwise under leash. Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for the costs of repairing any damage to the Common Areas caused by the pet of such Owner or Occupant. The Board shall have the right from time to time to promulgate rules and regulations governing the ownership and care of pets within the Development, including the right to assess fines for violations of such rules and regulations. Each Owner shall be responsible for immediately and properly cleaning up and disposing of all pet waste.

5.10 **Trash, Rubbish, and Nuisances.**

(a) No trash, garbage, rubbish, or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed, or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Development nor shall any nuisance or odors be permitted to exist or operate upon or arise from any Lot or Dwelling which would render any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to persons using, occupying, or owning any other Lots or Dwellings within the Development. Noxious or offensive activities shall not be carried on, in or from any Lot or Dwelling or in any part of the Common Areas, and each Owner and Occupant shall refrain from any act or use of a Lot or Dwelling which would cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkept conditions, result in the cancellation of or increase in insurance coverage or premiums for any portion of the Development or be in violation of any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or requirement of any Governmental Authority. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells, or other sound devices, other than security and fire alarm devices used exclusively for such purposes, shall be located, used, or placed upon any Lot or Dwelling or other portion of the Development. Any Owner or Occupant or any of the respective family members, guests, invitees, servants, agents, employees, or contractors of such Owner or Occupant who dumps, places, or allows trash or debris to accumulate on his Lot, Dwelling, or on any other portion of the Development shall be liable to the Association for all costs incurred by the Association to remove the same.

(b) Trash, garbage, and any other refuse or waste shall not be kept on any Lot or Dwelling except in sanitary containers. Trash cans and containers shall at all times be kept at the side of or inside a Dwelling and shall be screened from view from streets and adjacent Lots and Dwellings by appropriate landscaping or fencing.

(c) The determination of what activities constitute such nuisances shall be within the sole and absolute discretion of the Board.

5.11 Recreational Vehicles and Machinery and Equipment.

(a) Mobile homes, motor homes, trailers of any kind, campers, vans, motorcycles, motorized carts and all-terrain vehicles, lawn mowers, tractors, tools, construction machinery and equipment of any nature, golf carts, boats and any other type of watercraft, including boat trailers, and any other similar types of vehicles, machinery, or equipment shall not be stored or allowed to remain on any Lot or Dwelling unless the same is placed, stored, and maintained within a wholly-enclosed structure, with roofing and doors, on such Lot or Dwelling. The Common Areas shall not, unless expressly permitted by the Association, be utilized for the storage of any of the foregoing vehicles, recreational vehicles, machinery, or equipment.

(b) Each Lot shall contain adequate off-street parking (i.e., parking areas located solely within the property lines of such Lot). Vehicles shall not be parked on any landscaped or natural areas of a Lot. Roadside or street side parking is prohibited.

(c) Any vehicle which is inoperable shall be immediately removed from the Development. No Owner or Occupant shall repair or restore any vehicle, machinery, or equipment of any kind upon or within any Lot or Dwelling or within any portion of the Common Areas, except (i) for minor service work or emergency repairs and then only to the extent necessary to enable the immediate movement thereof to a proper repair facility located outside of the Development.

(d) The Board shall have the right at any time and from time to time to adopt rules and regulations with respect to the keeping, storage, parking, operation, use, or maintenance of mobile homes, tractors, equipment, machinery, trailers (with or without wheels), motor homes, trucks (other than pick-up trucks), commercial vehicles of any type, campers, motorized campers or trailers, boats or other watercraft, boat trailers, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized go-carts, and other forms of transportation.

5.12 Signage. No signs or advertising posters of any kind shall be maintained or permitted within any windows or on the exterior of any Lot or Dwelling or elsewhere on any portion of the Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing (a) the restrictions set forth in this Section 5.12 shall not be applicable to Declarant or to any signs erected during the construction of any Dwelling on a Lot, and (b) Declarant and the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to erect and maintain reasonable and appropriate signs on any portions of the Common Areas and within those easement areas established in Article III above.

5.13 Above Ground Tanks and Wells. No exposed above-ground tanks for the storage of fuel, water, propane or any other substances shall be located on any Lot or Dwelling or within any of the Common Areas. No private water wells may be drilled or maintained.

5.14 Temporary Structures. No temporary house, trailer, shack, tent, barn, shed, stable, poultry house or yard, rabbit hut, tree house, or other outbuilding or structure of any kind shall be permitted, constructed, installed, or allowed to remain on any Lot or Dwelling; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit (a) temporary structures for social functions as may be permitted by the

rules and regulations of the Board, (b) any detached structures which are approved in writing by the Board, and (c) dog houses for not more than two (2) dogs so long as such dog houses are visibly screened from view from all streets and adjacent Lots or Dwellings.

5.15 Construction of Improvements. All Dwellings and any other Improvements shall be constructed in compliance with the and all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and zoning and building code requirements. Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining from the appropriate Governmental Authorities all necessary permits and licenses and otherwise paying all required fees for the construction of any Improvements on such Owner's Lot or Dwelling.

5.16 Subdivision and Interval Ownership. No Lot may be subdivided or resubdivided without the prior written approval of the Board; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section 5.16 shall not be applicable to Declarant.

5.17 Swimming Pools and Tennis Courts. Swimming pools, outdoor hot tubs, reflecting ponds, saunas, whirlpools, lap pools, and tennis courts are not permitted on any Lot or Dwelling. Above-ground pools shall not be permitted.

5.18 Compliance with Governmental Regulations. Each Owner and Occupant shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, requirements, and code provisions of the Governmental Authorities.

