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NORTH CAROLINA  
ONSLOW COUNTY

**MODIFICATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF  
RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS  
MASTER DECLARATION OF  
COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**(MF/CSA/VA)**

**BROOKSTONE**

**(Brookstone Lakes Section I and Section II- Project Area)  
(47F-1-101 et seq.)**

This **DECLARATION, MODIFICATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**, made this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2003, by and between **DEBBY CRAYTON, INC.**, hereinafter called "Declarants" pursuant to North Carolina law:

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**BACKGROUND STATEMENT**

THAT WHEREAS, the Declarants are the owners of various parcels of real estate being described as follows:

BEING all of those numbered lots as shown on that plat entitled "FINAL PLAT SECTION I BROOKSTONE LAKES" as recorded in Map Book 41, Page 88, of the Onslow County Registry and all of those numbered lots as shown on that plat entitled "Final Plat Section II Brookstone Lakes" as recorded in Map Book 43, Page 218, of the Onslow County Registry.

WHEREAS, the subject property is subject to those certain Restrictive Covenants as and recorded in Book 1738, Page 48, Onslow County Registry; and

WHEREAS, the Declarants wish to modify, amend and substitute the following restrictions in lieu of those set forth in Book 1738, Page 48, and any other restrictions in the chain of title to lands owned by Declarants and described above;

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of or may acquire a certain tract of land located in Onslow County, North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as "Development Area") and being more particularly described on Exhibit A:

AND WHEREAS, Declarant is constructing on a portion of the development area a "residential subdivision" which may include community facilities for the benefit of the community, with a planned mix of residential housing types, which may include without limitation detached single family homes and townhouses (hereinafter referred to as "Project");

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to 47F-1-101 et seq., Declarant desires to provide for the preservation and enhancement of the property values and amenities within said community and to provide for the maintenance of common areas, properties and improvements located thereon, and to this end desires to subject Project property to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens as are hereinafter set forth, each and all of which are for the benefit of said real property and each present and future owner thereof;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to 47F-1-101 et seq., the Declarant also desires to provide and allow for the submission of additional "sections" to the Project as said phases are developed and completed, and to provide for equality of rights, privileges and obligations of all lot owners in all phases of the Project by adding additional phases by amendment to this Declaration by the recording of an Amendment hereto;

**DECLARATION**

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that the Project property described herein is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the covenants, restrictions,

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easements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth; said property being more particularly described as follows and referred to as "Project Area":

BEING all of those numbered lots as shown on that plat entitled "FINAL PLAT SECTION I BROOKSTONE LAKES" as recorded in Map Book 41, Page 88, of the Onslow County Registry and all of those numbered lots as shown on that plat entitled "Final Plat Section II Brookstone Lakes" as recorded in Map Book 43, Page 218, of the Onslow County Registry.

1. Definitions:

a. "Association" shall mean and refer to BROOKSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina non profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

b. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association, if any, for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

c. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to DEBBY CRAYTON, INC., a North Carolina corporation, its successors and assigns.

d. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this instrument, as may from time to time be amended.

e. "Living Unit" or "Unit" shall mean and refer to any portion of a structure situated upon the Properties designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family, including without limitation detached single family homes, townhouse homes, patio homes and condominium units.

f. "Property" or "Properties" shall mean and refer to any of the real property which is or may be subject to this Declaration or Supplemental Declaration.

g. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land or condominium unit as defined in N.C.G.S. 47C-1-103, shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area, and includes any improvements thereon, if any.

h. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

i. "Parcel" shall mean and refer to a portion or part of real property, together with the improvements located thereon, which becomes subject to this Declaration. This term shall include any additions to the existing Properties as herein provided.

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j. "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to any declaration of covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens recorded by the Declarant, or its successors and assigns, which applies to a specific Parcel within the Properties.

k. "Project Property or Area" shall mean the total of the real property incorporated herein and described hereinabove, together with all structures and other improvements thereon, together with such other portions of the Development Area as may from time to time be added to and incorporated in the Project Area by amendment of this Declaration.

l. "Development Area" shall include that property described in Exhibit A, all or part of which may from time to time be submitted to and made subject to the terms of this Declaration.

2. Expansion of Properties into Development Area:

The Declarant, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby expressly reserves the right, but shall in no way be obligated, to expand the properties which are subject to this Declaration without the consent or joinder of the Owners of Lots or persons or entities having a lien or security interest in such Lots by adding from time to time all or any portion of the tract of land known as the Development Area and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of that property as shown on Exhibit A ("Development Area"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

The Declarant may also identify and add to the development area by amendment hereto any other such property as Declarant in its sole discretion may determine.

An amendment to this Declaration shall be made and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Onslow County, North Carolina, to include each portion of the real property which is to be included within this Declaration, and each such portion of the real property shall constitute an addition to the Properties. The right of the Declarant, or its successors and assigns, to expand the Properties as herein provided shall expire fifteen (15) years from the recording of this instrument or upon the sale of all of the properties described in Exhibit A.

