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DECLARATION

OF

RESTRICTIONS (CC&amp;Rs)

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This Declaration contains alternative dispute resolution procedures that include a waiver of a trial by a jury. See the Claims Procedure in Exhibit B. You are advised to read these procedures carefully and consult with legal counsel if you have any questions.

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## DECLARATION

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## RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs)

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**REFLECTIONS AT HIDDENBROOKE**  
**DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs)**

**THIS DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs)** is executed by WESTERN PACIFIC HOUSING, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Declarant") with reference to the following facts:

- A. Declarant is constructing a residential development in multiple phases located on certain real property in Vallejo, California. The first phase consists of Lots 1 through 16 and 78 through 80, more particularly described on the subdivision map entitled "Reflections at Hiddenbrooke" filed in the records of Solano County, California, on August 15, 2003, in Book 76 of Maps at pages 92 through 101. Parcel B shown on the Map is not and will not be subject to this Declaration.
- B. Declarant desires to impose certain restrictions on the lots in the development that will benefit and bind each lot, and each owner and successive owner thereto, as covenants running with the land and equitable servitudes, to grant and describe certain easements that will be appurtenant to the lots and/or in favor of the homeowners association, and to establish a planned development within the meaning of Civil Code section 1351(k).
- C. The restrictions, rights and duties described herein will benefit and bind the lots in Phase 1 on the recordation of this Declaration and each subsequent phase on the recordation of a declaration of annexation annexing that phase into the development.

**DECLARANT DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1 - Definitions**

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

- 7.1. 1.1 **Architectural Committee or Committee.** The Architectural Committee described in **Section**
- 1.2 **Articles.** The Articles of Incorporation of the Association and any amendments thereto.
- 1.3 **Association.** Reflections at Hiddenbrooke Homeowners Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.
- 1.4 **Board.** The Board of Directors of the Association.
- 1.5 **Bylaws.** The Bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.

- 1.6 Common Area. The real property owned and maintained by the Association. There is no common area in Phase 1. If and when annexed, the Common Area is expected to consist of Parcels A, B and C on the Map.
- 1.7 Courtyards. The portions of the Lots that are subject to the ingress, egress and use easements and public utility easements identified as "I.E.U.E. and P.U.E" on the Map.
- 1.8 Declarant. Western Pacific Housing, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor or assign that assumes in writing all or a portion of the rights and duties of the Declarant hereunder. There may be more than one Declarant.
- 1.9 Declaration. This Declaration of Restrictions (CC&Rs) and any amendments or corrections thereto.
- 1.10 Development. The residential development that is constructed on the Property and made subject to this Declaration, including the Residential Lots, the Common Area, and all Improvements thereon.
- 1.11 Governing Documents. This Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the Rules.
- 1.12 Improvements. Any fixtures affixed to any Lot or Common Area in the Development within the meaning of Civil Code section 660.
- 1.13 Lot or Residential Lot. Lots 1 through 16 and 78 through 80 as shown on the Map and all Improvements thereon, and any additional residential lots that may be subsequently annexed into the Development as described in **Article 14** and any improvements thereon.
- 1.14 Map. The subdivision map entitled "Reflections at Hiddenbrooke" filed for record in Solano County, California, on August 15, 2003, in Book 76 of Maps at pages 92 through 101, including any subsequently-recorded amended final maps, parcel maps, certificates of correction, lot-line adjustments, and/or records of survey.
- 1.15 Member. A member of the Association.
- 1.16 Mortgage. A recorded mortgage or deed of trust against one or more Lots in the Development.
- 1.17 Mortgagee. A mortgagee under a Mortgage or a beneficiary under a deed of trust recorded against a Lot in the Development.
- 1.18 Owner. The record fee title owner or owners of a Lot in the Development.
- 1.19 Person. Any natural person, partnership, trust, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity.
- 1.20 Property. The land and Improvements shown on the Map except any land or Improvements within Parcel B.
- 1.21 Rules. Rules or regulations adopted by the Board from time to time pursuant to the authority of **Section 5.6(ii)**.

## ARTICLE 2 - Property Rights and Easements

2.1 Type of Development. This Development is a planned development within the meaning of Civil Code section 1351(k). Phase 1 consists of 19 Residential Lots. If all the subsequent phases are annexed into the Development as described in **Article 14**, the Development may consist of three Common Area Parcels and 113 Residential Lots and all Improvements thereon. Declarant has no obligation to annex any subsequent phase into the Development.

2.2 Property Rights. Each Owner shall own a fee title interest in a Residential Lot and shall be a Member of the Association. The Association shall own the fee title interest in the Common Area.

2.3 Good Neighbor Fences. As part of the original construction of the Development, Declarant constructed fences on or about the common boundary line between two adjoining Lots that are to be shared by the adjoining Lot Owners. The adjoining Owners shall jointly share the maintenance and repair of the fence. The cost of the maintenance and repair shall be allocated equally between the Lots unless the circumstances warrant a different allocation for a fair and equitable allocation of such costs. Each Lot as a dominant tenement shall have an easement over the adjoining Lot as the servient tenement for access to that portion of the servient tenement as may be reasonably necessary to maintain, repair or replace the fence.

Any dispute between the adjoining Lot Owners regarding the need for maintenance or repair, the quality or type of maintenance or repair, the allocation of costs, or any related issues shall be submitted to the American Arbitration Association, or any successor thereto, for resolution. The dispute first shall be submitted to non-binding mediation for resolution. If the dispute cannot be resolved through mediation, the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the dispute shall be heard by a single arbitrator in the county where the Development is located. In the arbitration proceeding, each party shall have full discovery rights as authorized by Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.05 or any successor statute thereto. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the parties and may be enforced in any court of appropriate jurisdiction. The arbitrator in his or her discretion may award costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the prevailing party.

2.4 Drainage Easement. Each Lot and the Common Area as the servient tenement are subject to an easement in favor of each other Lot and the Common Area as the dominant tenement for: (i) the retention, maintenance, repair or replacement of any storm drainage system installed on the servient tenement as a part of the original construction of the Development; and (ii) the flow of surface and subsurface waters through and over any drainage system and/or drainage patterns established as a part of the original construction of the Development. The Association shall maintain and repair the drainage system located on the Owner's Lot within the private storm drainage easement ("P.S.D.E.") shown on the Map. Each Owner shall at all times keep the drainage system and any intake drains, catch basins or area basins free and clear of debris at all times, and no Owner shall take any action that would in any manner interfere with the operation of the system. No Owner shall alter the grading on any Residential Lot without the prior consent of the Architectural Committee.

Subdrains have been installed on Lots 43 and 44 that are less than 15 feet in depth. The location of the subdrains are set forth on the grading plans on file with the Public Works Department of the City of Vallejo. Prior to any excavating, the Owner shall take the appropriate steps to ensure that the excavation does not damage the subdrains or otherwise interfere with their operation.

2.5 Encroachment Easement. Certain Improvements in the Development will be located in close proximity to a common boundary line. As a result portions of these Improvements, such as roofs or eaves, may encroach into an adjoining Lot. If an encroachment occurs as a result of the original construction, the Owner of the encroaching Improvement shall have an easement over the adjoining lot in order to retain, maintain, repair or replace the portion of the Improvement that encroaches into the adjoining lot. The location of the encroachment easement shall be the location of the encroaching structure as originally constructed. If a structure on any Lot is partially or totally destroyed, the structure may be repaired or rebuilt in accordance with the original plans, including the replacement of any encroaching Improvement.



2.6 Maintenance and Repair Easement. Each Lot as the servient tenement is subject to an easement in favor of each other Lot as the dominant tenement for purposes of providing the agents of the Association such access as may be necessary to perform the Association's maintenance and repair duties as described in **Section 4.3**.

2.7 Other Easements. Each Lot and the Common Area are subject to such other easement(s), rights-of-way, or dedications as may be granted or reserved on the Map, any deed to the Lot or Common Area, or any other appropriate public record.

2.8 Appurtenant Easements. Each easement described herein is an easement that is appurtenant to the dominant tenement, and any transfer of the dominant tenement automatically transfers the easement appurtenant thereto regardless of whether the instrument of transfer describes the easement.

2.9 Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding any property rights, including easements, granted or reserved herein, each Lot and the Common Area, as the case may be, are subject to each of the following:

(i) the right of Declarant or its agents to enter on any portion of the Development to construct the Improvements that Declarant intends to construct on the Property, to advertise and sell Lots in the Development, to make repairs, and to correct any construction problems thereon, provided that such entry does not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any occupied Lot unless authorized by its Owner, which authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld;

(ii) the right of the Association's agents to enter any Lot to cure any violation or breach of this Declaration or the Bylaws or the Rules, provided that at least 30 days' prior written notice of such violation or breach (except in the cases of emergency) has been given to the Owner and provided that within the 30-day period such Owner has not acted to cure such violation or breach;

(iii) the right of the Association's agents to enter any Lot to perform its obligations and duties under this Declaration, including the obligations and the duties with respect to maintenance or repair of any Improvement, drainage or landscaping located on the Lot, including maintenance and repair of the Courtyards;

(iv) the rights reserved in **Sections 2.10, 2.12, and 13.11**; and

(v) the right of the Association to adopt and enforce Rules as described in **Section 5.6**.

2.10 Authority Over Common Area. The Board or Declarant (as long as Declarant owns 25% or more of the Lots in the Development) shall have the power and the right in the name of the Association and all of the Owners as their attorney-in-fact, to grant, convey or otherwise transfer to any Owner or any other Person fee title, easements, leasehold estates, exclusive use easements or rights, licenses, lot-line adjustments, rights-of-way and/or dedications in, on, over or under the Common Area or other property, in order to: (i) construct, erect, operate, maintain or replace lines, cables, wires, conduits or other devices for electricity, cable television, internet services, fiber optics, telecommunication equipment, power, telephone and other purposes, public sewers, storm water drains and pipes, water systems, sprinkling systems, water, heating and gas lines or pipes and any similar public or quasi-public Improvements or facilities; (ii) accommodate any encroachment that in the sole discretion of the Board or Declarant does not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Common Area; or (iii) accomplish any other purpose that in the sole discretion of the Board or Declarant is in the interest of the Association and its Members and does not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Common Area. Each Owner in accepting a deed to a Lot expressly consents to such action and authorizes and appoints the Association and Declarant (as long as Declarant owns 25% or more of the Lots in the Development) as attorney-in-fact of such Owner to execute and deliver all documents and interests to accomplish the action, including, but not limited to, grant deeds, easements, subdivision maps, and lot-line adjustments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall the Board or Declarant take any action authorized hereunder that would permanently and unreasonably interfere with the use, occupancy and enjoyment by any Owner of his or her Lot without the prior written consent of that Owner. Furthermore, the conveyance of fee title to any portion of the Common Area

as authorized in this **Section 2.10** (other than conveyances made as a part of lot-line adjustments) shall require the consent of a majority of the total voting power of the Association other than Declarant.

2.11 Delegation of Use Rights. An Owner's family members and guests and any such other Persons as may be permitted by the Rules may use and enjoy any Common Area Improvements. All such use shall be subject to restrictions contained in this Declaration and the Rules. If an Owner has rented his or her Lot, the Owner, members of the Owner's family and the Owner's guest shall not be entitled to use any Common Area Improvements other than such use as is directly related to the Owner's rights and duties as a landlord. Such rights may be enjoyed by the tenant or the tenant's family members and guests.

Any Owner who rents his or her residence must comply with the requirements of **Section 3.2**.

2.12 Conveyance of Common Area. The Common Area in a phase shall be conveyed to the Association on or before the date the Declarant first conveys title to a Lot in that phase. The Common Area as the servient tenement is subject to the rights reserved in **Section 2.9** and to an easement in favor of each Lot as the dominant tenement for ingress and egress over the private street and walkways situated on the servient tenement, for support from any Common Area land adjacent to any Improvements on any Lot, and for access to and use of (including the right to install, maintain, repair or replace) any utility lines, cables, wires, pipes, meters or other equipment installed within, on or over the servient tenement in order to provide utility or related service to the dominant tenement, including water, electricity, telephone, gas, cable television, fiber optic cable, and sanitary sewer or storm drainage lines and equipment, and for access to and use of the Common Area by Declarant and its subcontractors and agents to construct, maintain and sell the Lots. The rights retained by Declarant and its subcontractors and agents include the right to restrict access to any portion of the Common Area that is undergoing construction or development activity for safety or other reasons by the construction of fences or other barriers, or by the adoption of such other measures that restrict access to authorized personnel only, and the right to use portions of the Common Area as a staging or storage areas for materials and equipment to be used in connection with the construction of Improvements within the Development and to restrict access thereto by means of a fence or otherwise. The Board may adopt Rules regulating the use of the Common Area provided such Rules do not interfere with the exercise of the foregoing easement rights and are consistent with the restrictions contained in this Declaration.

2.13 Master Declaration. Each Lot in the Development is subject to the restrictions, covenants, rights, duties, benefits and burdens set forth in the "Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Amended and Restated" recorded on August 19, 1999, as Document No. 1999-0071880 in the records of Solano County, California, and as amended by a "First Amendment" recorded on November 1, 2000, as Document No. 2000-0009272 in the records of Solano County, California, and a "Second Amendment" recorded on May 23, 2001, as Document No. 2001-00052354 in the records of Solano County, California, and to any additional amendments and/or corrections thereto (the "Master Declaration"). The Master Declaration imposes use restrictions and architectural controls, including a separate architectural committee. Owners must comply with both the use restrictions and architectural controls imposed by the Master Declaration and the Declaration. For example, Owners desiring to make changes to the residences on their Lots may be required to obtain the prior approval of both the architectural committee established under the Master Declaration and the Architectural Committee established under **Article 7** of this Declaration. If there are any conflicts between any restrictions, covenants, duties, and/or burdens set forth in the Master Declaration and as set forth in this Declaration, the more restrictive restriction, covenant, burden or duty shall apply.

2.14 Golf Course and Assumption of Risks. The Lots are located immediately adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Hiddenbrooke Golf Course. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner acknowledges that owning property adjacent to a golf course is subject to each of the following risks and that the Owner assumes each of these risks: (i) the risk of damage to property or injury to persons and animals from golf balls hit on, across or over an Owner's Lot or other portions of the Development; (ii) the entry by golfers onto Owner's Lot or other portions of the Development to retrieve golf balls; (iii) overspray in connection with the watering or fertilizing of the roughs, fairways and greens on the golf course; (iv) noise from golf course maintenance and operation equipment (including, without limitation, compressors, blowers, mulchers, tractors, utility vehicles and pumps, all of which may be operated at all times of the day and night and/or continuously, and noise associated with players using the golf course); (v) the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other

chemicals on the golf course; (vi) odors arising from irrigation and fertilization of the turf situated on the golf course; and (vii) disturbance and loss of privacy resulting from golf cart traffic and golfers. Additionally, each Owner acknowledges and understands that pesticides and chemicals may be applied to the golf course throughout the year and that reclaimed water, treated wastewater, or other sources of non-potable water may be used for irrigation of the golf course.

Each Owner expressly assumes such detriments and risks and agrees that neither Declarant nor the golf course owner or operator, nor any director, officer, manager, employee or agent thereof, nor any of their successors or assigns, shall be liable to the Owner or occupant of any Lot, or any family member, guest, employee or agent, or anyone else claiming any loss or damage, including, without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or damage arising from personal injury, destruction of property, damage or injury caused by errant golf balls, trespass or any other alleged wrong or entitlement to remedy based upon, due to, arising from, or otherwise related to the proximity of the Owner's Lot or residence to the golf course. Each Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Declarant and the golf course owner and operator, and their successors and assigns, against any and all such claims by Owner's family members, invitees or agents. The Owner's foregoing indemnity obligations shall not exceed the amount of liability insurance maintained by the Owner at the time the event occurred that gave rise to the Owner's indemnity obligations.

2.15 Appearance of Golf Course and Golf Course Views. Each Owner acknowledges, understands and agrees that no Owner shall have any right to compel the golf course owner or operator to maintain the golf course or any improvements thereon to any particular standard of care and that the appearance of the golf course and improvements shall be determined in the sole discretion of the golf course owner. Further, the golf course owner shall have no obligation to route or reroute any holes because of the proximity of any Residential Lot to the golf course and no obligation to maintain views of the golf course.

2.16 Construction Activity. Each Owner acknowledges that: (i) the construction of the Development may occur over an extended period of time; (ii) the quiet use and enjoyment of the Owner's Lot may be disturbed as a result of the noise, dust, vibrations and other effects of construction activities; and (iii) the disturbance may continue until the completion of the construction of the Development.

### ARTICLE 3 - Restrictions

3.1 Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only; and no part of the Development shall be used or caused, allowed or authorized to be used in any way, directly or indirectly, for any business, commercial, manufacturing, mercantile, storing, vending or other nonresidential purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners or occupants of the Lots may use a room or rooms in the residence as an office, provided that the primary use of the Lot is as a residence, no advertising or signage is used in any manner in connection with the office use, no customers, clients or patients enter the Lot on any regular basis, and the use is in compliance with all local ordinances. The Board shall have the authority to adopt Rules regarding the use of offices within the Development in order to maintain the residential characteristics of the Development. The use of Lots by the Declarant or its designees as models and sales and construction offices for purposes of developing, improving and selling the Lots in the Development shall not be a violation of this restriction, provided that such use shall terminate no later than three years after the date of recordation of this Declaration or any declaration of annexation annexing property in any additional phase into this Development, whichever occurs first.

3.2 Renting. The Owner may rent his or her Lot provided each of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i) the rental agreement must be in writing;
- (ii) the rental agreement must contain a provision that the rental agreement is subject to this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules and that any violation of any of the foregoing shall be a default

under the rental agreement and copies of the Declaration, Bylaws and Rules shall be provided to the Tenant prior to occupancy; and

(iii) before commencement of the rental agreement, the Owner shall provide the Association with the names of the tenants and each family member who will reside on the Lot and the address and telephone number of the Owner.

Any Owner who rents his or her Lot shall keep the Association informed at all times of the Owner's address and telephone number. Any rental agreement shall be subject to this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules; and any breach of any of the foregoing shall constitute a breach by the Owner and also a default under the rental agreement, regardless of whether it so provides in the rental agreement. If any tenant breaches any restriction contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Rules, the Owner, on demand from the Association, immediately shall take such steps as may be necessary to correct the breach, including, if necessary, eviction of the tenant.

3.3 Nuisance. No activity shall be conducted on any Lot or Common Area that constitutes a nuisance or unreasonably interferes with the use or quiet enjoyment of the occupants of any other Lot.

3.4 Vehicle and Parking Restrictions. No mobile home, camper or recreational vehicle, boat, truck or similar equipment shall be parked within the Development unless parked within an enclosed garage. For purposes herein, "truck" does not include a pickup truck that does not exceed three-quarter ton or a sports utility vehicle. In addition, trucks may park on a temporary basis for delivery or pickup purposes.

Occupants shall park their vehicles in their garages so that Common Area parking spaces are available primarily for guest parking. No garage space may be converted into any use that would prevent its use as a parking space. The parking spaces within the Courtyards are available for use by any occupant of Lots within the Development or their guests and are not limited to use by occupants of the Lots that directly abut the Courtyard. The Board may adopt Rules regulating parking in the Courtyards and Common Area, including regulations that prohibit occupants from parking in all or part of the Courtyards or Common Area, so that the spaces are available exclusively for guest parking. No vehicle may be parked within a Courtyard at any time except within a designated parking space.

3.5 Towing Authority. The Association may install a sign at each vehicular entrance to the Development containing a statement that public parking is prohibited and that all vehicles not authorized to park within the Development will be removed at the owner's expense. The sign shall contain the telephone number of the local traffic law enforcement agency and shall not be less than 17 inches by 22 inches in size and the lettering not less than one inch in height.

The Association may cause the removal of any vehicle wrongfully parked within the Development, including a vehicle owned by an occupant. If the identity of the registered owner of the vehicle is known or readily ascertainable, the President of the Association or his or her designee, within a reasonable time thereafter, shall notify the owner of the removal in writing by personal delivery or first-class mail. In addition, notice of the removal shall be given to the local traffic law enforcement agency immediately after the vehicle has been removed. The notice shall include a description of the vehicle, the license plate number, and the address from where the vehicle was removed. If the identity of the owner is not known or readily ascertainable and the vehicle has not been returned to the owner within 120 hours after its removal, the Association immediately shall send or cause to be sent a written report of the removal by mail to the California Department of Justice in Sacramento, California, and shall file a copy of the notice with the proprietor of the public garage in which the vehicle was stored. The report shall be made on a form furnished by the Department of Justice and shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which the vehicle was removed, the amount of mileage on the vehicle at the time of removal, grounds for removal, and the name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may cause the removal, without notice, of any vehicle parked in a marked fire lane, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, in a parking space designated for handicapped without proper authority, or parked in a manner which interferes with any entrance to, or exit from, the Development or any Lot, parking space or garage located thereon. The Association shall not be liable for any damages incurred by the vehicle owner because of the removal in compliance with this **Section 3.5** or for any damage to the vehicle caused by the removal unless such damage

resulted from the intentional act of any agent of the Association. If requested by the owner of the vehicle, the Association shall state the grounds for the removal of the vehicle.

Unless the Board provides otherwise, any director or officer, any manager or manager's agent or any owner authorized to do so by any director or officer shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Association to cause the removal of any vehicle wrongfully parked within the Development.

3.6 Animals. Normal and customary household pets may be maintained within the Development in compliance with all local ordinances and the following conditions:

- (i) no animal shall be maintained for any commercial purposes;
- (ii) the use of the Common Area by animals shall be subject to such regulations as may be adopted by the Board;
- (iii) the owner of the animal immediately shall clean up after his or her animal; and
- (iv) the Owner shall be responsible for any damage to any Common Area caused by any animal maintained on the Owner's Lot.

The Board, after notice and a hearing, may require the permanent removal from the Development of any animal that the Board, in its discretion, determines is a nuisance, a danger to the health or safety of any occupant, or otherwise interferes with the quiet use and enjoyment of occupants of any Lot. The Board may find that an animal is a nuisance if the animal or the animal's owner continue to violate the Rules regulating animals after receipt of a demand from the Board to comply with the Rules.

3.7 Television or Radio Equipment. No television, video or radio poles, antennae, satellite dishes, cables or other transmission and/or reception fixtures or personal property (individually and collectively the "Antenna Equipment") shall be installed or maintained on any Lot except as follows:

- (i) Antenna Equipment that is one meter or less in length or diameter or diagonal measurement, provided that the location, color and screening requirements shall be in accordance with any guidelines imposed by the Architectural Committee, which guidelines shall comply with applicable State and federal laws regulating restrictions on Antenna Equipment; and
- (ii) Antenna Equipment not covered under subparagraph (i) above, the installation of which is approved in advance by the Architectural Committee in accordance with the procedures described in **Article 7**.

Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict in any manner Declarant's or the Board's right to authorize a cable television franchisee or other provider of similar services to provide cable television, satellite dish, radio or other similar services to the Development.

3.8 Signs. Subject to the provisions of **Section 13.11**, the posting or displaying of any signs within the Development is subject to each of the following:

- (i) Non-Commercial Signs: The Association may not prohibit posting or displaying of non-commercial signs, posters, flags or banners on or in an Owner's Lot, except as required for the protection of public health or safety or if the posting or display would violate any local, state or federal law. For purposes herein, a non-commercial sign, poster, flag or banner may be made of paper, cardboard, cloth, plastic or fabric and may be posted or displayed from the yard, window, door, balcony or outside wall of the separate interest but may not be made of lights, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora or balloons or any other similar building, landscaping or decorative component or include the painting of architectural surfaces. No non-commercial sign and poster in excess of nine square feet in size or non-commercial flag or banner in excess of 15 square feet in size shall be permitted anywhere in the development without the prior written approval of the Board.

(ii) Commercial Signs: Except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, no commercial signs of any nature shall be posted or displayed anywhere within the Development without the prior written consent of the Board and pursuant to such guidelines as may be adopted by the Board which guidelines shall be in compliance with all applicable laws.

3.9 Clothesline. No exterior clothesline shall be erected or maintained on any Lot; and there shall be no exterior drying or laundering of clothes on any balcony, patio, porch or other outside area of any Lot.

3.10 Window Coverings. The interior surfaces of all windows shall be covered with normal and customary window coverings such as curtains, drapes, shutters or blinds. The exterior side of window coverings shall be white or off-white unless approved otherwise in writing by the Architectural Committee.

3.11 Subdivision. No Lot shall be subdivided into two or more lots without the prior written consent of the Association.

3.12 Automobile Maintenance. There shall be no maintenance (other than vehicle washing and cleanup) or repairs performed on any automobile except within an enclosed garage or except for any emergency repairs that are necessary in order to remove the vehicle to a proper repair facility.

3.13 Alterations, Modifications or Additions. There shall be no alterations, modifications or additions made to any Lot or any Improvement thereon except in compliance with the provisions of **Article 7**.

3.14 Compliance with Law. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in his or her Lot that violates any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any local, county, state or federal agency. Nothing shall be done or kept in any Lot that might increase the rate of or cause the cancellation of any insurance maintained by the Association.

3.15 Drilling. No drilling, mining, or quarrying operation shall be conducted on any Lot or the Common Area at anytime.

3.16 Shallow Subdrains (Lots 43 and 44). Subdrains have been installed within Lots 43 and 44 that are located within 15 feet of the surface. The Owner and occupants of these Lots must exercise due care in excavating or otherwise disturbing the soil on these Lots so as not to damage or otherwise interfere with the operation of these subdrains.

#### ARTICLE 4 - Maintenance and Repair Obligations

4.1 Owner's Maintenance Obligations. Except for that portion of any Lot maintained by the Association as described in **Section 4.3**, each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot and all Improvements thereon in good condition and repair at all times, including the residential structures, retaining walls and any pavers located within any landscaped area on the Lot that is maintained by the Association. Shared fences shall be maintained as described in **Section 2.3**. All other fences on the Residential Lot, including fences located on a common boundary between the Owner's Lot and the Common Area, shall be maintained by the Owner. Each Owner shall have the Improvements on the Owner's Lot periodically inspected for wood-destroying pests or organisms and, if necessary, immediately shall take appropriate corrective action therefor.

In addition to the foregoing, each Owner shall comply with each of the following in performing the Owner's maintenance obligations: (i) the Guidelines described in **Section 4.4**; and (ii) commonly-accepted homeowners' maintenance obligations.

In order to reduce the presence of molds, fungi, spores, pollens, other botanical substances, or other allergens within the residence (collectively "Mold"), Owners shall perform each of the following steps: (i)

inspect the residence (both exterior and interior) not less frequently than once each quarter to check for water leaks or other breaches of the watertight integrity of the residence and for the presence of Mold; (ii) if any water leaks and/or Mold are detected, immediately take appropriate corrective steps to repair the leak and/or remove the Mold; (iii) maintain proper ventilation (particularly in bathrooms) and humidity levels to reduce the risk of Mold growth; (iv) periodically inspect refrigerator condensation pans, air conditioners (if applicable), and any other water-retaining appliances for the presence of Mold; (v) avoid carpeting or similar types of floor covering in bathrooms that may be conducive to Mold growth; (vi) replace heating and air conditioning filters not less frequently than quarterly or as recommended by the manufacturer; (vi) periodically inspect the ground surface around the foundation to ensure no water is pooling around or from the foundation; (vii) maintain rain gutters in a clean and proper operating condition at all times; and (viii) take such other prudent steps as may be appropriate to prevent Mold growth or eliminate any existing Mold.

The light bollards within the Courtyards are maintained by the Association as described in **Section 4.3(ii)** provided the electricity to operate the light bollards is connected into the electrical system of certain Lots and is not on a common electrical meter. The Owner of these Lots, at their cost, shall maintain electrical service to the light bollards at all times. The Association's agent shall have such access to the Lots as may be necessary to maintain and repair the light bollards and shall be allowed to temporarily shut down electrical service to the Lot in order to maintain, repair or replace the light bollards.

If any Owner fails to maintain his or her Lot as required herein, the Association, after notice and hearing as described in the Bylaws, may, but is not obligated to, enter the Lot and perform the necessary maintenance and repair. The Association may levy a reimbursement assessment against the Lot in the manner described in **Section 6.5**.

**4.2 Owner's Landscaping Obligations.** Except for the landscaping maintained by the Association as defined in **Section 4.3 (iii)**, each Owner shall maintain the landscaping within the fenced yards on the Owner's Lot in a healthy and weed-free condition. The Owner immediately shall remove and replace any dying or dead vegetation on the Owner's Lot. Maintenance shall include regular fertilization, mowing, irrigation, pruning, elimination of pests or diseases, and other customary prudent landscaping practices. All lawns shall be kept neatly mown and trees neatly trimmed and pruned at all times. If the Owner fails to properly maintain the landscaping on the Owner's Lot, the Association may enter the Lot and perform the maintenance under the procedures described in **Section 4.1** and shall have the same rights as described in **Section 4.1**.

**4.3 Association's Maintenance Responsibilities.** The Association shall maintain each of the following in good condition and repair at all times:

(i) Common Area Parcel C and all Improvements and landscaping thereon in good condition and repair at all times, including, but not limited to, private street, parking spaces, irrigation systems, retaining walls, lighting fixtures and utilities serving the Common Area, storm drainage systems, and sanitary sewer systems not maintained by a government agency or public or private utility company (the Association shall maintain the sewer line within the private sanitary sewer easement ("P.S.S.E") located within Parcel A as shown on the Map);

(ii) the private storm drainage Improvements on each Lot within the private storm drainage easements ("P.S.D.E.") shown on the Map; and

(iii) the Courtyards, including the roadbed, subbase, pavers, light bollards and any storm drainage system, provided that any utilities situated within the Courtyard such as electrical, gas, water or telecommunications shall be maintained by the Lot Owner(s) served by that utility and not by the Association; and

(iv) the landscaping and irrigation systems located in the unfenced areas of each Lot. All landscaping to be maintained by the Association shall be maintained in a healthy and weed-free environment. Maintenance shall include regular fertilization, irrigation, pruning and other prudent landscaping practices. All lawns shall be kept neatly mown and trees neatly trimmed and pruned at all times. The



Association shall take appropriate steps to maintain the irrigation of the landscaping and to prevent damage resulting from misdirected and/or excessive watering.

The Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District shall be responsible for the maintenance of all Improvements, landscaping and irrigation systems within Parcels A and B, provided that the Association shall maintain the sewer line within the private sanitary sewer easement with Parcel A.

The creek within Common Area Parcel A is subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department and other appropriate governmental agencies. The use and maintenance of the creek shall be in strict compliance with all governmental rules and regulations.

In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall comply with each of the following in performing the Association's maintenance obligations: (i) the Guidelines described in **Section 4.4**; and (ii) commonly-accepted homeowners' maintenance obligations.

4.4 Inspection and Maintenance Guidelines and Schedules. Declarant shall provide each Owner and the Association with inspection and maintenance guidelines and schedules, including manufacturers' guidelines and schedules, for the inspection and maintenance of certain Improvements and personal property situated within the Development (collectively the "Guidelines"). Each Owner and the Association shall retain the Guidelines and shall take all appropriate steps to implement and comply with the Guidelines as required herein. Each Owner, on the transfer of the Owner's Lot, shall deliver the Guidelines or complete copies thereof to the transferee on or before title is transferred. Replacement copies of the Guidelines may be obtained from Declarant as described in Section 4 of the Claims Procedure described in Exhibit B attached to this Declaration. Declarant may charge a reasonable fee for providing replacements copies.

4.5 Trash Removal. Each Lot Owner shall be responsible for the removal of all the trash and refuse from that Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall engage a trash removal service for the periodic removal from the Owner's Lot unless the Board approves some other arrangement in writing. All trash or refuse shall be kept only in sanitary containers, which containers shall be kept in the areas designated for such except on trash collection day if curbside service is provided.

4.6 Cooperation and Access. Each Owner and occupant shall fully cooperate with the agents of the Association in the performance of the Association's maintenance and repair obligations described in **Section 4.3** above. Such cooperation shall include, but is not limited to, immediate notification to the Board or its managing agent of any maintenance or repair problems for which the Association is responsible and access to the Owner's or occupant's Lot as may be necessary to inspect and, if appropriate, to perform any necessary maintenance or repairs.

4.7 Reimbursement and Indemnification. If the Association incurs any maintenance or repair costs because of the willful or negligent act or omission of any Owner or occupant or their family members, guests, agents or pets, the Association shall charge the cost to the Owner of the Lot responsible for the costs and may levy a reimbursement assessment as described in **Section 6.5**. The Owner immediately shall pay the charge or reimbursement assessment to the Association, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum, but not in excess of the maximum rate authorized by law. If the Owner disputes the charge, the Owner shall be entitled to notice and a hearing as provided in **Section 5.6(iv)**. The Association shall not charge the Owner to the extent that the cost is met through insurance maintained by the Association. Any deductible amount shall be paid by the Owner.

Furthermore, the Owner shall defend, indemnify and hold the Association harmless from any claim, demand, liability or cost, including attorneys' fees arising from such damage, except to the extent the demand, claim, cost or liability is covered by insurance maintained by the Association. The Owner shall pay the amount of any deductible.



## ARTICLE 5 - The Association

5.1 Formation of the Association. The Association is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation formed under the laws of the State of California. The Association shall commence operations no later than the date that assessments commence. Pending the commencement of the Association's operations, Declarant shall perform the duties and shall have the rights of the Association as described herein.

5.2 Governing Body. The governing body of the Association shall be the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the Association exercises its rights and performs its duties as described within the Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and any amendments thereto.

5.3 Membership. Each Owner of a fee title interest in a Lot automatically shall be a Member of the Association. If there is more than one fee title Owner of a Lot, each Owner shall be a Member. The holder of a security interest in a Lot shall not be a Member of the Association except and until that holder obtains both the legal and equitable interest in the Lot. If any Owner executes an installment contract of sale for the sale of that Owner's Lot, the purchaser shall become the Member if the contract is recorded in the public records and if the Association is notified in writing of the contract; and the Owner no longer shall be a Member. If the purchaser's rights are terminated under the contract without transfer of title to the purchaser, the Board, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the termination of the purchaser's rights, shall reinstate the Owner as the Member; and the purchaser shall no longer be a Member.

Membership shall be appurtenant to the Lot and may not be separated therefrom. Any transfer of an Owner's interest in a Lot (other than a security interest), by operation of law or otherwise, automatically transfers the membership to the Owner's successor in interest. No Owner may resign or revoke his or her membership for any reason.

5.4 Membership Classes and Voting Rights. The Association shall have the following two classes of voting memberships:

(i) Class A. Class A Members are all Owners except the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which he or she owns an interest. If more than one Owner owns an interest in a Lot, only one vote may be cast with respect to that Lot.

(ii) Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant, who shall be entitled to three votes for each Lot owned by the Declarant. Class B membership shall cease and be irreversibly converted to Class A on the first to occur of the following:

(a) the second anniversary of the first conveyance of a Lot in the most recent phase of the Development; or

(b) the fourth anniversary of the first conveyance of a Lot in the Development.

Voting rights shall vest at the time that assessments are levied against the Owner's Lot.

Except as set forth below, all matters requiring the approval of the Members shall be approved if: (i) approved by a majority of the votes cast either in person or by proxy at a duly-held regular or special meeting at which a quorum was present, (ii) approved by a majority of the written ballots cast in compliance with the requirements of Corporations Code section 7513 or any successor statute thereto; or (iii) approved by unanimous written consent of all the Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, approval by the Members shall be subject to each of the following:

(1) Two Membership Classes. As long as two classes of voting membership exist, any action by the Association that requires approval by the Members shall require approval by the members of each class.

(2) Single Membership Class/Declarant-Owned Lots. If one class of voting membership exists and Declarant owns any Lots, any action by the Association that requires approval by the Members shall require approval by the Members including Declarant's vote(s) and approval by the Members excluding Declarant's votes.

(3) Greater Than a Majority. If, under the terms of this Declaration, a particular action requires approval by more than a majority, the action shall be approved by the Members only if the required percentage of votes approves the action.

(4) Completion Bond Voting Requirements. Votes of the Declarant shall be excluded as provided in **Section 5.11 and 5.14** of this Declaration.

(5) Amendments. Member approval requirements for any amendments to the Declaration, Bylaws or Articles shall comply with the amendment requirements set forth in the applicable document.

(6) Legal Requirements. If the voting requirements and/or procedures conflict with any applicable statutory requirements, the statutory requirements shall control.

5.5 Joint Ownership Votes. The vote that is attributed to each Lot may not be cast on a fractional basis. If the Lot has more than one Owner and the Owners are unable to agree as to how the vote shall be cast, the vote shall be forfeited on the matter in question. Any vote cast by an Owner for any Lot is presumed conclusively to be the vote cast by all the Owners of that Lot. If more than one Owner casts a vote attributed to a Lot on any matter on which only one vote could be cast for that Lot, the votes cast by such Owners shall be counted as one vote if the votes are the same; if the votes are different, the vote cast by such Owners shall not be counted and shall be forfeited.

5.6 Powers of the Association. The Association shall have all the powers of a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the general nonprofit mutual benefit corporation laws of California, subject only to such limitations on the exercise of these powers as are set forth in the Articles, Bylaws and this Declaration. The Association shall have the power to do any lawful thing that may be authorized, required or permitted to be done by the Association under this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws and to do and perform any act that may be necessary or proper for or incidental to the exercise of any of the express powers of the Association, including, without limitation, each of the following:

(i) Levying Assessments: The Board shall establish, fix and levy assessments against the Lots and collect and enforce payment of such assessments in accordance with the provisions of **Article 6** of this Declaration.

(ii) Adopting Rules: The Board may adopt, amend and appeal Rules as it considers appropriate. Rules shall apply generally to the management and operation of the development and/or the conduct of the business and affairs of the Association and may regulate the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, the use of any commonly-metered utilities that are paid by the Association and such other matters as are authorized in this Declaration. The Rules shall satisfy the requirements of Civil Code section 1357.110 and, to the extent applicable, the procedural requirements for proposed Rule changes as set forth in Civil Code section 1357.130 and for the reversal of Rules as set forth in Civil Code section 1357.140. A copy of the Rules as adopted, amended or appealed shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each owner; and a copy shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the development if an appropriate space is available for such posting. If any provision of this Declaration, the Article or the Bylaws is inconsistent with or materially alters any Rules, the Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws shall control to the extent of any such inconsistencies. Members shall have the same access to the Rules as they have to the accounting books and records of the Association.

Any Rules adopted by the Board shall apply to all Owners or occupants in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. The Board may adopt a Rule as the result of an act or omission of any Owner or occupant or their family members or guests or a Rule that does not directly affect all Owners or occupants in the same manner as long as the Rule applies to all Owners or occupants.

(iii) Borrowing Money: The Board may borrow money to meet any anticipated or unanticipated cost of the Association and, subject to the provisions of **Section 5.12(ix)** and may mortgage, encumber or pledge Association assets (including, but not limited to, assessments) as security for such borrowing.

(iv) Imposing Disciplinary Action: In addition to any other enforcement rights described in this Declaration and the Bylaws or as may be authorized by law and subject to the due process requirements imposed by this Declaration, the Bylaws or by law, the Board may take any of the following actions against any Person whose act or failure to act violates or threatens to violate any provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws or Rules: (a) impose monetary penalties, including late charges and interest; (b) suspend voting rights in the Association; and (c) commence any legal or equitable action for damages, injunctive relief or both. Subject to the provisions of **Section 13.9**, the determination of whether to impose any of the foregoing sanctions shall be within the sole discretion of the Board. Any legal action may be brought in the name of the Association on its own behalf and on behalf of any Owner who consents; and, except as otherwise provided herein, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. The Board, in its sole discretion, may resolve or settle any dispute, including any legal action in which the Association is a party, under such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

(a) If the Board adopts a policy imposing monetary penalties, including any fee on any Member for a violation of the governing documents or the Rules, including any monetary penalty relating to the activity of a guest or invitee of a Member, the Board shall adopt and distribute to each Member, by personal delivery or first-class mail, a schedule of the monetary penalties that may be assessed. The Board may change the schedule from time to time and shall distribute a notice of such changes to the Members in the same manner as the schedule of penalties.

(b) The imposition of any disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the imposition of monetary penalties or the suspension of use and/or voting privileges except as otherwise noted herein, shall be subject to the following procedures and requirements:

(1) Notice of Hearing: Prior to the time the Board meets to consider or impose discipline upon a Member, the Board shall notify the Member, by either personal delivery or first-class mail, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The notice shall contain, at a minimum, the date, time and place of the meeting, the nature of the alleged violation for which the Member may be disciplined, and a statement that the Member has a right to attend and may address the Board at the meeting.

(2) Hearing: If requested by the Member, the Board shall conduct the disciplinary proceeding in executive session. The Member, the Member's legal counsel, and the Association's legal counsel shall be entitled to attend the executive session meeting. The Board may interview witnesses and other interested parties in executive session.

(3) Notice of Action Taken: If the Board elects to impose discipline on the Member, the Board shall notify the Member of the disciplinary action within ten days following the election to impose the disciplinary action.

(4) No Forfeiture: Under no circumstances may the Association cause a forfeiture or abridgement of an Owner's right to the full use and enjoyment of the Owner's Lot on account of the failure of the Owner to comply with the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, Bylaws or Rules, except by judgment of a court or decision of an arbitrator or on account of a foreclosure or sale under power of sale for failure of the Owner to pay assessments duly levied by the Association.

(5) Assessment Charges: The provisions of this **Section 5.6(iv)** do not apply to charges imposed against a Member for reasonable late payment penalties or charges to reimburse the Association for loss of interest and for costs reasonably incurred (including attorneys' fees) in collecting delinquent assessments.

(v) Delegating Duties: Except as may be limited by the Bylaws, the Board may delegate any of the Association's powers and duties to its employees, committees or agents, including a professional management agent.

(vi) Implementing Special Fees: The Board may implement special fees to reimburse the Association for special costs incurred as a result of actions taken by Owners.

5.7 Duties of the Association. In addition to the duties described in the Articles or Bylaws, or elsewhere in this Declaration, the Association shall have the duty to manage the Common Area, perform the maintenance as described in **Section 4.3**, comply with the Guidelines described in **Section 4.4**, prepare and distribute financial statements, reports and copies of Governing Documents as described in **Section 5.10**, enforce bonded obligations as described in **Section 5.11**, levy and collect assessments as described in **Article 6**, prepare when required the reserve studies described in **Section 6.3** and annually review and implement adjustments as required, and procure, maintain and review the insurance as described in **Article 8**. The Association shall perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to exercise its powers to perform its duties under any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws, Rules or Board resolutions.

5.8 Taxes and Assessments. The Association shall pay all real and personal property taxes and assessments and all other taxes levied against the Association, the Common Area or the personal property owned by the Association. Such taxes and assessments may be contested or compromised by the Association, provided that they are paid or that a bond insuring payment is posted before the sale or the disposition of any Property to satisfy the payment of such taxes.

5.9 Utility Service to the Common Area. The Association shall acquire, provide and pay for water, sewer, garbage disposal, refuse and rubbish collection, electrical, telephone, gas and other necessary utility services for the Common Area.

5.10 Reporting Requirements. The Association shall prepare and distribute the following:

(i) a pro forma operating budget for each fiscal year shall be distributed not less than 45 days nor more than 60 days before the beginning of the fiscal year consisting of at least the following:

(a) estimated revenue and expenses on an accrual basis;

(b) a summary of the Association's reserves based on the most recent reserves review or study conducted pursuant to **Section 6.3**, which shall be printed in bold type and shall include the following:

(1) the current estimated replacement cost, estimated remaining life and estimated useful life of each major component which the Association is obligated to maintain (collectively the "Major Components");

(2) as of the end of the fiscal year for which the study was prepared:

a. the current estimate of cash reserves necessary to repair, replace, restore or maintain the Major Components;

b. the current amount of accumulated cash reserves actually set aside to repair, replace, restore or maintain the Major Components; and

c. If applicable, the amount of funds received from either a compensatory damage award or settlement to the Association from any Person for injuries to property, real or personal arising out of any construction or design defects and the expenditure or disposition of funds, including the amounts expended for the direct and indirect costs of repair of construction or design defects. These amounts shall be reported at the end of the fiscal year for which the study is prepared as separate line items under cash reserves pursuant to **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)b**. In lieu of complying with the foregoing

requirements, if the Association is obligated to issue a review of its financial statement pursuant to **Section 5.10(ii)** below, the Association may include in the review a statement containing all of the information required by this **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)c**;

(3) the percentage that the amount in **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)b** is to the amount in **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)a**;

(c) a statement as to whether the Board has determined or anticipates that the levy of one or more special assessments will be required to repair, replace or restore any Major Component or to provide adequate reserves therefor;

(d) a general statement addressing the procedures used for the calculation and establishment of those reserves to defray the future repair, replacement or additions to the Major Components; and

(e) a statement describing the Members' rights to obtain copies of the minutes of meetings of the Board, including a description of how and where these minutes may be obtained.

In lieu of the distribution of the pro forma operating budget, the Board may elect to distribute a summary of the budget to all its Members with a written notice in at least 10-point bold type on the front page of the summary that the budget is available at the Association's business office or another suitable location within the boundaries of the Development and that copies will be provided on request and at the expense of the Association. If any Member requests a copy of the pro forma operating budget to be mailed to the Member, the Association shall provide the copy to the Member by first-class United States mail at the expense of the Association, which copy shall be mailed within five days of the receipt of the request;

(ii) a review of the financial statement of the Association shall be prepared in accordance with generally-accepted accounting principles by a licensee of the California State Board of Accountancy for any fiscal year in which the gross income of the Association exceeds \$75,000. A copy of the review of the financial statement shall be distributed within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year;

(iii) a statement of the Association's policies and practices in enforcing lien rights or other legal remedies for default in payment of assessments, including the recording and foreclosing of liens against a delinquent Owner's Lot. A copy of this statement shall be distributed to each Owner and any Mortgagee who has requested a copy during the 60-day period immediately preceding the beginning of each fiscal year;

(iv) copies of this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws, Rules, and other applicable documents as required by Civil Code section 1368(a) shall be provided any Owner within ten days of the mailing or delivery of a written request. The Board may impose a fee to provide these materials but not to exceed the Association's reasonable costs in preparing and reproducing the material; and

(v) a summary of the provisions of Civil Code section 1354 which specifically references the section and includes the following:

Failure by any member of the Association to comply with the pre-filing requirements of section 1354 of the Civil Code may result in the loss of your rights to sue the Association or another member of the Association regarding enforcement of the governing documents.

The summary shall be provided either at the time the pro forma budget described in **Section 5.10(i)** is distributed or in the manner set forth in Corporations Code section 5016.

(vi) a summary of the Association's property, general liability, earthquake, flood and fidelity policies, if any, (individually and collectively referred as the "Policy" or "Policies") shall be distributed

to the Members within 60 days preceding the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. The summary shall include the following information on the Policies:

- (a) the name of the insurer;
- (b) the type of insurance;
- (c) the Policy limits of the insurance; and
- (d) the amount of deductibles, if any.

The Association, as soon as reasonably practical, shall notify its Members by first-class mail if any of the Policies have been cancelled and not immediately renewed or restored or if there is a significant change such as a reduction in coverage or limits or an increase in the deductible for any Policy. If the Association receives any notice of non-renewal of a Policy, the Association immediately shall notify its Members if replacement coverage will not be in effect by the date the existing coverage will lapse.

To the extent that the information required to be disclosed as described in this **Section 5.10(vi)** is specified in the insurance policy declaration page, the Association may meet its disclosure obligations by making copies of that page and distributing copies to all its Members.

The summary required in this **Section 5.10(vi)** shall contain, in at least 10-point boldface type, the following statement:

This summary of the Association's policies of insurance provides only certain information as required by subdivision (e) of section 1365 of the Civil Code and should not be considered a substitute for the complete policy terms and conditions contained in the actual policies of insurance. Any Association member, upon request and reasonable notice, may review the Association's insurance policies and, upon request and payment of reasonable duplication charges, obtain copies of those policies. Although the Association maintains the policies of insurance specified in this summary, the Association's policies of insurance may not cover your property, including personal property, or real property improvements to or around your dwelling, or personal injuries or other losses that occur within or around your dwelling. Even if a loss is covered, you may nevertheless be responsible for paying all or a portion of any deductible that applies. Association members should consult with their individual insurance brokers or agent for appropriate additional coverage.

(vii) the written notice regarding assessments and foreclosures required by Civil Code section 1365.1(b) shall be delivered to each Member during the 60-day period immediately preceding the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. The notice shall be printed in at least 12-point type.

**5.11 Enforcement of Bonded Obligations.** If the Association is the obligee under a bond or other arrangement ("Bond") to secure performance of the commitment of the Declarant or a successor or assign to complete the Common Area Improvements not completed at the time the California Commissioner of Real Estate issued a final subdivision report, the Board will consider and vote on the question of action by the Association to enforce the obligations under the Bond with respect to any Improvement for which a notice of completion has not been filed by the later of: (i) 60 days after the completion date specified for that Improvement in the "planned construction statement" appended to the Bond; or (ii) 30 days after the expiration of any written extension given by the Association. If the Board fails to consider and vote on the action to enforce the obligations under the Bond, or if the Board decides not to initiate action to enforce the obligations under the Bond, then on receipt of a petition signed by Owners representing not less than 5% of the total voting power of the Association, the Board shall call a special meeting of Owners for the purpose of voting to override the decision of the Board not to initiate action or to compel the Board to take action to enforce the obligations under the Bond. The Board shall give written notice of the meeting to all Owners entitled to vote in the manner provided in this Declaration or in the Bylaws for notices of special meetings of Owners. The meeting shall be held not less than 35 days nor more than 45 days after receipt of the petition. At the meeting,

the vote in person or by proxy by a majority of the Owners entitled to vote (other than Declarant) in favor of taking action to enforce the obligations under the Bond shall be considered the decision of the Association; and the Board shall implement this decision by initiating and pursuing appropriate action in the name of the Association.

Upon satisfaction of the Declarant's obligation to complete the Common Area Improvements, the Board shall acknowledge in writing that it approves the release of the Bond and shall execute any other documents or instruments as may be necessary or advisable to effect the release of the Bond. The Board shall not condition its approval to release the Bond on the satisfaction of any condition other than the completion of the Common Area Improvements as described in the "planned construction statement". Any dispute between the Declarant and the Association regarding the release of the Bond shall be resolved in accordance with the Bond escrow instructions or, if these instructions are not operative for any reason, in accordance with the procedures of **Article 12**.

5.12 Limitations on Authority of the Board. The Association is prohibited from taking any of the following actions:

(i) except as otherwise provided in law, or order of the court, or an order pursuant to a final and binding arbitration decision, the Association shall not deny an Owner or occupant physical access to his or her Lot, either by restricting access through the Common Areas to the Owner's Lot or by restricting access solely to the Owner's Lot;

(ii) the Association may not voluntarily assign or pledge the Association's right to collect payments or assessments or to enforce or foreclose a lien to a third party except when the assignment or pledge is made to a financial institution or lender chartered or licensed under federal or State law when acting within the scope of that charter or license as security for a loan obtained by the Association; however, the foregoing provision may not restrict the right or ability of the Association to assign any unpaid obligations of a former Member to a third party for purposes of collection;

(iii) adopt a Rule or regulation that arbitrarily or unreasonably restricts an Owner's ability to market the Owner's Lot; or

(iv) establish an exclusive relationship with a real estate broker through which the sale or marketing of Lots is required to occur. This restriction does not apply to the sale or marketing of Common Areas owned by the Association.

Furthermore, the Board shall not take any of the following actions except with the consent, by vote at a meeting of the Association or by written ballot without a meeting pursuant to Corporations Code section 7513 or any successive statute thereto, of a simple majority of the Members other than Declarant constituting a quorum of more than 50% of the voting power of the Association residing in Members other than the Declarant:

(v) incur aggregate expenditures for capital Improvements to the Common Area in any fiscal year in excess of 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year;

(vi) sell during any fiscal year property of the Association having an aggregate fair market value greater than 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year;

(vii) pay compensation to members of the Board or to officers of the Association for services performed in the conduct of the Association's business, provided that the Board may reimburse a member or officer for expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the Association;

(viii) enter into a contract with a third Person to furnish goods or services for the Common Area or the Association for a term longer than one year with the following exceptions:

(a) a management contract, the terms of which have been approved by the Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Administration;

(b) a contract with a public utility company if the rates charged for the materials or services are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, provided the term does not exceed the shortest term for which the supplier will contract at the regulated rate;

(c) prepaid casualty or liability insurance policies not to exceed three years' duration, provided the policy permits for short rate cancellation by the insured;

(d) lease agreements for laundry room fixtures and equipment not to exceed five years' duration, provided the Declarant does not have a direct or indirect ownership interest of 10% or more in any lessor under such agreements;

(e) agreements for cable television services and equipment or satellite dish television services and equipment not exceeding five years in duration, provided the supplier is not an entity in which the Declarant has a direct or indirect ownership interest of 10% or more;

(f) agreements for sale or lease of burglar alarm and fire alarm equipment, installation and services not exceeding five years' duration, provided that the supplier or suppliers are not entities in which the Declarant has a direct or indirect ownership interest of 10% or more; and

(g) a contract for a term not to exceed three years that is terminable by the Association after no longer than one year without cause, penalty or other obligation upon 90 days written notice of termination to the other party; or

(ix) borrow money secured by any Association assets as authorized under **Section 5.6(iii)**.

**5.13 Notice of Significant Legal Proceedings.** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, not later than 30 days prior to the filing of any civil action against the Declarant or other developer for alleged damage to the Common Area, alleged damage to the separate interests that the Association is obligated to maintain or repair, or alleged damage to the separate interests that arises out of, or is integrally related to, damage to the Common Area or separate interests that the Association is obligated to maintain or repair, the Board shall provide written notice to each Member of the Association. The notice shall specify the date and location of the meeting and both of the following:

(i) that a meeting will take place to discuss problems that may lead to the filing of a civil action; and

(ii) the options, including civil actions, that are available to address the problems.

If the Board in good faith determines that there is insufficient time to provide prior notice to the Members as required herein prior to the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations, the Board may take the necessary steps to commence the proceeding to preserve the rights of the Association, provided that as soon as is reasonably practical thereafter, and not later than 30 days following the commencement of the proceeding, the Board shall provide the Members with notice as required herein.

**5.14 Civil Code Sections 896 and 897 Claims.** The sole and exclusive authority to initiate claims on behalf of the Association in connection with Improvements or landscaping maintained by the Association for violations of the functionality standards set forth in Civil Code sections 896 and 897 shall rest with the Board members elected solely by Class A Members described in **Section 5.4(i)** of this Declaration (the "Non-Declarant Directors"). Any Non-Declarant Director may at any time request a meeting for the purpose of discussing, inspecting, investigating and/or initiating any claims under Civil Code sections 896 or 897. Notice of the meeting shall be sent in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the Board. Any member of the Board appointed by Declarant or elected by votes cast by Declarant shall be entitled to attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to vote. The meeting shall be open for all Members of the Association unless the Non-Declarant Directors adjourn to an executive session as authorized by the Bylaws. The decision of a majority of the Non-Declarant Directors shall control. If the Non-Declarant Directors elect to initiate a claim, the authority to initiate a claim also shall require the approval of the votes cast by a majority of the Class A Members present in person or by proxy at a duly-held meeting. Any Non-Declarant Director may call a special meeting of the Members for this purpose. For purposes of this **Section 5.14**, if the Class B membership has



been converted to Class A membership as described in **Section 5.4**, the quorum requirements shall be based on the total votes of the Class A Members other than the votes held by Declarant and the Declarant votes shall not count for approval or disapproval purposes. The claim is subject to the provisions and procedures set forth in **Article 12**. If requested by the Non-Declarant Directors, the Association shall provide the administrative support for the notice and conduct of its meetings and any meeting of the Members called to approve the initiation of a claim. In addition, the Association shall provide such reasonable financial support as may be necessary in order for the Non-Declarant Directors to inspect, investigate and/ or initiate the claim on behalf of the Association, subject to the applicable requirements and procedures set forth in **Sections 5.13, 6.6 and Article 12**. The provisions of this **Section 5.14** are effective automatically on the date the first Non-Declarant Director is elected to the Board.

5.15 Access to Association Books, Records and Minutes. The Association shall make the accounting books and records and the minutes of proceedings of the Association available for inspection and copying by a member or the member's designated representative to the extent required and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Civil Code section 1365.2.

## ARTICLE 6 - Assessments

6.1 Obligations to Pay Assessments. The Owner of each Lot is obligated to pay any assessments levied against that Owner's Lot on or before the due date of the assessment. If there is more than one Owner of the Lot, the obligation is joint and several. Each Owner on acceptance of the deed to a Lot automatically personally assumes the obligation to pay any assessments against the Owner's Lot (including, but not limited to, that portion of the annual regular assessment not yet due and payable) and agrees to allow the Association to enforce any assessment lien established hereunder by nonjudicial proceedings under the power of sale or by any other means authorized by law. The Owner shall be liable for the full assessment levied against that Owner's Lot regardless of the Owner's possession or use of the Lot, the Common Area or any services rendered by the Association. The Owner has no right or power to commit or omit any act, such as waiving the right to use the Common Area Improvements, in an attempt to eliminate or reduce the assessments against that Owner's Lot. An assessment shall be both a personal obligation of the Owners of the Lot against which the assessment is levied and, on the recordation of a notice of delinquent assessment, a lien against the Lot. Any Owner who transfers a Lot shall remain personally liable for any unpaid assessments that accrued on or before the date of the transfer. No Owner shall be liable for any defaults of the Owner's predecessor in interest in the payment of any assessment that has accrued prior to the Owner taking title to the property unless that Owner expressly assumes the obligation to cure the delinquent assessments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Owner who takes title to a Lot on which a lien for a delinquent assessment has been established will take title subject to the lien and the Association's enforcement remedies as a result thereof unless the Owner takes title under a foreclosure or trustee sale resulting from a foreclosure or exercise of a power of sale under a Mortgage, deed of trust, or other lien recorded before the recordation of the notice of delinquent assessment.

If an Owner has a dispute with the Association regarding an assessment levied by the Association, the Owner may pay the assessment under protest in accordance with the procedures set forth in Civil Code section 1366.3 or any successor statute thereto.

6.2 Annual Regular Assessment. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year of the Association, the Board shall meet for the purpose of establishing the annual regular assessment for the forthcoming fiscal year. At such meeting, the Board shall review the preliminary pro forma operating budget prepared in accordance with the provisions of **Section 5.10(i)**, any written comments received from Members and Mortgagees, and such other related information that has been made available to the Board. After making any adjustments that the Board considers appropriate and subject to such Member approval as may be required by **Section 6.6**, the Board will establish an annual regular assessment for the forthcoming fiscal year. Each annual regular assessment shall include a portion for reserves as described in **Section 6.3**.

If the Board for any reason fails to take the appropriate steps to establish the annual regular assessment for the next fiscal year, the annual regular assessment for the preceding fiscal year shall continue.

in effect subject to the Board's right at anytime during the next fiscal year to adjust the assessment pursuant to the procedures described herein.

Declarant's obligation to pay regular assessments for Lots owned by Declarant may be reduced or abated pursuant to a maintenance or subsidy agreement between Declarant and the Association and approval by the California Department of Real Estate.

6.3 Reserves, Reserve Accounts and Reserves Study. Each annual regular assessment shall include a portion for reserves in such amount as the Board in its discretion considers appropriate to meet the cost of the future repair, replacement or additions to the Major Components as described in **Section 5.10(i)(b)(1)** that the Association is obligated to maintain and repair. For all purposes in this Declaration and in the Bylaws, reserve accounts shall mean: (i) the funds that the Board has identified for the foregoing purposes ("Regular Reserve Funds") and (ii) the funds received and not yet expended or disposed from either a compensatory damage award or settlement to the Association from any Person for injuries to property, real or personal arising from any construction or design defects (the "Construction Reserve Funds"). Construction Reserve Funds shall be separately itemized from funds designated as Regular Reserve Funds.

Reserve funds shall be deposited in a separate account; and the signatures of at least two persons, who shall either be members of the Board or one officer who is not a member of the Board and a member of the Board, shall be required to withdraw monies from the reserve account. Reserve funds may not be expended for any purpose other than the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, or litigation involving the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, Major Components which the Association is obligated to maintain.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may authorize the temporary transfer of money from a reserve fund to the Association's general operating fund to meet short-term cash-flow requirements or other expenses, provided the Board has made a written finding, recorded in the Board's minutes, explaining the reason that the transfer is needed and describing when and how the money will be repaid to the reserve fund. The transferred funds shall be restored to the reserve fund within one year of the date of the initial transfer, provided that the Board, on the making of a finding supported by documentation that a temporary delay is in the best interest of the Development, may delay temporarily the restoration. The Board shall exercise prudent fiscal management in maintaining the integrity of the reserve account and, if necessary, shall levy a special assessment to recover the full amount of the expended funds within the time limits required herein. This special assessment shall be subject to the assessment increase restrictions set forth in **Section 6.6** and Civil Code section 1366(b).

If the Board elects to use reserve funds or to temporarily transfer money from the reserve fund to pay for litigation, the Association shall notify the Members of that decision in the next available mailing to all Members pursuant to Corporations Code section 5016. The notice shall inform Members of the availability of an accounting of these expenses. The Board shall distribute a written accounting of this expense to the Members on at least a quarterly basis, with the first accounting to be delivered no later than the 30th day following the Board's decision to use reserve funds for litigation, either directly or through a transfer to operating funds. In any proposed litigation in which the amount in controversy is expected to exceed \$25,000, the first accounting shall include a description of expenses paid to date, a description of the principal terms and conditions of any contract with any Person providing services in connection with the litigation, including attorneys and expert witness, a good faith estimate of the total legal fees, expert fees and other litigation costs that may be incurred, and a sample disclosure that Members should provide prospective purchasers, lenders and other parties that have obtained or may obtain an interest in the Owner's Lot regarding the litigation. In each subsequent accounting, the information required in the first accounting shall be appropriately updated.

At least once every three years, the Board shall cause to be conducted a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the accessible areas of the Major Components which the Association is obligated to repair, replace, restore or maintain as a part of a study of the reserve account requirements of the Development if the current replacement value of the Major Components is equal to or greater than one-half of the gross budget of the Association, which excludes the Association's reserve account for that period. **The Board shall review this study annually and shall consider and implement necessary adjustments to the Board's analysis of the reserve account requirements as a result of that review.**

The study, at a minimum, shall include:

(i) identification of the Major Components which the Association is obligated to repair, replace, restore, or maintain which, as of the date of the study, have a remaining useful life of less than 30 years;

(ii) identification of the probable remaining useful life of the Major Components identified in subparagraph (i) as of the date of the study;

(iii) an estimate of the cost of repair, replacement, restoration, or maintenance of the Major Components identified in subparagraph (i) during and at the end of its useful life; and

(iv) an estimate of the total annual contribution necessary to defray the cost to repair, replace, restore, or maintain the Major Components during and at the end of its useful life after subtracting total reserve funds as of the date of the study.

6.4 Special Assessments. Subject to the restrictions described in **Section 6.6**, the Board may levy a special assessment if the Board in its discretion determines that the Association's available funds are or will become inadequate to meet the estimated expenses of the Association, including, but not limited to, expenses resulting from inadequate reserves, unanticipated delinquencies, costs of construction, unexpected repairs or replacements of capital improvements, inadequate insurance proceeds, or other unanticipated expenses. The Board may levy the entire special assessment immediately or levy it in installments over a period the Board considers appropriate.

6.5 Reimbursement Assessments. The Board shall have the authority to levy reimbursement assessments against one or more Lot Owners to reimburse the Association for any costs incurred or to be incurred by the Association as the result of any act or omission of any Owner or occupant of any Lot or their family members, guests, agents or pets. The levy shall not include any portion that is paid or will be paid by any insurer under a policy maintained by the Association. Payment of the deductible amount shall be the responsibility of the Owner. If the reimbursement assessment is levied and paid before all or any portion of the costs have been incurred by the Association and the amount paid exceeds the costs incurred, the Association promptly shall refund the excess to the Owner. If the costs exceed the amount, the Owner shall reimburse the Association within 30 days thereafter. If payment is not made when due, the payment shall be considered a delinquent assessment and the Association may enforce the delinquent assessment as described in **Section 6.10**.

In addition to reimbursing the Association for costs necessary to repair any Common Area or other Property that is maintained by the Association, the Association may seek reimbursement for any costs incurred by the Association, including attorneys' fees, to bring the Owner or occupant or the Owner's Lot into compliance with this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or Rules. A reimbursement assessment may not be levied against any Lot until notice and hearing have been provided to the Owner as described in **Section 5.6(iv)**; and under no circumstances may a reimbursement assessment (or a monetary penalty imposed by the Association as a disciplinary measure for violation of the Declaration or Rules) become a lien against the Owner's Lot that is enforceable by nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings under a power of sale. The foregoing restriction on enforcement is not applicable to late payment penalties or interest for delinquent assessments or charges imposed to reimburse the Association for loss of interest or for collection costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for delinquent assessments.

6.6 Assessment Increase Restrictions. The Association shall provide notice by personal delivery or by first-class mail to the Owners of any increase in the regular or special assessments not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the due date of the increased assessment.

The Board may not: (i) impose an annual regular assessment for any fiscal year more than 20% above the annual regular assessment for the Association's preceding fiscal year, or (ii) impose special assessments which in the aggregate exceed 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year without the approval of a majority of the votes of Owners at a meeting of the Members of the Association at which a quorum is present. For purposes of this **Section 6.6**, a "quorum" means more than 50% of the Owners, and the meeting must be conducted in accordance with Corporations Code sections 7510 through 7527 and 7613. The foregoing restrictions on assessment increases do not apply to increases necessary for emergency situations. An emergency situation is any one of the following:

- (i) an extraordinary expense required by an order of court;
- (ii) an extraordinary expense necessary to repair or maintain the Development or any part of it that the Association is responsible to maintain where a threat to personal safety on the Property is discovered; and/or
- (iii) an extraordinary expense necessary to repair or maintain the Development or any part of it that the Association is responsible to maintain that could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Board in preparing and distributing the pro forma operating budget required under Civil Code section 1365, provided that before the imposition or collection of any assessment under this subparagraph the Board must pass a resolution containing written findings as to the necessity of the extraordinary expense involved and why the expense was not or could not have been reasonably foreseen in the budgeting process and shall distribute the resolution to the Members with the notice of the assessment.

If the Board fails to distribute the pro forma operating statement as required by **Section 5.10(i)** for any fiscal year, the Association may not increase its annual regular assessment for that fiscal year, as authorized by Civil Code section 1366(b), unless the Board has obtained the approval of a majority of the votes of the Owners at a meeting of the Members at which a quorum was present. For the foregoing purposes, a "quorum" means more than 50% of the Owners of the Association; and the meeting must be conducted in accordance with Corporations Code sections 7510 through 7527 and 7613 or any successor statute thereto.

**6.7 Commencement of Regular Assessments.** Annual regular assessments shall commence for all Lots in a phase on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the first transfer of title of a Lot in that phase by the Declarant to a purchaser under the authority of a final subdivision public report issued by the California Department of Real Estate or an earlier date at the discretion of the Declarant. No Lot shall be subject to any special assessments until regular assessments have commenced against that Lot.

**6.8 Due Dates of Assessments.** Unless otherwise directed by the Board or unless accelerated as described herein, the annual regular assessment shall be collected in monthly installments and shall be due and payable on the first day of each month. If any monthly installment is delinquent, the Board, at its election, may accelerate the remaining installment payments so that the entire remaining balance of the annual regular assessment is immediately due and payable. Special assessments shall be due on such date or dates as selected by the Board. Reimbursement assessments shall be due and payable ten days after the Owner receives the notice of the reimbursement assessment. The notice shall be deemed received on the date described in **Section 13.14**.

Any annual regular assessment installment (including any accelerated installments), special assessment, or reimbursement assessment not paid within 15 days after the due date shall be delinquent, shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from 30 days after the due date until paid, and shall incur a late penalty in an amount to be set by the Board from time to time, not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by law.

**6.9 Allocation of Regular and Special Assessments.** Regular and special assessments levied by the Board shall be allocated in equal amounts among the Residential Lots.

**6.10 Enforcement of Delinquent Assessments.** The Association may elect to pursue one or both of the following remedies in the event of a delinquent assessment:

- (i) **Personal Obligation.** The Association may bring a legal action directly against the Owner for breach of the Owner's personal obligation to pay the assessment and in such action shall be entitled to recover the delinquent assessment or assessments, accompanying late charges, interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. Commencement of a legal action shall not constitute a waiver of any lien rights as described in **Section 6.10(ii)**.

- (ii) **Assessment Lien.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.5, the Association may impose a lien against the Owner's Lot for the amount of the delinquent assessment or assessments, plus any costs of collection (including attorneys fees), late charges and interest by taking the following steps:

(a) At least 30 days prior to recording a lien upon the Owner's Lot to collect a delinquent assessment, the Association shall notify the Owner in writing by certified mail of the following (the "Delinquency Notice"):

(1) A general description of the collection and lien enforcement procedures of the Association and the method of calculation of the amount, a statement that the Owner of the Lot has the right to inspect the Association records, pursuant to section 8333 of the Corporations Code, and the following statement in 14-point boldface type, if printed, or in capital letters, if typed: "IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF YOUR SEPARATE INTEREST IS PLACED IN FORECLOSURE BECAUSE YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR ASSESSMENTS, IT MAY BE SOLD WITHOUT COURT ACTION".

(2) An itemized statement of the charges owed by the Owner, including items on the statement which indicate the amount of any delinquent assessments, the fees and reasonable costs of collection, reasonable attorneys' fees, any late charges, and interest, if any.

(3) A statement that the Owner shall not be liable to pay the charges, interest, and costs of collection, if it is determined the assessment was paid on time to the Association.

(4) The right to request a meeting with the Board as provided by **Section 6.10(ii)(b)(2)**.

(b) Any payments made by the Lot Owner toward the delinquent assessment shall first be applied to the assessments owed; and only after the assessments owed are paid in full shall the payments be applied to the fees and the costs of collection, attorneys' fees, late charges or interest. When an Owner makes a payment, the Owner may request a receipt and the Association shall provide it. The receipt shall indicate the date of payment and the Person who received it. The Association shall provide a mailing address for overnight payment of assessments.

(1) An Owner may dispute the delinquent assessment by submitting to the Board a written explanation of the reasons for his or her dispute. The Board shall respond in writing to the Owner within 15 days of the date of the postmark of the explanation if the explanation is mailed within 15 days of the postmark of the Delinquency Notice.

(2) An Owner may submit a written request to meet with the Board to discuss a payment plan for the delinquent assessment. The Association shall provide the Owners the standards for payment plans if any exist. The Board shall meet with the Owner in executive session within 45 days of the postmark of the request if the request is mailed within 15 days of the date of the postmark of the Delinquency Notice unless there is no regularly-scheduled Board meeting within that period, in which case the Board may designate a committee of one or more Members to meet with the Owner.

(c) The amount of the assessment, plus any costs of collection, late charges, and interest assessed in accordance with **Section 6.8**, shall be a lien on the Owner's Lot from and after the time the Association causes to be recorded with the county recorder of the county in which the Lot is located a notice of delinquent assessment, which shall state the amount of the assessment and other sums imposed in accordance with Civil Code section 1366, a legal description of the Owner's interest in the Development against which the assessment and other sums are levied, the name of the record owner of the Owner's interest in the Development against which the lien is imposed. In order for the lien to be enforced by nonjudicial foreclosure as provided in **Section 6.10(ii)(e)**, the notice of delinquent assessment shall state the name and address of the trustee authorized by the Association to enforce the lien by sale. The notice of delinquent assessment shall be signed by any officer of the Association or by the Person designated by the Association for that purpose and mailed in the manner set forth in Civil Code section 2924b to all record owners of the Owner's interest in the Development no later than ten calendar days after recordation. Within 21 days of the payment of the sums specified in the notice of delinquent assessment, the Association shall record or cause to be recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the notice of delinquent assessment is recorded a lien release or notice of rescission and provide the Lot Owner a copy of the lien release or notice that the delinquent assessment has been satisfied.

A monetary charge imposed by the Association: (i) as a means of reimbursing the Association for costs incurred by the Association in the repair of damage to Common Area Improvements or landscaping for

which the Member or the Member's guests or tenants were responsible; or (ii) as a disciplinary measure for failure of a Member to comply with the governing instruments, except for the late payments, may not be characterized nor treated as an assessment that may become a lien against the Member's Lot enforceable by the sale of the interest under Civil Code sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c.

(d) A lien created pursuant to **Section 6.10(ii)(c)** shall be prior to all other liens recorded subsequent to the notice of assessment, except as described in **Article 10**.

(e) Subject to the limitations of this **Section 6.10**, after the expiration of 30 days following the recording of a lien created pursuant to **Section 6.10(ii)(c)**, the lien may be enforced in any manner permitted by law, including sale by the court, sale by the trustee designated in the notice of delinquent assessment, or sale by a trustee substituted pursuant to Civil Code section 2934a. Any sale by the trustee shall be conducted in accordance with Civil Code sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c applicable to the exercise of powers of sale in mortgages and deeds of trusts. The fees of a trustee may not exceed the amounts prescribed in Civil Code sections 2924c and 2924d.

(f) If it is determined that a lien previously recorded against a Lot was recorded in error, the party who recorded the lien, within 21 calendar days, shall record or cause to be recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the notice of delinquent assessment is recorded a lien release or notice of rescission and provide the Lot Owner with a declaration that the lien filing or recording was in error and a copy of the lien release or notice of rescission.

(g) If the Association fails to comply with the procedures set forth in this section, prior to recording a lien, the Association shall recommence the required notice process. Any costs associated with recommencing the notice process shall be borne by the Association and not by the Lot Owner.

**The provisions of this Section 6.10 are intended to comply with the requirements of Civil Code section 1367.1 in effect as of January 1, 2004. If these sections are amended or rescinded in any manner the provisions of this Section 6.10 automatically shall be amended or rescinded in the same manner. Civil Code section 1367.1 may have been amended by the State Legislature, and the Board should confirm the current statutory requirements.**

**6.11 Assessment Exemption.** The Declarant and any other Owner of a Lot are exempt from the payment of that portion of any assessment that is for the purpose of defraying expenses and reserves directly attributable to the existence and use of a common facility that is not complete at the time assessments commence. This exemption from the payment of assessments shall be in effect until the earliest of the following events:

- (i) a notice of completion of the common facility has been recorded; or
- (ii) the common facility has been placed into use.

**6.12 Estoppel Certificate.** Within ten days of the mailing or delivery of a written request by any Owner, the Board shall provide the Owner with a written statement containing the following information: (i) whether to the knowledge of the Association, the Owner or occupant of the Owner's Lot is in violation of any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or Rules; (ii) the amount of regular and special assessments, including installment payments, paid by the Owner during the fiscal year in which the request is received; and (iii) the amount of any assessments levied against the Owner's Lot that are unpaid as of the date of the statement, including any late charges, interest or costs of collection, and that, as of the date of the statement, are or may be made a lien against the Owner's Lot as provided by this Declaration. The Association may charge a fee to provide this information provided the fee shall not exceed the Association's reasonable cost to prepare and reproduce the requested items.



## ARTICLE 7 - Architectural Review

7.1 Architectural Committee. An Architectural Committee may be established by the Declarant or by the Board. The Committee shall consist of three members. Declarant may appoint all of the original members of the Committee and all replacements until the first anniversary of the issuance of the original final subdivision public report for the Development. Declarant's appointees need not be Members of the Association. Declarant shall have the right to appoint a majority of the members of the Committee until 90% of all the Lots in the Development have been sold or until the fifth anniversary of the issuance of the final public report for the Development, whichever occurs first. On the first anniversary date of the issuance of the original public report for the Development, the Board shall have the power to appoint one member to the Committee until 90% of the Lots of the Development have been sold or until the fifth anniversary date of the issuance of the final public report for the Development, whichever first occurs. Thereafter, the Board shall have the power to appoint all of the members of the Committee. The Board appointees shall be Members of the Association. The term of the members shall be as designated by the Declarant or by the Board. If a member is removed from the Committee for any reason, the person appointing the member immediately shall appoint a replacement for the balance of the removed member's term. Until a replacement is named, the remaining members of the Committee shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Committee. No member of the Committee shall be entitled to any compensation for serving as a member, provided that member shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Committee for any expenses incurred by the member in performing its duties, provided the member received prior authorization for the incurrence of the expense. All actions of the Committee shall be governed by a majority vote of the members. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as it shall designate. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to all Members of the Association. The Committee may adopt guidelines regarding the type, location, quality, size, height and other matters relating to any Improvements or landscaping to be constructed or installed on the Lots and may establish a procedure for reviewing all plans and specifications submitted to it for prior approval and shall be responsible for periodic review and modification of the guidelines. The guidelines shall comply with the use restrictions described in **Article 3**. Factors that shall be considered in approving proposed plans and specifications shall include without limitation: (i) conformity and harmony of external design with other Lots in the Development; (ii) effect of the proposed location on neighboring Lots; (iii) relation of the topography, grade and finished ground elevation to that of adjoining Lots; (iv) proper facing of elevations with respect to nearby streets and adjoining Lots; (v) overall conformity with the general purpose of the Development and the restrictions in this Declaration; and (vi) the guidelines.

7.2 Approval Requirements. None of the following actions shall take place anywhere within the Development without the prior written approval of the Committee:

- (i) any construction, installation, addition, repair (including exterior painting), replacement, alteration or removal of any building, outbuilding, structure, exterior wall, windows, exterior doors, exterior stairs, fence, sign, garage, trash enclosure, storage area, berms, utilities, fixtures (gas, electricity, telephone, water, or otherwise) or other Improvements visible from any other Lot or Common Area;
- (ii) any planting or landscaping (including the removal of any tree);
- (iii) any grading, excavation or site preparation; or
- (iv) any placement or storage of building materials or temporary structures (including trailers, tents, mobile homes, offices or vehicles).

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any Owner may repaint the exteriors of any Improvements on the Owner's Lot in the same colors, remove and replace any siding or roofing materials with the same material and in the same color, and remove and replace vegetation of the same type as originally constructed or installed by Declarant or as previously approved by the Committee. In addition, any Owner may repaint the interior of the Owner's residence in any color the Owner desires or remodel the interior, provided the remodeling does not in any manner alter the exterior appearance of the building or, in the case of any residences that immediately abut an adjoining residence, result in the increase of the sound transmissions, resonances or reverberations from the residence to the adjoining residence.

7.3 Architectural Rules. The Committee, from time to time, may adopt, amend and repeal rules and regulations to be known as "Architectural Rules". Pending adoption of the Architectural Rules, the provisions of this **Section 7.3** shall control the actions of the Committee and shall bind all Owners. The Architectural Rules shall interpret and implement the provisions of this **Article 7**, and shall contain the following mandatory elements and such other elements as the Committee considers necessary or advisable:

(i) Application Requirements. The Architectural Rules shall set forth the necessary documents to be submitted by the applicant. Unless otherwise waived in writing by the Committee, or an authorized representative thereof, the application shall include plans and specifications prepared by an architect or a licensed building designer which adequately describe the proposed work and shall include the following to the extent applicable to the proposed work: plot layout; location of all existing and proposed Improvements; setbacks from Lot lines of all existing and proposed Improvements; proposed drainage; exterior designs; roofing and siding materials; elevations; of all Improvements; floor plans; location of all heating or cooling equipment; decking; screening devices; bearing walls and retaining walls; materials and colors; landscaping plans; construction schedule; and such other information as the Committee shall reasonably require. Landscaping plans shall include a complete and professionally prepared plan including the name, location and sizes of all proposed trees, sodding, shrubbery, lawn areas, hardscape and irrigation system. The plans shall identify any trees scheduled for removal and describe the plans for replanting trees and vegetation.

If the proposed work does not merit extensive plans and specifications, the Committee may, but shall not be obligated to, waive or modify any of the above requirements upon receipt of a written request from the applicant to do so.

An application shall not be considered a "complete application" for purposes of **Section 7.4** until the Committee has received all the required documents. After the submission of an application, the applicant may request in writing from the Committee confirmation that the application is complete. The initial confirmation request may be made no sooner than seven calendar days after the initial application has been received by the Committee. If the Committee fails to respond within 30 days of receipt of the request, the application shall be considered complete for purposes of **Section 7.4** only. The foregoing does not preclude the Committee from requesting additional documentation unless the application has been deemed approved pursuant to the provisions of **Section 7.4**. If a timely request for additional documentation is received, this documentation or the failure to receive the documentation can be considered by the Committee in rendering its decision on the proposed work.

The application, any request for confirmation of a complete application, any additional documents requested by the Committee, and any other notices or documents given to the Committee under the provisions of this **Article 7** shall be considered received by the Committee in accordance with the "receipt" procedures described in the Architectural Rules or, if there are no such procedures, on the date of personal delivery to the Association's manager, the President of the Association, or the Chair of the Committee or, if mailed, on the date receipt is acknowledged on the return receipt when mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the President of the Association or Chair of the Committee and mailed to the principal office of the Association.

(ii) Application Fee. The Architectural Rules may require that the application be accompanied by a reasonable application fee to pay for any out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Committee in reviewing any plans and specifications. This fee may include the cost of retaining outside consultants for purposes of assisting the Committee in reviewing the plans and specifications. If, during the review process, the Committee determines that additional fees will be necessary to cover additional out-of-pocket costs, the Committee may require the applicant to advance any additional fees before the review can be completed. The proposed work can be denied for the sole reason that the applicant has failed to pay the required fees.

(iii) Guidelines and Variances. The Architectural Rules may include guidelines for any proposed work that are not inconsistent with any use restriction contained in this Declaration. The guidelines can apply to structures and/or landscaping. The guidelines may set forth specific standards regarding color, height, quality, setbacks, materials, size and such other standards as the Committee may adopt from time to time that are consistent with the approval conditions described in **Section 7.4**. The Committee, from time to time and upon request from the applicant, may grant variances from any guidelines established by the



Committee. Under no circumstances shall the Committee have any authority to grant any variance that would result in violation of any use restrictions contained in this Declaration.

(iv) Hearings (Optional). If the Committee, in its sole discretion, elects to conduct a hearing on an application, reasonable notice of the time, place and proposed agenda for the Committee's hearing shall be distributed prior to the date of a hearing to any applicant whose application is scheduled to be heard. The applicant shall be entitled to appear at the hearing, shall be entitled to be heard on the matter, and may be accompanied by the applicant's architect, engineer and/or contractor. Notice also shall be given to such adjoining or nearby Lot Owners that the Committee reasonably believes could be affected by the proposed work. These Owners shall be entitled to attend the hearing and given reasonable opportunity to present their views on the proposed work.

(v) Preliminary Approval Procedures. The Committee may adopt procedures for preliminary approval. This would enable applicants who are proposing to make Improvements an opportunity to obtain guidance and comments from the Committee prior to the expenditure of substantial sums on completed plans and specifications. Preliminary approval shall be granted if the Committee, in its sole discretion, determines that it would approve final plans as described in **Section 7.4**. Pending or denying preliminary approval, the Committee may give the applicant such directions or recommendations concerning the form and substance of the final application for approval as it may deem proper or desirable for guidance of the applicant. Any preliminary approval granted by the Committee shall be effective for a period of 90 days from the date of issuance or such longer period as, in the Committee's discretion, may be granted. During this period, any application for final approval that presents complete plans and specifications for the proposed Improvements, consistent with the provisions of preliminary approval and otherwise acceptable under the terms of this Declaration and the Architectural Rules, shall be approved by the Committee. In no event shall any preliminary approval of a proposed Improvement constitute final approval authorizing construction of the Improvement. The purpose of the preliminary review procedure is to give the applicant a measure of security in proceeding with the proposed Improvement, committing funds thereto. Final approval shall be based on a complete submittal conforming to the requirements of this **Section 7.3**.

7.4 Basis for Approval. The Committee shall not approve the application unless the Committee, in its sole discretion, finds all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

(i) the applicant has complied with the application procedures described in **Section 7.3** and any additional procedures adopted by the Committee;

(ii) the proposed work is in compliance with the use restrictions contained in the Declaration, the Architectural Rules, and, unless a variance is granted, any guidelines established by the Committee under **Section 7.3(iii)** in effect at the time the application was submitted to the Committee;

(iii) the proposed work is in compliance with all governmental laws and ordinances (the Committee shall have no duty to independently confirm such compliance);

(iv) if the proposed work involves any exterior modifications or additions, the work is in harmony with the external design of other structures and/or landscaping within the Development and is consistent with the architectural and aesthetic standards prevailing within the Development and with the overall general plan and scheme of the Development; and

(v) if the residence immediately abuts the wall of an adjoining residence, the proposed work will not unreasonably increase the sound transmissions, resonances or reverberations to the other residence.

The Committee shall be entitled to determine that the proposed work is unacceptable even if the same or similar work previously had been approved for another Lot as long as the Committee finds that reasonable factors exist to distinguish this application from the approved work. The Committee shall be entitled to make subjective judgments and to consider the aesthetics of a proposal when the proposed work will result in Improvements and/or landscaping that can be seen from any other Lot or public right-of-way as long as the Committee acts in good faith and not arbitrarily or capriciously.

In approving any proposed work, the Committee may grant conditional approval on the adoption of modifications to the proposed work that in the Committee's judgment are necessary to bring the proposed work into compliance with the approval conditions contained in this **Section 7.4**. In addition, the Committee may impose reasonable construction restrictions, such as construction hours, dust controls, noise abatement measures, and such other conditions as the Committee may reasonably require, to minimize the interference with the quiet use and enjoyment of the surrounding residences during the course of construction.

In reviewing and approving plans, the Committee shall comply with the restrictions contained in **Article 3** and with all federal, State and local laws regulating the rights of handicapped persons.

If the Committee fails to approve or disapprove any application or fails to request additional information within 60 days of receipt of either the complete application or any advance payments required by the Committee, whichever shall occur later, the application shall be deemed approved unless a written extension is executed by the Person submitting the application and by the Committee. The burden shall be on the applicant to establish that the Committee did receive the complete application and/or advance payments and to establish the date of receipt.

**7.5 Completion of Work.** On receipt of approval, the Owner shall commence the work as soon as reasonably practicable and shall diligently pursue the completion of the work. If the work is not commenced within 90 days after receipt of approval or completed within 180 days or such later date as the Committee shall approve in writing, the approval automatically shall be deemed revoked and no further work shall be done without again obtaining the written approval of the Committee as described herein. The work shall be done in strict compliance with the approved plans except for minor non-material changes as may be necessary during the course of construction.

**7.6 Non-liability.** The Association, the Committee, the Declarant, or the other Lot Owners, or their respective successors or assigns, shall not be liable to any Person submitting plans to the Committee for approval or to any other Lot Owners or occupants by reason of any act or omission arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval of any plans or specifications. Approval shall not constitute any warranty or representation by the Committee or its members that the plans satisfy any applicable governmental law, ordinance or regulation or that any Improvement constructed in accordance with the plans shall be fit for the use for which it was intended and safe for use and occupancy. Applicants shall make their own independent verifications of the foregoing and shall not rely on the Committee or its members in any manner in this regard.

**7.7 Enforcement.** If any Owner or occupant violates the provisions of this **Article 7**, the Declarant or the Association, in addition to any other remedy available at law or equity, may bring an action to compel compliance, including an action for a court order mandating the removal of any Improvement or other property constructed or installed in violation of the provisions of this **Article 7**. In such action, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

**7.8 Board's Authority.** If for any reason the Committee is not established or not active, the Board shall perform the duties and shall have the rights of the Committee as described in this **Article 7**.

**7.9 Governmental Approval.** Before commencement of any alteration or Improvement approved by the Committee, the Owner shall comply with all the appropriate governmental laws and regulations. Approval by the Committee does not satisfy the appropriate approvals that may be required from any governmental entity with appropriate jurisdiction.

**7.10 Declarant Exemption.** Declarant, or its successor or assign, shall not be subject to the approval requirements of this **Article 7** in connection with the construction or alteration of any Improvement within the Development or the installation of any landscaping, provided that this exemption shall expire on the third anniversary date of the recordation of this Declaration. In addition Declarant, or its successor or assign shall not be subject to the approval requirements of this **Article 7** in connection with any repairs or modifications made to any Improvements as may be required by law or pursuant to an agreement with any Lot Owner or the Association.

## ARTICLE 8 - Insurance

8.1 Liability Insurance. The Association shall obtain and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy insuring the Association, any manager, Declarant, the Association's directors and officers, and the Owners and occupants of the Residential Lots and their respective family members against any liability incident to any bodily injury or property damage from any accident or occurrence within the Common Area or from any negligent act or omission by the Association, its directors, officers, employees or agents. The policy shall include, if obtainable, a cross liability or severability of interest endorsement insuring each insured against the liability to each other. The limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 covering all claims for death, personal injury and property damage arising out of a single occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage against water damage liability, liability for non-owned and hired automobiles, liability for property of others, and other liability or risk customarily covered with respect to projects similar in construction, location and use and shall require at least 30 days' written notice to the Association before the policy can be cancelled or substantially modified unless the policy is being replaced with a policy of equivalent coverage. The policy shall be primary and noncontributing with any other liability policy covering the same liability.

8.2 Association Property Insurance. The Association, in the sole discretion of the Board, may obtain and maintain a property insurance policy on the Courtyard Improvements and Association personal property in such amounts and containing such terms and conditions as the Board from time to time may select.

8.3 Cancellation. All of the policies of insurance maintained by the Association shall contain a provision that such policy or policies shall not be cancelled or terminated, or expired by their terms, or not renewed without 60 days' prior written notice to the Board, the Owners and their respective first Mortgagees (provided that such Owners or Mortgagees have filed written requests with the carrier for such notice) and every other Person in interest who shall have requested such notice of the insurer.

8.4 Board's Authority to Revise Insurance Coverage. The Board shall have the power and right to deviate from the insurance requirements contained in this **Article 8** in any manner that the Board, in its discretion, considers to be in the best interests of the Association. If the Board elects to materially reduce the coverage from the coverage required in this **Article 8**, the Board shall make all reasonable efforts to notify the Members of the reduction in coverage and the reasons therefor at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the reduction.

The Board is authorized to negotiate and agree on the value and extent of any loss under any policy carried by the Association, including, but not limited to, the right and authority to compromise and settle any claim or enforce any claim by legal action or otherwise and to execute releases in favor of any insurer.

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, irrevocably appoints the Association or the Insurance Trustee, described in **Section 8.6**, as that Owner's attorney-in-fact for purposes of procuring, negotiating, accepting, compromising, releasing, settling, distributing and taking other related actions in connection with any insurance policy maintained by the Association and any losses or claims related thereto and agrees to be bound by the actions so taken as if the Owner had personally taken the action.

8.5 Periodic Insurance Review. The Board periodically (and not less than once every three years) shall review the Association's insurance policies and make such adjustments to the policies' terms and conditions as the Board considers to be in the best interests of the Association. If applicable, the review shall include an appraisal by a qualified appraiser of the current replacement costs of all covered property under the Association's property insurance policy unless the Board is satisfied that the current dollar limit of the property insurance policy, coupled with the amount of actual reserves on hand, is equal to or greater than the current replacement costs.

8.6 Insurance Trustee. All property insurance proceeds payable to the Association under any property insurance policy procured by the Association as described in **Section 8.2**, subject to the rights of Mortgagees under **Article 10**, may be paid to a trustee as designated by the Board to be held and expended for the benefit of the Owners and Mortgagees as their respective interests shall appear. The trustee shall be a commercial bank or other financial institution with trust powers in the county in which the Development is

located that agrees in writing to accept such trust. If repair or reconstruction is authorized, the Association will have the duty to contract for such work as provided for in this Declaration.

8.7 Individual Property Insurance Policies. Each Owner shall obtain and maintain, at the Owner's expense, a property insurance policy which provides in the minimum coverage against losses caused by fire and all other hazards normally covered under a "special form" policy or its equivalent in an amount not less than 90% of the replacement cost of the insurable Improvements on the Lot. The policy shall contain the following endorsements or their equivalents: agreed amount, inflation guard, ordinance or law, and replacement cost. The policy shall provide liability coverage in such amounts and for such acts or omissions as are normally and customarily included in homeowners property insurance policies of the types required herein. The Board from time to time may require each Owner to provide a certificate from the Owner's insurer certifying that the required insurance has been procured and is in full force and effect.

8.8 Other Insurance. In addition to the policies described in **Sections 8.1 and 8.2**, the Association may obtain and maintain the following insurance:

- (i) Workers Compensation Insurance to the extent required by law;
- (ii) fidelity bonds or insurance covering officers, directors and employees who have access to any Association funds;
- (iii) officers and directors liability insurance; and
- (iv) such other insurance as the Board in its discretion considers necessary or advisable.

#### ARTICLE 9 - Damage, Destruction or Condemnation

9.1 Repair or Reconstruction. If an Improvement on any Lot is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Owner of such Lot shall repair or reconstruct the Improvement in accordance with the original as-built plans and specifications subject to such modifications as may be approved by the Architectural Committee or as required by law. If any Common Area Improvement is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Association shall repair or reconstruct the Improvement substantially in accordance with the original as-built plans and specifications subject to such modifications as may be required by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing but subject to the provisions of **Section 9.3**, the Association will not be required to reconstruct or restore the damaged or destroyed Common Area Improvement if there are not available insurance proceeds and reserves sufficient to pay for at least 85% of the costs of such repairs or reconstruction and three-fourths of the total voting power of the Association's residing Members and their first lenders vote against such repair or reconstruction.

9.2 Reconstruction Contract. If the Common Area Improvements are to be rebuilt or restored, the Board shall solicit and obtain bids from at least two reputable contractors to repair and reconstruct the Common Area Improvements in accordance with the original plans and specifications, subject to such changes as may be approved by the Architectural Committee or required by law, and shall award the repair and reconstruction work to the lowest qualified bidder unless the Board in its reasonable judgment elects to select a higher bidder. The Association shall have the authority to enter into a written contract with the contractor or contractors for the repair and reconstruction, and the insurance proceeds held by the Association or insurance trustee shall be disbursed to the contractor according to the terms of the contract. It shall be the obligation of the Association to take all steps necessary to ensure the commencement and completion of authorized rebuilding at the earliest possible date.

9.3 Minor Repair and Reconstruction and Deductibles. The Association shall have the duty to repair and reconstruct Common Area Improvements within the Development without the requirement of any consent of the Owners and irrespective of the amount of available insurance proceeds in all cases of partial destruction when the estimated cost of repair or reconstruction does not exceed \$20,000, which amount shall be increased 3% per annum on a compounded basis commencing on the anniversary date of the recordation of the Declaration and each anniversary date thereafter. The Association may levy a special assessment for

the cost of repairing and reconstructing Improvements to the extent insurance proceeds are unavailable pursuant to the procedures described in **Article 6**.

9.4 Completion of Repair or Reconstruction. The repair or reconstruction of any Improvement shall commence no later than 90 days after the date of such damage or destruction and shall be completed no later than 180 days subject to extensions because of delays that are beyond the control of the Association. The Association immediately shall take such steps as may be reasonably required to secure any hazardous condition resulting from the damage or destruction and to screen any unsightly views.

9.5 Election Not to Rebuild. If any Common Area Improvement is not repaired or reconstructed in accordance with the foregoing, any Association's obligation to maintain, repair or insure the Improvements shall terminate and all available insurance proceeds from the master property insurance policy shall be disbursed to the Association unless Members holding a majority of the total voting power elect to have the proceeds disbursed to the Owners, in which case the proceeds shall be disbursed equally among all the Lots, subject to the rights of the Owners' respective Mortgagees, after first applying the proceeds to the cost of mitigating hazardous conditions on the Property, screening the area from unsightly views, and complying with all the applicable requirements of governmental agencies.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if the sewer line within the private sanitary sewer easement ("P.S.S.E.") within Parcel A is damaged or destroyed, the line must be repaired or replaced.

9.6 Condemnation. If any action for condemnation of all or any portion of the Common Area is proposed or threatened by any governmental agency having the right of eminent domain, then, after approval by vote or written consent of Members holding at least 51% of the total voting power of the Association and with the consent of the first mortgagees as may be required herein, the Common Area or a portion of it may be sold and conveyed to the condemning authority by the Association or its designees acting as the attorney-in-fact of all the Owners under an irrevocable power of attorney, which each Owner by accepting a deed to a Lot in the Development grants to the Board, and which shall be coupled with the interest of all other Owners, for a price deemed fair and equitable by the Board. Proceeds of any such sale shall be allocated equally among the Lots and distributed to each Owner and their Mortgagees as their respective interests may appear. If the Common Area or any portion of it is not sold but is instead taken, the award shall be apportioned among the Owners and their respective Mortgagees by the terms of the judgment of condemnation; and if not so apportioned, then the award shall be distributed equally to each Owner and their Mortgagees as their respective interests may appear.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Board may elect to retain all or any portion of any condemnation proceeds with the Association's funds in lieu of distribution.

## ARTICLE 10 - Rights of Mortgagees

10.1 Lender Definitions. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms as used in this **Article 10** shall have the definitions contained in this **Section 10.1**. An "institutional" Mortgagee is a first Mortgagee that is: (i) a federally or state chartered or licensed bank or savings and loan association; (ii) a mortgage company or other entity chartered or licensed under federal or state laws whose principal business is lending money on the security of real property or investing in such loans; (iii) an insurance company; (iv) a federal or state agency or instrumentality including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; or (v) an insurer or governmental guarantor of a first Mortgage including the Federal Housing Authority and the Veterans Administration. A "first Mortgage" or "first Mortgagee" is one having a priority as to all other Mortgages or holders of Mortgages encumbering the same Lot or other portions of the Development.

10.2 Encumbrance. Any Owner may encumber his or her Lot with a Mortgage or Mortgages.

10.3 Rights of Institutional Mortgagees. Any institutional Mortgagee who obtains title to a Lot pursuant to the remedies provided in the first Mortgage, including judicial foreclosure or nonjudicial foreclosure under a power of sale (but excluding voluntary conveyance to the first Mortgagee), shall take the Lot free of

any obligation to pay any assessments that were delinquent as of the date the institutional Mortgagee acquired title to the Lot, including any interest, penalties or late charges in connection therewith. The institutional Mortgagee as Owner of the Lot shall be obligated to pay any assessments that were not delinquent as of the date the institutional Mortgagee took title to the Lot and all future assessments levied against the Lot as long as the institutional Mortgagee remains in title, including any special assessments levied by the Association to raise operating or reserve funds needed because of uncollected delinquent assessments, as long as the special assessment is allocated among all the Lots as provided in **Section 6.9**.

10.4 Subordination. Any assessment lien established under the provisions of this Declaration is expressly made subject to and subordinate to the rights of any Mortgage that encumbers all or any portion of the Development or any Lot made in good faith and for value and recorded before the recordation of a notice of delinquent assessment. No assessment lien shall in any way defeat, invalidate or impair the obligation or priority of such Mortgage unless the Mortgagee expressly subordinates in writing its interest to such lien. If any Lot is encumbered by a Mortgage made in good faith and for value, the foreclosure of any assessment lien cannot operate to affect or impair the lien of any Mortgage recorded prior to the recordation of the notice of delinquent assessment. Upon the foreclosure of any prior-recorded Mortgage, any lien for delinquent assessment shall be subordinate to the Mortgage lien; and the purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take title free of the assessment lien. By taking title, the purchaser shall be obligated to pay only assessments or other charges that were not delinquent at the time the purchaser acquired title or that were levied by the Association on or after the date the purchaser acquired title to the Lot. Any subsequently-levied assessments or other charges may include previously-unpaid assessments, provided all Owners, including the purchaser and its successors and assigns, are required to pay their proportionate share of such unpaid assessments.

10.5 Breaches. No breach of any provision of this Declaration shall invalidate the lien of any Mortgage made in good faith or for value; but all of the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be binding on any Owner whose title is derived through foreclosure sale, trustee sale or otherwise.

#### ARTICLE 11 - Amendments

11.1 Amendment Before Close of First Sale. Before the close of the first sale of a Lot in the Development to a purchaser other than Declarant or an entity controlled by Declarant, this Declaration may be amended in any respect or rescinded by Declarant by recording an instrument amending or rescinding the Declaration. The amending or rescinding instrument shall make appropriate reference to this Declaration and its amendments and shall be acknowledged and recorded in the county in which the Development is located. For purposes herein, a Person is considered controlled by Declarant if the Declarant holds 50% or more of the capital and profit interests if a partnership or limited liability company, 50% or more of the voting shares if a corporation, and 50% or more of the beneficial interests if a trust.

11.2 Amendment After Close of First Sale. After the close of the first sale of a Lot in the Development to a purchaser other than Declarant or an entity controlled by Declarant, this Declaration may be amended or revoked in any respect with the vote or written consent of the holders of not less than 51% of the voting rights of each class of Owners or, if a single class of Owners is then in effect, by the vote or written consent of not less than 51% of all votes and 51% of all votes excluding Declarant. If any provision of this Declaration requires a greater or lesser percentage of the voting rights of any class of Owners in order to take affirmative or negative action under such provision, the same percentage of such class or classes of Owners shall be required to amend or revoke such provision. Also, if the consent or approval of any governmental authority, Mortgagee or other person, firm, agency or entity is required under this Declaration with respect to any amendment or revocation of any provision of this Declaration, no such amendment or revocation shall become effective unless such consent or approval is obtained. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any provision in this Declaration conferring rights or benefits on Declarant may not be amended or rescinded without the prior written consent of Declarant except as expressly authorized by Civil Code section 1355.5. The amendment is effective when it has been approved by the appropriate percentage of Owners as required herein, the approval has been certified in a writing executed and acknowledged by the officer designated in the Declaration or by the Association for that purpose (or, if no one has been designated, the

President of the Association), and the amendment and certification have been recorded in the county in which the Development is located.

#### ARTICLE 12 - Declarant Disputes

Any claim, dispute or other controversy between the Association and/or any Owner(s) and the Declarant or any "builder" within the meaning of Civil Code section 911, (including any affiliated general contractor or affiliated contractor) or any subcontractor, material supplier, individual product manufacturer or design professional, or any other Person that provided materials or labor or other services to the Development on behalf of the Declarant, or any director, officer, shareholder, partner, employee or agent thereof (collectively the "Declarant" for purposes of this **Article 12**) relating to this Declaration, the use, condition, design, specifications, surveying, grading, construction, installation and/or operation of any Improvements or landscaping located within the Development, including any claims made under Civil Code sections 896 and 897 (individually and collectively the "Claim") shall be subject to the claims procedures set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The claims procedures in Exhibit B do not apply to any action taken by the Association to enforce delinquent assessments, which shall be governed by **Section 6.10** of this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE 13 - Miscellaneous Provisions

13.1 Headings. The headings used in this Declaration are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret the meaning of any of the provisions of this Declaration.

13.2 Severability. The provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable, and the invalidity or partial invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or provisions or any portion thereof shall not invalidate any other provision or any portion of the provisions not found invalid or unenforceable.

13.3 Cumulative Remedies. Each remedy provided for in this Declaration shall be cumulative and nonexclusive. Failure to exercise any remedy provided for in this Declaration shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as a waiver of the remedy.

13.4 Discrimination. No Owner shall execute or cause to be recorded any instrument that imposes a restriction on the sale, leasing or occupancy of the Owner's Lot on the basis of race, sex, marital status, national ancestry, color or religion.

13.5 Access to Books. Any Owner, at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice to the Board or manager and at the Owner's expense, may cause an audit or inspection to be made of the books and financial records of the Association.

13.6 Notification of Sale. No later than five days after the closing of the sale of any Lot, the new Owner shall notify the Association of such sale. Such notification shall be in writing and shall set forth the name and address of the new Owner and the date of sale.

13.7 Reservation or Grant of Easements. Any easements referred to in this Declaration shall be deemed reserved or granted, or both reserved and granted, by reference to this Declaration in any deed to any Lot.

13.8 Incorporation of Exhibits. All exhibits referred to herein and attached to this Declaration are incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth herein.



13.9 Enforcement Rights and Remedies. The covenants, restrictions, rights and duties contained in this Declaration constitute covenants running with the land and equitable servitudes that benefit and bind each Lot in the Development, each Owner, and each successive Owner thereto, and may be enforced by the Association or any Owner in any legal or equitable action pursuant to the procedures described herein.

Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that if any Person breaches any of the restrictions contained herein, money damages may not be adequate compensation. As a result, each Owner agrees that in the event of a breach, the non-breaching party, in addition to any other remedy available at law or equity, shall be entitled to equitable relief, including, but not limited to, an order compelling the breaching party to perform an act which the party is required to perform under this Declaration or which is necessary to bring the breaching party or the breaching party's Lot into compliance with restrictions contained herein or prohibiting the breaching party from performing any act that violates the restrictions.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Association shall have the exclusive right to levy assessments and to take appropriate action to enforce delinquent assessments, including imposition of an assessment lien and the foreclosure of the lien. Furthermore, the Association shall have the primary responsibility for enforcing the restrictions contained in **Article 3** and the architectural provisions contained in **Article 7**. If any Owner or occupant desires the Association to take any enforcement action, the Owner or occupant shall notify the Association in writing of the alleged violation. On receipt, the Board shall review the matter and shall determine what action, if any, to take. Neither the Board nor the Association or any director, officer or agent thereof shall be liable if the Board in the exercise of its judgment elects not to take any action. To the extent applicable, the Board shall comply with the due process requirements described in this Declaration. If within 90 days after receipt of the notice the Board has failed to take any corrective action and the alleged violation has not been cured and is continuing, any Owner may bring an action on the Owner's behalf for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief. In such action, the Owner shall bear his or her own costs and attorneys' fees, provided that the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recovery of such costs and fees.

Prior to the commencement of any civil action against the Association or any Owner, the Association or the Owner bringing the civil action shall comply with the requirements of Civil Code section 1354 to the extent applicable.

13.10 Term. The term of this Declaration shall be for a period of 50 years from the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the records of the county in which the Development is located. After that time, this Declaration and each of its restrictions and covenants and other provisions automatically shall be extended for successive ten-year periods unless this Declaration is rescinded by the written consent of Owners holding a majority of the total voting power of the Association. The rescission shall be effective on recordation of a notice of rescission in the records of the county in which the Development is located.

13.11 Reserved Rights of Declarant. Declarant is recording this Declaration as part of the construction of a residential development. No covenant or restriction contained herein shall be applied in any manner that would unreasonably interfere with Declarant's rights to complete the construction of the Improvements and to sell the Improvements. The rights retained by Declarant during the construction and sales period include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- (i) maintain construction equipment, personnel and materials on the Property;
- (ii) use such portions of the Property as may be necessary or advisable to complete the construction or sales;
- (iii) maintain construction and/or sales offices on the Property and appropriate parking to accommodate the foregoing;
- (iv) maintain sale signs or other appropriate advertisements on the Property;
- (v) maintain model homes for viewing by prospective purchasers; and



(vi) allow prospective purchasers access to the Property to inspect any Common Area or any model homes.

13.12 Assignment by Declarant. Declarant may assign all or any portion of its rights and delegate all or any portion of its duties to any other Person; and from and after the date of such assignment and/or delegation, the Declarant shall have no further rights and/or duties hereunder with respect to the rights assigned and duties delegated. Any successor or assign of the rights and duties of the Declarant may execute an instrument assuming the rights and duties of the Declarant hereunder and thereafter shall be entitled to exercise all the rights of Declarant so assigned and shall be obligated to perform all the Declarant's duties so delegated, provided such successor or assign shall not be liable in any manner for any act or omission committed or omitted by the Declarant before the date the successor or assign succeeded to the rights of the Declarant hereunder.

13.13 Attorneys' Fees. Except as provided in **Article 12**, in the event of any litigation or alternative dispute resolution procedure arbitration regarding the rights or obligations of the Association or any Person subject to this Declaration, the prevailing party in such proceeding, in the discretion of the judge or decision-maker, shall be entitled to recover costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

13.14 Notices. Any notice permitted or required by this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or Rules shall be considered received on the date the notice is personally delivered to the recipient or 48 hours after the notice is deposited in the United States mail, first-class, registered or certified, postage prepaid and addressed to the recipient at the address that the recipient has provided the Association for receipt of notice or, if no such address was provided, at the recipient's Lot address in the Development.

13.15 No Enforcement Waiver. Failure to enforce a restriction in the past in and of itself shall not constitute a defense to any action brought against any Owner for violation of any restriction contained herein. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot in the Development, acknowledges that the enforcement of these restrictions may vary as a result of different Owners, Boards or Architectural Committees, changing conditions, or other reasons and agrees that the failure of any Owner, Board or Committee to enforce any particular restriction, even if such failure is for an extended period of time, shall not in any manner restrict or estop the right of any Owner, Board or Committee to enforce these restrictions at any future time.

#### ARTICLE 14 - Annexation

14.1 Automatic Annexation. The real property described in Exhibit A or any portion of it may be annexed at anytime into the Development in one or more phases and made subject to this Declaration at the written election of the Declarant (or by the successors in title to such real property). Declarant reserves the right to determine the number of phases, the number of lots in a phase, and the building types in a phase. Declarant makes no representations or warranty that any subsequent phase will be annexed into the Development and has no obligation to annex any subsequent phase into the Development. Each election shall be made by the recording of a declaration of annexation. The declaration of annexation shall describe the real property to be annexed and shall state that it is being executed pursuant to the terms of this Declaration for the purpose of annexing the property described in the declaration of annexation into the Development and to subject the property to the terms of this Declaration. Any declaration of annexation recorded in accordance with the terms of this section shall be conclusively presumed valid in favor of all Persons who relied on it in good faith. In recording the declaration of annexation in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration, the real property described in the declaration of annexation shall be a part of the Development and subject to the provisions of this Declaration and to the rights and powers of the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws; and thereafter all Owners of Lots constituting a portion of the annexed real property shall automatically be Members of the Association with voting rights commencing on the date regular assessments commence. Regular and special assessments with respect to the annexed property shall commence at the time and to the extent described in **Section 6.7**.

The declaration of annexation may contain complementary additions, amendments and modifications to this Declaration necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the real property being annexed which

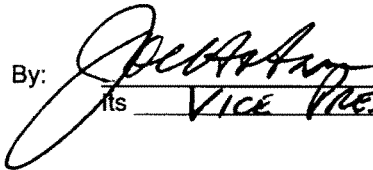
are not consistent with the general scheme of this Declaration or which are required by any institutional Mortgagee as defined in **Section 10.1** to make Lots in the Development eligible for mortgage, purchase, guarantee or insurance.

If the annexed property has been rented for at least one year before the closing of the first Lot in the annexed phase, the Declarant shall pay the Association appropriate amounts for reserves for replacement or deferred maintenance of Common Area Improvements or other Improvements that the Association is required to maintain in the annexed phase.

14.2 Annexation by Approval. Except for the automatic annexation provision contained in **Section 14.1**, no additional real property shall be annexed into the Development without the approval of Members holding two-thirds of the total voting power of the Association other than Declarant and such approval of Mortgages as may be required herein.

THIS DECLARATION is executed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2004.

WESTERN PACIFIC HOUSING, INC.  
a Delaware corporation

By:   
its VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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On JANUARY 15, 2004, before me, WANDA LAWRENCE, personally appeared JOE HOBAN, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Wanda Lawrence

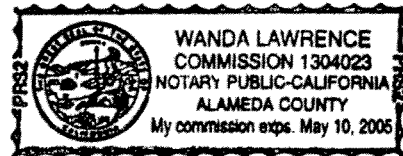


EXHIBIT A - Property That May Be Annexed \*

LOTS 17 THROUGH 77 AND PARCELS A, B AND C SHOWN ON THE SUBDIVISION MAP ENTITLED "REFLECTIONS AT HIDDENBROOKE" FILED FOR RECORD ON AUGUST 15, 2003 IN BOOK 76 OF MAPS AT PAGES 92 THROUGH 101 IN THE RECORDS OF SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. IN ADDITION THE REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOLANO COUNTY STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PORTION OF THE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO TRIAD COMMUNITIES LP RECORDED ON AUGUST 5, 1999 IN SERIES NUMBER 1999-68089 SOLANO COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL (1999-68089);

THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL SOUTH 16°52'16" EAST 879.09 FEET;

THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY LINE SOUTH 67°11'39" WEST 107.07 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 50°30'05" WEST 40.73 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 16°14'40" WEST 285.27 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 22°10'53" WEST 239.71 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 34°00'48" WEST 48.13 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 59°20'32" WEST 91.12 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT 253.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS POINT BEARING NORTH 48°13'40" EAST, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 06°36'42", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 29.20 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A REVERSE CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE RADIUS POINT BEARING SOUTH 41°36'58" WEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 344.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 12°59'07", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 77.96 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 35°23'55" EAST 68.62 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 44°34'21" WEST 44.68 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 35°23'55" WEST 63.62 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A TANGENT 300.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°10'27", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 74.22 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A REVERSE CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE RADIUS POINT BEARING NORTH 40°25'38" EAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 300.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 17°25'43", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 91.26 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 32°08'39" WEST 73.90 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A TANGENT 363.50 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 50°04'59", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 317.74 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 17°56'20" EAST 181.69 FEET;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT 626.50 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS POINT BEARING NORTH 72°02'55" WEST, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 55°29'57", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 606.85 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 37°32'52" WEST 107.47 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL (1999-68089);

THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE NORTH 63°24'42" EAST 449.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION;

CONTAINING 11.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

\*Declarant at its discretion reserves the right to establish the order of phases; the number of Common Area Parcels or Residential Lots in a phase, the number of phases, or the building types in a phase.

1" = 200'

CITY OF VALLEJO  
SKY VALLEY OPEN SPACE

PARCEL 1

PARCEL H (64 SD 16)

HIDDENBROOKE PARKWAY  
(SKY VALLEY DRIVE)

N52°11'36"W  
459.32

N81°04'29"W  
228.85

N51°10'23"W  
114.54  
N62°13'14"W  
82.36

N32°05'04"W  
140.86

N57°01'37"E  
162.55

S84°34'19"E  
529.12

N84°34'19"W  
529.12

S05°25'41"W  
50.00

1340.86'(T)

(64 M 16)

R=950.00  
D=23°20'02"  
L=386.89

S23°17'51"W

S28°45'43"W(R)  
508.36

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# EXHIBIT A

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
A PORTION OF PARCEL 1 SKY VALLEY  
UNIT 1 AMENDING FINAL MAP (64 M 16)

PREPARED BY:



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EXHIBIT B - Claims Procedure

**REFLECTIONS AT HIDDENBROOKE**

**CLAIMS PROCEDURE**

**EXHIBIT B**

**This Exhibit contains alternative dispute resolution procedures that include a waiver of a trial by a jury. You are advised to read these procedures carefully and consult with legal counsel if you have any questions.**

This document describes the procedures for filing claims against Declarant and certain other designated parties related to this Development. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the definitions set forth in Article 1 of the Declaration shall apply in this Exhibit.

Any claim, dispute or other controversy between the Association and/or any Owner(s) (the "Claimant") and the Declarant and any "builder" within the meaning of Civil Code §911 (including any affiliated general contractor or affiliated contractor) or any subcontractor, material supplier, individual product manufacturer or design professional or any other person that provided materials or labor or other services to the Development on behalf of Declarant, or any director, officer, member, shareholder, partner, employee or agent thereof (individually and collectively the "Declarant" for purposes of this Exhibit) relating to this Declaration, the use, condition, design, specifications, surveying, grading, construction, installation, budgeting and/or operation of any Improvements or landscaping located within the Development or maintained by the Association, including but not limited to any claims for violation of the construction standards set forth in Civil Code sections 896 and 897, whether based in contract, tort or statute violation, (individually and collectively the "Claim") shall be subject to the claim procedures set forth in **Sections 1 and 2** of this Exhibit.

**The procedures in this Exhibit do not apply to Declarant's normal customer service procedures or claims made under the Home Builder Limited Warranty ("Limited Warranty") provided by Declarant to the initial purchaser. Owners are encouraged to resolve any potential Claim first through Declarant's normal customer service procedures or, if applicable, the procedures in the Limited Warranty.** It is intended that the procedures in this Exhibit become operative only if the Claim cannot be resolved in accordance with Declarant's normal customer service procedures or, if applicable, the procedures in the Limited Warranty; provided however, a Claim may be filed under the provisions in this Exhibit without complying with Declarant's normal customer service procedures.

Declarant, the Association and each Owner covenant not to commence any litigation without complying with the procedures described in **Sections 1 and 2**. If any party breaches the foregoing, the other party may obtain an appropriate order compelling the breaching party to comply with the procedures. Except as is expressly authorized by law, nothing herein shall reduce or extend any applicable time frame within which legal action must be commenced, including applicable statutes of limitation or repose and time frames set forth in Civil Code Sections 896, 897 and 941.

Title 7 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Civil Code (Civil Code sections 895 through 945.5) commonly known as "SB 800" sets forth functionality standards that describe how the Improvements and landscaping within this Development should function during certain applicable time periods (the "Functionality Standards"). SB 800 impacts the legal rights of the Association and each Owner. Civil Code sections 910 through 938 contain prelitigation procedures that Declarant may elect to use or Declarant may elect to use alternate procedures. Declarant's election is set forth in **Section 1**. Declarant's election is made on behalf of Declarant and any "builder" within the meaning of Civil Code §911, including any "affiliated general contractor". The Association and Owner have certain rights under SB 800 if the Improvement or landscaping fails to meet a Functionality Standard during the applicable time period. These rights may be lost as described in Civil Code Section 945.5, including if the Association or Owner: (1) fails to follow the Declarant's or the manufacturer's reasonable recommendations regarding inspection and maintenance, including schedules; (2) fails to follow commonly accepted homeowner maintenance guidelines; (3) fails to provide Declarant with timely notice after a discovery of the violation of the Functionality Standard or to allow Declarant reasonable and timely access for repairs; or (4) unreasonably fails to minimize or prevent damages in a timely manner.

**1. Nonadversarial Prelitigation Procedures:**

If the Association or an Owner elects to make a Claim (the "Claimant"), including any Claim for violation of the standards set forth in Civil Code Sections 896 or 897, the Claim shall be subject to the nonadversarial prelitigation procedures set forth in Civil Code sections 910 through 938. The Claimant shall notify Declarant in writing of the Claim pursuant to the Claim notice requirements in **Section 3** of this Exhibit. The notice shall: (i) contain the Claimant's name, address, and preferred method of contact, (ii) state that the Claimant alleges a violation of Civil Code sections 896 and/or 897 to the extent applicable; and (iii) describe the Claim in reasonable detail sufficient to determine the nature and location, to the extent known, of the claimed violation. If the Claim is not resolved in accordance with these nonadversarial prelitigation procedures, the Claim shall be submitted to binding arbitration procedure set forth in **Section 2** of this Exhibit.

**2. Binding Arbitration:**

If Claimant and Declarant cannot resolve the entire Claim in accordance with the procedures in **Section 1** of this Exhibit or if corrective action is undertaken by Declarant and the parties disagree on the adequacy of the corrective action or any other claims arising from the corrective action, the portion of the Claim not resolved, including any unresolved claims arising out of the corrective action undertaken by

Declarant or Declarant's agents, shall be resolved in accordance with the following binding arbitration procedure.

- (i) **Agreement to Arbitrate.** The Association, each Owner and Declarant shall resolve any Claim not resolved as provided above exclusively through binding arbitration in the county in which the Development is located. This arbitration provision shall apply to Claims of any kind or nature regardless of when the Claim first arose or the nature of the relief sought. By agreeing to resolve all Claims through binding arbitration, the Association, each Owner and Declarant each give up the right to have their respective claims and defenses decided by a judge or a jury. All claims and defenses shall instead be decided by the arbitrator.
- (ii) **Arbitration Rules.** The arbitration will be conducted by Construction Arbitration Services, Inc. ("CAS") in accordance with the rules of CAS in effect upon the initiation of the arbitration ("CAS Rules"), as supplemented by this **Section 2**. The following supplemental rules shall apply to all arbitration proceedings and shall govern in the event of a conflict between the rules set forth below and the rules of CAS Rules. In the event an arbitration under this provision involves Professional Warranty Services Corporation ("PWC"), as the administrator of the Limited Warranty, and CAS is unwilling or unable to serve as the arbitrator, then PWC shall be entitled to select another reputable arbitration service, at its sole discretion, at the time the request for arbitration is submitted. In the event that PWC selects an alternative arbitration service, the rules and procedures of such arbitration service in effect at the time the request for arbitration is submitted shall be followed.
- (iii) **Qualification of Arbitrators.** The arbitrator shall be neutral and impartial and either a retired judge or a member or former member of the California State Bar with at least 15 years experience as a practicing lawyer.
- (iv) **Appointment of Arbitrator.** The arbitrator to preside over the Claim shall be selected in accordance with the CAS Rules, but no later than sixty (60) days after of a notice of claim is filed.
- (v) **Expenses.** All fees charged by CAS and the arbitrator shall be advanced by the Declarant. If the Declarant is the prevailing party in the arbitration, the arbitrator may, in his or her discretion and only to the extent permitted by law and the CAS rules, direct the Owner of the Association, as applicable, to reimburse the Declarant for the Owner's or Association's, as applicable, pro rata share of the CAS fee and arbitrator's fee advanced by the Declarant.
- (vi) **Venue.** The venue of the arbitration shall be in the County where the Development is located unless the parties agree in writing to another location.
- (vii) **Preliminary Procedures.** If state or federal law requires the Association or an Owner or Declarant to take steps to procedures before commencing an action in court, then the Owner or Declarant must take such steps or follow such procedures, as the case may be, before commencing the arbitration. For



example, any Claims pursuant to California Civil Code Section 895 et. seq. as hereafter amended may be subject to the non-adversarial procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 910 through 938, prior to the initiation of any arbitration or small claims court proceeding against Declarant. In addition, nothing contained herein shall be deemed a waiver or limitation of the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 1368.4, 1375, 1375.05 or 1375.1.

(viii). **Participation by Other Parties.** The Association, an Owner and Declarant, to the extent any such party is defending a claim in the arbitration, may, if it chooses, have all necessary and appropriate parties included as parties to the arbitration.

(ix) **Rules of Law.** The arbitrator must follow California substantive law (including statutes of limitations) but strict conformity with the rules of evidence is not required, except that the arbitrator shall apply applicable law relating to privilege and work product. The arbitrator shall be authorized to provide all recognized remedies available at law or equity for any cause of action.

(x) **Attorneys' Fees and Costs.** Each party shall bear its own attorney fees and costs (including expert witness costs) in the arbitration.

(xi) **Additional Rules Applicable to Certain Cases.** In any arbitration in which a Claim of Owner, the Association or Declarant exceeds \$250,000 in value, the following additional rules will supplement the CAS Rules and govern in the event of a conflict between the following rules and the rules set forth above, the CAS rules, or both: (1) in addition to the requirements of **Section 2(iii)** above, the arbitrator shall be a retired judge of the California Superior Court, a California Court of Appeal, or the California Supreme Court; (2) the California Evidence Code shall apply; and (3) within thirty (30) days after the hearing is closed, the arbitrator must issue a written decision.

(xii) **Federal Arbitration Act.** Because many of the materials and products incorporated into the home are manufactured in other states, the development and conveyance of the Property evidences a transaction involving interstate commerce and the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §1, et. seq.) now in effect and as it may be hereafter amended will govern the interpretation and enforcement of the arbitration provisions set forth herein.

(xiii) **AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATION AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.**

**A. ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.** BY EXECUTING THIS DECLARATION, DECLARANT AND BY ACCEPTING A DEED TO ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, EACH OWNER AND THE ASSOCIATION AGREE TO HAVE ANY DISPUTE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA ARBITRATION ACT, TO THE EXTENT THE CALIFORNIA ARBITRATION ACT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT, AND OWNER AND DECLARANT ARE GIVING UP ANY RIGHTS DECLARANT,

OWNER AND THE ASSOCIATION MIGHT POSSESS TO HAVE THE DISPUTE LITIGATED IN A COURT OR JURY TRIAL. DECLARANT, OWNER AND ASSOCIATION ARE GIVING UP THEIR RESPECTIVE JUDICIAL RIGHTS TO DISCOVERY AND APPEAL, UNLESS THOSE RIGHTS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION 2. IF DECLARANT, ANY OWNER OR THE ASSOCIATION REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION AFTER AGREEING TO THIS PROVISION, SUCH PARTY MAY BE COMPELLED TO ARBITRATE UNDER THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA ARBITRATION ACT, TO THE EXTENT THE CALIFORNIA ARBITRATION ACT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT.

B. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. IN THE EVENT THE FOREGOING ARBITRATION PROVISION IS HELD NOT TO APPLY OR IS HELD INVALID, VOID OR UNENFORCEABLE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR ANY REASON, ALL DISPUTES SHALL BE TRIED BEFORE A JUDGE IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION WITHOUT A JURY. THE JUDGE IN SUCH COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT ALL LEGAL AND EQUITABLE REMEDIES AND AWARD COMPENSATORY DAMAGES. DECLARANT, BY EXECUTING THIS DECLARATION AND EACH OWNER AND THE ASSOCIATION BY ACCEPTING A DEED TO ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, HEREBY WAIVE AND COVENANT NOT TO ASSERT THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY DISPUTES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISPUTES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS, MISREPRESENTATION OR DECLARANT'S FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACTS. THIS MUTUAL WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL SHALL BE BINDING UPON THE RESPECTIVE SUCCESSOR AND ASSIGNS OF SUCH PARTIES AND UPON ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES ASSERTING RIGHTS OR CLAIMS OR OTHERWISE ACTING ON BEHALF OF DECLARANT, ANY OWNER, THE ASSOCIATION OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSOR AND ASSIGNS.

(xiv) Final and Binding Award. The decision of the arbitrator or, if an appeal is heard, the decision of the appeal arbitrators, shall be final and binding. A petition to confirm, vacate, modify or correct an award may be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the Development is located, but the award may be vacated, modified or corrected only as permitted by the Federal Arbitration Act.

(xv) Severability. In addition to and without limiting the effect of any general severability provisions of this Declaration, if the arbitrator or any court determines that any provision of this **Section 2** is unenforceable for any reason, that provision shall be severed, and proceedings agreed to in this **Section 2** shall be conducted under the remaining enforceable terms of this **Section 2**.

### 3. Agent for Services of Claim Notice:

Notice of any Claim made, including Civil Code section 896 and 897 claims against Declarant or any "builder" within the meaning of Civil Code §911, including any "affiliated general contractor", or requests for information including requests for copies of the documents described in **Section 4**, may be served on

Declarant's agent via certified mail, overnight mail or personal delivery. The name and address of Declarant's agent for this purpose is:

Western Pacific Housing - Customer Care Division  
Attn: Urgent SB 800 Claims  
6652 Owens Drive  
Pleasanton, CA 94588

If the notice cannot be served on Declarant's agent at the above-referenced address because the agent is no longer located at the address or the agent has changed and Declarant has not provided the Claimant with an updated address or the name and/or address of the new agent, the Claimant may serve the claim notice on Declarant's agent for notice under Civil Code section 912(e) on file with the California Secretary of State's Office in Sacramento, California. The current telephone numbers and website for the Secretary of State's Office are: (916) 657-5448 or (916) 653-3984 and [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov). Written requests can be submitted to the California Secretary of State Special Filings, P.O. Box 944225, Sacramento, CA 94244-2250.

If the claim notice is served via mail, it shall be assumed received by Declarant on the third business day following deposit into the U.S. Mails. If delivered via overnight mail, such as Federal Express or UPS, it shall be assumed received on the next business day. If delivered personally, it shall be assumed received on the date of personal delivery. These assumptions may be rebutted by Declarant if Declarant did not receive actual notice.

#### **4. Documents and Subsequent Owners:**

Declarant has or will provide copies of the following documents to the initial purchasers of homes in this Development:

- (i) Western Pacific Housing Homeowners Manual and Customer Care Program Guide;
- (ii) Limited Homebuilder's Warranty;
- (iii) a copy of Title 7 of Part 2 of the Civil Code (SB 800); and
- (iv) manufactured products' limited warranties.

The initial purchasers shall retain the foregoing documents (the "Documents") and on transfer of title to the Property to a subsequent owner shall transfer the Documents or provide true and complete copies to the new owner(s) on or before transfer of title and instruct the new owner(s) that they are to retain the Documents and transfer or provide copies to any subsequent owner(s). **Replacement copies of the Documents may be obtained from Declarant by contacting Declarant at Declarant's principal place of business or through the agent for claim notice purposes described in Section 3 of this Exhibit.** Declarant may charge a reasonable fee for providing replacement copies. Initial purchasers and subsequent

owners, must comply with the inspection and maintenance guidelines provided by the Declarant and any manufacturer.

**5. Covenants:**

The covenants, restrictions, rights, duties, benefits and burdens benefit and bind each Lot and each Owner and successor Owner thereto.

**6. Amendments:**

Notwithstanding anything in the Declaration to the contrary: (i) the provisions in this Exhibit may not be modified or waived without the written consent of the Declarant; (ii) the provisions in this Exhibit may be modified or waived with respect to any particular Claim with the written consent of Declarant and the Claimant or Claimants that made the Claim. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to approve any modifications with Declarant with respect to any Claim made by the Association.

**7. Claims Filing Period:**

Nothing herein extends any time periods in which a claim or action must be filed under Civil Code Sections 896 or 897 or otherwise extends any applicable statutes of limitations or statutes of repose, except as expressly authorized by law.

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