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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS
AND RESTRICTIONS FOR RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date hereinafter set forth by RIDGEMONT, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant".

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain Property described hereinafter located in Franklin County, State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Property is a single family development approved by the appropriate governmental authorities of Franklin County, North Carolina, now known as RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with such approved single-family development, Declarant contemplates developing RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION as a residential development; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to impose pursuant hereto, easements, covenants, conditions and restrictions upon all of the Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Property described hereinafter shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, which are for the purpose of enhancing and

protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the Property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof.

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to RIDGEMONT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, incorporated or to be incorporated, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Board of Directors" shall mean the elected body governing the Association as provided by North Carolina corporate law.

Section 3. "Building" shall mean and refer to a residential structure, single outbuilding or detached garage constructed or erected on said property.

Section 4. "Bylaws" shall mean the duly adopted bylaws of the Association, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 5. "Common Areas" shall mean those certain portions of the Property (including any improvements thereto) owned by the Association, if any. The Common Areas shall include any easement rights granted to the Association and the Entry Features.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to RIDGEMONT, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, its successors and assigns to whom the rights of Declarant hereunder are expressly transferred, in whole or in part, and subject to such terms and conditions as Declarant may impose in the transfer thereof.

Section 7. "Declarant Development Period" shall mean and refer to that period of time during which: (i) the Declarant is the owner of any portion of the Property, including a Lot; (ii) Declarant is in any way involved in the maintenance of the streets, Common Areas, or Entry Features; (iii) Declarant is in any way involved in the marketing of the Property through advertisements, signs, listings or providing an on-site real estate agent; or (iv) Declarant is providing funds to the Association

Section 8. "Entry Features" shall mean those portions of the Common Areas or Lots upon which permanent identification signs or monuments shall be initially installed and erected by Declarant at the various entrances of RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION and which shall be maintained by the Association in accordance with this Declaration.

Section 9. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any numbered or lettered plot of land shown upon any subdivision map of the Property, recorded or to be recorded, which is intended for residential purposes.

Section 10. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

Section 11. "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 Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 12. "Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property shown on that plat of RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION, including Lots 1 through 13 and Lots 37 through 51, a copy of which is recorded in Book of Maps 2007, Page 311 and 312, Franklin County Registry and incorporated herein by this reference.

ARTICLE II
PROPERTY

The Property is hereby made subject to this Declaration and the Property shall be owned, held, leased, transferred, sold, mortgaged and/or conveyed by Declarant, the Association and each Owner subject to this Declaration and the controls, covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, development guidelines, charges and liens set forth in this Declaration.

ARTICLE III
ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

The Declarant, its successors and assigns, hereby reserves the right to bring within the plan and operation of this Declaration, additional properties, whether currently owned or hereafter acquired, at future stages of the development.

The additions authorized under this and the succeeding subsection, shall be made by filing of record an Annexation of Additional Property in the Franklin County Register of Deeds.

ARTICLE IV
PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. General Easements and Associated Undertakings. All of the Property, including Lots and Common Areas, shall be subject to such easements for private roads or drives, public streets, water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage facilities, gas lines, cable communication transmission, telephone and electric power lines and other public utilities, whether above or below ground, as shall be established by the Declarant, by its predecessor in title prior to the subjecting of the Property to this Declaration, or as shown on any recorded subdivision map of any portion of the Property. The Association shall have the power and authority to grant and establish upon, over, under and across the Common Areas conveyed to it, such further easements as are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Property. Sight easements, if any, as may be shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Property are hereby reserved by the Declarant.

An easement is hereby established for the benefit of any agency or utility performing any of the following services over all Common Areas and over an area of all Lots within the Property five (5) feet from the right-of-way line of any street or roadway established within the Property hereby or hereafter established for the setting, removal and reading of water and electricity meters, the maintenance and replacement of water, electricity, sewer and drainage facilities. In addition thereto, an easement is hereby established over all of the Property for the benefit of the County of Franklin and all other agencies and personnel performing any of the following duties and services for the fighting of fires, mail delivery, collection of garbage ambulance services and police protection.

Section 2. Title to the Common Areas. The Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its heirs and assigns that it will convey fee simple title or, as applicable, easement rights for the Common Areas to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, except public streets, private roads or drives, utility easements and any use restrictions of record, including this Declaration, upon completion by Declarant of any initial improvements thereto.

Section 3. Entry Features. At all times during the term of this Declaration, the Association shall maintain and/or improve any Entry Features created within the Property

in a manner at least comparable to the initial creation and construction thereof. An easement is hereby established for the Association and Declarant upon, over, under and across the Entry Features for said maintenance and improvement.

ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot which is subject to assessment.

Section 2. The Association shall have the following two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A 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 such Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote or a fractional vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to two (2) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots have been sold by Declarant; or
- (b) on January 1, 2012.

ARTICLE VI
COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Property, 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 and (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments,

together with interest, late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, 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, late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person(s) who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to an Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the welfare of the residents in the Property for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Areas, including Entry Features, for the establishment of adequate reserves for the replacement of capital improvements, if any, located within the Common Areas, payment of insurance premiums for contracts of hazard and liability insurance on the Common Areas, and payment of local ad valorem taxes or governmental charges, if any, on the Common Areas.

Section 3. Assessment Amount and Due Date. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the annual assessment shall be Three Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$300.00) per Lot.

- (a) 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 by the Association each year not more than ten percent (10%) above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote by the Members.
- (b) 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 ten percent (10%) by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the appropriate and affected class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- (c) The Board of Directors of the Association may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

- (d) Owners who purchase Lots for the purpose of constructing dwellings shall be assessed twenty five percent (25%) of the annual assessment unless and until the dwellings are occupied by residents.

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

Section 5. Notice and Quorum for any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 or 4 or this Article shall be sent to all Members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each appropriate and affected class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots owned by each class of Member and annual assessments may be collected on an annual, monthly or quarterly basis; provided, however, annual and special assessments for all Lots owned by Declarant and not occupied as a residence shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of such assessments for other similarly located Lots. Special assessments may be to the contrary, the Association shall have the power, right and authority to issue a special assessment against any Lot and its Owner if such Owner shall fail to reimburse the Association or the Declarant, as the case may be.

Section 7. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from

the due date at the rate of ten percent (10.0%) per annum and shall be subject to a late charge of Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00) per month. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same for such delinquent assessment, interest, late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees of any such action, or foreclose the lien against the Lot. For purposes of this Section 7, the amount of delinquent assessment, plus accrued interest and late charges shall be considered evidenced by this Section 7 and, therefore, evidence of indebtedness shall exist hereby. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Areas or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 8. 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 assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

ARTICLE VII INSURANCE

Section 1. Ownership of Policies. Contracts of insurance upon the Common Areas shall be purchased by the Association for the benefit of the Association. The Association may reevaluate its coverage from time to time and may provide, subject to Section 2 of this Article, for such insurance coverage as it deems appropriate.

Section 2. Coverage. All improvements and personal property included in the Common Areas shall be insured in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of their insurable replacement value as determined annually by the Association with the assistance of the insurance company underwriting the coverage. Such coverage shall provide protection against loss or damage by fire and other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement and such other risks as from time to time shall be customarily covered with respect thereto.

Section 3. Fidelity Insurance or Bond. All persons responsible for or authorized to expend funds or otherwise deal in the assets of the Association shall first be bonded by

a fidelity insurer to indemnify the Association for any loss or default in the performance of their duties in an amount equal to at least one-half (1/2) the annual assessment plus reserves accumulated.

Section 4. Premiums. Premiums for contracts of insurance purchased by the Association shall be paid by the Association and charged ratably to the Owners as an assessment according to the provisions of Article VI above.

Section 5. Proceeds. All contracts of insurance purchased by the Association shall be for the benefit of the Association and its mortgagees, if any, as their interests may appear, and the Owners, and shall provide that all proceeds thereof shall be payable to the Association as insurance trustee under this Declaration. The sole duty of the Association as insurance trustee shall be to receive such proceeds as are paid and to hold the same in trust for the purposes stated herein.