5.19 Additional Regulations. In addition to the restrictions set forth in this Declaration, the (i) Board shall have the right, in its sole discretion, from time to time and at any time to adopt additional or more specific requirements and restrictions governing the Improvement and use of any Lot or Dwelling, and (ii) the Board shall have the right from time to time and at any time to adopt, modify, and amend such rules and regulations as the Board, in its sole discretion, determines to be in the best interests of all Owners, which rules and regulations shall be binding on all Owners, Lots, and Dwellings.

5.20 Enforcement and Remedies. In the event any of the provisions of this Article V are breached or are not otherwise being complied with in all aspects by any Owner or Occupant or the respective family members, guests, invitees, agents, employees, or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, then the Association shall each have the right to (a) enjoin such violation or noncompliance by the filing of an action in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Alabama, and/or (b) through their designated agents, employees, representatives, and independent contractors enter upon such Lot or Dwelling and take all action necessary to extinguish or correct such violation or breach. All costs and expenses incurred by the Association in enforcing any of the provisions of this Article V, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, court costs, costs and expenses of witnesses, engineers, architects, designers, land planners, and any other persons involved in the correction of any noncompliance or the removal of such violation or in any judicial proceeding, together with any other costs or expenses incurred by the Association in connection therewith, shall be paid by such Owner of the Lot or Dwelling on which exists the violation or breach of the provisions of this Article V, shall constitute an Individual Assessment to such Owner pursuant to Section 7.06 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.09 below, and be subject to foreclosure as provided for therein. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the rights and remedies of the Association set forth herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights

and remedies which the Association may exercise at law or in equity or any of the enforcement rights specified.

**ARTICLE VI
MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

6.01 Responsibilities of Owners.

(a) Unless specifically identified herein as being the responsibility of the Association, the maintenance and repair of all Lots, Dwellings, and all Improvements situated thereon or therein, and all landscaping and grounds on or within a Lot or Dwelling shall be the responsibility of the Owner of such Lot or Dwelling. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining his or its Lot or Dwelling, as the case may be, in a neat, clean, and sanitary condition, both inside and outside of any Dwellings or Improvements thereto. Such responsibilities shall include, without limitation, maintaining at all times appropriate paint and stain finishes on all Dwellings and other Improvements, and reroofing or replacing roofing shingles when the same become worn or would be replaced by a prudent Owner.

(b) All areas of any Lot or Dwelling which are not improved by the construction of a Dwelling thereon shall at all times be maintained by the Owner in a fully and well-kept landscaped condition utilizing ground cover and/or shrubbery and trees. The maintenance obligations set forth in this Section 6.01(b) shall apply to all portions of a Lot or Dwelling up to the edge of the pavement of any roadway abutting such Lot or Dwelling and shall be binding on the Owner of each Lot or Dwelling at all times, either prior, during, or after the construction of any Improvements thereon. Hedges, shrubs, vines, and any other vegetation of any type on any Lot shall be cut and trimmed at regular intervals at all times in order to maintain the same in a neat, safe, and attractive condition. Trees, shrubs, vines, plants, and other vegetation which die shall be promptly removed and replaced with living plants of like kind and quantity. Dead vegetation, stumps, weeds, rubbish, debris, garbage, and waste materials shall be promptly removed from any Lot or Dwelling and properly disposed of outside of the Development.

(c) No exterior changes, alterations, or Improvements shall be made to any Lot or Dwelling without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Board.

(d) The adequacy of an Owner's compliance with Section 6.01 shall be determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion.

6.02 Responsibilities of Association.

(a) Except as may be otherwise provided herein to the contrary, the Association shall, to the extent it has received sufficient sums from the Owners through Assessments be responsible to maintain and keep in good repair and condition all portions of the Common Areas.

(b) In the event that the Board of the Association determines that (i) any maintenance, cleaning, repair, or replacement for which the Association is responsible hereunder is caused by the willful or negligent act of an Owner or Occupant, or their respective family members, guests, servants, employees, invitees, or contractors, and the costs of such maintenance, cleaning, repair, or replacement are not paid in full from insurance proceeds, if any, received by the Association with respect thereto, then, in either event, the Association, in addition to the exercise of any of the rights and remedies set forth in this Declaration,

may give such Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, cleaning, repair, or replacement, at the sole cost and expense of such Owner and setting forth in reasonable detail what action is deemed necessary. Except in the event of emergency situations, such Owner shall have fifteen (15) days within which to complete the same in a good and workmanlike manner or, if in the Board's determination, if the same is not capable of completion within such fifteen (15) day period, to commence such maintenance, cleaning, repair, or replacement and to proceed diligently with the completion of the same in a good and workmanlike manner. In the event of emergency situations or the failure by any Owner to comply with the provisions hereof after such notice, the Association may provide (but shall not be obligated to provide) any such maintenance, cleaning, repair, or replacement at the sole cost and expense of such Owner and said cost shall be a personal obligation of such Owner, shall constitute an Individual Assessment to such Owner, and shall be subject to the lien and foreclosure rights granted pursuant to Section 7.09 below.