3. Supplemental Declarations:

Declarant shall have the right, from time to time, to record Supplemental Declarations for portions ("Parcels") of the Properties which may designate specific use and other restrictions within said Parcel, may create Common Areas within such Parcel for the use only of Owners of Lots in said Parcel, and may create an internal owners association within said Parcel; provided, however, no Supplemental Declaration shall avoid membership in the Association by Owners of Lots in said

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Parcel, nor shall any Supplemental Declaration modify or amend the terms of this Declaration or of any prior Supplemental Declaration for another Parcel.

4. Common Areas:

a. Dedication: The Common Areas, if any, in each Parcel shall be dedicated as such by the Declarant, or its successors and assigns, before the first Lot in each Parcel is conveyed to an Owner.

b. Maintenance: The Association shall be responsible for the exclusive management and control of the Common Areas and all improvements located thereon (including recreational facilities, landscaping, fixtures and equipment related thereto), except as otherwise may be provided for in a Supplemental Declaration. This paragraph specifically empowers, but does not limit other powers, the Association to control and regulate the hours and periods of operation of all recreational facilities in the development area, and all maintenance of landscaping in the Development area, even if in areas subject to a Sub-association created by amendment to this Declaration or the recording of a Supplemental Declaration.

c. Owner's Easement of Enjoyment: Section 1. Every owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(1) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;

(2) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of members;

(3) the right of the Association to suspend the right to use the recreational facilities by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

(4) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Association.

(5) the right of the Association to impose regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Area and improvements thereon, which regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Area.

Section 2. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property. Recreational facilities, if any, situated upon the Properties may be

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utilized by guests of Owners or tenants subject to the rules and regulations of the Association governing said use and as established by its Board of Directors. Provided, however, that this Section shall not give any owner or guest the right to use any golf course facilities or marina located within the Property, if any shall be constructed.

d. Restriction on Alienation: Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association shall not alienate in any way or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas without the prior approval of all holders of outstanding first priority mortgages against any of the Properties that are subject to this Declaration; provided, however, this restriction shall not be applicable to grants of easements for utilities, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, road right of ways and other conveyances for dedication to the public.

5. Association: Membership and Voting Rights:

a. Every Owner of a Lot shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

b. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

Class I: Class I members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class II: The Class II member(s) shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. For purposes of membership and voting rights under this paragraph, Declarant shall be deemed to own three (3) Lots for each undeveloped acre of land set out in Exhibit A and one (1) Lot for each three (3) apartments owned, which apartments are subject to this Declaration. The Class II membership shall cease and be converted to Class I membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(1) when the total votes outstanding in Class I membership equals the total votes outstanding in the Class II membership or

(2) on that date which is seven (7) years from the date of the recording of this document.

(3) at the discretion of Declarant.

6. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:

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Section 1. Except for original and initial construction and subsequent modification of improvements by the Declarant on any Lot which such construction is and shall be exempt from the provisions of this provision, no building, wall, fence, landscaping, berm or hedge which act as a fence or privacy inducing structure, pier, dock, ornamentation, or other structure or improvements of any nature shall be erected, placed or altered on any Lot until the construction plans and specifications and a plan showing the location of the structure and landscaping as may be required by the Architectural Control Committee have been approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. Each building, wall, fence or other structure or improvements of any nature, together with any ornamentation or landscaping, shall be erected, placed or altered upon the premises only in accordance with the plans and specifications and plot plan so approved. Refusal of approval of plans, specifications and plot plans, or any of them, may be based on any ground, including purely aesthetic grounds, which in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of said Architectural Control Committee deem sufficient. Any change in the appearance of any building, wall, fence or other structure or improvements and any change in the appearance of the landscaping (excepting the planting of flowers and shrubs indigenous to the area), shall be deemed an alteration requiring approval. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the power to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this paragraph.

Section 2. (a) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of all required information, the Architectural Control Committee shall submit in writing to the owner of the lot a response stating whether or not the requested improvements are approved. Unless a response is given by the Architectural Control Committee within thirty (30) days, the plan shall be deemed approved. The response of the Architectural Control Committee may be an approval, a denial, an approval with conditions or a request for additional information. A request for additional information shall be deemed a determination that the information submitted was inadequate and the thirty (30) day time period for response shall only commence upon the receipt of the requested additional information. Conditional approvals may be granted and if approval with conditions is granted and thereafter construction begins, the construction shall be deemed approved by the owner of the lot of the conditions imposed.

(b) Refusal of approval of plans, specifications and plot plans or any of them may be based upon any ground, including purely aesthetic grounds, which in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the Architectural Control Committee shall deem sufficient. The Architectural Control Committee shall make the following affirmative findings before any plans are approved:

- (1) That the improvements sought to be constructed will not have a negative economic impact on any other lot within the subdivision.
- (2) That all required specific buildings standards and other conditions contained within the Restrictive Covenants, By Laws and other subdivision documents have been met.
- (3) That the improvements are architecturally compatible with proposed or constructed improvements on other lots within the subdivision.
- (4) That the natural features of the lot have been retained to the maximum extent possible.

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Section 3. The paint, coating, stain and other exterior finishing colors on all buildings may be maintained as that originally installed, without prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee, but prior approval by the Architectural Control Committee shall be necessary before any such exterior finishing color is changed.