Section 6. Distribution of Insurance Proceeds. Proceeds of contracts of insurance received by the Association as insurance trustee shall be distributed to or for the benefit of the beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof in the following manner:

- (a) The proceeds shall be paid first to defray the cost of reconstruction and repair of casualty or liability so covered.
- (b) Any expense of the insurance trustee may be paid from proceeds after payment of reconstruction or repair expenses or liability. Any proceeds remaining thereafter shall be distributed to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the trust.

ARTICLE VIII ARCHITECTURAL AND APPEARANCE CONTROL

Section 1. General. Anything contained in this Declaration which may be construed to the contrary notwithstanding, no tree removal, site preparation on any Lot or change in grade or slope of any Lot or erection of buildings or exterior additions or alterations to any building situated upon the Property or erection of or changes or additions in fences, hedges, walls and other structures, or construction of any swimming pools or other Improvements, shall be commenced, erected or maintained on any Lot until the architectural control committee appointed as hereinafter provided (the

“Architectural Control Committee”), has approved the plans and specifications therefor and the location of such Improvements.

Section 2. Composition. During the Declarant Development Period, Declarant, or its appointees, shall act as the Architectural Control Committee. At the end of the Declarant Development Period, the Board of Directors of the Association shall appoint three (3) individuals as members of the Architectural Control Committee on an annual basis. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the Architectural Control Committee, the remaining members of the Architectural Control Committee shall have full authority to designate and appoint a successor. No member of the Architectural Control Committee shall be liable for claims, causes of action or damages (except where occasioned by gross negligence or willful misconduct of such member) arising out of services performed pursuant to this Declaration.

Section 3. Procedure. No Improvement of any kind or nature shall be erected, remodeled or placed on any Lot until all plans and specifications therefor and a site plan therefor have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee, as to:

- (i) quality of workmanship and materials, adequacy of site dimensions, adequacy of structural design, and facing of main elevation with respect to nearby streets.
- (ii) conformity and harmony of the external design, color, type and appearance of exterior surfaces;
- (iii) location with respect to topography and finished grade elevation and effect of location and use on neighboring Lots and improvements situated thereon and drainage arrangement; and
- (iv) the other standards set forth within this Declaration (and any amendments hereto) or as may be set forth within bulletins promulgated by the Architectural Control Committee, or matters in which the Architectural Control Committee has been vested with the authority to render a final interpretation and decision.

Any modification or change to the Architectural Control Committee approved set of plans and specifications must again be submitted to the Architectural Control

Committee for its inspection and approval. The Architectural Control Committee's approval or disapproval, as required herein, shall be in writing.

The Architectural Control Committee may, but shall not be so required, from time to time publish and promulgate architectural standards bulletins which shall be fair, reasonable and uniformly applied in regard to the Lots and shall carry forward the spirit and intention of these covenants, conditions and restrictions. Although the Architectural Control Committee shall not have unbridled discretion with respect to taste, design and any standards specified herein, the Architectural Control Committee shall be responsive to technological advances or general changes in architectural designs and materials and related conditions in future years and use its best efforts to balance the equities between matters of taste and design (on the one hand) and use of private property (on the other hand). Such bulletins, if any, shall supplement these covenants, conditions and restrictions and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4. Jurisdiction. The Architectural Control Committee is authorized and empowered to consider and review any and all aspects of the construction of any Improvements on a Lot which may, in the reasonable opinion of the Architectural Control Committee, adversely affect the living enjoyment of one or more Owners or the general value of the Property.

Section 5. Enforcement. The Architectural Control Committee and/or the Association shall have the specific, nonexclusive right (but not obligation) to enforce the provisions contained in this Article and/or to prevent any violation of the provisions contained in this Article by a proceeding at law or in equity against the person or persons violating or attempting to violate any such provisions contained in this Article.