ARTICLE VII ASSESSMENTS

7.01 Assessments and Creation of Lien. Each Owner of a Lot or Dwelling, other than Declarant, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest therein, regardless of whether such deed or instrument contains a reference to this Declaration, is hereby deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association the following, which are collectively referred to herein as "Assessments": (a) the annual assessment of the Association for the Development, as established and to be collected as provided in Section 7.04 below, (b) special assessments, to be established and collected as provided in Section 7.05 below, and (c) individual assessments against any particular Lot or Dwelling which are established or assessed pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, any fines as may be levied or imposed against such Lot or Dwelling in accordance with the provisions herein. All Assessments, together with late charges and interest as provided in Section 7.09(a) below, and all court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Association to enforce or collect such Assessments, shall be an equitable charge and a continuing lien upon each Lot or Dwelling for which the Owner thereof is responsible for the payment of the same, which lien may be enforced in the manner provided in Section 7.09(c) below. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Assessments coming due while he is the Owner of a Lot or Dwelling and his grantee shall take title to such Lot or Dwelling subject to the equitable charge and continuing lien therefor, but without prejudice to the rights of such grantee to recover from his grantor any amounts paid by such grantee to the Association which were the legal obligations of the grantor. All Assessments, together with late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate, as specified in Section 7.09(a) below, court costs, and attorneys' fees incurred with respect thereto by the Association, shall also be a personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Lot or Dwelling at the time such Assessments and other costs and charges were assessed or incurred. In the event of co-ownership of any Lot or Dwelling, all of the co-Owners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire amount of such Assessments. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. All Assessments shall be payable in all events without offset, diminution, or abatement by reason of fire or other casualty or any taking as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation, or by private purchase in lieu thereof with respect to any Lot, Dwelling, Common Areas, or any other portion of the Development or any other use or reason of any nature.

7.02 Purpose. The annual and special assessments provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of the Development and otherwise for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Development,

including, specifically, the Common Areas and any Improvements thereto, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board.

7.03 Uniform Rate of Assessments.

(a) Both annual and special assessments, as described in Sections 7.04 and 7.05 below, shall be assessed against each Lot or Dwelling in the Development at a uniform rate, with the Owner of each Lot or Dwelling being required to pay his pro rata portion of such annual and/or special assessments, as determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total Lots or Dwellings owned by such Owner and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Lots and Dwellings in the Development at the time such annual or special assessment is levied. Each Lot and Dwelling shall be subject to equal annual and special assessments.

(b) Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 7.03(a) above to the contrary, in the event any Additional Property is added to the Development, then the Lots and/or Dwellings within the Additional Property shall be subject to the same annual or special assessments then being paid by the Owners of all other Lots and Dwellings in the Development, subject to proration as provided in Section 7.08 below.

7.04 Computation of Annual Assessments.

(a) Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, the annual assessment for each Lot and Dwelling in the Development (including any Lot or Dwelling forming any part of the Additional Property) shall be adopted by the Association on an annual basis. The foregoing shall not limit or restrict any special Assessments levied pursuant to Section 7.05 below (with the approval of a majority of the Owners as provided therein) or any individual Assessments levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.06 below.

(b) Commencing with the fiscal year of the Association beginning on January 1, 2021 (i.e., from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, which period is hereinafter referred to as the "Base Year") the annual Assessments shall be Three Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$350.00). Annually thereafter, the Board of the Association shall determine and approve annually an annual budget covering the estimated Common Expenses for the Development for the upcoming year, such budget to include a capital contribution or reserve account if necessary for the capital needs of the Association. The amount set forth in such budget shall constitute the aggregate amount of annual Assessments for the then applicable year and each Owner shall pay his pro rata share of the same as provided in Section 7.03 above. A copy of the budget setting forth the amount of annual Assessments to be levied against the Lots and Dwellings for the following year shall be delivered to each Owner.

(c) In the event the budget for any year after the Base Year results in the Owners being liable for the payment of annual Assessments the increase of which exceeds (without regard to proration or adjustment as provided in Section 7.08 below) ten percent (10%) of the annual Assessments payable for the entire immediately preceding calendar year then the budget and the amount of the annual Assessments shall be presented for approval of the Owners at the annual meeting of the Association and must be approved by the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at such meeting. In the event the amount of the annual Assessments does not exceed the limitation set forth above, then the budget approved

by the Board for the then current fiscal year shall be implemented, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth above on the amount of increase in annual Assessments.

(d) If any budget or the amount of annual Assessments collected by the Association at any time proves to be inadequate or insufficient for any reason to fully pay all costs and expenses of the Association and all Common Expenses, then the Board may call a meeting of the Association for the purpose of approving special Assessments as provided in Section 7.07(b) below. If the actual amount of annual Assessments collected in any one year exceeds the actual costs incurred for Common Expenses for such year, the excess shall be retained by the Association as a reserve for subsequent years Common Expenses.

(e) The Common Expenses to be funded by the annual Assessments may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(i) Salaries, fringe benefits, and other compensation paid and out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed by the Association for its employees, agents, officers, members of the Board, and any third-party contractors;

(ii) Management fees and expenses of administration, including legal and accounting fees, incurred by the Association;

(iii) Utility charges for any utilities serving any of the Common Areas and charges for other common services for the Development;

(iv) The costs of any insurance policies purchased for the benefit of the Association as required or permitted by this Declaration, including, without limitation, fire, flood, and other hazardous coverage, public liability coverage and such other insurance coverage as the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Association, including errors and omissions insurance, directors and officers liability insurance, and any other liability insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association, the members of the Board, any officers, employees, agents, or representatives of the Association;

(v) The expenses of maintaining, operating, repairing, and replacing any portions of the Common Areas for which the Association is responsible;

(vi) All other fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration or which the Board, in its sole discretion, determines to be appropriate to be paid by the Association, including, without limitation, taxes and governmental charges not separately assessed against Lots or Dwellings; and

(vii) The establishment and maintenance of a reasonable reserve fund or funds (1) for inspections, maintenance, repair, and replacement of any portions of the Common Areas for which the Association is responsible to inspect, maintain, repair, or replace on a periodic basis, (2) to cover emergencies and repairs required as a result of casualties which are not funded by insurance proceeds, and (3) to cover unforeseen operating contingencies or deficiencies arising from unpaid Assessments as well as from Emergency expenditures and other matters, all as may be authorized from time to time by the Board.