Section 4. Until such time as the sale of the last numbered lot in the subject property is evidenced by the recordation of a deed therefore, all rights, privilege, powers and authority granted herein to the initial Architectural Control Committee, to whom the specific power to act hereunder is expressly conveyed, shall be exercised by the Declarant, its successors or assigns. The Declarant may assign its powers hereunder to an Architectural Control Committee, but so long as Class II membership shall exist, the Declarant shall appoint a majority of the Architectural Board. Thereafter, all representatives shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association. Except as set out above, the Architectural Control Committee shall be composed of three (3) owners appointed by the Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 5. A majority of the Architectural Control Committee may take any action said Committee is empowered to take, may designate a representative to act for the Architectural Control Committee, and may employ personnel and consultants to act for it. In the event of death, disability or resignation of any member of the Architectural Control Committee, the remaining members shall have full authority to designate a successor. The members of the Architectural Control Committee shall not be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to this covenant. The Architectural Control Committee may establish a fee to cover the expense of reviewing plans and related data at the time plans are submitted for review in order to compensate any consulting architects, landscape architects, urban designers or attorneys.

Section 6. Any Owner may appeal the decision of the Architectural Committee provided that all parties involved comply with the decision of the Architectural Committee until such time, if any, as the Board of Directors amends, or reverses the Architectural Committee's decision. Appeals petitions must be legibly written, state the grounds for appeal and be submitted to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the decision of the Architectural Committee. The Board of Directors shall act upon the appeal by amending, reversing or confirming the decision of the Architectural Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of the petition. The Board of Directors' decision shall be by majority vote. Any owner must exhaust this avenue of appeal prior to resorting to a court of law or equity for relief.

Section 7. Submissions for approval may be made to the Architectural Control Committee c/o the Association to any of the following:

(1) the address to which an owner is directed to send assessments or dues as appears on the most recent billing statement,

(2) the address of the Association Registered Agent as it is listed in the Office of the Secretary of State, or

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(3) at such address as may be provided in writing (on the letterhead of the Association and signed by the managing agent or officer of the Association) to the applicant upon request for instructions regarding submission. ARCH-WA.PAR(0020194)

7. Assessments:

Section 1. Purpose of Assessments:

The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the owners in the Properties and for capital improvements and maintenance of the Common Area and any improvements thereon.

Section 2. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligations of Assessment: The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed, therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:

- (1) annual assessments or charges;
- (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided;
- (3) to the appropriate governmental taxing authority, a pro rata share of ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area if the Association shall default in the payment therefor for a period of six (6) months, all as hereinafter provided.

The annual and special assessments, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest and costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees (as provided in North Carolina General Statutes Section 6-21.2) incurred by the Association in collecting delinquent assessments shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who was the Owner at the time when the assessment became due. The obligation of an Owner for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors or assigns in title.

Section 3. Minimum Annual Assessment: Assessments shall commence beginning the first day of the month following conveyance of the Common Area to the Homeowner's Association. So long as Class II Membership exists, the Declarant shall pay no assessments but shall be responsible for any deficit in the operating budget.

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The owner of each Lot upon which there has been completed a structure shall be obligated to pay the full amount of the assessment. For the purposes of this paragraph, "completed" structures shall mean a structure which has actually tapped into any water or wastewater treatment system or has had provided to it either such service by private means. The owner of a Lot upon which construction is not complete shall pay only one-half (1/2) the annual assessment but be fully obligated to pay in full any other assessments or taxes levied against the Lot. The determination of "completion" shall be made by the Association on the first day of January of each year and shall be binding for the remainder of the twelve (12) month period as to that Lot.

The Initial Annual Assessment shall be \$100.00 per year.

Section 4. Collection of Assessments: (a) The first pro rata payment of the balance of the current year assessment shall be due and payable beginning the first day of the month following conveyance of the common area to the Homeowner's Association. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the assessment against each lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors of the Association and the Board of Directors shall have the authority to require the assessment to be paid in pro-rata monthly installments, quarterly and semi-annually as well as annually. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified lot have been paid.

(b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum assessment may be increased each year not more than five percent (5%) above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership. Except, however, increases attributable solely to the addition of new amenities, new Common Areas or police and security purposes, shall not be subject to this limitation.

(c) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above five percent (5%) by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of members of each class who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Except, however, increases attributable solely to the annexation of new areas, including new Common Areas, shall not be subject to this limitation.

(d) If an additional property owner's association(s) is established on any property which is or may become subject to this declaration by a supplemental declaration hereto, then, notwithstanding anything contained therein to the contrary, all assessments made by and for any such association shall be paid to the BROOKSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION,

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INC., for bookkeeping and record keeping purposes, and shall then be transferred as necessary to the appropriate association. BROOKSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC. may charge a reasonable fee for its record keeping services and deduct same from assessments collected.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements: In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the members of each class who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

Section 6. Remedies for Non-Payment of Assessments: Any assessment which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. The assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate established by the Board of Directors of the Association, or if not set by the Board, at the highest rate allowed by law, together with such late fees as may be set by the Board. The Association shall file a lien of record against any lot where there remains an assessment unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days or longer. Said lien shall be filed in the office of the clerk of superior court of Onslow County in a manner provided therefor by Article 8 of Chapter 44 of the North Carolina General Statutes. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by the non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his dwelling unit or site.

