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Article 1 Name, Membership, Applicability and Definitions

- 1.1 Name. The name of the corporation shall be Kensington Green Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- 1.2 Membership. The Association shall have one class of membership, as is more fully set forth in that certain Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Kensington Green (such Declaration, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Declaration"), the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated by reference herein.
- 1.3 <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these Bylaws shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Declaration, unless the context shall prohibit.

Article 2 Association: Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

- 2.1 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the members as may be designated by the Board of Directors, either in the Community or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- 2.2 Annual Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting of the members at such date, place and time as the Board of Directors shall determine to receive the reports of the outgoing Board of Directors, to install directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.
- 2.3 Special Meetings. The President or the Board of Directors may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association upon the delivery of a petition signed and dated by members entitled to cast at least 25% of the Total Association Vote and describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time, and place of such meeting and the purpose(s) thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting, except those matters that are within the purpose or purposes described in the notice.
- 2.4 <u>Record Date</u>. The Board of Directors shall fix in advance a record date for a determination of members entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to make a determination of members for any other purpose, such date to

be not more than seventy (70) days before the date on which the particular action requiring such determination of members is to be taken.

- 2.5 Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail or to cause to be delivered to the Lot of each member (as shown in the records of the Association as of the record date) a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association stating the date, time and place where it is to be held and if and to the extent required by the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code (O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-101, et seq.) or other applicable law (the "Governing Law"), the purpose(s) thereof. If an Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than the Lot, the Owner shall designate by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. Notices shall be mailed or delivered not less than ten (10) days (or if notice is mailed by other than first-class or registered mail, thirty (30) days) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting. If any meeting of the members is adjourned to a different date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place, if the new date, time or place is announced at the meeting before adjournment. If, however, a new record date is or must be fixed under the Governing Law notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to persons who are members of record as of the new record date.
- 2.6 Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any member may, in writing, signed by the member, waive notice of any meeting of the members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a member, whether in person or by proxy, shall be deemed waiver by such member of lack of notice or defective notice, unless such member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order.
- 2.7 Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- 2.8 Membership List. After the record date for any meeting is established by the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of all of the members who are entitled to notice of the meeting. Beginning at least two business days after notice is given of the meeting for which the list was prepared, the list of members shall be available for inspection by any member or a member's agent or attorney at the Association's principal office or at such other reasonable place as may be specified in the notice. In addition, the list shall be available for inspection at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 2.9 <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the members shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration, and such voting rights are specifically incorporated herein.
- 2.10 <u>Proxies</u>. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxy appointment forms shall be in writing, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall

automatically cease upon: (a) receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a member; (b) receipt by the Secretary of written revocation signed by the member; (c) receipt by the Secretary of a subsequent proxy appointment form signed by the member; (d) attendance by the member and voting in person at any meeting; or (e) the expiration of 11 months from the date of the proxy appointment form.

- 2.11 Quorum. The presence, in person or by proxy, of members entitled to cast at least 25% of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. The members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.
- 2.12 Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be approved by the members may be approved without a meeting if one or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed and dated by members (including the Declarants, if the consent of the Declarants is required) holding the voting power required to pass such action at a meeting held on the record date for such action. The record date for such action shall be the date that the first member signs a consent. Such action shall be approved when the Secretary receives a sufficient number of such consents dated within 70 days of the record date for such action. If less than unanimous consent is obtained, the approval shall be effective ten days after the Secretary gives written notice of the approval to all members who did not sign a consent. Each signed consent shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.
- 2.13 Action By Written Ballot. Any action that may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if approved by written ballot as provided herein. The Association shall deliver a written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. A timely written ballot received by the Association may not be revoked. Approval by written ballot of an action shall only be valid when the number of votes east by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting held to authorize such action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. The results of each action by written ballot shall be certified by the Secretary and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.

Article 3 Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

3.1 Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Directors shall be natural persons who are 18 years of age or older. Except for directors appointed by the Declarants, each director must reside in the Community

and be a member or the spouse of a member; provided, however, no Person may serve on the Board at the same time with such Person's spouse or any co-Owner or Occupant of such Person's Lot.

3.2 <u>Directors Appointed by Declarants</u>. The Declarants shall have the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board of Directors or any officer or officers of the Association until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) the expiration of ten (10) years after the date of the recording of the Declaration; (b) the date on which all of the Lots planned by Declarants to be a part of the Community shall have been improved with a dwelling and conveyed to an Owner for occupancy as a residence; or (c) the surrender by Declarants in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. The directors appointed by the Declarants need not be Owners or residents in the Community.