7.05 **Special Assessments.** In addition to the annual Assessments authorized in Section 7.04 above and the special Assessments authorized in Sections 8.01(b) and 8.03(a)(i) below, the Board of the Association may levy in any year special Assessments for Common Expenses or any extraordinary costs incurred by the Association; provided, however, that any such special Assessments (other than special assessments levied pursuant to Sections 8.01(b) and 8.03(a)(i) below) shall be approved by a majority of the votes of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at the meeting called for the purpose of adopting special Assessments pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.07 below. The Board may make such special Assessments payable in one lump sum or in installments over a period of time which may, in the Board's discretion, extend beyond the then fiscal year in which said special Assessments are levied and assessed. Special Assessments shall be levied against and payable by each Owner in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.03 above.

7.06 **Individual Assessments.** Any expenses of the Association occasioned by the conduct of less than all of the Owners or by any Owner or Occupant, or the respective family members, agents, guests, servants, employees, invitees, or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, shall be specially assessed against such Owners and their respective Lots or Dwellings. The individual assessments provided for in this Section 7.06 shall be levied by the Board and the amount and due date of such assessment shall be specified by the Board in a notice to such Owner. The provisions of this Section 7.06 shall apply, without limitation, to any individual assessments levied pursuant to any other provision hereof.

7.07 **Notice of Meetings and Quorum.**

(a) Written notice of the annual meeting of the Association, as well as any other meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized in this Article VII shall be sent to all Owners not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days in advance of such meetings. With respect to annual meetings, the presence in person or by proxy of Owners entitled to cast over 10% of all the votes of the Association shall constitute a quorum. At such time as a quorum is obtained, the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at such meeting shall be required to approve any matter in which all of the members of the Association are entitled to vote, including any increase in the amount of annual Assessments in excess of the limitations specified in Section 7.04(c) above.

(b) With respect to all other meetings of the members of the Association, including, specifically, meetings pursuant to which special Assessments are to be levied upon each Lot or Dwelling pursuant to Section 7.05 above, there shall be no specific requirement establishing a quorum and the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at any such special meeting shall be binding on all of the members of the Association.

(c) For purposes of any meeting of the Association, members of the Association may participate in such meeting – and establish a quorum, deliberate, and take action – by means of telephone conference, video conference, or other similar communications equipment. The Association may employ an electronic process through a digital application that will allow Members of the Association to vote by an electronic ballot process on any items of business that may come before the Association at any meeting.

7.08 **Date of Commencement of Assessments.** The annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot on the day on which such Lot is conveyed to a person other than Declarant and shall be due and payable in such manner and on such schedule as may be established from time to time by the Board of the Association. Annual Assessments and any outstanding special Assessments shall be

adjusted for each Lot according to the number of days then remaining in the month in which such Lot is conveyed. Annual and special assessments for Lots within any portion of the Additional Property hereafter submitted to the terms of this Declaration shall commence with respect to each such Lot on the date on which such Lot is conveyed to a person other than Declarant, subject to proration according to the number of days then remaining in the month in which such Assessments commence. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, Declarant shall not be responsible for the payment of annual or special Assessments on any Lots which it owns in the Development.

7.09 Effect of Non-Payment; Remedies of the Association.

(a) Each Owner of a Lot or Dwelling is and shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association all Assessments provided for herein. In the event any Assessments or any portion thereof are not paid when due, the Owner shall be deemed to be in default and shall be subject to a late charge in an amount determined and uniformly applied by the Board from time to time. In the event any Assessment or any portion thereof is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date of the same, then the unpaid portion of the Assessment shall accrue simple interest at the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the highest rate which may be charged to said Owner by law (the "Applicable Rate") from and after the thirtieth (30th) day from the due date until the same is paid in full. In the event the Association employs an attorney or otherwise takes any legal action in attempting to collect any amounts due from any Owner, such Owner shall be required to pay all attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association. The lien and equitable charge upon each Lot or Dwelling for Assessments as provided above shall also include all late charges, interest at the Applicable Rate and all attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in attempting to collect any unpaid Assessments.

(b) In the event any Assessments or other amounts due to the Association are not paid by any Owner when the same comes due, then, in addition to all other rights and remedies provided at law or in equity, the Association, acting through its Board or through any of its officers or authorized representatives, may undertake any or all of the following remedies:

(i) The Association may commence and maintain a suit at law against an Owner to enforce such charges and obligations for Assessments, and any such judgment rendered in any such action shall include the late charge and interest at the Applicable Rate, as specified in Section 7.09(a) above, together with attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other expenses paid and incurred by the Association in collecting such unpaid Assessments; and/or

(ii) The Association may enforce the lien created pursuant to Section 7.01 above in the manner hereinafter provided.