The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay any assessments and interest. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees for the prosecution of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. In the event of such action at law and in the further event that such action results in a judgment being entered against the Owner and in favor of the Association, then, and in that event, the Association shall collect on such judgment in such manner and to the extent provided and permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

The association's lien may be foreclosed in like manner as a mortgage on real estate under power of sale under Chapter 45 of the North Carolina General Statutes. All fees, charges, late charges, fines, and interest are enforceable as assessments.

In any foreclosure action brought under the power of sale provisions, the Association shall be deemed to be the holder and owner of the obligation secured by this Declaration. The Registered Agent of the Association shall be the Trustee for all purposes of the foreclosure proceeding and the Association shall have the power to appoint a substitute trustee if for any reason the Association desires to replace the trustee, and the said substitute trustee shall succeed to all rights, powers and duties thereof. The Association shall request of the trustee to sell the land subject to the lien at public action for cash, after having first given such notice and advertising the time and place of such

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sale in such manner as may then be provided by law for mortgages and deeds of trust, and upon such and resales and upon compliance with the law then relating to foreclosure proceedings under power of sale to convey to the purchaser in as full and ample manner as authorized by Chapter 45. The Trustee shall be authorized to retain an attorney to represent him in such proceedings. The proceeds of the Sale shall, after the Trustee retains his commission, together with any addition attorney's fees incurred by the Trustee, be applied to the costs of the sale, including but no limited to costs of collection, taxes, assessment, costs of recording, service fees, and incidental expenditures, the amount due on any note secured by the property, and any advancements made by the Association in the protection of the security.(060193)

Section 7. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages: The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessment as to payments which become due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.[01/07/3]

8. General Restrictions:

a. Residential Use: As to that property designated as "Project Property or Area". All lots shall be used exclusively for residential purposes of a single family (which may include separate living quarters for one or more members of the owners' family or relative). No business, trade, garage sale, moving sale, rummage sale, or similar activity shall be conducted upon a lot without the prior written consent of the Board. An Owner or occupant residing in a dwelling on a lot may conduct business activities within the dwelling so long as:

- (i) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside the dwelling;
- (ii) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the lot;
- (iii) the business activity does not involve regular visitation of the dwelling or lot by clients, customers, suppliers, or other business invitees or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the subdivision; and
- (iv) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the subdivision and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents

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of the subdivision, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether:

- (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time,
- (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit, or
- (iii) a license is required.

The leasing of a dwelling or lot shall not be considered a business or trade within the meaning of this subsection. This subsection shall not apply to any activity conducted by the Declarant or a Builder approved by the Declarant with respect to its development and sale of the Properties or its use of any lots which it owns within the subdivision, including the operations of a timeshare or similar program.

(ii) Allowable/Prohibited Structure: No structure shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than a single, one family dwelling not to exceed three (3) stories in height, (which may include separate living quarters for one or more members of the owners' family or relative), a private garage which may contain living quarters for occupancy by domestic servants of the lot occupant only, provided that the same are constructed in line with general architectural design and construction standards used as the dwelling itself. Each dwelling shall contain a minimum of 1100 heated square feet. This covenant shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of a new dwelling as a model home for sales/rental purposes.

No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence either temporary or permanently. No trailer, mobile home, camper or like vehicle shall be allowed on the property at any time, or any other structure which is finished or partially finished at a manufacturing unit or plant and transported for quick assembly and which is designed to be disassembled and relocated shall be allowed. It is specifically the intention and purpose of this covenant to prohibit the location of any manufactured home as defined in NCGS §143-145 and any structure for which a "Label of Compliance" as defined in NCGS §143-145 is issued, including but not limited to those structures which are generally referred to as mobile homes, trailers, relocatable houses, or similar type structures on the property.

"Modular construction" of walls, floor systems, roof trusses and other portions of the structure shall be permitted providing that it is a full floor joist system not supported by chassis or steel frame. Fabrication shall not be limited to the building lot.

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This covenant shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of such a structure as a sales/rental model or office or construction site facility.

(iii) Building Location: No building, residence, garage or other permitted accessory building shall be located on any lot nearer to the front line, any side street line, interior or rear lot line, than as shown on the recorded plat. For the purpose of this covenant, eaves, steps, open porches, and carports shall not be considered as a part of a building provided, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building on a lot to encroach upon another lot. An error of not more than ten percent (10%) in the location of a building on the lot with respect to the minimum set back lines shall not be considered a violation of this covenant.

b. Stormwater Runoff: Reserved.

c. Nuisances: No noxious, offensive, or illegal activity shall be carried on or conducted upon any Lot nor shall anything be done on any Lot that shall be or become an unreasonable annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. All Lots, whether occupied or unoccupied, shall be well maintained and no unattractive growth or accumulation of rubbish or debris shall be permitted to remain on a Lot. No automobile, other vehicle(s), motorcycle(s) or other similar items shall be repaired or placed "on blocks" or stands except in an enclosed garage. Declarant, or Association, its successors or assigns, reserves the right to enter upon and cut grass, weeds, or undergrowth on any lot or easement, but shall be under no obligation to do so. The Declarant or Association may contract for, and assess to owner, any maintenance necessary to enforce his covenant.