During the period that the Declarants have the right to appoint the members of the Board as provided herein, each Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint one (1) member of the Board. Such representative cannot be removed by the other Declarant or the members of the Association as provided in Section 3.6 of these Bylaws, but can only be removed by the Declarant that appointed the member of the Board. During such time as a representative of each Declarant is serving on the Board, all actions of the Board must be unanimous. In the event the members of the Board are unable to reach unanimous agreement on any matter before the Board, such matter shall be submitted to and decided by arbitration. If arbitration is necessary, the Declarants shall each appoint one (1) arbitrator. The arbitrators thus appointed shall appoint one (1) additional arbitrator and the decision by a majority of all three (3) arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties as to the matter arbitrated. Should any party refuse to appoint an arbitrator within ten (10) days after written request therefor by the other party, the matter shall be resolved in favor of the party requesting arbitration. The cost of arbitration shall be shared equally by each Declarant.

- 3.3 Number of Directors. During the period that the Declarants have the right to appoint and remove the officers and directors of the Association as provided above, the Board of Directors shall consist of two (2) members. Thereafter, the Board shall consist of three (3) members who shall be elected as provided below; however, at least one (1) member shall be the Owner of a Townhome Unit.
- 3.4 <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. Elected directors may be nominated from the floor, if a meeting is held for the election of directors and may also be nominated by a nominating committee, if established by the Board. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the members and to solicit votes.
- 3.5 Election and Term of Office. After the Declarants' right to appoint directors and officers terminates, the Association shall call a special meeting (or take action under Section 2.12 or Section 2.13 in lieu of a meeting) and the members shall elect directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for one (1) year and shall continue in office until their respective successors shall have been elected and take office. At annual meetings of the

membership thereafter (or pursuant to Section 2.12 or Section 2.13 in lieu of a meeting), directors shall be elected. The candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.

- 3.6 Removal of Directors. At any annual, regular or special meeting of the Association, any one or more of the members of the Board of Directors elected by the members may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority of the Total Association Vote and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. The notice of the meeting shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of a director. A director whose removal by the members has been proposed shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. Additionally, any director who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of an assessment for more than 30 days may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining directors.
- 3.7 <u>Vacancies</u>. Vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by any reason, excluding the removal of a director by vote of the Association, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors. Each Person so selected shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.
- 3.8 <u>Organization Meetings</u>. The first meeting of a newly elected Board of Directors shall be held within ten days after the election at such time and place as the directors may conveniently assemble.
- 3.9 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board, provided that, after the right of Declarants to appoint the directors terminates, at least four such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one per quarter. Notice of the regular schedule shall constitute sufficient notice of such meetings.
- 3.10 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when requested by the President, Vice President or by any two directors. The notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery (including commercial delivery service) to such director's home or office; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; or (c) by telephone communication (including facsimile), either directly to the director or to the director's home or office. All such notices shall be given or sent to the director's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at least four days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery or telephone shall be given at least two days before the day set for the meeting.
- 3.11 Waiver of Notice. The business transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes which is included in the minutes or filed with the official records of the Association. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who

attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

- 3.12 Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors.
- 3.13 <u>Compensation</u>. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.
- 3.14 Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board.
- 3.15 Executive Session. The Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.
- 3.16 Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if one or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by a majority of the directors and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing in the corporate records.
- 3.17 <u>Telephonic Participation</u>. One or more directors may participate in and vote during any meeting of the Board by telephone conference call or any other means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. Any such meeting at which a quorum participates shall constitute a meeting of the Board.
- 3.18 <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by law, the Declaration, Articles, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:
- (a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each member to the common expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the common expenses and establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;

- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
 - (f) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the members concerning the Association;
- (i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (j) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association and the actions thereof, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and
 - (k) authorization of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- 3.19 Management Agent. The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. A Declarant or an affiliate of a Declarant may be employed as managing agent or manager. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed one year and shall be subject to termination by either party, without cause and without penalty, upon ninety (90) days' written notice.
- 3.20 <u>Borrowing</u>. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money without the approval of the members of the Association; provided, however, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as for special assessments, in the event that the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten percent of the annual budget of the Association.
- 3.21 <u>Fining or Suspension Procedure</u>. The Board shall not impose a fine (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (a) Written notice shall be delivered to the member by personal delivery at the Lot or first-class or certified mail sent to the address of the member shown on the Association's records, specifying:

- (1) the nature of the violation, the fine or suspension to be imposed and the date, not less than ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, from the date of the notice, that the fine or suspension will take effect:
- (2) that the violator may, within ten days from the date of the notice, request a hearing before the Board regarding the fine or suspension imposed;
- (3) the name, address and telephone numbers of a person to contact to request a hearing;
- (4) that any statements, evidence, and witnesses may be produced at the hearing;
- (5) that all rights to have the fine or suspension reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten days of the date of the notice.
- (b) If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Board in executive session, and the violator shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing. Except for the display of unapproved signs, the fine or suspension shall run from the date that a decision is made by the Board at the conclusion of the hearing or such later date as the Board may determine.

Article 4 Officers

- 4.1 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two or more offices may be held by the same Person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies. Except during the period in which the Declarants have the right to appoint the officers of the Association, the officers of the Association shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the election of directors. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 4.3 Additional Officers and Agents. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and agents as it shall deem necessary. Such officers and agents shall hold their respective offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the board of directors.
 - 4.4 Salaries. The officers shall receive no compensation.

- 4.5 <u>Removal</u>. Except for officers appointed by the Declarants, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors.
- 4.6 <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the members and directors. The immediate supervision of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the President. It shall be the President's duty to attend to the business of the Association and maintain strict supervision over all of its affairs and interests. The President shall keep the Board of Directors fully advised about the affairs and conditions of the Association, and shall manage and operate the business of the Association pursuant to and in accordance with such policies as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 4.7 <u>Vice President</u>. The Vice President(s), if any, shall act in the President's absence or disability and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting, and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon any Vice President by the Board or delegated to a Vice President by the President.
- 4.8 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors; notify the members and directors of meetings as provided by these bylaws and Georgia law; have custody of the seal of the Association; affix such seal to any instrument requiring the same; attest the signature or certify the incumbency or signature of any officer of the Association; and perform such other duties as the President, or the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Secretary shall perform the duties of the Treasurer of the Association in the absence or disability of the Treasurer.
- 4.9 <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, the financial books and records of the Association, and shall faithfully account for the Association's funds, financial assets, and other assets entrusted to the Treasurer's care and custody. The Treasurer shall make such reports as may be necessary to keep the President and the Board of Directors informed at all times as to the financial condition of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as the President, or the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Treasurer shall maintain the money and other assets of the Association in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may provide for the investment of the money and other assets of the Association consistent with the needs of the Association to disburse such money and assets in the course of the Association's business. The Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Secretary of the Association in the absence or disability of the Secretary.
- 4.10 <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Article 5 Committees

Advisory committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by the Board or as provided in the Declaration are hereby authorized. Each committee shall be composed and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the Declaration or resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors. An advisory committee shall not be authorized to exercise any authority of the Board under the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

Article 6 Miscellaneous

- 6.1 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board.
- 6.2 <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Roberts Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of all Association proceedings, when not in conflict with Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these Bylaws.
- 6.3 <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration and these Bylaws, the provisions of Georgia law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.
- 6.4 Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors with the consent of the Declarants if such amendment is necessary to: (a) bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to the Declaration; (c) enable an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration; (d) enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration; or (e) comply with the provisions of the Georgia Property Owners Association Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220 et seq. In addition, these Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote and the consent of Declarants.

waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. Fines levied pursuant to this Declaration and the costs of maintenance performed by the Association for which the Owner is responsible shall be specific assessments. The Board of Directors may also specifically assess Owners for Association expenses as follows: (a) expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received; and (b) expenses of the Association which benefit all Lots, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Lots, may be assessed equitably among all Lots according to the benefit received.