(c) There is hereby created a continuing lien on each Lot and Dwelling, with power of sale, which secures the payment to the Association of any and all Assessments levied against or upon such Lot or Dwelling, all late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate assessed pursuant to Section 7.09(a) above and all attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in collecting any Assessments. If any Assessments remain unpaid for more than sixty (60) days, then the Association, through its Board or any officer or authorized representative thereof, may, but shall not be obligated to, make written demand on such defaulting Owner, which demand shall state the date and amount of delinquency. Each default shall constitute a separate basis for a demand and claim of lien, but any number

of defaults may be included in a single demand. If such delinquency is not paid in full within ten (10) days after the giving of such demand or, even without giving demand, the Association may file a claim of lien and perfect its lien against the Lot or Dwelling of such delinquent Owner, which claim shall be executed by any member of the Board or any officer of the Association, containing the following information, and be recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama:

- (i) The name of the delinquent Owner;
- (ii) The legal description and street address of the Lot or Dwelling upon which the lien claim is made;
- (iii) The total amount claimed to be due including late charges, interest at the Applicable Rate, collection costs, and attorneys' fees incurred to date and a statement, if applicable, that such charges and costs shall continue to accrue and be charged until full payment has been received; and
- (iv) A statement that the claim of lien is made by the Association pursuant to this Declaration and is claimed against such Lot or Dwelling in an amount equal to that stated therein.

The lien provided for herein shall be in favor of the Association, shall be for the benefit of all other Owners (other than those Owners in default), and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a foreclosure of a mortgage on real property under the laws of the State of Alabama, as the same may be modified or amended from time to time. The Association shall have the right and power to bid at any such foreclosure sale and to purchase, acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey, and sell any such Lot or Dwelling. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot or Dwelling, shall be deemed to (1) grant to and vest in the Association and/or its agents the right and power to exercise the power of sale granted herein and foreclose the lien created herein, (2) grant to and vest in the Association and/or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of all amounts due from such Owner, (3) expressly waive any objection to the enforcement and foreclosure of the lien created herein, and (4) expressly waive the defense of the statute of limitations which may be applicable to the commencement of any such suit or action for foreclosure.

7.10 Subordination of Lien. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the lien for Assessments and other charges authorized herein with respect to any Lot or Dwelling in the Development is and shall be subordinate to the lien of any Mortgage held by an Institutional Mortgagee, but only to the extent that the Mortgage held by any such Institutional Mortgagee is recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 7.09(c) above. When an Institutional Mortgagee exercises its foreclosure rights provided in its Mortgage and acquires title to or sells to a third party its interest in any Lot or Dwelling, then such Institutional Mortgagee or its purchaser or transferee at such foreclosure sale shall (a) not be liable for any Assessments or other charges incurred prior to the date of transfer or acquisition of title by foreclosure so long as the Mortgage held by such Institutional Mortgagee was recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama, prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 7.09(c) above, but (b) be liable for all Assessments and other charges levied, assessed, or incurred with respect to such Lot or Dwelling from and after the date of such foreclosure sale. The foregoing shall not relieve any Owner whose Lot or Dwelling has been foreclosed from the personal obligation to pay all Assessments and any other charges levied, assessed, or incurred by the Association, and the Association shall have the right to pursue all rights

and remedies against a defaulting Owner notwithstanding the foreclosure of a Mortgage by an Institutional Mortgagee on such Owner's Lot or Dwelling.

7.11 **Certificates.** The Association or any officer or authorized representative thereof shall, upon request and at such reasonable charges as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, furnish to any Owner a certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments for which such Owner is responsible have been paid and, if not paid, the outstanding amount due and other costs and expenses due from such Owner. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any Assessments stated therein.

ARTICLE VIII CASUALTY, CONDEMNATION, AND INSURANCE

8.01 Damage or Destruction to Common Areas.

(a) In the event of any damage or destruction to any of the Common Areas by fire or other casualty, then, subject to the terms and provisions of this Article VIII, the Association shall promptly repair, replace, and restore the damaged portions of the Common Areas to the condition to which they existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty.

(b) Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 8.01(a) above, in the event the amount of insurance proceeds, if any, recovered as a result of such damage or destruction is insufficient to fully repair, replace, and restore the damaged portions of the Common Areas, and such deficiency cannot be appropriated from a reserve fund as may have been established for such purpose, then the Board may levy a special Assessment against all Owners, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same pursuant to Sections 7.05 and 7.07 above, which such special Assessments shall be in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay the remaining costs necessary to repair, replace, or restore the Common Areas to the condition as existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty. Such special Assessments shall be levied against each Owner equally as provided in Section 7.03 above. Further special Assessments may be made by the Board, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same, at any time during or upon completion of any such repair, replacement, or restoration of the Common Areas if funds are insufficient to cover the costs of such repair or restoration. Any and all insurance proceeds received by the Association on account of any damage to or destruction of any of the Common Areas or any sums paid to the Association under or by virtue of such special Assessments shall be held by and for the benefit of the Association and shall be disbursed by the Association in payment for the costs of such repair or restoration in such manner as may be determined by the Board. In no event shall the Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot or Dwelling be entitled to any portion of the proceeds of insurance payable as a result of the damage to or destruction of any portion of the Common Areas.

8.02 **Damage or Destruction to Lots and Dwellings.** In the event of any fire or other casualty which damages or destroys any portion of any Lot or Dwelling, then the Owner of such damaged Lot or Dwelling shall promptly repair and otherwise restore such Lot or Dwelling to the condition to which the same existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty; provided, however, that any such restoration or repair shall be subject to compliance with all then applicable rules, regulations, statutes, and ordinances of the Governmental Authorities. Any such restoration or repair shall be commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days following the occurrence of such fire or other casualty.