d. Animals: No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or in any dwelling except that household pets may be kept provided that said pet shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight and are not kept for breeding or commercial purposes. Any such household pet shall not be allowed off the Lot of the Owner of said pet unless said pet is attended and on a leash. Owners shall be solely and absolutely liable for the acts of any pet kept on their Lot.

e. Garbage and Refuse Disposal: No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be burned or disposed of on any Lot and shall be kept except in sanitary containers approved by the Architectural Committee. All equipment for the storage prior to disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. The placement of containers shall be approved by the Architectural Committee and, in any event, shall be kept in an enclosed area not subject to view from any person, from any direction. The Declarant and Association reserves the right for itself, its successors and assigns, to contract for garbage collection services for each lot in the subdivision and the lot owner shall be responsible for the payment of such garbage services to the company providing the same, or the Association may make such a common expense or expense to a particular owner.

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f. Exterior Lights: All light bulbs or other lights installed in any fixture located on the exterior of any dwelling, building or other structure located on any Lot shall be clear or white lights or bulbs. No mercury vapor or similar wide area lighting similar to street lights shall be allowed without prior Architectural Committee approval.

g. Sight Distance at Intersections: No fence, wall, hedge or shrub planting which obstructs sight lines at elevations between 2 and 6 feet above the roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points 25 feet from the intersection of the street lines, or in the case of a rounded property corner, from the intersection of the street property lines extended. The same sight line limitations shall apply on any lot within ten (10) feet from the intersection of a street property line with the edge of a driveway or alley pavement. No tree shall be permitted to remain within such distances of such intersection unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sight lines.

h. Mailboxes: All mailboxes shall retain the same style, design, color and location of the mailbox as originally provided at construction of any residence. The Architectural Committee reserves the right to approve the style, design, color and location prior to any original installation or replacement. Application shall be made to the Architectural Committee prior to installation or replacement. By accepting a deed to any subject property, owner gives the Architectural Committee the right to remove any nonapproved mailbox in a reasonable manner; all costs for same shall be paid by owner, and all damages against the Architectural Committee are waived.

i. Signs: No sign, billboard, or other advertising of any kind, including without limitation "professionally prepared "for sale" and "for rent" signs, shall be placed or erected on any Lot, right of way or Common Area save and except a professionally prepared "for sale" or "for rent" sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in size. Although approval by the Architectural Committee is not required prior to the display of such signs, the Architectural Committee may itself remove, have removed, or require the removal of any such sign which in its opinion would not otherwise be allowed under paragraph 6 of this Declaration. A valid easement shall exist on any Lot for such removal by the Architectural Committee or its agents. Provided, however, nothing shall prohibit or limit in any manner "construction" signs designating the job site and builder which may be placed upon a Lot during the period of the construction of a residential dwelling on the Lot but must be immediately removed upon final completion of such construction. Notwithstanding the above, any additions to the Project Property in the Development area may be further limited in regard to signs, billboards or advertising as set out in any Supplemental Declaration. Nothing herein shall prohibit any sign erected by the Declarant or its assigns.

j. Antennas: There shall be no exterior antennas of any kind for receiving and/or sending of T.V., radio or other signals unless same have first been approved by the Architectural Committee.  
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k. Driveways/Parking: All driveways constructed on any Lot shall be paved with either asphalt or concrete. An Owner shall provide a minimum of one (1) paved off-street parking space(s), excluding garage space(s) and shall provide at least one per automobile or other vehicle owned and regularly used at the Lot. On street parking is prohibited except for temporary, short gatherings.

l. Vehicles, Boats, Storage, Travel Trailers, etc: No vehicle without current inspection sticker, vehicle over 5000 pounds empty weight, camper trailer, motor homes or bus shall be parked overnight on any lot except in an enclosed garage; provided, however, guests of an owner may so park such vehicle for a period not to exceed seven (7) days each calendar year. A pleasure boat on its trailer may be parked and raw firewood, bicycles, motorcycles, or other items may be stored only on that part of any lot away from the street lying beyond the front line of the house so that it is not viewable from any street. No automobile, other vehicle(s), motorcycle(s) or other similar items shall be repaired or placed "on blocks" or stands except in an enclosed garage.

m. Window Appearance: All draperies or other window dressings in each dwelling unit shall be white or off white or in lieu thereof shall have a white lining.

n. Trees: Except as to development or construction by Declarant, or as may be approved by the Architectural Committee, no tree four (4") inches in diameter at any location on said tree or ten feet (10') in height shall be cut, removed or intentionally damaged on any Lot unless first approved by Architectural Committee.

o. Swimming pools: Outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs, jacuzzis, and other similar facilities may be located on a lot only after the Architectural Committee approval, and shall be screened and fenced. All such improvements shall be subject to approval of and compliance with all governmental laws and regulations.

