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# AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR SANDPIPER

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

CLOSING ATTORNEYS SHOULD CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION FOR ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATES REGARDING BOTH ASSESSMENTS/CHARGES DUE ON UNITS AND ANY UNCURED ARCHITECTURAL VIOLATIONS OR UNAUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS TO UNITS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS HEREOF

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ROBERT S. STEIN, ESQUIRE E-MAIL: ROBSTEIN@WNCWLAW.COM WHEREAS, Executive-Roberts Developers, a joint venture composed of C. S. Roberts Corporation, a Georgia corporation, and Executive Inns of America, Inc., a Georgia corporation, recorded a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Sandpiper Condominium (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Declaration) on April 17, 1973, in Deed Book 1413, Page 55, et seq., Cobb County, Georgia, Records; and

WHEREAS, the Original Declaration was previously amended for the purpose of submitting Sandpiper Condominium to the Georgia Condominium Act (O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-70, et seq.) by amendment recorded on January 20, 1977, in Deed Book 1747, Page 521, et seq., Cobb County, Georgia, Records; and

WHEREAS, the Original Declaration has been previously amended by the Amended and Restated Declaration of Condominium for Sandpiper Condominium, recorded at Deed Book 4378, Page 180 et seq., Cobb County Records, and amendments recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia Records ("Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, a plat and floor plans related to the Condominium were filed in Condominium Plat Book 1, Page 55, Cobb County, Georgia Records ("Plat"); and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 14 of the Declaration provides that the Declaration may be amended by the affirmative vote, written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent of the members of the Sandpiper Condominium Association, Inc. ("Association") holding two-thirds (2/3) of the total vote thereof; and

WHEREAS, members of the Association holding at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total vote thereof desire to amend the Declaration and have approved this Amendment; and

WHEREAS, this amendment does not affect the rights of any mortgage holder under any existing mortgage, security deed, or related document;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Original Declaration and all exhibits thereto, are hereby stricken in their entirety and the following is simultaneously substituted therefor:

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### 1. <u>NAME</u>.

The name of the condominium is Sandpiper Condominium (hereinafter sometimes called "Sandpiper" or the "Condominium," as further defined herein), which condominium is submitted to the Georgia Condominium Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-70, <u>et seq</u>.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**.

Generally, terms used in this Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation shall have their normal, generally accepted meanings or the meanings given in the Act or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Unless the context otherwise requires, certain terms used in this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Act means the Georgia Condominium Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-70, et seq., as such Act may be amended from time to time.
- (b) <u>Architectural Control Committee</u> or <u>ACC</u> means the committee established to exercise the architectural review powers set forth in Paragraph 11 hereof, which shall be the Board of Directors of the Association unless by resolution the Board appoints a separate Architectural Control Committee.
- (c) <u>Area of Common Responsibility</u> means and refers to the Common Elements, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration or by contract or agreement with any other Person, become the responsibility of the Association.
- (d) <u>Articles</u> or <u>Articles of Incorporation</u> means the Articles of Incorporation of Sandpiper Condominium Association, Inc., filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.
- (e) <u>Association</u> means the Sandpiper Condominium Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors or assigns.
- (f) <u>Board of Directors</u> means the body responsible for management and operation of the Association.
  - (g) Bylaws means the Bylaws of the Sandpiper Condominium Association, Inc.
- (h) <u>Common Elements</u> mean those portions of the property subject to this Declaration, which are not included within the boundaries of a Unit, as more particularly described in this Declaration.
- (i) <u>Common Expenses</u> mean the expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association for the general benefit of the Condominium including, but not limited to, those expenses incurred for maintaining, repairing, replacing, and operating the Common Elements.
- (j) <u>Community-Wide Standard</u> means the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing within the Condominium. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the Architectural Control Committee.
- (k) <u>Condominium</u> means all that property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, submitted to the provisions of the Act by this Declaration.
- (I) <u>Condominium Instruments</u> mean this Declaration and all exhibits hereto, including the Association's Bylaws, and the Survey and Floor Plans, all as may be supplemented or amended from time to time.
- (m) <u>Domestic Partner</u> means any adult who cohabitates with an Owner and who has been designated as the Owner's Domestic Partner in a written statement, signed by the Owner and filed with

the Association's Secretary. A person shall no longer be a Domestic Partner upon the Secretary's receipt of a written termination notice, signed by either the Owner or the Domestic Partner.

- (n) Effective Date means the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.
- (o) <u>Electronic Record</u> means information created, transmitted, received or stored by electronic means and retrievable in human perceivable form, such as email, web pages, electronic documents, and facsimile transmissions.
- (p) <u>Electronic Signature</u> means a signature created, transmitted, received or stored by electronic means and includes, but is not limited to, a secure electronic signature.
- (q) <u>Eligible Mortgage Holder</u> means a holder of a first Mortgage secured by a Unit in the Condominium who has requested in writing notice of certain items as set forth in this Declaration.
- (r) <u>Floor Plans</u> means the floor plans for Sandpiper Condominium, filed in the Condominium File Cabinet of the Cobb County, Georgia records.
- (s) <u>Limited Common Elements</u> mean a portion of the Common Elements reserved for the exclusive use of those entitled to occupy one (1) or more, but less than all, Units, as more particularly set forth in this Declaration.
- (t) <u>Majority</u> means those eligible votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more that fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible number.
- (u) <u>Majority of the total Association vote</u> shall refer to more than fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible vote of the membership (being the number of eligible voters up to 79).
- (v) <u>Mortgage</u> means to any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, or other transfer or conveyance for the purpose of securing the performance of an obligation including, but not limited to, a transfer or conveyance of fee title for such purpose.
  - (w) Mortgage or Mortgage Holder means the holder of any Mortgage.
- (x) Occupant means any Person staying overnight in a Unit for a total of more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such Unit.
- (y) Officer means an individual who is elected by the Board to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or such other subordinate officers as the Board may determine necessary.
- (z) Owner shall mean the record titleholder of a Unit within the Condominium, but shall not include a Mortgage Holder. For purposes hereof, the holder of a tax deed on a Unit shall be deemed the Owner thereof, notwithstanding the fact that there may exist a right of redemption on such Unit.
- (aa) <u>Person</u> means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, firm, association, partnership, trust, or other legal entity.
  - (bb) Plat means the Association plat(s) recorded in the Cobb Condominium Plat records.
- (cc) <u>Secure Electronic Signature</u> means an electronic or digital method executed or adopted by a Person with the intent to be bound by or to authenticate a record, which is unique to the Person

using it, is capable of verification, is under the sole control of the Person using it, and is linked to data in such a manner that if the data is changed, the electronic signature is invalidated.

- (dd) <u>Survey</u> means the plat of survey for Sandpiper Condominium, filed in the Condominium Plat Book of the Cobb County, Georgia records.
- (ee) <u>Unit</u> means that portion of the Condominium intended for individual ownership and use as more particularly described in this Declaration and shall include the undivided ownership in the Common Elements assigned to the Unit by this Declaration.

#### 3. LOCATION, PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, PLATS AND PLANS

The Condominium subject to this Declaration and the Act is located in Land Lots 859 and 868 of the 17th District of Cobb County, Georgia, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Declaration, which exhibit is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. The Survey and Floor Plans relating to the Condominium have been filed in Plat Book 1, Page 55 of the Cobb County, Georgia records. The Survey and Floor Plans are incorporated herein by reference as fully as if the same were set forth in their entirety herein.

#### 4. <u>UNITS AND BOUNDARIES.</u>

The Condominium is divided into seventy- nine (79) separate Units, Common Elements and Limited Common Elements and its appurtenant percentage of undivided interest in the Common Elements. Each Unit shall be conveyed as a separately designated and legally described freehold estate subject to the Act and the Condominium Instruments. The Units are depicted on the Survey and the Floor Plans. Each Unit includes that part of the structure, which lies within the following boundaries:

- (a) <u>Vertical Boundaries</u>. The perimetrical or vertical boundaries of each unit are the outer unfinished surfaces of all exterior walls and the center line of all party walls as shown on the Plats and Floor Plans, provided, however, all attachments to the exterior walls of a unit which are a part thereof, in conformity with the architectural plans and specifications, and all heating and/or air conditioning units or components serving individual units but located beyond the boundaries thereof shall be deemed to be included within said unit boundaries. All conduits, pipes, ducts, plumbing, wiring and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services to more than one unit and/or the common area are common area and are excluded from a unit although located, in part, within the boundaries thereof. All conduits, pipes, ducts, plumbing, wiring and other facilities located within a unit's boundaries and serving only that unit are part of that unit.
  - (b) <u>Horizontal Boundaries</u>. There shall be no horizontal boundaries.

In interpreting deeds and Floor Plans, the existing physical boundaries of a Unit as originally constructed or of a Unit reconstructed in substantial accordance with the original Floor Plans thereof shall be conclusively presumed to be its boundaries rather than the metes and bounds expressed in any deed or Floor Plan, regardless of settling or lateral movement of the building in which the Unit was located, and regardless of minor variance between the boundaries shown on the Floor Plans or in a deed and those of the Unit.

The ownership of each Unit shall include, and there shall pass with each Unit, whether or not separately described in the conveyance thereof, that percentage of the right, title and interest in the Common Elements attributable to such Unit, together with membership in the Association and an undivided interest in the funds and assets held by the Association.

#### 5. <u>COMMON ELEMENTS</u>.

The Common Elements consist of all portions of the Condominium not located within the boundaries of a Unit. Ownership of the Common Elements shall be by the Unit Owners as tenants-incommon. The percentage of undivided interest in and to the Common Elements attributable to each Unit is set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Such percentages of undivided interest may be altered only by the consent of all Owners and Mortgagees (or such lesser number of Owners and Mortgagees as may hereafter be prescribed by the Act) expressed in a duly recorded amendment to this Declaration

The Common Elements shall remain undivided, and no Owner or any other person shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof except as provided in the Act. Except as provided for Limited Common Elements or as otherwise provided herein, each Owner and the Association may use the Common Elements for the purposes for which they are intended, but no such use shall enter or encroach upon the lawful rights of the other Owners.

In addition to all of its other powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Condominium, the Board of Directors has the right to close permanently or temporarily any portion of the Common Elements (excluding the Limited Common Elements and any Common Elements the use of which is reasonably necessary for access to or from a Unit) with thirty (30) days prior notice to all Owners, except that, in emergency situations requiring a temporary closing, prior notice shall not be required so long as notice is given within three (3) days after the closing explaining the reason for the closing. Notwithstanding the above, the Owners may re-open closed Common Elements by a majority vote of the total Association vote, cast at a duly called special or annual meeting.

#### 6. LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS.

- (a) Ownership of each unit shall entitle the owner or owners thereof to the exclusive use of such portions of the Common Elements, if any, as may be designated on the recorded Plat by the same number, letter or combination thereof as may be used to designate the unit to which such portions of the common elements appertain, which portions of the Common Elements shall include, but not be limited to, any one or more of the following: patios, decks, storage areas and carports, if any.
- (b) The Association's Board of Directors, without need for a membership vote, is hereby authorized to assign and to reassign Limited Common Elements and Common Elements not previously assigned, provided that any such assignment or reassignment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 44-3-82(b) and (c) of the Act. A Common Element not previously assigned as a Limited Common Element may be so assigned and a Limited Common Element may be reassigned by the Board, without the need for a vote of the Association, upon written application to the Association by the Unit Owner or Owners for whose exclusive use such Common Element is requested or whose use of the Limited Common Element previously assigned is directly affected. Upon such application, the Association shall prepare and execute an amendment to the Declaration assigning the Common Element as a Limited Common Element or reassigning the Limited Common Element, which amendment shall be executed by the Owner or Owners making such application. Such amendment shall be delivered and become effective as provided in Section 44-3-82 of the Act.

#### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND ALLOCATION OF VOTES.

(a) <u>Membership</u>. All Unit Owners, by virtue of their ownership of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Unit in the Condominium, are members of the Sandpiper Condominium Association, Inc. This is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, but the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Unit owned.