8.03 Condemnation of Common Areas.

(a) In the event of the taking of all or any portion of any of the Common Areas as a result of, in lieu of, or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation, or by private purchase in lieu thereof, then the award from such taking or sale in lieu thereof shall be paid to the Association and shall be disbursed or held as follows:

(i) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking can either be restored or replaced, then, to the extent practicable, the Board of the Association is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to take such action, including the purchase of any remaining lands within the Development or the utilization of any other Common Areas within the Development, to restore, rebuild, or replace, as the case may be, those portions of the Common Areas subject to such taking. If the award is insufficient to fully defray the cost of such repair or replacement and such deficiency cannot be appropriated from a reserve fund as may have been established for such purpose, then the Board of the Association may levy a special Assessment against all Owners, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same pursuant to Sections 7.05 and 7.07 above, which such special Assessments shall be in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay the remaining costs of repair, restoration, or reconstruction. Such special Assessments shall be levied against each Owner as provided in Section 7.03 above. Further special Assessments may be made by the Board without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same, at any time during or upon the completion of any such repair, replacement, or restoration of the Common Areas if the award received as a result of such taking is insufficient to pay the costs of such repair or restoration.

(ii) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking cannot be restored or replaced or additional lands within the Development cannot be purchased by the Association in order to repair, replace, or restore the Common Areas so taken or if the Board shall determine that the portions of the Common Areas so taken should not be replaced or restored, then in any such event, the net award from such taking shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association.

(b) If any portion of the award from any taking remains after restoration or replacement of any of the Common Areas, the remainder of such award shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association, without any claim thereto by any Owner. Except as specifically provided in Section 8.03(c) below, no Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot or Dwelling shall be entitled to any portion of the award made to the Association as a result of the taking of any portion of the Common Areas.

(c) If such taking or sale in lieu thereof includes all or any part of a Lot or Dwelling and also includes any part of the Common Areas, then the award from such taking shall be equitably apportioned in accordance with the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction and such award shall be disbursed separately to the Association and to the Owners so affected by such taking; provided, however, that the Owners of any Lot or Dwelling which is subject to any such taking and the Board may mutually agree on the amount of such apportionment, which mutual agreement shall be binding on all Owners.

8.04 Insurance.

(a) The Board shall have the authority to obtain and maintain at all times adequate property and casualty insurance in such form as the Board deems appropriate for the benefit of the Association insuring all insurable Improvements in and to the Common Areas against loss or damage by

fire or other hazards, including, without limitation, extended coverage, flood, vandalism, and malicious mischief, which coverage shall be in an amount, with such insurance carriers, at such costs, and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine. The Declarant shall be named as an additional insured for so long as the Declarant owns any property in the Development.

(b) The Board shall have the authority to obtain and maintain in effect at all times such public liability insurance coverage covering all of the Common Areas and any damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association, its Board, and all members, officers, agents, and employees thereof, in such amounts, with such insurance carriers, at such costs, and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary or desirable.

(c) The Board shall have the right and authority to obtain workman's compensation insurance, employer's liability insurance, and all other types of insurance required by law, including, without limitation, errors and omissions and directors and officers liability insurance coverage, in such amounts, with such insurance carriers, at such costs, and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine.

(d) All insurance coverage authorized hereunder shall be written in the name of the Association and all costs thereof shall be a Common Expense. To the extent the same may be obtained at a nominal cost, all such policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation clause pursuant to which the insurer waives any claims against the Declarant, the Association, the members of the Board, and all officers, agents, and employees of the Association, including the manager for the Development and the Association, the Owners and the family members, servants, agents, tenants, and guests of the Owners and shall also name Declarant as an additional insured.

(e) Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining public liability, property damage, title, and all other types of insurance with respect to his Lot and Dwelling. The Board may require all Owners to carry public liability insurance with respect to their respective Lots and Dwellings and to furnish copies or certificates thereof to the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in any Lot or Dwelling, does hereby waive and release Declarant, the Association, and their respective agents, employees, representatives, partners, shareholders, members, officers, and directors, from any and all liabilities or damage covered by (or which could be covered by such insurance as determined by the Board in its sole discretion) fire and casualty (e.g., homeowner's and/or builder's risk) insurance and general liability insurance which any Owner maintains, even if such loss or damage has been caused by the fault or negligence of any of the foregoing persons or parties.

ARTICLE IX TERM AND AMENDMENTS

9.01 **Term.** The terms, covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in this Declaration shall run with and bind all of the Property, shall inure to the benefit of all Owners and Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors, and assigns, and shall be and remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the date hereof, after which time this Declaration shall be automatically renewed and extended for successive and continuous periods of ten (10) years each, unless, at any time after thirty (30) years from the date hereof, an agreement executed by the Owners of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) or more of the Lots or Dwellings within the Development agreeing to terminate or modify this Declaration has been recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama;

provided, however, that the rights of way and easements established, granted, and reserved in Article III hereof shall continue and remain in full force and effect for the time periods and duration specified therein.

9.02 Amendment by Declarant. For so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property, Declarant may amend this Declaration by a written instrument filed and recorded in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama, without obtaining the approval of any Owner or Mortgagee; except where such Amendment shall render the title of an Owner or Mortgagee unmarketable. Any amendment made pursuant to this Section 9.02 shall be certified by Declarant and shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot or Dwelling, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage on any Lot or Dwelling, agrees to be bound by all amendments permitted by this Section 9.02 and further agrees that, if requested to do so by Declarant, such Owner and Mortgagee will consent to the amendment of this Declaration or any other instrument relating to the Development if such amendment is (i) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance or conformity with the provisions of any law, ordinance, statute, rule, or regulation of any applicable Governmental Authority or the judicial decision of any state or federal court, (ii) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to any Lots or Dwellings, (iii) required by any Institutional Mortgagee in order to enable such Institutional Mortgagee to make a Mortgage loan on any Lot or Dwelling, or (iv) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure Mortgages on any Lots or Dwellings within the Development.