- 4.7 Subordination of Liens to Mortgages. The lien of all assessments authorized herein is hereby made subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage if, but only if, all assessments and charges with respect to such Lot authorized herein having a due date on or prior to the date of the Mortgage as filed of record have been paid. The lien hereby subordinated is only such lien as relates to assessments and charges authorized hereunder having a due date subsequent to the date such Mortgage is filed of record and prior to the satisfaction, cancellation or foreclosure of such Mortgage or the sale or transfer of the property pursuant to any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or the sale or transfer of the property pursuant to a sale under power contained in such Mortgage. Such subordination is merely a subordination and shall not relieve an Owner of the personal obligation to pay all assessments coming due during such period of ownership; shall not relieve such property from the lien provided for herein (except to the extent a subordinated lien is extinguished as a result of such subordination as against a Mortgagee or such Mortgagee's assignee or transferce by foreclosure or by sale under power); and no sale or transfer of such property to the Mortgagee or to any other Person pursuant to a decree of foreclosure, or pursuant to any other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or pursuant to a safe under power, shall relieve any existing or previous Owner of any personal obligation or relieve such property or the then Owner from liability for any assessment authorized hereunder arising after such sale and transfer.
- 4.8 Remedies of the Association. Any assessments or installments thereof which are not paid when due shall be definquent. In addition to the lien rights, the personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such assessments shall remain such Owner's personal obligation and shall also pass to such Owner's successors-in-title. Such Owner shall nevertheless remain as fully obligated as before to pay to the Association any and all amounts which such Owner was obligated to pay immediately preceding the transfer; and such Owner and such successors-in-title shall be jointly and severally liable with respect thereto, notwithstanding any agreement between such Owner and such successors-in-title creating any indemnification of the Owner or any relationship of principal and surety as between themselves. Any assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount as the Board may from time to time determine. The Association may cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any Owner who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may institute suit to collect such amounts and/or to foreclose its lien. The Association may file a notice of its claim of lien with the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, but no such claim of lien shall be required to establish or perfect the lien for unpaid assessments contained in this Declaration. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed, vests in the

Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the lien. The lien provided for in this Declaration shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all Owners. The Association shall have the power to bid on any property within the Community at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. The Association may also suspend the membership rights of the delinquent Owner, including the right to vote, the right of enjoyment in and to the Common Property and recreational facilities maintained by the Association, and the right to receive and enjoy such servicing and other benefits as may then be provided by the Association. Any such suspension shall not affect such member's obligation to pay assessments coming due during the period of such suspension and shall not affect the permanent lien on such property in favor of the Association.

- 4.9 <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall commence in general when the Board of Directors first determines a budget and levies assessments. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to a particular Lot on the date that the Lot is first occupied for residential purposes. A Lot shall be occupied for residential purposes when it has been improved with a dwelling and has been conveyed to an Owner who intends to occupy the dwelling, or, if the dwelling is occupied as a residence before such conveyance, the date of such occupancy.
- 4.10 <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control</u>. For so long as the Declarants have the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, Declarants shall advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves), and the sum of the general, Townhome, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year. Each Declarant shall advance a pro-rata amount based on the number and type of Lots owned by each Declarant or its successors or assigns on the date of any advance; provided, however, no advance shall be required by a Declarant that has not obtained a building permit to construct a townhome or detached house on at least one Lot owned by that Declarant.
- 4.11 Failure to Assess. The omission or failure of the Board to fix the assessment amounts or rates or to deliver or mail to each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or release of any Owner from the obligation to pay assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay assessments on the same basis as for the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is made, at which time any shortfalls in collections may be assessed retroactively by the Association.
- 4.12 Estoppel Letter. The Association shall, within five (5) days after receiving a written request therefor and for a reasonable charge, as established by the Board, certify to the amount of any unpaid assessments constituting a lien on a specified Lot. A certification letter signed by an officer of the Association or the Association's managing agent, if any, as to the amount of assessments due with respect to a Lot shall be binding upon the Association.
- 4.13 <u>Initiation Fee.</u> Upon the first sale of each and every Lot after it has been improved with a residence for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, an initiation fee in the amount of \$500.00 shall be collected from the purchaser at the closing of such sale for the

benefit of the Association. The initiation fee shall constitute a specific assessment against the Lot, shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the annual general assessment and shall not be considered an advance payment of such assessment. The initiation fee may be used by the Association for any purpose, including, without limitation, the payment of operating expenses of the Association and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration.

Article 5 Maintenance; Common Property; Services

- 5.1 Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. The Association shall also maintain (whether or not constituting Common Property): (a) all Community entry features, including entry area landscaping and any irrigation system and the expenses for water and electricity, if any, provided to all such entry features; (b) all storm water detention/retention ponds and storm water drainage facilities serving the Community, if and to the extent such facilities are not maintained by the owner of such facilities, the owners of nearby property served by such facilities or a government body; (c) the private water distribution system serving the Community as provided in Section 5.4; (d) all water and sewer pipes or facilities which serve more than one (1) Lot, whether located within or without the boundaries of the structure or Lot, to the extent that such pipes and facilities are not maintained on an ongoing basis by a public or private utility company or by a governmental entity; (e) all Community greenbelt and open spaces; (f) all Community private streets and alleys; (g) landscaping and yard maintenance for all of the Lots; (h) all perimeter fencing originally installed by Declarants; and (i) all property outside of Lots located within the Community which was originally maintained by the Declarants. Community landscaping to be maintained by the Association shall include landscaping within any medians or islands located in or along the right-of-way of private streets within the Community. In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or without the Community and to enter into easements and covenant to share costs agreements regarding such property where the Board has determined that such action would benefit the Owners. In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the Occupants, family, guests, lessees or invitees of an Owner, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement, and all costs thereof not paid for by insurance, shall be assessed against the Owner as a specific assessment. All maintenance by the Association shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.
- 5.2 Owner's Responsibility. Except for maintenance performed on a Lot by the Association pursuant to Section 5.1, or 5.3, if any, all maintenance of the Lot and all structures, landscaping, and other improvements thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. Such maintenance obligation shall include, without limitation, the following: prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and waste; lawn mowing on a regular basis; tree and shrub pruning; watering landscaped areas; keeping improvements, and exterior lighting in good repair and working order; keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive; keeping driveways in good repair; complying with all governmental health and police

requirements; and repairing and painting (or other appropriate external care) of improvements located on a Lot. In the event that the Board of Directors determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly any of such Owner's obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair or replacement of items for which such Owner is responsible hereunder, the Association shall, except in an emergency situation, give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair or replacement is not capable of completion within a ten-day period, to commence such work which shall be completed within a reasonable time. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair or replacement and all costs thereof shall be assessed against the Owner and the Lot as a specific assessment. This provision shall not apply to any Lot(s) owned by the Declarants unless improved with a dwelling and occupied as a residence.

- 5.3 Yard Maintenance. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the landscaping improvements located on the exterior portions of the Lots. Maintenance of lawns by the Association shall be performed at the expense of the Association and shall be limited to mowing, edging and fertilizing/weed control and shall not include any responsibility for replacing dead or dying grass, bushes, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation. Such maintenance shall be performed at a level to be determined in the sole discretion of the Board; provided, however, that all Lots maintained by the Association must receive approximately equal attention and must be maintained according to the same standard. The Board of Directors in its sole discretion may leave portions of the Lots as undisturbed natural areas and may change the landscaping of the Lots at any time and from time to time or may, with the consent of the Declarants, change the level of yard maintenance performed or, for example, maintain front yards only. Any common irrigation system installed by the Declarants or the Association shall be Common Property, operated, maintained, repaired and replaced by the Association. The deed of conveyance of any Lot shall not include any right, title or interest in such irrigation system, if any. The Board of Directors may promulgate rules setting forth the extent of landscaping maintenance to be performed by the Association and the rights of Owners with respect to adding or modifying landscaping improvements, including, for example allowing seasonal flowering plants on certain Lots at the expense of the Owner. In the event that the Owner of a Lot obtains approval to construct a fence in accordance with Section 7.17 of this Declaration, the Association shall no longer be obligated to maintain the landscaping within enclosed portions of the Lot and such landscaping shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner.
- 5.4 Private Water System. The water distribution system in the Community is private and shall be owned and maintained by the Association as Common Property. The Association shall maintain, repair and replace the master water meter if and to the extent not maintained by the applicable water utility company, the meters serving each Lot, if any, and all pipes connecting the master water meter and the meters on each Lot. Except as provided below, all charges for water and sewer usage billed through the Association shall be assessed to the applicable Lot based on usage, if individually metered, and if not shall be assessed equally to each Lot as a specific assessment in accordance with Section 4.6 hereof. Provided however, the

Owners shall be responsible for water usage applicable only to Lots for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued and any irrigation or other water used by the Association. Until all Lots have been improved with a townhome or detached house and a certificate of occupancy has been issued the Declarants shall pay for all water usage applicable to unsold Lots and development activity which shall be prorated between the Declarants based on the number of unfinished Lots owned by a Declarant for which a building permit has been issued for the construction of a townhome or detached house.

- 5.5 Conveyance of Common Property by Declarants to Association; No Implied Rights. Any Declarant may transfer or convey to the Association at any time and from time to time any personal property and any interest in improved or unimproved real property. Such conveyance shall be deemed to be accepted by the Association upon delivery of any personal property or upon recordation of an instrument of conveyance of any interest in real property, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be used and maintained by the Association for the benefit of its members. The Association hereby constitutes and appoints Declarants as its agent and attorney-in-fact to accept on behalf of the Association any such conveyance to the Association and to execute on behalf of the Association any and all documents, including, without limitation, deeds and transfer tax declaration forms, necessary or convenient to effectuate and document any such conveyance to the Association. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise. The Declarants shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section and shall have no duty or obligation to convey any property or property rights to the Association regardless of whether or not any such property has been made available for the use of Owners. The Declarants may reserve, by lease, license, easement or otherwise such rights of use and enjoyment in and to all or any portion of the property so conveyed as such Declarant may reasonably require so long as such reservation is not materially inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community. Neither the recordation of any subdivision plat nor the use by the Owners or maintenance by the Association of any property shall create any rights, easements or licenses, in the Association or the Owners, express or implied, unless and until any such property rights, casements or licenses are conveyed by a Declarant, or the owner of such property to the Association or the Owners, as the case may be, by an instrument recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia.
- 5.6 <u>Partition</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided and no Owner shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of all Owners of all portions of the property located within the Community and without the written consent of all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not limited to, the Lots located within the Community.
- 5.7 Condemnation. In the event of a taking by eminent domain of any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining Common Property, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, an alternative plan is approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote and the consent of the Declarants. The provisions of this Declaration applicable to replacement or restoration of damaged improvements on the Common

Property shall also apply to and govern the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced after a condemnation.

- 5.8 Liability. Owners, Occupants and their guests shall use the Common Property at their own risk and shall assume sole responsibility for their personal belongings used or stored there. The Association, the Declarants and their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall not be held liable for personal injury to any person, nor for loss or damage to personal belongings used or stored on the Common Property. The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to any Person or property (a) caused by the elements or by an Owner or any other Person, (b) resulting from any rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any street, pipe, plumbing, drain, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association, or (c) caused by any street, pipe, plumbing, drain, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association, becoming out of repair. Nor shall the Association be liable to any Owner or Occupant for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property of such Owner or Occupant.
- 5.9 Residential Pest Control. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, contract with a pest control company to disperse chemicals for the extermination of insects and pests within the Lots and Common Property. In the event the Association chooses to provide such pest control, the Association and its duly authorized contractors, representatives, and agents shall have an easement to enter the homes on the Lots for the purpose of dispensing chemicals for the exterminating of insects and pests. Lot Owners shall either provide a key to the homes for the purpose of such entry or have someone available at such times as are designated by the Board of Directors to allow entry into the home for this purpose. All charges for pest control provided by the Association shall be assessed to each Lot equally as part of the general assessment in accordance with Section 4.3 hereof. If a Lot Owner, for any reason, refuses pest control services, such Owner shall nevertheless still be obligated to pay the full general assessment. The Association shall not be liable for any illness, damage or injury caused by or arising out of the dispensing of these chemicals for this purpose.
- 5.10 Garbage Pick-Up. The Association may, but shall not be required to, contract with a private trash collection company to pick up all usual and customary household trash on a regular basis. Trash and recycling receptacles shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before pick up and shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours. Trash pick up shall also be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt. All charges for trash collection shall be assessed to each Lot equally as part of the general assessment in accordance with Section 4.3 hereof.
- 5.11 Alarm System. The Declarants and the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, contract with an alarm company to install security alarms in all the homes on the Lots. The monthly service fee for the security alarm shall be assessed to each Lot equally as part of the general assessment in accordance with Section 4.3 hereof. By accepting a deed to a Lot, each Owner shall acknowledge and agree to the following:

- (a) Neither the Declarants nor the Association shall be responsible for the security of Owners, Occupants or their family members, guests, invitees or property. THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANTS, THEIR PARTNERS AND AFFILIATES, ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANTS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, SHALL NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED INSURERS OR GUARANTORS OF SECURITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, NOR SHALL ANY OF THE FOREGOING BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY OR OF INEFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY IS MADE THAT ANY BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM CANNOT BE COMPROMISED OR CIRCUMVENTED, NOR THAT ANY SUCH SYSTEMS OR SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN WILL IN ALL CASES PREVENT LOSS OR PROVIDE THE DETECTION OR PROTECTION FOR WHICH THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE FROM ANYONE THAT NON-UNIT OWNERS AND NON-OCCUPANTS WILL NOT GAIN ACCESS TO THE HOMES AND COMMIT CRIMINAL ACTS NOR IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE THAT CRIMINAL ACTS IN THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT BE COMMITTED BY OTHER OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDERSTANDS AND COVENANTS TO INFORM ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE OWNER'S LOT THAT THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANTS, THEIR PARTNERS AND AFFILIATES, ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, ARE NOT INSURERS AND THAT EACH OWNER ASSUMES ALL RISKS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS, TO PROPERTY, TO LOTS, AND TO THE CONTENTS OF THE HOMES ON THE LOTS AND THE STRUCTURES THEREON RESULTING FROM THE ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES.
- (b) Each Owner shall look solely to the applicable governmental authority for the provision of law enforcement and police protection.
- (c) The Atarm System will be installed based upon the representations of vendors regarding the operation and performance capabilities of the components of the Alarm System.
- (d) THE DECLARANTS DISCLAIM ANY AND ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER REGARDING THE ALARM SYSTEM, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED.
- (e) Each Owner shall use their respective Alarm System in the proper manner and within the rules and regulations relating thereto as may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article 6 Architectural Standards

- 6.1 General. No exterior construction, alteration or addition of any improvements of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavation, grading, filling, construction of impervious surface, building, exterior alteration of existing improvements, change in the exterior color of any existing improvement, and planting and removal of landscaping materials), shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Community unless installed by a Declarant or an affiliate of a Declarant, approved in accordance with this Article, or otherwise expressly permitted under this Declaration. Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of structures on the Lot without approval hereunder. However, modifications to the interior of porches, patios and similar portions of a structure visible from outside the Lot shall be subject to approval. No approval shall be required to repaint the exterior of a structure in accordance with the originally approved color scheme or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. This Article shall not apply to the activities of the Declarants, affiliates of a Declarant, nor to improvements to the Common Property by or on behalf of the Association. Any builder acquiring Lots from a Declarant may submit its plans for approval by that Declarant, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, and thereafter no further approval shall be required under this Article for such builder to construct improvements on Lots consistent with the approved plans. This Article may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarants until each Lot has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued.
- 6.2 Guidelines and Procedures. Except as provided above, no exterior construction, addition or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by a Declarant. Such plans and specifications shall be of sufficient detail to allow a Declarant to make its review and, to the extent required by the Declarant, shall show the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the proposed improvement. The Declarants may adopt written design and development guidelines and application and review procedures, which may provide for a review fee. Each Declarant shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend, from time to time at its sole discretion and without notice, the architectural guidelines relative to any improved Lots being sold by that Declarant. The Declarants shall make the architectural guidelines available to Owners and builders who seek to engage in construction upon all or any portion of the Community and such Owners and builders shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith. If a Declarant fails to approve or to disapprove submitted plans and specifications within thirty (30) days after receipt of all required plans and specifications, such approval shalf be deemed to have been given. As a condition of approval under this Article, each Owner, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance to and on any improvement, change, modification, addition or alteration. In the discretion of the Declarants, an Owner may be required to verify such condition of approval by a recordable written instrument acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest. The Declarants shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and may withhold approval for any reason, including, without limitation, purely aesthetic considerations, and they shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of these restrictions. The Declarants and their representatives shall have the right, during reasonable

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hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any property in the Community to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with. Such Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry. If construction does not commence on a project for which plans have been approved within twelve (12) months of such approval, such approval shall be deemed withdrawn, and it shall be necessary for the Owner to resubmit the plans to a Declarant for reconsideration.

- 6.3 Limitation of Liability. Plans and specifications are not approved for engineering or structural design or quality of materials and by approving such plans and specifications the Declarants assume no liability or responsibility therefor or for any defect in any structure constructed from such plans and specifications. Neither Declarants, the Association, nor the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications to any of them for approval or to any Owner of property affected by these restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every Person who submits plans and specifications and every Owner agrees that such Person or Owner will not bring any action or suit against Declarants, the Association or the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them to recover any damages and hereby releases, remises, quitclaims and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.
- 6.4 No Waiver. The approval of a Declarant of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring approval or consent of a Declarant, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications or drawings or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- 6.5 Variances. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarants shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration and the architectural guidelines if they determine that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is dictated by unique circumstances, such as, but not limited to, topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic considerations or environmental considerations and would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community. No variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing, (b) be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community, or (c) prevent the Declarants from denying a variance in other similar circumstances. For purposes of this provision, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency or the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.
- 6.6 Enforcement. Any structure or improvement placed or made in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from a Declarant, an Owner shall, at its own cost and expense, remove such nonconforming structure or improvement and restore the land to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work.

Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required, the Declarants and their agents shall have the right to enter the property, remove the nonconforming structure or improvement, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. All costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, may be assessed against the Lot as a specific assessment. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article and the architectural guidelines may be excluded by the Declarants from the Community, subject to any applicable notice and hearing procedures contained in the Bylaws. In such event, neither the Declarants, the Association or the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them shall be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this paragraph. In addition to any other remedies available to the Declarants, in the event of noncompliance with this Article, the Declarants may record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation hereunder naming the violating Owner. In addition to the foregoing, the Declarants shall have the authority and standing to pursue any and all remedies available at law and equity to enforce the provisions of this Article.

- 6.7 Architectural Review Committee. Until (a) the Declarants no longer have the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community; and (b) each Lot has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, the Declarants shall have the sole right, power and authority under this Article. There shall be no surrender of this right except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarants and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia. Upon expiration or earlier surrender in writing of all or a portion of such right and authority, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Architectural Review Committee of the Association ("ARC"), which shall then have such jurisdiction over architectural control under this Article as may have been relinquished by the Declarants. The Declarants may in their sole discretion relinquish architectural control as to certain types of improvements or modifications while retaining control over all other building and construction in the Community. For example and without limitation, the Declarants may relinquish control over modifications of existing structures to the ARC while retaining all authority to review and approve new home construction. Any right, power or authority of the Declarants which may be relinquished prior to the termination of the rights of Declarants hereunder shall be by written recorded instrument only and no such right, power or authority shall be relinquished by implication or otherwise. The establishment of an advisory ARC shall not be deemed to be a relinquishment by Declarants of any of their right, power and authority hereunder. After the termination of all rights of Declarants hereunder, the ARC shall have all right, power and authority to review and approve building and construction activity within the Community hereunder and this Article shall then be read and interpreted as if any reference to the Declarants in this Article 6 were a reference to the ARC.
- 6.8 <u>Limitation</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, so long as DuBose-Paces owns any Lot in the Community, all construction on Townhome Units shall conform to the conceptual plans therefor previously approved by DuBose-Paces.

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Article 7 Use Restrictions and Rules

- 7.1 General Rules and Regulations. Each Lot, including each Townhome Unit, in the Community shall be subject to the use restrictions and rules set forth in this Article. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, with the consent of Declarants and without a vote of the members, promulgate, modify or delete rules and regulations applicable to the Community. Such rules and regulations shall be distributed to all Owners prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless overruled, canceled or modified by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the consent of Declarants.
- 7.2 Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for single-family residential purposes exclusively. Leasing of a Lot for single-family residential occupancy shall not be considered a business or business activity. No trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot, except that the Owner or Occupant in residence at the Lot may conduct business activities within the dwelling unit so long as the business activity: (a) does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration or Bylaws; (b) is not apparent from the exterior of the Lot; (c) does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion; (d) conforms to all zoning requirements for the Community; (e) does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage; (f) is consistent with the residential character of the Community; (g) does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use; and (h) does not threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community, all as may be determined in each case in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities. 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: (x) the activity is engaged in full or parttime; (y) the activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (z) a license is required for the activity.
- 7.3 Leasing. Lots may be leased for single-family residential purposes. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, all leases shall have a minimum term of at least twelve (12) months. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the Occupants acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Declaration, Bylaws, use restrictions and rules and regulations of the Association and obligate the Occupants to comply with the foregoing.
- 7.4 Signs. No sign of any kind shall be erected or displayed within the Community without the prior written consent of: (a) the Declarants or, after the termination of the rights of Declarants hereunder, the Board of Directors; and (b) the Architectural Review Committee, if any. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board and the Declarants shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs. For-sale signs and security signs not larger than 18-inches by 18-inches and any signs required by legal proceedings may be erected upon any Lot. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Mortgagee in possession due to foreclosure of a