p. Clotheslines: Clotheslines shall be not more than six (6) feet in height from the ground and shall not be viewable from the street, or shall be surrounded by a privacy fence approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

q. Fence Minimum Requirements: No fences over six (6) feet in height shall be constructed on any lot. No fence shall be erected between any building and the street right of way unless such fence shall be of an ornamental nature. Brick and split-rail fences shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this restriction. Any portion of any fence which can be viewed from the street right of way shall be of an ornamental nature. The term fence shall include but not be limited to, a wall, fence, landscaping, berm, or hedge which act as a fence or privacy or security inducing structure. Architectural review requirements must be met prior to construction of any fence. 082896

#### 8.1 MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

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**Section 1. Conveyance of Multi-Family Unit:**

Regardless of any provision in these restrictive covenants to the contrary, nothing shall prohibit or prevent the conveyance of a part or portion of any lot in order to convey one separate living quarters residence of a multi family dwelling.

**Section 2. Party Walls:**

1) General Rules of Law to Apply: Each wall which is built as a part of the original construction of the homes upon the properties and placed between the separate living quarters of a multi family dwelling shall constitute a party wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Paragraph the general rules of law regarding party walls and of liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

2) Sharing of Repair and Maintenance: The costs of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the owner who makes use of the wall in proportion to such use.

3) Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty: If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the costs of restoration thereof in proportion to such use without prejudice, however, to the right of any such owner to call for a larger contribution for the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

4) Weatherproofing: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, an owner who by his negligent or willful act causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.

5) Right to Contribution Runs with Land: The right of any owner to contribution from any other owner under this Paragraph shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such owner's successors in title.

6) Arbitration: In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Paragraph each party shall choose one arbitrator, and the decision shall be by a majority vote of all the arbitrators. The arbitrators shall choose another arbitrator to break any tie or deadlock. [01/07/3]

9. Street Lighting Agreement: The Declarant and Association reserves the right to subject the real property to a contract with an electric utility company for the installation of underground electric cables and/or the installation of street lighting, either or both which may require an initial payment

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and/or a continuing monthly payment to an electric utility company or Association by the owner of Lot.

10. Restriction on Further Subdivision:

No Lot which has been designated as such by Declarant by either recorded plat or by Supplemental Declaration shall be further subdivided or separated into smaller Lots, without the prior written consent of the Association. This restriction shall not apply, however, to Declarant.

11. Easements:

a. Utility Easements: There is hereby reserved by the Declarant, its successors and assigns, the utility easements as shown on the recorded plats of the Parcels or included within the Supplemental Declarations pertaining to the Parcels. Said easements may be used for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing all utility service lines and systems including, but in no way limited to, those for water, sewer, gas, telephone, electricity and cable television.

In addition to the above, there is hereby reserved for the benefit of each owner, an easement over each parcel or lot of each other owner a blanket easement and right of way on, over and under the ground within a parcel or lot for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing all utility service lines and systems including, but in no way limited to, those for water, sewer, gas, telephone, electricity, cable television and garbage or refuse collection and pick up. [01/07/3]

b. Easement to Correct Drainage: For a period of two (2) years from the date of conveyance of the first Lot in a Parcel, the Declarant reserves a blanket easement and right of way on, over and under the ground within a Parcel to maintain and correct drainage of surface water in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. Such right expressly includes the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any gradings of the soil, or to take any other similar action reasonably necessary. Following such action the Declarant shall restore the affected property to its original condition as near as practical. The Declarant shall give reasonable notice of its intent to take such action to all affected Owners, unless in the opinion of the Declarant an emergency exists which precludes such notice. At the expiration of such two (2) year period, said easement to correct drainage shall automatically be held by the Association.

c. Encroachments: In the event any portion of a Common Area encroaches upon any Living Unit or any Living Unit encroaches on a Common Area as a result of construction, reconstruction, repair, shifting, settlement or movement of any portion of the Properties, a valid easement for the encroachment and for the maintenance of same shall exist so long as the encroachment exists.

d. Association Maintenance: The Board of Directors of the Association and the Architectural Board, acting through the Association, its officers, agents, servants and/or employees

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shall have the right of unobstructed access at all reasonable times to all properties as may be reasonably be necessary for maintenance.

e. Common Areas: Easements are also reserved over those portions of the Common Areas, if any, that may be necessary or required to accommodate overhanging eaves or other cantilevered construction which may encroach upon the common area or the air and light space above such common area.

f. Grant to Others: The Declarant or Association may grant permits, licenses, and easements over any common area or utility easement reserved elsewhere for utilities, roads or other purposes reasonably necessary or useful for the Project maintenance or operation of the Project.

## 12. Variances:

The Association may allow reasonable variances and adjustments of the restrictions set forth in this Declaration in order to overcome practical difficulties and prevent unnecessary hardships in the application of the provisions contained herein; provided, however, that any such variance granted must be done in conformity with the intent and purposes of the general development scheme and provided also that in every instance such variance or adjustment shall not materially be detrimental or injurious to other property or improvements within the Properties.

12.1 VA or FHA Approvals: So long as there exists a Class II membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the VA or FHA: Annexation of additional properties, (other than set out in Exhibit A) dedication of common areas, amendment to the Declaration.

13. Remedies: In the event of a violation or breach of any of these restrictions, covenants, agreements and conditions by any person or concern claiming by, through or under the undersigned, or by virtue of any judicial proceedings, the Association, its successors and assigns and the owners of the number lots in the subdivision, or any of them, jointly or severally, shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity to compel compliance with the terms thereof or to prevent the violation or breach of any of them. Costs and reasonable attorney fees shall be recoverable by the Association as part of any judgment or order to enforce these Restrictive Covenants. The failure to enforce any right, reservation, restriction or condition contained herein, however long continued, shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter as to the same breach or as to a breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto and shall not bar or affect its enforcement. ENFCMT 0020294

13.1 Remedies Extended to the State of North Carolina: To ensure that this subdivision is maintained consistent with the laws of the State of North Carolina, the State of North Carolina is specifically empowered to take such acts necessary by and through its officers to enforce any of these covenants against an owner or the Association. The State of North Carolina is specifically made a beneficiary of these covenants.

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14. Rights of Mortgagees: (a) Notice of action: A holder or insurer of a mortgage, upon written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder or insurer and the description of secured properties) will be entitled to timely written notice of:

1. Any condemnation or casualty loss that affects either a material portion of the project or the Lot securing its mortgage.

2. Any sixty (60) day delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by the Owner of any Lot upon which it holds a mortgage.

3. A lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association.

4. Any proposed amendment to the project instruments effecting a change in the boundaries of any Lot, ownership of Common Elements, if any, the number of votes in the Association pertaining to any Lot or any proposed change in the restrictions on the properties.

15. Insurance: Section I: The Association's Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall have the authority to and shall obtain blanket all-risk insurance, for all insurable improvements on the Common Area. If blanket all-risk coverage is not reasonably available, then at a minimum an insurance policy providing fire and extended coverage shall be obtained. This insurance shall be in an amount sufficient to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any insured hazard.

The Board shall also obtain a public liability policy covering the Common Area, the Association and its Members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents. The public liability policy shall have at least a One Million and no/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollar single person limit as respects bodily injury and property damage, a Three Million and no/100 (\$3,000,000.00) Dollar limit per occurrence, and a Five Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$500,000.00) Dollar minimum property damage limit.

Premiums for all insurance on the Common Area shall be common expenses of the Association. This policy may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall be added to the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost. The deductible shall be paid by the party who would be responsible for the repair in the absence of insurance and in the event of multiple parties shall be allocated in relation to the amount each party's loss bears to the total.

Cost of insurance coverage obtained by the Association for the Common Area shall be included in the regular assessment.

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All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association as Trustee for the respective benefitted parties, as further identified in (b) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:

(a) All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in North Carolina which holds a Best's rating of A or better and is assigned a financial size category of XI or larger as established by A. M. Best Company, Inc., if reasonably available, or, if not available, the most nearly equivalent rating.

(b) All policies on the Common Area shall be for the benefit of Owners and their Mortgagees as their interests may appear.

(c) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies in force on the Properties obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors' provided, however, no mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.

(d) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants, or their mortgagees.

(e) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available, and an agreed amount endorsement with an annual review by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the area.

(f) The Association's Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:

(i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors, its manager, the Owners, and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;

(ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair, and reconstruct, instead of paying cash;

(iii) that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated or suspended on account of anyone or more individual Owner;

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(iv) that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, or suspended on account of the conduct of any Director, officer or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which the defect maybe cured by the Association, its manager, any Owner, or mortgagee.

(v) That any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and

(vi) that no policy may be cancelled or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association.

In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board shall obtain, as a common expense, worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary, and a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment but may not be less than three (3) months' assessments, plus reserves on hand reviewed and adjusted annually, with minimum of \$25,000.00. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be cancelled or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association.

The Association shall purchase officers and directors liability insurance, and every Director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association, whether or not he is a Director or Officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or Officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided, that in the event of any claim for reimbursement of indemnification hereunder based upon a settlement by the Director or Officer seeking such reimbursement or indemnification, the indemnification herein shall only apply if the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or Officer may be entitled.

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**Section 2. Disbursement of Proceeds.** Proceeds of insurance policies shall be disbursed as follows:

(a) If the damage or destruction for which the proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the proceeds, or such portion thereof as may be required for such purpose, shall be disbursed in payment of such repairs or reconstruction as hereinafter provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs of repairs or reconstruction to the Common Area or, in the event no repair or reconstruction is made, after making such settlement as is necessary and appropriate with the affected Owner or Owners and their mortgagee(s) as their interest may appear, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of any mortgagee of a Unit and may be enforced by such mortgagee.

(b) If it is determined, as provided for in Section 4 of this Article, that the damage or destruction to the Common Area for which the proceeds are paid shall not be repaired or reconstructed, such proceeds shall be disbursed in the manner provided for excess proceeds in Section 3(a) above.

**Section 3. Damage and Destruction.**

(a) Immediately after the damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any part of the Properties covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Properties. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the Properties to substantially the same condition in which they existed prior to the fire or other casualty.

(b) Any damage or destruction to the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Voting Members representing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total vote of the Association whose common property is damaged, shall decide within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available, provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) additional days. No mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the Common Area damaged or destroyed shall be repaired or reconstructed.

(c) In the event that it should be determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are

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authorized, then and in that event the affected portion of the Properties shall be restored to its natural state and maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive condition.

Section 4. Repair and Reconstruction. If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the members of each class, levy a special assessment against all Owners in proportion to the number of Lots owned, provided, if the damage or destruction involves a Lot or Lots only Owners of the affected Lots shall be subject to such assessment. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction.

16. Amendment:

(a) These restrictions are subject to being altered, modified, cancelled or changed at any time as to said subdivision as a whole or as to any subdivided lot or part thereof during the first twenty (20) year period by written document executed by the Declarants or their successors in title and by the owner of not less than ninety percent (90%) of the subdivided lots or parts of said subdivision to which these restrictions apply, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County in which this Declaration is recorded. After the expiration of the initial twenty (20) year period, these restrictions are subject to being altered, modified, cancelled or changed at any time as to said subdivision as a whole or as to any subdivided lot or part thereof by written document executed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County in which this Declaration is recorded.

(b) Notwithstanding the above, Declarant may amend this Declaration in accordance with Paragraph 3 above to add additional property to this Declaration.  
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17. Declarant's Rights:

Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant may be transferred to other persons or entities, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained herein, and provided further, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the county in which this Declaration is recorded. Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require Declarant or any successor to develop any of the property set forth in Exhibit A in any manner whatsoever.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration to the contrary, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant to maintain and carry on upon portions of the Common Area such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of Declarant, successors and assigns, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the sale, re-sale, or rental of such Lots, including, but

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not limited to, business offices, signs, model units, and sales/rental offices. The Declarant shall have an easement for access to such facilities and activities shall include specifically the right to use residences owned by the Declarant, if any, and any which may be owned by the Association.

The Declarant shall have the rights (i) to use or grant the use of a portion of the Common Area for the purpose of aiding in the sale, or rental, or management of Lots; (ii) to use portions of the Property for parking for prospective purchasers or lessees of Lots and such other parties as the Declarant determines; (iii) to erect and display signs, billboards and placards and store and keep the same on the property; (iv) to distribute audio and visual promotional material upon the Common Area; and (v) to use or permit to be used any Lot which it owns or leases as a sales and/or rental office, management office or laundry and maintenance facility.

So long as Declarant continues to have rights under this paragraph, no person or entity shall record any declaration of restrictions and protective covenants or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Properties without Declarant's review and written consent thereto, and any attempted recordation without compliance herewith shall result in such declaration of restrictions and protective covenants or similar instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by recorded consent signed by the Declarant.

This provision may not be amended without the express written consent of the Declarant; provided, however, the rights contained in this provision shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) fifteen (15) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, or (b) upon recording by Declarant of a written statement that all sales activity has ceased.

18. General Provisions:

1. Duration: The covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall run with and bind the Properties for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall automatically be extended for successive ten (10) year periods unless otherwise terminated by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the then record Owners of all Lots within the Properties.

2. Severability: Invalidation of any one of the covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Captions: The captions used in this Declaration are inserted solely as a matter of convenience and shall not be relied upon or used in construing the effect or meaning of any of the text of this Declaration.

4. Construction: Whenever the context so requires, the use herein of any gender shall be deemed to include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

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5. Litigation: No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the membership and a majority of the Board of Directors. This Section shall not apply, however to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens), (b) the imposition and collection of personal assessments, (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation, or (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the Declarant or is approved by the percentage votes and pursuant to the same procedures necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as the above date, Grantor (whether person, corporation, limited liability company, general partnership, limited partnership, or other entity) has signed this instrument in the ordinary course of business, by the signature(s) below if its duly authorized representative(s), as the act of such entity.

DEBBY CRAYTON, INC.

By: Debby Crayton, Pres  
DEBBY CRAYTON, President

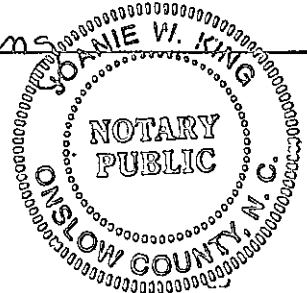
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I, a notary public, do hereby certify that DEBBY CRAYTON personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is the President of DEBBY CRAYTON, INC., a corporation, and that she as President, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing on behalf of the corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2003.

Joanne W. King  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 5-24-03



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## EXHIBIT A

ALL of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 397.5 acres as it is shown on that map prepared by Cyrus Alan Bell, Registered Land Surveyor, dated May 12, 1997, and identified by the following legend: "Boundary Survey for: Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company Portion of Onslow 22". This map is duly of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Onslow County in Map Book 35, Pages 218, 218-A, Slides J, 725, and reference is hereby made to said map for a more complete and accurate description of this property.

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NORTH CAROLINA, ONSLOW COUNTY  
The foregoing certificate(s) of

Joanie W King

Notary(ies) Public is (are) certified to be correct. This instrument was presented for registration and recorded in this office in  
Book 1954 Page 450 This 10 day of January

2003

A.D., at 1:04 o'clock P M.

Mildred M. Homan  
Register of Deeds, Onslow County

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