9.03 Amendments by Association. Amendments to this Declaration, other than those authorized by Section 9.02 above, shall be proposed and adopted by the Association in the following manner:

(a) At any annual or special meeting of the members of the Association, an amendment to this Declaration may be proposed by either the Board or by any Owners present in person at such meeting. Any such proposed amendment must be approved by the Owners holding at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, that (i) any amendment which materially and adversely affects the security, title, or interest of any Institutional Mortgagee must be approved by such Institutional Mortgagee, (ii) during any period in which Declarant owns any portion of the Property, then Declarant must approve such proposed amendment, and (iii) to the extent the proposed amendment affects any of the matters described in Section 9.04 below, then the provisions of Section 9.04 below shall be applicable to such proposed amendment.

(b) Any and all amendments which have been approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.03(a) above shall be executed by all parties whose consent to the same is required, including the Owners holding at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, that in the alternative, the sworn statement of the President of the Association stating unequivocally that the agreement of the requisite number of Owners was lawfully obtained may be attached to and incorporated into such amendment without joinder of any Owners. Any such amendment shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office of Lee County, Alabama.

9.04 Restrictions on Amendment. Notwithstanding anything provided in the Declaration to the contrary, in no event may any amendment to Sections 2.02, 2.04, 3.01 through 3.04, 4.01, 4.02, 5.12, 5.16, 7.08, 9.02, 9.03, and 11.01 hereof or any other provisions of this Declaration which require Declarant's consent or approval be effective unless the same is consented to in writing by Declarant. The consent of

Declarant to any such proposed amendment may be withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of Declarant, with or without any reason.

ARTICLE X ENFORCEMENT

10.01 **Authority and Enforcement.** In addition to all other rights contained in this Declaration, in the event any Owner or Occupant or their respective agents, contractors, or invitees violates any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations adopted by the Board from time to time, the Board shall have the power to (i) impose reasonable monetary fines which shall constitute an equitable charge and a continuing lien upon the Lot and Dwelling and shall be a personal obligation of such Owner which is guilty of such violation, (ii) suspend an Owner's right to vote in the Association, or (iii) suspend an Owner's or Occupant's right (and the right of such Owner's or Occupant's family members, guests, and tenants) to use any of the recreational facilities located in or upon the Common Areas, and the Board shall have the power to impose all or any combination of any of the foregoing sanctions. Any such suspension of rights may be for the duration of the infraction.

10.02 **Procedure.** In the event any of the terms or provisions of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations of the Association are violated by any Owner or Occupant, or the respective agents, contractors, or invitees of any Owner or Occupant, the Board shall not impose a fine, suspend voting rights, or infringe upon or suspend any other rights pursuant to Section 10.01 above unless written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the Owner responsible for such violations which demand shall specify:

- (a) The alleged violation;
- (b) The action required to abate such violation; and
- (c) A time period of not less than ten (10) days during which the violation may be abated without further sanction, if such violation is a continuing one or if the violation is not a continuing one, a statement that any further violation of the same provision of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, or any of the rules and regulations of the Association may result in the imposition of sanctions. The foregoing procedure shall only be applicable to the enforcement rights specified in Section 10.01 above and shall not apply to the exercise of any of the rights and remedies specified in any other section or provision of this Declaration.

10.03 **Nonexclusive Remedies.** Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, the authority, enforcement, and procedural rights set forth in this Article X are in addition to and shall not be deemed to limit the other rights and remedies set forth in this Declaration or which the Association, acting through the Board, would have the right to exercise at law or in equity.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

11.01 **Control by Declarant.** **NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS DECLARATION, THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION, THE BYLAWS OR IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OR INSTRUMENT RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT,**

DECLARANT HEREBY RETAINS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT AND REMOVE ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ANY OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS PROVIDED BY AND FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME SET FORTH IN SECTION 4.02 ABOVE. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of any interest in a Lot or Dwelling, agrees that Declarant shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Section 11.01 and the provisions of Section 4.02 above. At such time as Declarant no longer owns any interest in any portion of the Property, a special meeting of the Association shall be called within a reasonable time thereafter at which time the Owners shall elect a new Board which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board, and Declarant shall deliver all books, accounts, and records of the Association, if any, which Declarant has in its possession.

11.02 Legal Expenses. In addition to all other rights and remedies set forth herein, in the event the Board, its agents and representatives, undertake any legal or equitable action which either of them deem necessary to abate, enjoin, remove, or extinguish any violation or breach of this Declaration, then all costs and expenses incurred by either of them, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs, in enforcing any of the terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Declaration shall be paid for by the Owner against whom such action was initiated. The Board, its agents and representatives, are each hereby authorized to take any and all legal or equitable action as may be necessary under the circumstances to restrain or enjoin any such violation or breach or to otherwise seek monetary damages as a result of any expenses incurred by the Association to cure such violation or breach.

11.03 Severability. If any provision of this Declaration or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Declaration or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11.04 Captions and Headings. The captions and headings contained in this Declaration are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in the construction or interpretation of any provisions of this Declaration.