Section 6. Definition of "Improvement". The term "Improvement" shall mean and include all buildings, storage sheds or areas, roofed structures, parking areas, loading areas, trackage, fences, walls, hedges, mass plantings, poles, driveways, ponds, lakes, changes in grade or slope, site preparation, swimming pools, tennis courts, signs, exterior illumination, changes in any exterior color or shape and any new exterior construction or exterior improvement exceeding \$1,000.00 in cost which may not be included in any of the foregoing. The definition of Improvement does not include shrub or tree replacements or any other replacement or repair of any magnitude which ordinarily

would be expensed in accounting practice and which does not change exterior colors or exterior appearances. The definition of Improvements does include both original Improvements and all later changes to Improvements.

Section 7. Failure of the Architectural Control Committee to Act. If the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or disapprove any plans and specifications and other submittals which conform (and which relate to Improvements which will conform) with the requirements hereof or to reject them as being inadequate or unacceptable within thirty (30) days after submittal thereof, it shall be conclusively presumed that the Architectural Control Committee has approved such conforming plans and specifications and other submittals. If plans and specifications or other submittals are not sufficiently complete or are otherwise inadequate, the Architectural Control Committee may reject them as being inadequate or may approve or disapprove part, conditionally or unconditionally, and reject the balance.

Section 8. Limitation of Liability. Neither the Architectural Control Committee nor the members thereof nor Declarant shall be liable in damages or otherwise to anyone submitting plans and specifications and other submittals for approval or to any Owner by reason of mistake of judgment, negligence, except for gross negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any plans or specifications.

Section 9. Miscellaneous. No member of the Architectural Control Committee shall be entitled to compensation for services performed pursuant to this Article. The Association shall reimburse members of the Architectural Control Committee for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

ARTICLE IX USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to formulate, amend, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of each Lot and the Common Areas.

Section 2. Use of Property. No portion of the Property shall be used except for residential purposes incidental or accessory thereto (Except for a temporary office or

building model to be used by Declarant or his agents). Each Lot shall be occupied and/or used as follows:

1. Each Lot, but not to include Common Areas, will be used for residential purposes only, and each Lot shall constitute a building site. No dwelling shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any building site other than one detached, single-family dwelling not to exceed two and one half stories in height and an attached garage for not less than two cars.

2. Each dwelling shall have a heated, enclosed floor area as follows: if one story, at least 1800 square feet and if one and one-half stories or more, at least 2000 square feet. Heated, enclosed floor area shall not include unfinished basements, open porches, breeze-ways, screened porches, garages, walk-up attics, carports, steps, stoops.

3. No dwelling or other approved structure shall be located on any Lot site nearer to any property line than allowed by County regulations. For the purpose of this covenant, eaves, steps and open porches shall not be considered as part of the building, *PROVIDED*, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a dwelling on a Lot site to encroach upon another Lot site.

4. Any vehicle which has advertising of any type, whether a display, a name or logo painting on the vehicle, an attached sign, or otherwise, must be parked in the garage, in the rear of the residence or behind a screen so that such vehicle cannot be seen from the street. Absolutely no vehicles, boats or any other type of personal property shall be placed in the front or side yard of any residence with a "for sale" sign upon it, any other such sign, or information which might indicate that the property is for sale.

5. Any boats, motorhomes, or campers must be kept inside a garage, at the rear of the house, or kept behind a screening so that they are not visible from the street. Any boat, motorhome, or camper kept outside on the Lot shall be enclosed in a screening so that it is not readily visible from Lots beside or behind the Lot upon which the unit is being kept. No boats, motorhomes or camper units whatsoever may be kept in the front yard of the dwelling. Any camper, boat, motorhome, car, truck or other vehicle must be used regularly and be in operational use. If not used regularly and kept in operational use, it shall not be kept in the subdivision.

6. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become any annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. No signs or billboards shall be erected or maintained on the premises other than real estate signs. No trade materials or inventories may be stored on the premises. No business activity or trade of any kind shall be conducted on any Lot except that an office may be maintained in a residence if there is no noticeable client or customer traffic to the office.

7. No shelter of a temporary or permanent character such as a mobile home, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage or barn shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently. No trailer, modular or mobile home shall be placed on any building site covered by these covenants.

8. Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat and over the front and rear ten feet of each Lot and five feet on each side line unless these are in excess of such distances on recorded plats, in which case the plats shall control. Within these easements, no structure, planting, or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities, or which may change the direction or flow of drainage channels in the easements. The easement area of each Lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible.

9. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on building site, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not bred or maintained for any commercial purposes. Owners with dogs, cats or other household pets will be responsible for their animals and will insure that they are not a nuisance to other Lot owners.

10. No Lot or portion thereof shall be dedicated or used for a public street unless approved by Owner.

11. Adequate off street parking shall be provided by the Owner of each Lot for the parking of automobiles owned by such Owner, and Owners of Lots shall not be permitted to park their automobiles, boats, campers, travel trailers or any other vehicles on the streets in the subdivision.

12. All telephone, electric and other utility lines and connections between the main utility lines and residence and other buildings located on each Lot shall be concealed and located underground so as not be visible.

13. Declarant shall install street lighting as required by applicable governmental authorities. Declarant reserves the right to subject the Property and/or each Lot to a contract with Progress Energy, its successors, assigns, or subsidiaries, for the installation and maintenance of street lighting. Such contract shall require continuing monthly payments to Progress Energy, its successors, assigns, or subsidiaries, by each Owner.

14. Roads constructed in all phases of this subdivision shall be maintained by the Declarant until the State of North Carolina takes over the streets for maintenance.

15. Driveways must be fully constructed with asphalt or concrete. Each driveway must be at least 16 feet in width at the road and no less than 10 feet in width at all other portions of the driveway. To the extent that any portion of this paragraph conflicts with the terms of paragraph 3 herein, paragraph 3 shall be deemed to prevail, and the driveway length requirements shall be adjusted to accommodate the provisions of paragraph 3.

16. The exterior walls of each dwelling, its garage and any outbuilding approved by the Architectural Control Committee as set forth herein shall be made of stone, brick, wood or Hardiplank or equivalent cement-based siding. Vinyl may not be used except as portions of soffits and eave ventilations.

17. Declarant reserves a sign easement upon Lots 1 and 51 as set out on the map of the subdivision. This easement shall be conveyed to the Association.

18. Any mailbox or newspaper tube shall be only as prescribed by the Architectural Control Committee. It is the intention of the Committee to create a standard design to be used by all residences in the subdivision. The mailbox and newspaper tube shall be located at the site as set by the Architectural Control Committee.

19. During construction of the dwelling or any other type of construction being carried out on a Lot, any damage caused by such construction must be cleaned up and repaired by the party causing it. Any mud clods or other debris which get into the right-of-way area of a street must be cleaned up within 48 hours. During construction on any Lot, there shall be a gravel area of at least 40 feet in length leading from the street onto said Lot,

this gravel area being the entrance to the Lot, in order to prevent mud and other debris from being tracked into the street. During construction on any Lot, the Owner shall keep all construction vehicles off the shoulder of the road. During construction, the Lot Owner may burn trash in trash barrels only if a safe distance from neighboring houses and such burning does not constitute a disregard for any local building or fire codes.

20. Each Lot Owner shall keep his Lot free of tall grass, undergrowth, dead trees, trash and rubbish. Such Lots shall be maintained so as to present a pleasing appearance. In the event an Owner does not properly maintain his Lot as set forth in this paragraph, the Architectural Control Committee has the right to do whatever work is required to give the Lot a pleasing appearance with any such cost incurred in doing this being the liability of the owner of the Lot.

21. There shall be no more than two yard sales per calendar year for any one Lot in the subdivision. Any such yard sale shall not extend longer than six hours on the day it is held.

22. Except as outlined in Paragraph 19 herein, there shall be no burning of trash in the subdivision. All garbage and other refuse must be kept in stable, sanitary containers, and said containers shall be cleaned on a regular basis. Such garbage and refuse must be picked up and disposed of at least weekly. Storage facilities for garbage, trash and other refuse shall be out of sight of streets in the subdivision, either by placing such receptacles in the rear of the residence or providing a screening for them.

23. Motorbikes, go-carts and any other motorized vehicles must use only the paved streets of the subdivision. Any use of the shoulders of the paved streets by motorized vehicles is expressly prohibited. Any type of motorized vehicle that produces excessively loud noises shall not be allowed in the subdivision.

24. Any hobbies regularly conducted on any Lot shall not be a nuisance to the neighbors. Separate buildings for hobbies shall be constructed only when approved by the Architectural Control Committee. If a detached building is used mainly for a hobby, the Architectural Control Committee shall consider the type of hobby during the approval process. Any hobby which produces a product for sale is expressly prohibited.

25. There shall be no signs exhibited on any Lot except for a "For Sale" sign.

26. No above-ground swimming pools shall be located on any Lot.

27. There shall be no discharging of firearms, guns, or pistols of any kind, caliber, type, or method of propulsion; and no hunting of any type shall be carried on or conducted on the Property.

ARTICLE X
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, Declarant or any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration, Bylaws, or applicable rules and regulations. Failure by the Association, Declarant or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. In addition, the Association shall have full enforcement rights, including the ability to fine Owners for violation of the Covenants, as provided in the North Carolina Planned Community Act, as may be amended.

The Board or the Declarant shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions, or design guidelines and to assess the cost of recording and removing such notice against the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing. The Association shall also have the right to suspend the voting rights of a Lot Owner for any period during which any assessment against such Owner's Lot which is hereby provided for remains unpaid and for an infraction of the Declaration, the Bylaws or any rules and regulations applicable to such Owner for a period no longer than sixty (60) days after the infraction has been corrected.

Nothing contain herein shall serve to limit any enforcement procedures provided in the North Carolina Planned Community Act.

Section 2. Should any proper party undertake a legal proceeding to enforce a violation or breach of any of these restrictions, such party shall be reimbursed for any legal expenses, court costs or other financial obligations undertaken in enforcing these covenants against the violating party. It is the intention that anyone violating these covenants pay for any expenses undertaken by a proper party in seeing that these covenants are enforced. The

violating party must be given a written notice of a violation and given ten days to correct such violation.

Section 3. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effect and Amendment. The covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument approved by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument approved by not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of the Lot Owners. Notwithstanding these provisions, this Declaration may be amended by the Declarant without the approval of any Lot Owners during the Declarant Development Period. Any amendment must be recorded.

Section 5. Amendment Form. If any amendment to these covenants, conditions and restrictions is so approved, each such amendment shall be delivered to the Board of Directors of the Association. Thereupon, the Board of Directors shall within thirty (30) days, do the following:

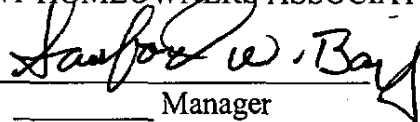
- (a) Reasonably assure itself that the amendment has been validly approved by the Owners of the required number of Lots. (For this purpose, the Board may rely on its roster of Members and shall not be required to cause any title to any Lot to be examined).
- (b) Attach to the amendment a certification as to its validity, which certification shall be executed by the Association in the same manner that deeds are executed. The following form of certification is suggested:

CERTIFICATION OF VALIDITY OF AMENDMENT TO COVENANTS
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION

By authority of its Board of Directors, RIDGEMONT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. hereby certifies that the following instrument has been duly approved by the Owners of ___ percent of the Lots of RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION and is, therefore, a valid amendment to the existing covenants, conditions and restrictions of RIDGEMONT SUBDIVISION.

This the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2007.

RIDGEMONT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: 
Manager

- (c) Immediately, and within the thirty (30) day period aforesaid, cause the amendment to be recorded in the Franklin County Registry.

All amendments shall be effective from the date of their recordation in the Franklin County Registry, provided, however, that no such instrument shall be valid until it has been indexed in the name of the Association in each Registry. When any instrument purporting to amend the covenants, conditions and restrictions has been certified by the Board of Directors, recorded and indexed as provided by this Section, it shall be conclusively presumed that such instrument constitutes a valid amendment as to all persons thereafter purchasing any Lots.

Section 5. Contract Rights of Association. As long as there is a Class B membership, any contract entered into by or on behalf of the Association shall contain a provision giving the Association or the other party thereto the right to terminate such contract upon the giving of not more than thirty (30) days written notice to the other party or parties.

Section 6. Lender's Notice. Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the holder, insurer or guarantor and the Lot number or address, any mortgage holder, insurer or guarantor will be entitled to timely written notice of:

- (a) Any condemnation or casualty loss that affects either a material portion of the project or the Lot securing its mortgage.
- (b) Any sixty (60) day delinquency in the payment of assessments owed by the Owner of the Lot on which it holds the mortgage.
- (c) A lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association.
- (d) Any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of mortgage holders.
- (e) The Association's financial statement for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

Section 7. Duty of Maintenance. The Owner of each Lot in the Property shall have the duty and responsibility, as such Owner's sole cost and expense, to keep that part of the Property so owned, including Improvements, ground and drainage easements or other rights-of-way incident thereto, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Declaration and in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse and waste;
- (2) Lawn mowing on a regular basis;
- (3) Tree and shrub pruning;
- (4) Watering by means of a lawn sprinkler system or hand watering as needed;
- (5) Keeping exterior lighting and mechanical facilities in working order;
- (6) Keeping lawn and garden areas alive;
- (7) Removing and replacing any dead plant material;
- (8) Keeping vacant land well-maintained and free of trash and weeds;
- (9) Keeping parking areas and driveways in good repair;
- (10) Complying with all governmental health and police requirements;
- (11) Repainting of Improvements; and Repair of exterior damage to Improvements

Section 8. Enforcement. If any such Owner or occupant has failed in any of the duties or responsibilities of such Owner as set forth in Article X, Section 7 of this

Declaration, then the Board of Directors of the Association or Declarant may give such person written notice of such failure and such person must within ten (10) days after receiving such notice (which notice shall be deemed to have been received upon deposit in an official depository of the United States mail, addressed to the party to whom it is intended to be delivered, and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested), perform the care and maintenance required or otherwise perform the duties and responsibilities of such Owner. Should any such person fail to fulfill this duty and responsibility within such period, then the Association, acting through its authorized agent or agents, or the Declarant, acting through its authorized agent or agents, shall have the right and power to enter onto the premises and perform such care and maintenance without any liability for damages for wrongful entry, trespass or otherwise to any person. The Owner of a Lot on which such work is performed shall be liable for the cost of such work together with interest on the amounts expended by the Association or the Declarant in performing such work computed at the highest lawful rate from the date(s) such amounts are expended until repaid to the Association or the Declarant, as the case may be, and for all costs and expenses incurred in seeking the compliance of such Owner with his duties and responsibilities hereunder and shall reimburse the Association or the Declarant, as the case may be, on demand for such costs and expense (including interest as above provided). If such Owner shall fail to reimburse the Association or the Declarant, as the case may be, within thirty (30) days after mailing to such Owner of a statement for such costs and expense by the Association or Declarant, the Association may issue a special assessment against such Owner pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of this Declaration.

ARTICLE XI
RIGHTS RESERVED FOR DECLARANT

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, during the Declaration Development Period, Declarant expressly reserves the right to: 1) subject Additional Property to this Declaration by the method described herein; 2) reasonably amend this Declaration without the consent of any Owners or Members by the method described herein; 3) select, appoint and remove members of the Architectural Control Committee who need not be Members of the Association; 4) select, appoint and remove the Officers

and the Board of Directors of the Association who need not be Members of the Association. The Declarant may waive or assign any of the rights reserved herein to a Member, a non-Member, another entity (such as a management company) or the Association.

The Declarant Development Period shall automatically terminate on January 1, 2012. At any time, Declarant may terminate the Declarant Development Period by executing a Notice of Termination of Declarant Development Period and assigning all rights reserved herein to the Association. The Notice of Termination of Declarant Development Period shall be effective when filed in the Franklin County Registry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto caused this Declaration to be executed, this 17 day of October, 2007.

RIDGEMONT, LLC,
A North Carolina limited liability company

By: Sanford W. Bailey
Manager

NORTH CAROLINA - COUNTY OF Franklin

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Sanford W. Bailey, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is Manager of RIDGEMONT, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the limited liability company, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Manager.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 17 day of October, 2007.

My Commission Expires: 2-16-09

Sylvia L. Todd
Notary Public