(b) <u>Voting</u>. The Owner or collective Owners of the Unit shall be entitled to one (1) equally weighted vote for such Unit. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Unit, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as those Owners determine among themselves, otherwise the Unit's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

## 8. ALLOCATION OF LIABILITY FOR COMMON EXPENSES.

- (a) <u>General Allocations</u>. Except as provided below or elsewhere in the Act or Condominium Instruments, the amount of all Common Expenses shall be assessed in accordance with the percentage of undivided interest in the Common Elements appurtenant to the Unit as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (b) <u>Specific Special Assessments</u>. Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Directors shall have the power to levy specific special assessments against Units pursuant to this Paragraph and to Section 44-3-80(b) of the Act as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board of Directors to do so shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board of Directors and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Paragraph in the future.
  - (i) Any Common Expenses benefiting less than all of the Units or significantly disproportionately benefiting all Units may be specifically specially assessed equitably among all of the Units that are benefited according to the benefit received. Except for expenses for maintenance, repair or replacement of Limited Common Elements, which may be specifically specially assessed, expenses incurred for the maintenance, repair or replacement of the Area of Common Responsibility, shall not be specifically specially assessed.
  - (ii) Any Common Expenses occasioned by the conduct of less than all of those entitled to occupy all of the Units or by the Occupant(s), licensees or invitees of any such Unit or Units may be specifically specially assessed against such Unit or Units.

For purposes of this subparagraph, nonuse shall constitute a benefit to less than all Lots or a significant disproportionate benefit among all Lots only when such nonuse results in an identifiable, calculable reduction in cost to the Association.

#### ASSESSMENTS.

- (a) <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The Association shall have the power to levy assessments as provided herein and in the Act. The assessments for Common Expenses provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Units in the Condominium as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board.
- (b) <u>Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation For Assessments</u>. Each Owner of any Unit, 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: (i) annual assessments or charges; (ii) special assessments; (iii) specific special assessments; and (iii) Capital Contribution Assessments against any particular Unit which are established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including but not limited to reasonable fines imposed in accordance with the terms of this Declaration.

All such assessments, together with late charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred (including post-judgment attorney fees, costs and expenses), and if the Board so elects, rents, in the maximum amount permitted by the Act, shall be a charge on the Unit and shall be a continuing lien upon the Unit against which each assessment is made. Such amounts shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Unit at the time when the assessment fell due. Each Owner and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for all assessments and charges due and

payable at the time of any conveyance. The Association, in the Board's discretion, may, but shall not be obligated to, record a notice of such lien in the Cobb County, Georgia records evidencing the lien created under the Act and this Declaration.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors; unless otherwise provided, the annual assessments shall be paid in equal monthly installments due on the first day of each calendar month. No Owner may exempt him or herself from liability for or otherwise withhold payment of assessments for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, nonuse of the Common Elements, the Association's failure to provide services or perform its obligations required hereunder, or inconvenience or discomfort arising from the Association's performance of its duties.

The lien provided for herein shall have priority as provided in the Act.

- (c) <u>Delinquent Assessments</u>. All assessments and related charges not paid on or before the due date shall be delinquent, and the Owner shall be in default.
- (i) If the annual assessment, any part or installment thereof or any other fine, special assessment or charge is not paid in full within ten (10) days of the due date, or such later date as may be provided by the Board:
  - (1) a late charge equal to the greater of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount not paid, or such higher amounts as may be authorized by the Act, may be imposed without further notice or warning to the delinquent Owner;
  - (2) interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum, or such higher rate as may be authorized by the Act, shall accrue from the due date; and
  - (3) upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Owner, the Board may accelerate and declare immediately due all of that Owner's unpaid installments. Upon acceleration, that Owner shall thereby lose the privilege of paying any and all assessments and charges in installments for that fiscal year, unless such privilege is otherwise reinstated in the Board's sole discretion.
- (ii) If assessments, fines or other charges, or any part thereof, remain unpaid more than thirty (30) days after the assessment payments first become delinquent, the Owner's and Occupant's rights to vote and use the Common Property may be suspended until all amounts owed are paid in full (provided, however, the Board may not deny ingress or egress to or from a Unit) and the Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may institute suit to collect all amounts due pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Act and Georgia law, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. Enforcement under this subparagraph is not dependent upon or related to other restrictions and/or other actions.
- (iii) If part payment of assessments or other charges is made, the amount received may be applied first to post-judgment attorney's fees, costs and expense, then to costs and attorney's fees not reduced to a judgment, then to interest, then to late charges, then to delinquent assessments and then to current assessments. Late charges may be assessed on delinquencies that are created by the application of current payments to outstanding delinquent assessments or charges.
- (d) <u>Computation of Operating Budget and Assessment</u>. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Condominium during the coming year, and the Board shall establish the annual assessment or installments for the coming year. The Board shall cause the budget and notice of the assessment(s) to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date for such assessment, or the first installment thereof or at least twenty (21) days prior to the Association's annual meeting. The budget and the assessment shall

become effective unless disapproved at a duly called Association annual meeting by a vote of a majority of the total Association membership; provided, however, if a quorum is not obtained at the annual meeting, the budget shall become effective even though a vote to disapprove the budget could not be called at this meeting.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for the succeeding year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the current year shall continue for the succeeding year. In such case, the Board may propose a new budget at any time during the year at a special meeting of the Association. The proposed budget and assessment shall be delivered to the members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposed effective date thereof and at least seven (7) days prior to the special meeting. The approval procedure set forth above for budgets considered at annual meetings shall also apply to budgets considered at special meetings.

The budget shall not operate as a limitation on expenditures by the Board, but, rather, the budget is merely an estimate of Common Expenses on which the Board may base the annual assessments.

- (e) Special Assessments. In addition to the annual assessment provided for in subparagraph (b) above, the Board may, at any time, and in addition to any other rights it may have, levy a special assessment against all Owners, notice of which shall be sent to all Owners. In order to be effective, any special assessment (except as provided in Paragraph 8(b) regarding the power to impose specific special assessments and Paragraph 16(b) regarding repair or reconstruction of casualty damage to or destruction of all or part of the Condominium) which would cause the average total of special assessments levied in one (1) fiscal year to exceed Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Unit or such higher amount as may be authorized by the Act, must first be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Owners either voting by ballot or written consent pursuant to the Bylaws, or at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Owners present or represented by proxy at a duly called meeting of the members, notice of which shall specify the purpose of such meeting.
- capital reserve budget that shall take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital reserve contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital reserve budget, with respect both to amount and timing by equal annual assessments over the period of the budget. The annual capital reserve contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within the budget and assessment as provided in subparagraph (d) of this Paragraph. A copy of the capital reserve budget shall be distributed to each member in the same manner as the operating budget.
- (g) <u>Capital Contribution Assessment Upon Transfer of Lots.</u> In addition to all other assessments, fees and charges provided for herein, the purchaser or grantee of every Unit shall be assessed and be subject to a non-refundable, non-prorated capital contribution assessment ("Capital Contribution Assessment") upon each and every conveyance or transfer of the Unit to any person other than to the spouse or heir of the Owner. For the fiscal year of the Effective Date, the Capital Contribution Assessment shall be Two Hundred Seventy-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$275.00). The Board may increase the Capital Contribution Assessment each year not more than ten (10%) percent above the prior year's Capital Contribution Assessment amount.

The Capital Contribution Assessment shall be due and payable by the purchaser or grantee at the time of conveyance or transfer of the Unit and shall be collected at the closing of each such conveyance or transfer. The Capital Contribution Assessment shall not constitute an advance payment of annual assessments. The Capital Contribution Assessment shall constitute a specific special

assessment and continuing lien against such Unit, and a personal obligation of the Owner of such Unit, from the time it is due until it is paid in full and may be collected pursuant to Paragraph 9(c) above.

- (h) Statement of Account. Any Owner, Mortgagee, or a Person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Unit, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Unit, shall be entitled, upon written request, to a statement from the Association setting forth the amount of assessments due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines, or other charges against such Unit. The Association shall respond in writing within five (5) business days of receipt of the request for a statement; provided, however, the Association may require the payment of a fee, not exceeding Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00), or such higher amount as may be authorized by the Act, as a prerequisite to the issuance of such a statement. Such written statement shall be binding on the Association as to the amount of assessments due on the Unit as of the date specified therein.
- (i) <u>Surplus Funds and Common Profits</u>. Pursuant to the Act, common profits from whatever source shall be applied to the payment of Common Expenses. Any surplus funds remaining after the application of such common profits to the payment of Common Expenses shall, at the option of the Board of Directors, be: (1) distributed to the Owners; (2) credited to the next assessment chargeable to the Owners in proportion to the liability for Common Expenses attributable to each Unit; or (3) added to the Association's capital reserve account as set forth above.
- (i) Parking Suspension. In addition to all other available remedies, if (1) assessments, late charges, interest, costs, attorney's fees, fines, and/or other charges or any part thereof remain unpaid more than thirty (30) days after they become delinquent, or (2) any violation of the Declaration, By-Laws, rules or regulations by an Owner or Occupant is uncured thirty (30) days after notice is sent by the Association (by certified and first class mail), to the Owner (or to Owner and Occupant in the event of violation by an Occupant), then the Association, acting through the Board, may suspend the Owner's and/or Occupant's right to bring, drive or park vehicles on the Common Elements and/or have guests bring, drive or park vehicles on the Common Elements. However, the Board may not limit pedestrian, medical, fire, police or other health, safety, service or emergency vehicle ingress or egress to or from the Unit or deny necessary parking of clearly and properly identified handicapped vehicles used by handicapped Owners, Occupants, or guests protected by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. Prior to suspending parking privileges, the Association shall send the delinquent Owner and/or Occupant written notice of its intention to do so, sent by certified mail and first class mail not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such suspension. The Board shall be authorized to tow and/or boot vehicles to enforce the suspension of parking privileges under this subsection 9(j).

#### 10. MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY.

By the Owner. Each Owner shall have the obligation to maintain and keep in good repair all portions of his unit, except those portions for which the Association is specifically assigned maintenance and repair responsibility in subsection (b) of this Section. The owner's maintenance and repair responsibility specifically includes, but is not limited to, maintenance and repair of all glass surfaces, all doors, doorways, door and window frames (except for painting or staining of doors and window frames), and all hardware that is part of the entry system of the unit, all screens, the hot water heater, all crawl spaces (including, but not limited to, any exterior and/or interior water proofing), the heating and air conditioning system and components serving the unit, all portions of any patio, sunroom or deck serving the unit, and the fence behind the unit. All pipes, lines, wires, chutes, flues, ducts, conduits, or other apparatus which serve only the unit, whether located within or without a unit's boundaries (including all water, gas, electricity, sewer, water heater, and air conditioning pipes, lines, ducts, conduits, or other apparatus) are the maintenance and repair responsibility of the owner. In addition to and not in limitation of the above, patios, decks, storage areas, balconies, or porches adjoining a unit as well as the area adjacent to the individual unit gas meter, trash area, and air conditioning compressor units shall be maintained, repaired, and kept in a neat and clean condition by the unit owner. Furthermore, other than trash placed in appropriate containers, owners shall keep the area adjacent to the individual gas meter, trash cans, and air conditioning compressor units free of debris, tree limbs and leaves, and such areas shall not be used for storage. Any architectural change,

modification, alteration, or addition shall be the maintenance and repair responsibility of the unit owner making the change, modification, alteration, or addition and his or her successors-in-title to the unit.

In addition, each Unit Owner shall have the responsibility:

- (i) To perform his or her responsibility in such manner so as not to unreasonably disturb other persons in other Units.
- (ii) To promptly report to the Association or its agent any defect or need for repairs, for which the Association is responsible.
- (iii) To pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item which is the responsibility of the Unit Owner but which responsibility such Owner fails or refuses to discharge (which the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to do), or to pay for the cost of repairing, replacing, or cleaning up any item which, although the responsibility of the Association, is necessitated by reason of the willful or negligent act of the Unit Owner, his or her family, tenants or guests, with the cost thereof to be added to and become part of the Unit Owner's next chargeable assessment.

Subject to the maintenance responsibilities herein provided, any maintenance or repair performed on or to the Common Elements by an Owner or Occupant which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder (including, but not limited to landscaping of Common Elements) shall be performed at the sole expense of such Owner or Occupant, and the Owner or Occupant shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the Association even if the Association accepts the maintenance or repair.

(b) By the Association. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair as a common expense the "Area of Common Responsibility," which includes all Common Elements, roof surfaces (shingles) and wood decking which is immediately below such shingles, patio fences, front fence exterior lights, mailboxes, gutters, downspouts, and, with the exception of hardware and glass, all exterior building surfaces except those items listed as the owner's responsibility in subsection (a) of this Section. The Association's maintenance responsibility shall include all pipes, lines, ducts, conduits, wiring or other apparatus which serve more than one unit. Except to the extent that insurance required to be maintained or maintained by the Association covers any damage or loss and except as otherwise provided herein, the Association shall not be responsible for any maintenance or repair to any unit or to any limited Common Element.

Additionally, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to conduct a periodic inspection, on a schedule to be determined by the Board of Directors, of all fireplaces and chimney flues and, if, in the Board of Director's sole discretion, a flue needs to be cleaned and/or repaired, the Association shall provide such cleaning and/or repair (even though the flues are considered a portion of the Unit) and the cost of such periodic inspection, cleaning and/or repair may be assessed against the Owner of the Unit served by such flue pursuant to Paragraph 8(b).

The foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

If, during the course of performing its maintenance responsibilities hereunder, the Association discovers that maintenance, repair or replacement is required of an item which is the Owner's responsibility, and such maintenance, repair or replacement must be performed for the Association to properly complete its maintenance project, then the Association may perform such work on behalf of the Owner and at the Owner's sole expense, without prior notice to the Owner, such being deemed an emergency situation hereunder.

If the Board determines that the need for maintenance or repair in the Common Elements is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner, or Occupant or their family, guests, lessees, or invitees, then the Association may assess the cost of any such maintenance, repair, or replacement against the

Owner's or Occupant's Unit, shall become the personal obligation of the Owner, a lien against the Unit, and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

The Association shall repair incidental damage to any Unit resulting from performance of work that is the responsibility of the Association. As finish levels can have varying degrees, such repairs will be complete only to the extent of being "paint-ready". Such repair and subsequent cleaning shall be performed based on a reasonableness standard. In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association shall have the authority to delegate to such persons, firms or corporations of its choice, such duties as are approved by the Board of Directors.

The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to person or property caused by the elements or by the Owner of any Unit, or any other person, or resulting from any utility, rain, snow or ice which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Elements or from any pipe, drain, conduit, appliance or equipment which the Association is responsible to maintain hereunder. The Association shall not be liable to any Owner, or any Owner's Occupant, guest or family for any damage or injury caused in whole or in part by the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities under this Paragraph. No diminution or abatement of assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

#### (c) Measures Related to Insurance Coverage.

- (i) The Board of Directors, upon resolution, shall have the authority to require all or any Unit Owner(s) to do any act or perform any work involving portions of the Condominium which are the maintenance responsibility of the Unit Owner, which will, in the Board's sole discretion, decrease the possibility of fire or other damage in the Condominium, reduce the insurance premium paid by the Association for any insurance coverage or otherwise assist the Board in procuring or maintaining such insurance coverage. This authority shall include, but need not be limited to, requiring Owners to install and maintain smoke detectors, requiring Owners to certify that they have checked the batteries for their smoke detectors, requiring Owners to allow the Association to inspect the smoke detectors and replace batteries if needed on a schedule to be determined by the Board of Directors, requiring all Owners to turn off cut-off valves, which may now or hereafter be installed, during winter months for outside water spigots; requiring Owners to insulate pipes sufficiently or take other preventive measures to prevent freezing of water pipes, requiring Owners to make improvements to the Owner's Unit, and such other measures as the Board may reasonably require so long as the cost of such work does not exceed Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) per Unit in any twelve (12) month period.
- (ii) In addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights the Association may have, if any Unit Owner does not comply with any requirement made by the Board of Directors pursuant to subparagraph (d)(i) above, the Association, upon fifteen (15) days' written notice (during which period the Unit Owner may perform the required act or work without further liability), may perform such required act or work at the Unit Owner's sole cost. Such cost shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which the Owner is subject, shall become and be the personal obligation of the Owner and a lien against the Unit, and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments. The Association shall have all rights necessary to implement the requirements mandated by the Board pursuant to subparagraph (d)(i) of this Paragraph, including, but not limited to, a right of entry during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Unit, except that access may be had at any time without notice in an emergency situation.
- (d) Mold and/or Mildew. Mold and/or mildew can grow in any portion of the Condominium that is or could be exposed to a regular source of moisture. Therefore, the Association and the Unit Owners agree to: (i) upon the discovery of any water leaks within a unit, promptly investigate to

determine the source of the problem and the extent of the condition; (ii) repair any such leaks in their respective areas of maintenance responsibility in a good and workmanlike condition; (iii) insure that any building material which has absorbed water or moisture as a result of a water leak and has not been sufficiently dried as part of the repair of the water or moisture damage is removed and replaced; and (iv) clean any area where mold and/or mildew appears with industry-accepted product designed to inhibit the growth of mold and/or mildew. Owners shall regularly inspect their crawl spaces for potential leaks.

(e) <u>Inspection, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement of High-Risk Components.</u> The Board may, from time to time, after notice to all Owners and an opportunity for members comment, determine that certain portions of the Units required to be maintained by the Owners, or certain objects or appliances within the Unit, pose a particular risk of damage to other Units and/or the Common Elements if they are not properly inspected, maintained, repaired or replaced. By way of example, but not limitation, these portions, objects or appliances might include smoke detectors and water heaters. Those items determined by the Board to pose such a particular risk are referred to herein as "High-Risk Components".

At the same time that it designates a High-Risk Component, or at a later time, the Board may require one or more of the following with regard to the High-Risk Component:

- (i) that it be inspected at specified intervals by a representative of the Association or by an inspector(s) designated by the Board;
- (ii) that it be replaced or repaired at specified intervals, or with reference to manufacturers' warranties, whether or not the individual component is deteriorated or defective;
- (iii) that it be replaced or repaired with items or components meeting particular standards or specifications established by the Board;
- (iv) that when it is repaired or replaced, the installation include additional components or installments specified by the Board;
- (v) that it be replaced or repaired by contractors having particular licenses, training or professional certification or by contractors approved by the Board; and
- (vi) if the replacement or repair is completed by an Owner, that it be inspected by a person designated by the Board.

The imposition of requirements by the Board in this provision shall not relieve an Owner of his or her obligations regarding High-Risk Components, including, but not limited to, the obligation to perform and pay for all maintenance, repairs and replacement thereof. If any Owner fails or refuses to maintain, repair or replace a High-Risk Component in accordance with the requirements established by the Board hereunder, the Association may, in addition to all other rights and powers granted to it pursuant to the Association Legal Instruments enter the Unit for the purpose of inspecting, repairing, maintaining, or replacing the High-Risk Component, as the case may be, and charge all costs of doing so back to the Owner as a specific assessments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Board shall have no obligation to designate items as High-Risk Components or to take any action in regard to such items.

(f) <u>Failure to Maintain</u>. If the Board of Directors determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his or her obligation with regard to the maintenance, repair, or replacement of items of which he or she is responsible hereunder, then, the Association shall give the Owner written notice of the Owner's failure or refusal and of the Association's right to provide 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 by the Board of Directors.

Unless the Board of Directors determines that an emergency exists, the Owner shall have ten (10) days within which to complete maintenance or repair, or if the maintenance or repair is not capable of

completion within such time period, to commence replacement or repair within ten (10) days. If the Board determines that: (i) an emergency exists or (ii) that an Owner has not complied with the demand given by the Association as herein provided; then the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense, and such costs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject, shall become and be the personal obligation of the Owner and a lien against the Unit, and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

(g) <u>Maintenance Standards and Interpretation</u>. The maintenance standards and the enforcement thereof and the interpretation of maintenance obligations under this Declaration may vary from one term of the Board to another term of the Board. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the Board of the right to adopt and enforce maintenance standards under this Paragraph. No decision or interpretation by the Board shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to subsequent decisions or interpretations of the Board.

### 11. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS.

- (a) <u>Architectural Control Committee</u>. The Architectural Control Committee ("ACC") shall constitute a standing committee of the Association. The ACC shall consist of the Board unless the Board delegates to other Persons the authority to serve on the ACC. At all times, however, the chairperson of the ACC shall be a Board member. The ACC shall have the authority to select and employ professional consultants to assist it in discharging its duties.
- (a) <u>Architectural Standards</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, no Owner, Occupant, or any other person may, without first obtaining written approval of the ACC,:
  - (i) make any encroachment onto the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements;
  - (ii) make any exterior change, alteration, or construction (including painting and landscaping); and
  - (iii) erect, place or post any object, sign, clothesline, speaker, playground equipment, light, storm door or window, fountain, flag, personalized or customized exterior door mat, or thing on the exterior or roof(s) of the building(s), in any windows (other than appropriate window treatments as provided herein), on any Limited Common Elements, or on any other Common Elements.
- (b) <u>Alteration of Units</u>. Subject to the other provisions of this Declaration, alterations to the interiors of Units, relocation of the boundaries between adjoining Units, and subdivision of Units are subject to the following restrictions:
  - Owner or Occupant may make any alteration within a Unit which involves connecting to Common Element pipes, lines, conduits and/or other apparatus for access to common utilities without prior written ACC approval. Except as provided herein, no Owner or Occupant shall make any interior modifications to or place an excessive load on any structural or load bearing portions of a Unit without first obtaining the prior written approval of the ACC. Such approval shall not be granted by the ACC unless the Owner has presented to the ACC a report or drawing prepared by a licensed structural engineer showing that compensating measures will be taken to ensure the structural integrity of the Unit and the Condominium. All building code requirements must be complied with and necessary permits and approvals secured for any modifications. Notwithstanding the above, all Owners desiring to make any interior modifications or alterations to a Unit affecting the Common Elements or structure or load bearing portions of a Unit must make application to the ACC as

described below in order for the ACC to make the determination of whether the ACC's approval is required.

Notwithstanding the above, if any Owner acquires an adjoining Unit, such Owner shall have the right (subject to the prior written approval of the Mortgagees of the Units involved) to remove all or any part of any intervening partition or to create doorways or other apertures therein, notwithstanding the fact that such partition may, in whole or part, be part of the Common Elements, so long as no portion of any structural or load bearing portions of the Unit(s) are materially weakened or removed and the ACC has approved the plans described above and no portion of any Common Elements is damaged, destroyed or endangered, other than that partition and any chutes, flues, ducts, conduits, wires or other apparatus contained therein which shall be relocated by such Owner if such facilities serve any other part of the Condominium. The alterations permitted in this Paragraph shall not be deemed an alteration or relocation of boundaries between adjoining Units as defined in O.C.G.A. § 44-3-91.

- (ii) Relocation of Boundaries. Boundaries between adjoining Units may be relocated only in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 44-3-91 and this Declaration.
- (iii) <u>Subdivision of Units</u>. No Unit shall be subdivided into a smaller Unit or Units.
- (a) Required Action by the Board or ACC. Applications for approval of any such architectural modification shall be in writing and shall provide such information as the ACC may reasonably require. Except as may be otherwise determined by the Board, the ACC or its designated representative shall be the sole arbiter of such application and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations. The Association, acting through the Board, shall be entitled to stop any construction which is not in conformance with approved plans. The Board or ACC may publish written architectural standards for exterior and Common Element alterations or additions, and any request in substantial compliance therewith shall be approved; provided, however, each such requested change shall be in harmony with the external design of the existing buildings and Units and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography of the vicinity.

The standard for approval of such improvements shall include, but not be limited to: (1) aesthetic consideration, (2) materials to be used, (3) compliance with the Community-Wide Standard, this Declaration, or the design standards which may be adopted by the Board or ACC, (4) harmony with the external design of the existing buildings, Units and structures, and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography, and (5) any other matter deemed to be relevant or appropriate by the Board or ACC.

If the Board or ACC fails to approve or to disapprove such application within forty-five (45) days after the application and all information as the Board or ACC may reasonably require have been submitted, then the Owner submitting the application may issue written notice, via certified mail, to the Association President, informing the President of the Owner's intent to proceed with the modification as identified in the application. Unless the Association issues a written disapproval of the application within ten (10) days of receipt of the Owner's notice, the approval will not be required and this subparagraph will be deemed complied with as to the items specifically identified in the application; provided, however, even if the requirements of this subparagraph are satisfied, nothing herein shall authorize anyone to construct or maintain any structure or improvement that is otherwise in violation of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations of the Association or of any applicable zoning or other laws.

(b) Encroachments onto Common Elements. The ACC, subject to this Paragraph, may permit Unit Owners to make encroachments onto the Common Elements as it deems acceptable. Such permission or approval, if granted, shall be provided in writing to the Owner. If any Owner or Occupan makes any other exterior change, alteration, or construction (including landscaping) upon the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements without permission or approval as described in this Paragraph, he or she does so at his or her sole risk and expense. The Board may require that such unapproved change,

alteration or construction be removed or that it remain on the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements without reimbursement to the Owner or Occupant for any expense he or she may have incurred in making the change, alteration or construction.

- (c) <u>Condition of Approval</u>. As a condition of approval for a requested architectural change, modification, addition, or alteration, an Owner, on behalf of himself or herself and his or her successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance of such change, modification, addition, or alteration, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the ACC. It is the responsibility of every Owner of a Condominium Unit to determine for himself or herself what architectural modifications have been made to his or her Unit by any predecessor-in-interest. In the discretion of the Board or ACC, an Owner may be made to verify such condition of approval by written instrument in recordable form acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of himself or herself and all successors-in-interest.
- (d) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Paragraph may be made on any basis, including solely the basis of aesthetic considerations, and neither the Board of Directors nor the ACC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the design, quality, structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes, zoning regulations, and other governmental requirements. Neither the Association, the Board of Directors, the ACC, nor member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages or loss arising out of the manner, design, or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Unit, nor may any action be brought against the Association, the Board of Directors, the ACC, or any member thereof, for any such injury, damage or loss.
- (e) No Waiver of Future Approvals. Each Owner acknowledges that the members of the Board of Directors and ACC will change from time to time and that interpretation, application and enforcement of the architectural standards may vary accordingly. Each Owner further acknowledges that the Board of Directors and ACC may adopt different architectural standards for different parts of the Condominium, based on street visibility and location of the proposed modification in the building. The approval of either the Board of Directors or the ACC of any proposals, plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of the Board of Directors, or the ACC shall not constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- (f) <u>Commencement of Construction</u>. All changes, modifications and improvements approved by the ACC hereunder must be commenced within six (6) months from the date of approval. If not commenced within such time, then such approval shall be deemed revoked by the ACC, unless the ACC gives a written extension for commencing the work. All work approved by the ACC hereunder shall be completed in its entirety within ninety (90) days from the date of commencement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the ACC. All approved changes, modifications, and improvements must be completed in their entirety. An Owner may not construct only a portion or part of an approved change, modification, or improvement.

#### 12. <u>USE RESTRICTIONS</u>.

Each Owner of a Unit shall be responsible for ensuring that the Owner's family, guests, tenants and Occupants comply with all provisions of the Condominium Instruments and the rules and regulations of the Association. Furthermore, each Owner and Occupant shall always endeavor to observe and promote the cooperative purposes for which the Association was established. In addition to any rights the Association may have against the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants, as a result of such person's violation of the Condominium Instruments, the Association may take action under this Declaration against the Owner as if the Owner committed the violation in conjunction with the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants.

In addition to the following use restrictions, the Board of Directors may adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the terms hereof and as specified in the Bylaws.

#### (a) Use of Units.

- (i) <u>Residential/Business Use</u>. Each Unit shall be used for residential purposes only, and no trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Unit or any part of the Condominium, except that the Owner or Occupant residing in a Unit may conduct ancillary business activities within the Unit so long as:
  - (A) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside of the Unit;
  - (B) the business activity does not involve visitation of the Unit by employees, clients, customers, suppliers or other business invitees in greater volume than would normally be expected for guest visitation to a residential Unit without business activity;
  - (C) the business activity is legal and conforms to all zoning requirements for the Condominium:
  - (D) the business activity does not increase traffic in the Condominium in excess of what would normally be expected for residential Units in the Condominium without business activity (other than by a reasonable number of deliveries by couriers, express mail carriers, parcel delivery services and other such similar delivery services);
  - (E) the business activity does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the Association's ability to obtain insurance coverage;
  - (F) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Condominium and does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Condominium, as determined in the Board's discretion; and
  - (G) the business activity does not result in a materially greater use of common element facilities or Association services.

The terms "business" and "trade," as used herein, shall have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefor. Notwithstanding the above, the use of a Unit by an on-site management agent operating on behalf of the Association shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this Paragraph.

(ii) Number of Occupants. The maximum number of Occupants in a Unit shall be limited to two (2) people per bedroom in the Unit, (as such bedrooms are depicted on the original Survey and Floor Plans filed in the Cobb County, Georgia records). "Occupancy," for purposes hereof, shall be defined as staying overnight in a dwelling for a total of more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year. This occupancy restriction shall not apply to require the removal of any person lawfully occupying a Unit on the Effective Date hereof. Upon written application, the Board shall grant variances to this restriction to comply with provisions of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 or any amendments thereto.

If an Owner of a Unit is a corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity not being a natural person, the entity shall designate in writing to the Board the name(s) of the person(s) who will occupy the Unit. The designated person(s) to occupy the Unit may not be changed more frequently than once every six (6) months without the express written consent of the Board as determined in the Board's sole discretion.

- (b) <u>Outbuildings</u>. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, tent, shack, carport, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be erected or used by any Owner or Occupant on any portion of the Condominium, at any time, either temporarily or permanently, without the prior written approval of the Board.
- (c) <u>Use of Common Elements Including Amenities</u>. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Elements, nor shall anything be kept, parked, or stored on or removed from any part of the Common Elements without the prior written consent of the Board, except as specifically provided herein.

With prior written Board approval, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board, Owner(s) and/or Occupant(s) may reserve portions of the Common Elements for use for a period of time as set by the Board. Any such Owner(s) and/or Occupant(s) who reserve a portion of the Common Elements as provided herein shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their Occupants, guests and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Elements and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. The Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

There shall be no use of the roof(s) of the Condominium building(s) by the Owners, Occupants, their family members, guests, tenants, invitees, agents or contractors. The Association and its agents and contractors shall have access to the roof(s) for performing its maintenance and repair responsibility. There shall be no gardening or landscaping on the Common Elements by Owners or Occupants without the prior written consent of the Board or as provided in the Rules and Regulations.

The Association shall not be liable to the Owner of any Unit or such Owner's Occupant, guest, or family, for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property which may be stored in or upon any of the Common Elements.

- (d) <u>Use of Limited Common Elements, Storage Spaces and Decks, Balconies and Patios.</u> Except as otherwise provided herein, the use of the Limited Common Elements assigned to the Units is restricted exclusively to the Owners of the Unit to which such Limited Common Elements are assigned, and said Owner's Occupants, guests, family members and invitees. The Limited Common Elements are reserved for exclusive use, but shall not be construed or interpreted to be separate and apart from the Common Elements in general, and the restrictions applicable to the Common Elements shall also apply to the Limited Common Elements.
- (i) <u>Balconies and Patios and Decks and Porches and Terraces</u>. Objects over forty-two (42) inches in height, grills, bicycles, laundry garments, towels and objects other than potted plants and patio furniture, except as may be authorized by the Board, shall not be placed on a balcony or patio or deck or porch or terrace. Objects shall not be permitted to hang over or be attached to any exterior balcony or patio or deck or porch or terrace wall or to otherwise protrude outside of the vertical plane formed by the exterior surface of the balcony or patio or deck or porch or terrace wall. Penetration of the surfaces of a balcony or patio or deck or porch or terrace wall or floor is prohibited.
- (e) <u>Prohibition of Damage, Nuisance and Noise</u>. Without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors, nothing shall be done or kept on the Condominium, or any part thereof, which would increase the rate of insurance on the Condominium or any Unit or part thereof, which would be in violation of any statute, rule, ordinance, regulation, permit or other validly imposed requirements of any governmental body, or which would increase the Common Expenses.

The dwelling Units in the Condominium are built in close proximity to one another, resulting in the sharing of common walls. As a result, noise and vibration may be detectable between Units or between Units and the Common Elements. Therefore, an Owner or Occupant shall not conduct activities within a Unit or use a Unit in a manner that interferes with or causes disruption to the use and quiet enjoyment of another Unit by its respective Owner and Occupant.

Furthermore, noxious, destructive, offensive or unsanitary activity shall not be carried on upon the Condominium. No Owner or Occupant may use or allow the use of the Unit or any portion of the Condominium at any time, in any way, which may endanger the health or property of other Occupants, unreasonably annoy, disturb or cause embarrassment or discomfort to other Owners or Occupants, or, in the Board's discretion, constitute a nuisance. The intention of this provision is to grant the Association and aggrieved Owners and Occupants a right of redress for actions, activities or conduct which unreasonably disturbs or impairs the peaceful and safe enjoyment of the Condominium. In this regard, specific unauthorized and unreasonable annoyances or disturbances shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) Any fighting, screaming, shouting, excessively loud talking, whistling, or playing of music or television, raucous behavior or insobriety either outside of a Unit at any time or within a Unit if such conduct can be heard in the normal course of activities in any other Unit(s);
- (ii) The use of any alarm, equipment, or device, mechanical or otherwise, which creates or produces excessively loud sounds or any vibrations either outside of a Unit at any time or within a Unit if such sounds can be heard or vibrations felt in the normal course of activities in any other Unit(s);
- (iii) Any threatening or intimidating conduct towards any resident, guest or pet at the Condominium;
- (iv) Any conduct which, in the Board's reasonable discretion, creates any danger or risk of injury to others or damage to property at the Condominium or which creates any threat to health or safety of any other resident or pet;
- (v) Any excessively loud play or playground activities either outside of a Unit at any time or within a Unit if such conduct can be heard in the normal course of activities in any other Unit (s);
- (vi) Any conduct which creates any noxious or offensive odor either outside of a Unit at any time or within a Unit if such odors can be detected in the normal course of activities in any other Unit (s);
- (vii) Any smoking in a Unit or on the Condominium that results in second-hand smoke transferring or spreading into other Units;
- (viii) Any incessant or excessive pet noises, including dog barking, if such conduct can be heard in the normal course of activities in any other Unit;
- (ix) Any construction or similar activities in a Unit that can be heard in other Units between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.; or
- (x) Any similar action or activity outside of a Unit on the Condominium, or which occurs inside a Unit but which interferes with the peaceful use and enjoyment of other Units or the Common Element by any other Owner, members of his or her family, guests, invitees, or Occupants of his or her Unit.

However, nothing herein shall be construed to affect the rights of an aggrieved Owner or Occupant to proceed individually against a violator hereof for relief from interference with his or her property or personal rights, and the Board may, in its discretion, require aggrieved individuals to seek redress personally for interference with their personal property rights before the Association intervenes and commences enforcement action hereunder. No claim for any loss, damage or otherwise shall exist by an aggrieved Owner or Occupant against the Association for failure to enforce the provisions hereof if the aggrieved Owner or Occupant has not personally pursued all available remedies against the violator for redress provided under Georgia law.

No Unit Owner or Occupant may use or allow the use of the Unit or the Common Elements in any manner which creates noises between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. which can be heard by persons in another Unit that will, in the Board's sole discretion, unreasonably interfere with the rights, comfort or convenience of any other Owner, members of his or her family, guests, invitees, or Occupants of his or her Unit.

No Owner, Occupant or agent of such Owner or Occupant shall do any work which, in the Board's reasonable opinion, would jeopardize the soundness or safety of the Condominium or any structure thereon, would reduce the value thereof, or would impair any easement or other interest in the Condominium, without prior written consent of all Association members and their Mortgagees.

No damage to or waste of the Common Elements, or any part thereof, shall be permitted by any Owner or any Occupant, guest or invitee of any Owner. Each Owner and Occupant shall indemnify and hold the Association and the other Owners harmless against all loss to the Association or other Owners resulting from any such damage or waste caused by such Owner or Occupant, or the Owner's or Occupant's guest or invitee.

- (f) <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The display or discharge of firearms or fireworks on the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements is prohibited; provided, however, that the display of lawful firearms on the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements is permitted by law enforcement officers and also is permitted for the limited purpose of transporting the firearms across the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements to or from the Owner's Unit. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. The term "fireworks" shall include those items as listed in O.C.G.A. § 25-10-1, as amended.
- (g) Pets. No Owner or Occupant may keep: (1) any animals other than generally recognized household pets on any portion of the Condominium, (2) more than two (2) generally recognized household pets per Unit, and (3) any pet weighing more than thirty-five (35) pounds; provided, however, that these requirements shall not apply to an Owner's or Occupant's pets living at the Condominium as of the Effective Date. Any Owner or Occupant permitted to keep pets not meeting the above criteria may not replace pets that die or are otherwise removed from the Condominium until the number of pets kept in a Unit by such Owner or Occupant is two (2) or less and they meet the above criteria. Notwithstanding the above quantity limits, any number of generally recognized household pets weighing less than two (2) pounds each may be kept in a Unit.

No Owner or Occupant may keep, breed or maintain any pet for any commercial purpose. No structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the Common Elements, including Limited Common Elements, without prior written ACC approval. All pets must be kept on a leash (up to 9 feet in length) and be under the physical control of a responsible person at all times while on the Common Elements, but excluding the Limited Common Elements. Feces left by pets upon the Common Elements must be removed promptly by the owner of the pet or the person responsible for the pet.

No potbellied pigs, venomous snakes, pit bulldogs, rottweillers, doberman pinschers, or other animals determined in the Board's sole discretion to be dangerous may be brought onto or kept on the Condominium at any time. The Board may require that any pet which, in the Board's opinion, endangers

the health of any Owner or Occupant or creates a nuisance or unreasonable disturbance, be permanently removed from the Condominium upon seven (7) days written notice. If the Owner or Occupant fails to comply with such notice, the Board may remove the pet and/or obtain a court order requiring the Owner or Occupant to do so. Without prior notice to the pet's owner, the Board may remove any pet, which, in the Board's sole discretion, presents an immediate danger to the health, safety or property of any community member.

Any Owner or Occupant who keeps or maintains any pet upon the Condominium shall be deemed to have agreed to indemnify and hold the Association, its directors, Officers, and agents free and harmless from any loss, claim or liability of any kind or character whatever arising by reason of keeping or maintaining such pet within the Condominium.

(h) Parking. No Owner or Occupant may keep or bring onto the Condominium more than two (2) vehicles per Unit at any time without prior written Board approval; provided, however, this provision shall not prohibit an Owner or Occupant from having guests or service vehicles park on the Condominium if otherwise in compliance with this subparagraph. Vehicles permitted under this subparagraph may be parked only in designated, lined parking spaces or other areas authorized in writing by the Board. The Board may by rule further define, limit or regulate parking.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the Condominium. For purposes hereof, a vehicle shall be considered "disabled" if it does not have a current license tag or is obviously inoperable. A vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it remains on the Condominium for fourteen (14) consecutive days or longer without prior written Board permission.

Boats, trailers, jet-skis and trailers for same, panel trucks, buses, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, vans (excluding vans used by handicapped persons, mini-vans or sport utility vehicles used as passenger vehicles and receiving a "car" or "passenger vehicle" classification by the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles), recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes, and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors other than Sheriff's, Marshall's, or police officer's vehicles marked as such, are also prohibited from being parked on the Condominium, except in areas, if any, that may be designated by the Board as parking areas for particular types of vehicles. Notwithstanding the above, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Common Elements during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any Unit or the Common Elements; provided, however, no such vehicle shall remain on the Common Elements overnight or for any purpose unless prior written consent of the Board is first obtained.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Condominium in violation of this Paragraph or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board or agent of the Association may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed or booted. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity that will do the towing or booting and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6) months of such notice, the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed or booted in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the vehicle owner or user.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicle or access to another Owner's Unit, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked on any grassy area, is parked in a parking space which has been assigned as exclusively serving another Unit, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed or booted immediately. If a vehicle is towed or booted in accordance with this subparagraph, neither the Association nor any director, Officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing or booting activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow or boot.

- (i) Heating of Units in Colder Months. In order to prevent breakage of water pipes during colder months of the year resulting in damage to any portion of the Condominium, increased Common Expenses, and increased insurance premiums or cancellation of insurance policies due to numerous damage claims, the thermostats within the Units shall be maintained with the heat in an "on" position and at a minimum temperature setting of fifty-five (55°) degrees Fahrenheit (except during power failures or periods when heating equipment is broken) whenever the temperature is forecasted to or does reach thirty-two (32°) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Owners and Occupants of Units shall take all steps possible on a timely basis to keep heating equipment, including, but not limited to, the thermostat, in good working order and repair. At any time during the months specified above when the heating equipment is not working properly, the Lot Owner or Occupant shall immediately inform the Association of this failure of the equipment and of the time needed to repair the equipment. For violation of this subparagraph, the Board: (i) may fine any Owner or Occupant up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or (2) as a temporary measure for the purpose of avoiding damage to one or more units.
- (j) <u>Signs</u>. Except as may be provided for herein or as may be required by legal proceedings, no signs, advertising posters, political placards or billboards of any kind shall be erected, placed, or permitted to remain on the Condominium without the prior written consent of the Board or its designee, except that one (1) professional security sign not to exceed six (6") inches by six (6") inches in size may be displayed from within a Unit, and one (1) professionally lettered "For Rent" or "For Sale" sign not to exceed two (2') feet by two (2') feet in size may be displayed from within a Unit being offered for sale or for lease. The Board also shall have the authority to adopt regulations permitting temporary signs on the front door of a Unit announcing births, birthdays or other events for limited periods of time. The Board shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs on behalf of the Association.
- (k) Rubbish, Trash, and Garbage. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Unit and shall not be allowed to accumulate therein. No garbage or trash shall be placed on the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements outside the Unit, temporarily or otherwise, except in trash cans or dumpsters. Rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be disposed of in appropriate sealed bags and either placed in the trash cans or dumpsters or proper receptacles designated by the Board for collection or removed from the Condominium.
- (I) <u>Impairment of Dwellings and Easements</u>. An Owner shall do no act nor any work that will impair the structural soundness or integrity of another Unit or impair any easement or hereditaments, nor do any act nor allow any condition to exist which will adversely affect the other Units or their Owners or Occupants.
- (m) <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including, but not limited to the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken on any part of the Condominium. Clothing, bedding, rugs, mops, appliances, indoor furniture, and other household items shall not be placed or stored outside the Unit.
- (n) <u>Garage Sales</u>. No garage sale, carport sale, yard sale, flea market, or similar activity shall be conducted in any portion of the Condominium without prior written Board consent. If so permitted, any such activities shall be subject to all reasonable conditions that the Board may impose.
- (o) <u>Window Treatments</u>. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board, all windows in Units shall have window treatments which shall be kept in a neat appearance and any portion thereof visible from outside the Unit shall be white or off-white in color; provided, any window treatments in a Unit on the Effective Date of this Declaration shall not be subject to this subparagraph but shall be required to comply with the provisions of the Original Declaration, the Original By-Laws, and rules of the Association in effect prior to the Effective Date.

- (p) Antennas and Satellite Dishes. Except as provided below, no satellite dish, antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of television signals, radio signals or any form of electromagnetic wave or radiation shall be erected, used or maintained on any portion of the Condominium, including the Unit or Limited Common Elements; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain such devices. The following shall apply to all Unit Owners:
  - (i) No transmission antenna, of any kind, may be erected anywhere on the Condominium, including the Units, without written approval of the Board of Directors or the Architectural Control Committee.
  - (iii) No direct broadcast satellite (DBS) antenna or multi-channel multi-point distribution service (MMDS) antenna larger than one meter in diameter shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon the Condominium, including the Units and the Limited Common Elements.
  - (iii) DBS and MMDS satellite dishes or antennas one meter or less in diameter and television broadcast service antennas may only be installed in accordance with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules and the rules and regulations of the Association, both as may be amended from time to time.

In the event of a transfer of the Unit which includes a satellite dish or antenna, the Grantee shall assume all responsibility for the satellite dish or antenna and shall comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws and the rules and regulations regarding satellite dishes and antennas, including, but not limited to, those requirements relating to maintenance and removal of satellite dish or antenna.

- (q) <u>Grilling</u>. The use of outdoor grills on any portion of the Condominium building(s), including without limitation, a deck, balcony, patio, porch or terrace shall be governed by applicable state laws and ordinances having jurisdiction over the Condominium.
- (r) Abandoned Personal Property. Personal property, other than vehicles as provided for in subparagraph (i) shall not be stored, kept, or allowed to remain for more than twenty-four (24) hours upon any portion of the Common Elements, other than on a Limited Common Element, without prior written Board permission. If the Board determines that a violation exists, then, not less than two (2) days after written notice is placed on the personal property and/or on the front door of the property owner's Unit, if known, the Board may remove and either discard or store the personal property in a location which the Board or the agent of the Association may determine and shall have no obligation to return, replace or reimburse the owner of the property. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity which will remove the property and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation.

The Board, in its discretion, may determine that an emergency situation exists and may exercise its removal rights hereunder without prior notice to the property owner; provided, however, in such case, the Board shall give the property owner, if known, notice of the removal of the property and the location of the property within three (3) days after the property is removed.

Neither the Association nor any director, Officer or agent thereof shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal activity in accordance herewith. The Board may elect to impose fines or use other available remedies, rather than exercise its authority to remove property hereunder.

The Association shall not be liable to the Owner of any Unit or such Owner's Occupant, guest, or family, for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property which may be stored in or upon any of the Common Elements.

#### 13. LEASING.

The Board shall have the power to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations and to fine, in accordance with the Declaration and Bylaws, in order to enforce the provisions of this Paragraph.

- (a) <u>Definition</u>. "Leasing," for purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a Unit by any person or persons other than the Owner; provided, however, for purposes of this Declaration, leasing shall not include exclusive occupancy by the child or parent of an Owner. For purposes hereof, occupancy by a roommate of an Owner who occupies the Unit as such Owner's primary residence shall not constitute leasing hereunder. If an Owner is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an Officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, manager or member of such limited liability company, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of such trust, or agent of such other legal entity shall be deemed an Owner of such Unit for purposes of this Paragraph. Such person's designation as an Owner of such Unit pursuant to this Paragraph shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity holding record title of the Unit.
  - (b) Leasing Provisions. Leasing of Units shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (i) <u>General</u>. Units may be leased only in their entirety; no fraction or portion may be leased without prior written Board approval. All leases shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the lease. The Board shall maintain in its files and, upon request, shall provide to any Owner a form that is deemed acceptable. There shall be no subleasing of Units or assignment of leases without prior written Board approval. All leases must be for an initial term of not less than six (6) months, except with written Board approval. Within seven (7) days after executing a lease agreement for the lease of a Unit, the Unit Owner shall provide the Board with a copy of the lease and the name of the lessee and the names of all other people to occupy the Unit. The Unit Owner must provide the lessee copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations.
- (ii) <u>Compliance With Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, Use of Common Elements, and Liability for Assessments.</u> Any lease of a Unit shall be deemed to contain the following provisions, whether or not expressly therein stated, and each Owner and each lessee, by occupancy of a Unit, covenants and agrees that any lease of a Unit shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into the lease by existence of this covenant on the Unit:
  - (A) <u>Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations</u>. The Owner and lessee shall comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws and Association rules and shall control the conduct of all other occupants and guests of the leased Unit in order to ensure such compliance. The Owner shall cause all occupants of his or her Unit to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws and Association rules, and shall be responsible for all violations by such occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any such violation.

If a Unit is leased or occupied in violation of this Paragraph or if the Owner, lessee, or a person living with the lessee, violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule or regulation, the Association's Board of Directors shall be authorized, in addition to all other available remedies, to levy fines against the lessee and/or the Owner, to suspend all voting and/or Common Element use privileges of the Owner, Occupants and unauthorized tenant(s) and to suspend all common services to the Unit paid for by the Association as a common expense, including water service to the Unit, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Bylaws.

If a Unit is leased or occupied in violation of this Paragraph, the Association may require the Owner to evict the tenant. If the Owner, lessee, or a person living with the lessee, violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule or regulation, such violation is deemed to be a default under the terms of the lease and shall authorize the Owner or the Association, as more fully described herein, to terminate the lease without liability and to evict the lessee in accordance with Georgia law. The Owner hereby delegates and assigns to the Association, acting through the Board, the power and authority of enforcement against the lessee for breaches resulting from the violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including the power and authority to evict the lessee as attorney-in-fact on behalf and for the benefit of the Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof. Alternatively, the Association may require the Owner to evict the violating tenant. If the Association proceeds to evict the lessee, any costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred and court costs associated with the eviction shall be an assessment and lien against the Unit.

- (B) <u>Use of Common Elements</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Elements, including, but not limited to, the use of any and all recreational facilities.
- (C) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. When a Unit Owner who is leasing his or her Unit fails to pay any annual or special assessment or any other charge for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the delinquent Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual and special assessments and other charges payable during and prior to the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee. However, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply with the Board's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all amounts authorized under Paragraph 7 herein as if lessee were an Owner. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.
- (c) Applicability of this Paragraph. Leases existing on the Effective Date hereof shall not be subject to the terms of subparagraph (b) above. Such leases may continue in accordance with the terms of the Original Declaration. However, any assignment, extension, renewal, or modification of any lease agreement, including, but not limited to, changes in the terms or duration of occupancy, shall be considered a termination of the old lease and commencement of a new lease which must comply with this Paragraph. Any Owner of a Unit which is leased on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County land records shall place on file with the Board of Directors a copy of the lease agreement in effect within thirty (30) days of the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

This Paragraph shall not apply to any leasing transaction entered into by the holder of any first Mortgage on a Unit who becomes the Owner of a Unit through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage.

#### 14. SALE OF UNITS.

A Unit Owner intending to make a transfer or sale of a Unit or any interest in a Unit shall give written notice to the Board of Directors of such intention within seven (7) days after execution of the transfer or sales documents. The Unit Owner shall furnish to the Board as part of the notice (i) the name and address of the intended grantee; and (ii) such other information as the Board may reasonably require. This Paragraph shall not be construed to create a right of first refusal in the Association or in any third party.

At the closing of the conveyance or transfer of the Unit to any person other than to the spouse or heir of the Owner, the purchaser/grantee shall pay to the Association the non-refundable, non-prorated Capital Contribution Assessment, as set forth in Paragraph 9(d) above.

Within seven (7) days after receiving title to a Unit, the purchaser of the Unit shall give written notice to the Board of Directors of his or her ownership of the Unit. Upon failure of a Owner to give the required notice within the seven (7) day time period provided herein, the Board may levy fines against the Unit and the Owner thereof, and assess the Owner for all costs incurred by the Association in determining his or her identity.

#### 15. INSURANCE.

(a) The Association shall obtain and maintain at all times, as a Common Expense, insurance as required by Section 44-3-107 of the Act, as amended, and as required herein. To the extent reasonably available at reasonable cost, the Association's insurance policy shall cover any of the following types of property contained within a Unit, regardless of ownership: (a) fixtures, improvements and alterations that are part of the building or structure; and (b) appliances, such as those used for refrigerating, ventilating, cooking, dishwashing, laundering, security or housekeeping. In the alternative, the Association's insurance policy may exclude improvements and betterments made by the Unit Owner and may exclude the finished surfaces of perimeter and partition walls, floors, and ceilings within the Units (i.e., paint, wallpaper, paneling, other wall covering, tile, carpet and any floor covering), provided, however, floor covering does not mean unfinished hardwood or unfinished parquet flooring.

All insurance purchased by the Association pursuant to this Paragraph shall run to the benefit of the Association, the Board of Directors, Officers, all agents and employees of the Association, the Unit Owners and their respective Mortgagees, and all other persons entitled to occupy any Unit as their interests may appear. The Association's insurance policy may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance equals at least the replacement cost of the insured property.

The Board of Directors shall make available for review by Owners a copy of the Association's insurance policy to allow Owners to assess their personal insurance needs and each Owner shall have the right to obtain additional coverage at his or her own expense.

All insurance coverage for the Association shall be written in the name of the Association as trustee for itself, each of the Owners, and the Mortgagees of Owners, if any. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors at least every two (2) years to conduct an insurance review to determine if the policy in force is adequate to meet the needs of the Association and to satisfy the requirements of Section 44-3-107 of the Act, as amended. Such responsibility may be performed, and shall be deemed reasonably performed, by the Board requesting the Association's insurance agent to verify that insurance policies in existence meet the needs of the Association and satisfy the requirements of Section 44-3-107 of the Act, as amended.

- (b) The Board of Directors shall utilize reasonable efforts to secure a blanket hazard insurance policy providing "all risk" coverage in an amount equal to full replacement cost, before application of deductibles, of all improvements located on the Condominium. If "all risk" coverage is not reasonably available at reasonable cost, the Board shall obtain, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage, including coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief, in like amounts. The Board shall use reasonable efforts to obtain policies that will provide the following:
- (i) ordinance or law coverage, demolition cost coverage and increased cost of construction coverage;
- (ii) the insurer waives its rights of subrogation of any claims against directors, Officers, the managing agent, the individual Owners, Occupants, and their respective household members;

- (iii) any "other insurance" clause contained in the master policy shall expressly exclude individual Unit Owners' policies from its operation;
- (iv) until the expiration of thirty (30) days after the insurer gives notice in writing to the Mortgagee of any Unit, the Mortgagee's insurance coverage will not be affected or jeopardized by any act or conduct of the Owner of such Unit, the other Unit Owners, the Board of Directors, or any of their agents, employees, or household members, nor be canceled for nonpayment of premiums;
- (v) the master policy may not be canceled, substantially modified, or subjected to nonrenewal without at least thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the Board of Directors and all Mortgagees of Units; and
  - (vi) an agreed value endorsement and an inflation guard endorsement.
- (c) All policies of insurance shall be written with a company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia. The company shall provide insurance certificates to each Owner and each Mortgagee upon request.

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

In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Unit Owners or their Mortgagees. Each Unit Owner shall notify the Board of Directors of all structural improvements made by the Unit Owner to his or her Unit. Any Unit Owner who obtains an individual insurance policy covering any portion of the Condominium, other than improvements and betterments made by such Owner at his or her expense and personal property belonging to such Owner, shall, upon request by the Board, file a copy of such individual policy or policies with the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days after the purchase of such insurance. Such Owner shall also promptly notify, in writing, the Board of Directors in the event such policy is cancelled.

- (d) In addition to the insurance required hereinabove, the Board shall obtain as a Common Expense:
- (i) workers' compensation insurance if and to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of law;
- (ii) public liability insurance in amounts no less than required by Section 44-3-107 of the Act, as amended, and officers' and directors' liability insurance in such amounts as the Board may determine. The public liability insurance shall contain a cross liability endorsement;
- (iii) fidelity bonds, if reasonably available, covering Officers, directors, employees, and other persons who handle or are responsible for handling Association funds. Such bonds, if reasonably available, shall be in an amount consistent with the best business judgment of the Board of Directors; and
- (iv) such other insurance as the Board of Directors may determine to be necessary or desirable.
- (e) Insurance carried by the Association as a Common Expense shall not be required to include: (i) any part of a Unit that is not depicted on the original Survey and Floor Plans; or (ii) any part of a Unit that was not included as part of the collateral for the initial loan made for the initial purchase of the Unit, nor shall the Association include public liability insurance for individual Owners for liability arising within the Unit.

- (f) Nothing contained herein gives any Owner or other party a priority over any rights of first Mortgagees as to distribution of insurance proceeds. Any insurance proceeds payable to the Owner of a Unit on which there is a Mortgagee endorsement shall be disbursed jointly to such Unit Owner and the Mortgagee. This is a covenant for the benefit of any such Mortgagee and may be enforced by any such Mortgagee.
- (g) Every Unit Owner shall be obligated to obtain and maintain at all times insurance covering those portions of his or her Unit to the extent not insured by policies maintained by the Association. Upon request by the Board, the Unit Owner shall furnish a copy of such insurance policy or policies to the Association. In the event that any such Unit Owner fails to obtain insurance as required by this subparagraph, the Association may purchase such insurance on behalf of the Unit Owner and assess the cost thereof to the Unit Owner, to be collected in the manner provided for collection of assessments under Paragraph 10 hereof.
- (h) <u>Insurance Deductibles</u>. In the event of an insured loss, any required deductible shall be considered a maintenance expense to be paid by the person or persons who would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance. If the loss affects more than one (1) Unit or a Unit and the Common Elements, the cost of the deductible may be apportioned equitably by the Board among the parties suffering loss in proportion to each affected owner's portion of the total cost of repair. Notwithstanding this, if the insurance policy provides that the deductible will apply to each Unit separately or to each occurrence, each Unit Owner shall be responsible for paying the deductible pertaining to his or her Unit, if any. If any Owner or Owners fail to pay the deductible when required under this subparagraph, then the Association may pay the deductible and assess the cost to the Owner or Owners pursuant to Paragraph 8 of this Declaration; provided, however, where the deductible is for insurance required under the Act, no Owner shall be assigned more than Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00), or such higher amount as authorized by the Act, as the cost of the deductible for any one (1) occurrence.
- (i) <u>Payment of Claims to Delinquent Owners</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event of an insured loss under the Association's master hazard insurance policy for which the Association receives from the insurer payment for a loss sustained by an Owner who is delinquent in the payment of assessments owed to the Association under Paragraph 10 hereof, then the Association may retain and apply such proceeds to the delinquency. Any surplus remaining after application of the proceeds to any delinquency shall be paid by the Association to the affected Unit Owner.

#### 16. REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION.

In the event of damage to or destruction of all or any part of the Condominium as a result of fire or other casualty, unless eighty percent (80%) of the Unit Owners, including the Owner or Owners of any damaged Unit or Units, vote not to proceed with the reconstruction and repair of the structure, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall arrange for and supervise the prompt repair and restoration of the structure. In the event of substantial damage or destruction, each holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to written notice of the damage, and nothing in these documents shall be construed to afford a priority to any Unit Owner with respect to the distribution of proceeds to any such Unit.

- (a) <u>Cost Estimates</u>. Immediately after a fire or other casualty causing damage to the Condominium, the Board of Directors shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repairing and restoring the structures (including any damaged Unit) to substantially the condition that existed before such casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Such costs may also include professional fees and premiums for such bonds as the Board of Directors determines to be necessary.
- (b) <u>Source and Allocation of Proceeds</u>. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the costs of reconstruction and repair due to failure of the Association to maintain coverage as

provided in Paragraph 15 of this Declaration, the additional cost shall be a Common Expense. If, for any reason, the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Board, the additional costs shall be assessed against the Owners of the Unit(s) damaged in proportion to the damage to the Units or against all Owners, in the case of insufficient funds to cover damage to the Common Elements. This assessment shall not be considered a special assessment as discussed in Paragraph 9(e). If there are surplus funds after repair and reconstruction is completed, such funds shall be common funds of the Association to be used as directed by the Board.

- (c) <u>Floor Plans and Specifications</u>. Any such reconstruction or repair shall be substantially in accordance with the Floor Plans and specifications under which the Condominium was originally constructed, except where changes are necessary to comply with current applicable building codes or where improvements not in accordance with the original Floor Plans and specifications are approved by the Board of Directors. To the extent insurance proceeds are available, the Association may reconstruct or repair Owner improvements damaged as a result of fire or other casualty.
- (d) <u>Encroachments</u>. Encroachments upon or in favor of Units that may be created as a result of such reconstruction or repair shall not constitute a claim or basis for any proceeding or action by the Unit Owner upon whose property such encroachment exists, provided that such reconstruction was substantially in accordance with the architectural plans under which the Condominium was originally constructed. Such encroachments shall be allowed to continue in existence for so long as the reconstructed building shall stand.
- (e) <u>Construction Fund</u>. The net proceeds of the insurance collected on account of a casualty and the funds collected by the Association from assessments against Unit Owners on account of such casualty shall constitute a construction fund, which shall be disbursed in payment of the cost of reconstruction and repair in the manner set forth in this Paragraph to be disbursed by the Association in appropriate progress payments to such contractor(s), supplier(s), and personnel performing the work or supplying materials or services for the repair and reconstruction of the buildings as are designated by the Board of Directors.

#### 17. EMINENT DOMAIN.

In the event of a taking by condemnation or by eminent domain, the provisions of the Act shall prevail and govern; provided, however, that any proceeds received for a taking of the Common Elements (other than Limited Common Elements) by condemnation or eminent domain shall, at the option of the Board, either be allocated to the Owners pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-3-97(a), as amended, or be deposited into the Association's operating account or reserve account to be applied to Common Expenses. Each holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to written notice of any such condemnation proceedings, and nothing in the Condominium Instruments shall be construed to give a priority to any Unit Owner in the distribution of proceeds to such Unit.

#### 18. EASEMENTS.

- (a) <u>Easements for Use and Enjoyment</u>. Every Unit Owner and Occupant shall have a right and non-exclusive easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Elements which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to his or her Unit, subject to the following provisions:
- (i) the rights of the Unit Owners to the exclusive use of the Limited Common Elements assigned to their respective Units;
- (ii) the right of the Association to have access to the Units and Limited Common Elements assigned to a Unit to discharge its rights and obligations, under the Condominium Instruments, including without limitation, the maintenance responsibility of the Association.

- (iii) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Elements, to limit the number of guests of Unit Owners and tenants who may use the Common Elements, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his or her family, tenants, guests, and invitees;
- (iv) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of an Owner and the right of an Owner to use the Common Elements for any period during which any assessment or charge against his or her Unit which is provided for herein remains unpaid and for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations;
- (v) the right of the Association to borrow money as may be set forth in the Bylaws; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for any Unit or Unit Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Unit (Any provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights therein by the holder thereof in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of any Unit or Unit Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Unit.);
- (vi) the right of the Association to grant permits, licenses or easements across the Common Elements, as authorized in this Declaration or the Bylaws;
- (vii) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Elements subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members of the Association.

Any Unit Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Elements and facilities located thereon to the members of his or her family, his or her tenants and guests, and shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all such rights to the Occupants of his or her Unit, if leased.

- (b) <u>Easement for Entry.</u> The Association has an easement to enter into Units for maintenance, emergency, security, or safety purposes, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, Officers, agents, employees, managers, and all police officers, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Unit. For the purposes of this Paragraph, an emergency justifying immediate entry into a Unit shall include, but not be limited to, the following situations: a water or other utility leak, fire, strong foul odor, obvious insect infestation or sounds indicating that a person or animal might be injured or sick and require immediate medical attention. No one exercising the rights granted in this subparagraph shall be liable for trespass, damages, or in any other manner by virtue of exercising such rights. The failure to exercise the rights herein or to exercise said rights in a timely manner shall not create liability to any of the above-referenced parties, it being agreed that no duty to enter a Unit shall exist.
- (c) <u>Support</u>. Every portion of a Unit and all Limited Common Elements contributing to the support of an abutting Unit shall be burdened with a non-exclusive easement of support for the benefit of such abutting Unit.
- (d) <u>Encroachments</u>. The Units and Common Elements shall be subject to non-exclusive easements of encroachment as set forth in the Act.
- (e) <u>Utilities</u>. To the extent that the sprinkler system or any utility line, pipe, wire, or conduit serving any Unit, Units or the Common Elements shall lie wholly or partially within the boundaries of another

Unit or the Common Elements, such other Unit, Units, or the Common Elements shall be burdened with a non-exclusive easement for the use, maintenance, repair and replacement of such sprinkler system, utility line, pipe, wire or conduit, such non-exclusive easement to be in favor of the Unit, Units, or Common Elements served by the same and the Association. It shall be the obligation of the benefited Owner to maintain, replace and repair any pipe, line, conduit, duct or wire owned by such Owner, even if such pipe, line conduit, duct or wire is located within the boundaries of a Unit of another Owner. In such circumstance, the benefited Owner shall repair all incidental damage to any Unit resulting from performance of any such work. All Unit Owners hereby covenant and agree that as finish levels can have varying degrees, such repairs will be complete only to the extent of being "paint-ready". Components that may require repair or replacement, such as tile and trim, will be reinstalled only to the extent of readily available materials or similar materials (trim and such will also be finished to "paint-ready"). Due to the uncontrollability of quality of repair, items such as faux paint treatment, wallpaper, ceiling/wall appliqué, and any other similar types of finishes, will not be the responsibility of the benefited Owner.

- (f) Pest Control. The Association may but shall not be obligated to dispense chemicals for the extermination of insects and pests within the Units and Common Elements. 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 Units for the purpose of dispensing chemicals for the exterminating of insects and pests within the Units and Common Elements. Unit Owners shall either provide a key to the Unit for purpose of such entry or have someone available at such times as are designated by the Board of Directors to allow entry into the Unit for this purpose. The Association shall not be liable for any illness, damage, or injury caused by the dispensing of these chemicals for this purpose.
- (g) <u>Community Bulletin Board</u>. As part of the Common Elements maintained by the Association, the Board shall have the right, but not the obligation, to erect on the Condominium a bulletin board primarily for the use of Unit Owners in advertising their Units for sale. For so long as the Association desires to maintain this bulletin board, each Unit Owner and his licensed real estate broker and agent may use the Condominium for access, ingress and egress to and from this bulletin board; provided, however, the use of the bulletin board shall be subject to such reasonable nondiscriminatory rules and regulations as may be adopted or promulgated by the Board regulating the size and duration of such advertisements. The Board may terminate use of this bulletin board entirely at any time, and no property rights of any kind are created hereby.
- (i) Public in General. The easements and rights created in this Paragraph do not, are not intended to, and shall not be construed to create any easements or rights in or for the benefit of the general public; provided, however, nothing set forth herein shall in any way limit or restrict any existing easements or rights already granted to the public as such easements or rights are previously recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records. The Board of Directors hereby reserves the right to close temporarily, to the extent reasonably practicable, upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice (which may be given by posting in conspicuous locations upon the relevant portion of the Condominium), all or any portion of the Condominium that, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, may be legally necessary to prevent a dedication thereof, or any accrual of any rights therein, in the general public or in any Person other than the Persons for which such easements are expressly created in this Declaration.

### 19. MORTGAGEE'S RIGHTS.

- (a) Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees and two-thirds (2/3) of the Unit Owners give their consent, the Association or the membership shall not:
  - (i) by act or omission seek to abandon or terminate the Condominium;
- (ii) change the pro rata interest or obligations of any individual Unit for the purpose of (1) levying assessments or charges or allocating distributions of hazard insurance proceeds or condemnation awards; or (2) determining the pro rata share of ownership of each Unit in the Common Elements;

- (iii) partition or subdivide any Unit in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration;
- (iv) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Elements (the granting of easements or licenses, as authorized herein, shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this clause); or
- (v) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to any portion of the Condominium (whether to Units or to Common Elements) for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such portion of the Condominium.

The provisions of this subparagraph shall not be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must be obtained from Mortgagees or Unit Owners where a larger percentage vote is otherwise required by the Act or the Condominium Instruments for any of the actions contained in this Paragraph.

- (b) Where the Mortgagee holding a first Mortgage of record, a secondary purchase money Mortgage of record (provided that neither the grantee nor any successor grantee on the secondary purchase money Mortgage is the seller of the Unit) or other purchaser of a Unit obtains title pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of the Mortgage, it shall not be liable, nor shall the Unit be subject to a lien, for the share of the Common Expenses or assessments by the Association chargeable to such Unit which became due prior to such acquisition of title. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all the Units, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns. Additionally, such acquirer shall be responsible for all charges accruing subsequent to the passage of title, including, but not limited to, all charges for the month in which title is passed.
- (c) Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the holder and the Unit number or address, any Eligible Mortgage Holder will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (i) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Condominium or any Unit on which there is a first Mortgage held by such Eligible Mortgage Holder;
- (ii) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Unit subject to a first Mortgage held by such Eligible Mortgage Holder which remains unsatisfied for a period of sixty (60) days, and any default in the performance by an individual Unit Owner of any other obligation under the Condominium Instruments which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (iii) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; or
- (iv) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgage Holders, as specified herein.
- (d) Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the holder and the Unit number or address, any Eligible Mortgage Holder, or insurer or guarantor of a first mortgage on a Unit, will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (i) any proposed amendment of the Condominium Instruments effecting a change in (a) the boundaries of any Unit or the exclusive easement rights appertaining thereto; (b) the interests in the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements appertaining to any Unit or the liability for Common Expenses appertaining thereto; (c) the number of votes in the Association appertaining to any Unit; or (d) the purposes to which any Unit or the Common Elements are restricted;
  - (ii) any proposed termination of the Condominium;

- (iii) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Condominium or any Unit on which there is a first Mortgage held by such Eligible Mortgage Holder;
- (iv) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Unit subject to a first Mortgage held by such Eligible Mortgage Holder which remains unsatisfied for a period of sixty (60) days, and any default in the performance by an individual Unit Owner of any other obligation under the Condominium Instruments which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (v) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; or
- (vi) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgage Holders, as specified herein.
- (e) Any holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled, upon written request, to receive within a reasonable time after request, a copy of the financial statement of the Association for the immediately preceding fiscal year, free of charge to the Mortgagee so requesting.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the provisions of Paragraphs 15 and 16 governing sales and leases shall not apply to impair the right of any first Mortgagee to:
  - (i) foreclose or take title to a Unit pursuant to remedies contained in its Mortgage; or
  - (ii) take a deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure; or
  - (iii) sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of a Unit acquired by the Mortgagee.
- (g) No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first mortgagee of any Unit in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Elements.
- (h) <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of any mortgagee encumbering such Owner's Unit.
- (i) Failure of Mortgagee to Respond. Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request, provided such request is delivered to the Mortgagee by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.
- (j) <u>Construction of this Paragraph</u>. Nothing contained in this Paragraph shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Condominium Instruments or Georgia law for any of the actions set forth in this Paragraph.

#### AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

The Condominium shall be used only for those uses and purposes set out in this Declaration. Every Owner and Occupant shall comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Association, and any lack of compliance therewith shall entitle the Association and, in an appropriate case, one or more aggrieved Unit Owners, to take action to enforce the terms of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations. In addition to any rights the Association may have against an Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants, as a result of such person's violation of the Condominium Instruments, the

Association may take action under this Declaration against the Owner as if the Owner committed the violation in conjunction with the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants.

The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the Owner's Unit, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote and/or to use the Common Elements for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules. However, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to deny ingress and egress to or from a Unit. If any Occupant of a Unit violates the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules, a fine may be imposed against the Owner and/or Occupant, as set forth below. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.

In any enforcement action taken by the Association under this Paragraph, to the maximum extent permissible, all costs incurred by the Association in abating a violation or otherwise taking action to enforce the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, may be assessed against the violating Owner and/or Occupant pursuant to Paragraph 8(b)(ii) above.

- (a) Fining and Suspension Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine, suspend the right to vote or suspend the right to use the Common Elements, unless and until the Association has sent or delivered written notice to the violator as provided in subsection (i) below. However, compliance with this subparagraph shall not be required for the following: (i) late charges on delinquent assessments; (ii) suspension of voting rights if an Owner is shown on the Association's records to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association, in which case suspension of the right to use the Common Elements if an Owner is shown on the Association's records to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association, in which case suspension of the right to use the Common Elements shall be automatic; provided, however, suspension of parking privileges shall require compliance with Paragraph 9(c)(iv) above; and (iv) suspension of common utility services, which shall require compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 9(c)(v) above.
- (i) <u>Notice</u>. If any provision of the Declaration or Bylaws or any Association rule is violated, the Board shall send the violator written notice identifying the violation and fine(s) and/or suspension(s) being imposed and advising the violator of the right to request a hearing before the Board to contest the violation or the fine(s) and/or suspension(s) or to request reconsideration of the fine(s) and/or suspension(s). Fines and/or suspensions may be effective or commence upon the sending of such notice or such later date specified in such notice, notwithstanding the violator's right to request a hearing before the Board to challenge the fine(s) and/or suspension(s). In the event of a continuing violation, each day the violation continues or occurs again constitutes a separate offense, and fines may be imposed on a per diem basis without further notice to the violator.
- (ii) <u>Hearing</u>. If a written request for hearing is received from the violator within ten (10) days of the date of the violation notice provided above, then the Board shall schedule and hold in executive session a hearing affording the violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing. The Board may establish rules of conduct for such hearing, which may include limits on time and on the number of participants who may be present at one time. Failure to request a timely hearing as provided herein shall result in loss of the right to challenge and request reconsideration of the fines.
- (b) Additional Enforcement Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Board may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing or booting of vehicles that are in violation of parking regulations) and/or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both, without the necessity for compliance with the procedure set forth in subparagraph (a) above.

Unless another procedure is set forth herein, the Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter a Unit or upon any portion of the Common Elements to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates the Declaration, the Bylaws or the rules and regulations; provided, however, the violating Owner or Occupant is given at least two (2) days prior written notice requesting that the violation be removed and abated and the property restored to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the structure, thing or condition being placed on the property and causing the violation. Such removal, abatement and restoration shall be accomplished at the violator's sole cost and expense.

If the Association exercises its rights subject to this subparagraph or any other enforcement measure provided for in this Declaration or by law, all costs of enforcement (including self-help), including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be assessed against the violating Owner or Occupant (an Owner shall also be jointly and severally liable for all Occupant costs) and shall constitute a lien against the Unit. All such amounts shall be collected as an assessment pursuant to this Declaration. Additionally, the Association shall have the authority to record in the Cobb County land records a notice of violation identifying any uncured violation of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations regarding the Unit.

(c) <u>Failure to Enforce</u>. Notwithstanding the above, no right of action shall exist against the Association for failure of enforcement where: (i) the Board determines that the Association's position is not strong enough to justify taking enforcement action; (ii) a particular violation is not of such a material nature as to be objectionable to a reasonable person or justify the expense and resources to pursue; or (iii) the Owner or party asserting a failure of enforcement possesses an independent right to bring an enforcement action therefore at law or in equity and has failed to do so.

#### 21. AMENDMENTS.

- (a) Member Approval Procedure. Except where a higher vote is required for action under any other provisions of this Declaration or by the Act, or in the case of an amendment to assign or reassign limited common elements, or as a result of condemnation or substantial destruction as provided herein, this Declaration may be amended by the affirmative vote, written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent of the members of the Association holding two-thirds (2/3) of the total eligible vote thereof. Notice of a meeting, if any, at which a proposed amendment will be considered shall state the fact of consideration and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall be effective until certified by the President and Secretary of the Association and recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.
- (b) <u>Default Member Approval Procedure After Nonresponse</u>. It is recognized that, when owners fail to participate in an amendment vote because of apathy or other reasons which are not based on any disagreement with a proposed amendment, vital amendments to the Declaration or By-Laws may have no chance of approval, with the supermajority voting requirements established under the Act. It also is recognized that supermajority voting requirements are important for owner actions which are as significant as amending this Declaration or By-Laws. To balance these competing concerns, this subparagraph establishes a mechanism which provides every eligible owner an opportunity to issue a vote of approval, disapproval or abstention on proposed amendments to the Declaration or By-Laws, but also a realistic mechanism for approving important amendments, without the damaging consequences of owner nonresponse.

The Board shall issue notice of all proposed amendments to each owner. With each such notice, the Board shall include a copy of the proposed amendment, along with a consent form, ballot in lieu of a meeting, or directed proxy, each complying with any requirements of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-1, *et seq.*, giving owners an opportunity to vote for, vote against or abstain from voting on the proposed amendment.

If the amendment is not preliminarily approved by sufficient vote or preliminarily defeated by sufficient vote within sixty (60) days of such notice, then the Board may seek to obtain default approval from owners under this subparagraph. In such case the Board shall, by certified mail, send or issue a default approval notice to all owners who have not voted or returned consents or ballots on a proposed amendment within the sixty (60) day period. The default approval notice shall include a consent form or ballot, as provided above, along with a statement that the owner's failure to return an executed consent form or ballot, marked with a vote for, a vote against, or an abstention from voting on the amendment, within thirty (30) days of the date of such notice, will be deemed consent to such amendment. If the Board does not receive such consent or ballot within the time specified, the owner will be deemed to have consented to and approved the amendment.

(c) In addition to the above, material amendments to this Declaration must be approved by Eligible Mortgage Holders who represent at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of Units that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Mortgage Holders. Notwithstanding the above, the approval of any proposed amendment by an Eligible Mortgage Holder shall be deemed implied and consented to if the Eligible Mortgage Holder fails to submit a response to any written proposal for an amendment within thirty (30) days after the Eligible Mortgage Holder receives notice of the proposed amendment sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors, without the necessity of a vote from the Owners, may amend this Declaration to correct any scriveners errors, comply with any applicable state, city or federal law, and/or to bring the Condominium into compliance with applicable rules and regulations of the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and the Veterans Administration ("VA") pursuant to federal law.

(d) <u>Validity of Amendments</u>. If legal action is not instituted to challenge the validity of this Declaration or any amendment hereto within one (1) year of the recording thereof in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, then such amendment or document shall be presumed to be validly adopted.

### 22. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) Security. THE ASSOCIATION MAY, BUT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO, FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDE MEASURES OR TAKE ACTIONS WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IMPROVE SECURITY ON THE CONDOMINIUM; HOWEVER, EACH OWNER, FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND HIS OR HER TENANTS, GUESTS, LICENSEES, AND INVITEES, ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT A PROVIDER OF SECURITY AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT HAVE A DUTY TO PROVIDE SECURITY ON THE CONDOMINIUM. FURTHERMORE, THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT NON-UNIT OWNERS AND NON-OCCUPANTS WILL NOT GAIN ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY AND COMMIT CRIMINAL ACTS ON THE PROPERTY NOR DOES THE ASSOCIATION GUARANTEE THAT CRIMINAL ACTS ON THE PROPERTY WILL NOT BE COMMITTED BY OTHER UNIT OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH OWNER TO PROTECT HIS OR HER PERSON AND PROPERTY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SUCH SECURITY SHALL LIE SOLELY WITH EACH UNIT OWNER. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES UNDERTAKEN.
- (b) <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Prior to filing a lawsuit against the Association, the Board, or any Officer, director, or property manager of the Association, a Unit Owner or Occupant must request and attend a hearing with the Board of Directors. Any such request shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered to any member of the Board of Directors or the property manager, if any, of the Association. The Owner or Occupant shall, in such request and at the hearing, make a good faith effort to explain the grievance to the Board and resolve the dispute in an amicable fashion, and shall give the Board a reasonable opportunity to address the Owner's or Occupant's grievance before filing suit. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Board shall give notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the

person requesting the hearing. The Board shall schedule this hearing for a date not less than seven (7) or more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the request.

#### (a) Party Walls

- (i) General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall built as a part of the original construction of the Units which shall serve and separate any two (2) adjoining Units shall constitute a party wall and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Paragraph, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligent or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.
- (ii) <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in equal proportions.
- (iii) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has benefited by the wall may restore it, and the other Owner or Owners thereafter who are benefited by the wall or fence shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in equal proportions, without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
- (iv) <u>Right to Contribution Runs With Land</u>. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Paragraph shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.
- (v) <u>Arbitration</u>. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Paragraph, each party shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. Should any party refuse to appoint an arbitrator within ten (10) days after written request therefor by the Board, the Board shall appoint an arbitrator for the refusing party. 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. Compliance with this subparagraph shall be a condition precedent to any right of legal action that either party may have against the other in a dispute arising hereunder.
- (b) <u>No Discrimination</u>. No action shall be taken by the Association or the Board of Directors that would unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap.
- (c) <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, any use restriction or rule, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it therein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.
- (d) <u>Electronic Records, Notices and Signatures</u>. Notwithstanding any other portion of this Declaration, records, signatures and notices shall not be denied validity or effectiveness hereunder solely on the grounds that they are transmitted, stored, made or presented electronically. The relevant provisions of the Bylaws shall govern the giving of all notices required by this Declaration.
- (e) <u>Duration</u>. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property perpetually to the extent provided in the Act.
- (f) <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order or otherwise shall in no way affect the application of such provision to other circumstances or affect any other provision(s), which shall remain in full force and effect.

Preparer. This Declaration was prepared by Robert S. Stein, Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco, P.C., One Alliance Center, 4th Floor, 3500 Lenox Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30326. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Officers of Sandpiper Condominium Association, Inc., hereby certify that the above amendment to the Declaration was duly adopted by the required majority of the Association and its membership, with any required notices duly given. This 13 day of September SANDPIPER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. By: K. Mesija Rovajosky [SEAL]
President

Attest: Darbara & Urruh [SEAL] [CORPORATE SEAL] Signed, sealed, and delivered this 13 day of September in the presence of: Witness

Notary Public [NOTARY SEAL]

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## Property Description

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 859 and 868 of the 17th District, Second Section of Cobb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwest line of the right-of-way of Powers Ferry Road (being a 70 foot right-of-way) a distance of 878.8 feet northwest, as measured along the southwest line of the right-of-way of Powers Ferry Road, from the intersection formed by the southwest line of the right-of-way of Powers Ferry Road and the south line of said Land Lot 868 (being the north line of Land Lot 869 of said District); running thence in a southwesterly direction along a line forming an exterior angle of 88 degrees 58 minutes with the southwest line of the right-of-way of Powers Ferry Road and along a northwest line of Phase 4 a distance of 457.1 feet to a point; running thence in a westerly direction along a line forming an interior angle of 141 degrees 48 minutes with the last preceding course and along the north line of Phase 3 a distance of 120.7 feet to a point in the west line of said Land Lot 868 (being the east line of said Land Lot 859); running thence in a westerly direction along a line forming an interior angle of 180 degrees with the last preceding course and along the north line of Phase 3 a distance of 452.5 feet'to a point; running thence in a northerly direction along a line forming an interior angle of 90 degrees with the last preceding course and along an east line of Phase 2 a distance of 430 feet, more or less, to a point in the centerline of a creek; running thence in an easterly and northeasterly direction along the centerline of said creek and following the meanderings thereof a distance of 500 feet, more or less, to a point in the east line of said Land Lot 859 (being the west line of said Land Lot 868); running thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Land Lot 859 (being the west line of said Land Lot 868) a distance of 40.2 feet, more or less, to a point in the intersection formed by the east line of said Land Lot 859 (being the west line of said Land Lot 868) and the centerline of a sewer; running thence in an easterly direction along a line forming an interior angle of 103 degrees 51 minutes with the last preceding course, and along the centerline of said sewer, a distance of 183.0 feet to a point on the southwest line of the right-of-way of Powers Ferry Road; running thence in a southeasterly direction along a line forming an interior angle of 113 degrees 19 minutes with the last preceding course, and along the southwest line of the right-of-way of Powers Ferry Road, a distance of 500.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; being 10.00 acres in area designated "PHASE 1" on a plat, to which reference is made for all purposes, prepared by James P. Chapman, Georgia Registered Architect, dated November 10, 1972.

<u>Unit</u>	Percent Interest	<u>Unit</u>	Percent Interest
1	1.2658	40	1.2658
2	1.2658	41	1.2658
3	1.2658	42	1.2658
4	1.2658	43	1.2658
5	1.2658	44	1.2658
6	1.2658	45	1.2658
7	1.2658	46	1.2658
8	1.2658	47	1.2658
9	1.2658	48	1.2658
10	1.2658	49	1.2658
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19	1.2658	59	1.2658
20	1.2658	60	1.2658
21	1.2658	61	1.2659
22	1.2658	62	1.2659
23	1.2658	63	1.2659
24 24-A	1.2658 1.2658	64	1.2659
25 25	1.2658	65	1.2659
26	1.2658	66	1.2659
27	1.2658	67	1.2659
28	1.2658	68	1.2659
29	1.2658	69	1.2659
30	1.2658	70	1.2659
31	1.2658	71	1.2659
32	1.2658	72	1.2659
33	1.2658	73	1.2659
34	1.2658	74	1.2659
35	1.2658	75	1.2659
36	1.2658	76	1.2659
37	1.2658	77	1.2659
38	1.2658	78	1.2659
39	1.2658		