11.05 Pronouns and Plurals. All personal pronouns used in this Declaration, whether used in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender, shall include all other genders. The use of the singular tense shall include the plural and the use of the plural shall include the singular.

11.06 Binding Effect. The terms and provisions of this Declaration shall be binding upon each Owner, Occupant, and Mortgagee and the respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of each Owner, Occupant, and Mortgagee, and shall inure to the benefit of Declarant, the Association, all of the Owners, and their respective Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

11.07 Conflict or Ambiguity. In the event of any conflict or ambiguity in the terms and provisions of this Declaration, the general rules of construction against one party as a result of that party having drafted this Declaration are hereby waived by each Owner and, to the fullest extent allowed by law, no conflicts or ambiguity shall be resolved in favor or to the advantage of one party as opposed to another in interpreting any ambiguity or conflict contained herein.

11.08 **No Reverter.** No restriction or provision hereof is intended to be or shall be construed as a condition subsequent or a possibility of reverter in favor of Declarant nor shall any provision be deemed to vest any reversionary interest in Declarant.

11.09 **Interpretation.** In all cases, the provisions set forth and provided for in this Declaration shall be construed together and given that interpretation or construction which, in the opinion of Declarant or the Board, will best effect the intent of the general plan of development for the Property. The provisions hereof shall be liberally interpreted and, if necessary, they shall be so extended or enlarged by implication so as to make them fully effective. The provisions of this Declaration shall be given full force and effect notwithstanding the existence of any zoning ordinance or building codes which are less restrictive. The effective date of this Declaration shall be the date hereof. This Declaration shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.

11.10 **Rights of Third Parties.** This Declaration shall be recorded for the benefit of Declarant, the Association, the Owners, and their respective Mortgagees, and by such recording, no other adjoining property owner or third party shall have any right, title, or interest whatsoever in the Development or its operation and continuation, in the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Declaration, or the right to consent to or approve any amendment or modification to this Declaration.

11.11 **No Trespass.** Whenever the Association or Declarant, or their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors, and assigns are permitted by this Declaration to enter upon or correct, repair, clean, maintain, or preserve or do any other action within any portion of a Lot or Dwelling, the entering thereon and the taking of such action shall not be deemed a trespass.

11.12 **No Partition.** Each Owner hereby waives any right to seek or obtain judicial partition of any portion of the Development.

11.13 **Reservation of Rights.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, no sale, transfer, conveyance, lease, pledge, encumbrance, or other hypothecation of any Lot or Dwelling by Declarant to a third party shall constitute or be deemed a transfer of any of the rights reserved herein to Declarant unless express reference is made in such instrument of conveyance to the specific rights created in this Declaration which Declarant is transferring to any such third party.

11.14 **Notices.** Notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid. All notices to Owners shall be delivered or sent to such addresses as have been designated in writing to the Association or, if no such address has been so designated, at the address of such Owner's respective Lot or Dwelling within the Development. All notices to the Association shall be delivered or sent in care of Declarant to the following address:

Holland Homes, LLC
421 Opelika Road
Auburn, AL 36830

or to such other address as the Association may from time to time specify in a notice to the Owners. All notices to Declarant shall be sent or delivered to Declarant at the above address or to such other addresses as Declarant may notify the Association.

11.15 **Assignment.** Subject to the provisions of Section 11.13 above, Declarant shall have the right to assign any and all of the rights, powers, reservations and duties contained herein to any person or entity who shall thereupon have the same rights, power, reservations, and duties as Declarant.

11.16 **Further Assurances.** Each Owner covenants and agrees to execute, sign, and deliver, or cause to be executed, signed, and delivered and to otherwise do or make, or cause to be done and made, any and all agreements, instruments, papers, deeds, acts, or things, supplemental, conformity, or otherwise, which may be reasonably requested by Declarant or the Association for the purpose of or in connection with clarifying, amending, or otherwise consummating any of the transactions and matters herein.

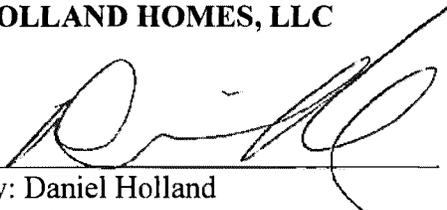
11.17 **No Waiver.** All rights, remedies, and privileges granted to Declarant and to the Association pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more of such rights, remedies, or privileges shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same, or any other party, from pursuing such other and/or additional rights, remedies, or privileges as may be available to such party at law or in equity. The failure at any time to enforce any covenant or restriction set forth herein shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right thereafter to enforce such covenant or restriction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant has caused this Declaration to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

HOLLAND HOMES, LLC


By: Daniel Holland
Its: Manager

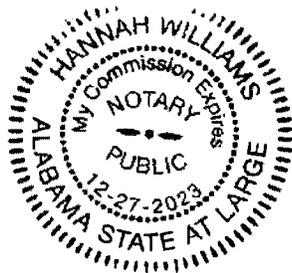
STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF LEE

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Daniel Holland, whose name as Manager of Holland Homes, LLC is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he, as such Manager and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as act of said limited liability company.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 14th day of May, 2021.

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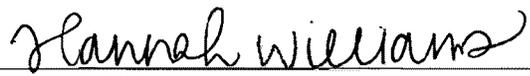

Notary Public
My commission expires: 12/27/2023

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 1-31 and 53-63, Owens Crossing Subdivision, Redivision of Lot 1, according to and as shown on the plat of record in Plat Book 37, page 83 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama.