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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR  
THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR  
THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is made this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, by GTIS I VGC LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
("Declarant") whose address is 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050, Tampa, Florida 33607.

RECITALS:

1. Declarant owns certain real property located in Manatee County, Florida ("County"), as described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Declarant intends to develop the Property as a residential community known as THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK.
3. Declarant desires to preserve and enhance the values and quality of life in the Property and the health, safety and welfare of the residents thereof, and to provide for the maintenance of certain areas and improvements for the benefit of the Property.
4. Declarant has incorporated a nonprofit corporation to which will be conveyed title to certain property, and to which will be delegated the powers of, and responsibility for maintaining and administering certain property and improvements, administering and enforcing this Declaration, and collecting and disbursing the monies derived from the assessments hereafter levied.

DECLARATIONS:

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant declares that the Property is and shall be owned, improved, transferred and occupied subject to this Declaration.

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS

When used in this Declaration, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. "Additional Property" shall mean and refer to those lands, together with any improvements thereon, which are made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Article II.

2. "Area(s) of Common Responsibility" shall mean and refer to any land or improvement located in or near the Property which is not intended to be owned by the Association but which is intended to be improved, maintained or operated by the Association in the manner and to the extent determined from time to time by the Board. Areas of Common Responsibility may be designated by this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, a contract entered into by the Association, or by a decision of the Board. The following may be designated as Areas of Common Responsibility;

a. Rights of Way and Entrance Area. Subject to limitations imposed by governmental authority, and to the extent determined by the Board, the signs, lighting fixtures, electrical equipment, drainage improvements (in accordance with the Master Surface Water Management System permit issued by the District), irrigation lines and equipment, landscape materials and features, and other improvements from time to time located within the unpaved rights-of-way adjacent to the Property, within the entry areas to the Development, within any unpaved medians in the rights-of-way as shown on any plat of the Property, and within any platted streets within the Property;

b. Street Lighting. Any lighting fixture rental, electrical usage and other costs of street lighting arranged for by the Association for the Property and any Area of Common Responsibility;

c. Dedicated Areas. Areas dedicated to Manatee County or any other governmental authority, and including without limitation those dedicated areas incidental to the establishment of any MSTU/MSBU as described in Article IV, Section 8, hereof, whether or not such areas may constitute Common Property before such dedication;

d. Master Surface Water Management System. Drainage improvements and platted drainage easements associated with the Master Surface Water Management System permit issued by the District to the extent not owned by the Association;

e. Wall and Landscape Easement. Walls, signs, lighting fixtures, electrical equipment, drainage improvements, irrigation lines and equipment, landscape materials and features, or other improvements from time to time located within any wall and landscape easement within Lots as shown on any plat of the Property.

3. "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association. A copy of the initial Articles is attached as Exhibit "B" to this Declaration. The Articles may be amended as provided therein and it shall not be necessary to amend this Declaration in order to amend the Articles.

4. "Association" shall mean and refer to the THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and its successors and assigns.

5. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.

6. "Builder" shall mean and refer to a company, individual or other entity in business in the State of Florida to construct Dwellings and who or which is constructing one or more Dwellings on Lots.

7. "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of the Association. A copy of the initial Bylaws is attached as Exhibit "C" to this Declaration. The Bylaws may be amended as provided therein and it shall not be necessary to amend this Declaration in order to amend the Bylaws.

8. "Cable Services" shall mean "basic service tier," as described in Section 623(b)(7)(A) of the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992 (or amended or successor statute), video programming services offered on a per-channel or per-program basis, video programming services offered in addition to basic service tier, any method of delivering video programming to Dwellings, including, without limitation, interactive video programming, and any channel recognized in the industry as premium including, without limitation, HBO, Showtime, Disney, Cinemax and the Movie Channel. By way of example, and not of limitation, the term Cable Services may include cable television, satellite master antenna television, individual satellite dishes, multipoint distribution systems, video dialtone, open video system or any combination thereof.

9. "Common Expense" shall mean and refer to the actual and estimated expense of operating the Association and meeting the costs to be incurred by the Association in performing its duties and in exercising its prerogatives, including without limitation costs incurred for operation, maintenance, insurance and improvement of the Common Property and Areas of Common Responsibility (including, without limitation, the costs associated with the provision of telecommunication services), and for any reserves from time to time established by the Board.

10. "Common Property" shall mean and refer to the real and personal property from time to time intended to be owned, controlled, operated and maintained by the Association, and devoted to the use and enjoyment of all Members of the Association, all at Common Expense. Common Property shall include, but not be limited to, easement areas which are held by the Association as grantee, and may include community park areas designated on any plat of the Property and drainage improvements and platted drainage easements associated with the Master Surface Water Management System permit issued by the District to the extent not owned by a CDD. No commitment is made that any Additional Property will contain Common Property. The Common Property may be made subject to easements or other interests granted in favor of third parties including any CDD established with regard to the community.

11. "Community" shall mean and refer to the residential subdivision project known as THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK which is being developed on the Property. The Development shall include any Additional Property annexed hereto in accordance with the provisions hereof.

12. "Community Development District" or "CDD" shall mean any community development district which is a local unit of special purpose government organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, established with respect to the community.

13. "Data Transmission Services" shall mean (i) internet access services and (ii) enhanced services as defined in Section 64.702 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or superseded from time to time, and without regard to whether the transmission facilities are used in interstate commerce.

14. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to GTIS I VGC LP, a Delaware limited partnership, its successors and assigns. No successor or assignee of Declarant shall have any rights or obligations of Declarant hereunder unless such rights and obligations are specifically set forth in the instrument of succession or assignment, or unless such rights pass by operation of law.

15. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., as amended or supplemented.

16. "District" shall mean and refer to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, an agency created pursuant to Florida Statute, Chapter 373.

17. "Dwelling" shall mean and refer to a single family residence located on a Lot.

18. "Homeowner Association Law" shall mean and refer to Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, as it now exists.

19. "Lot" shall mean and refer to each residential building site created by any recorded plat of the Property, including any Dwelling located thereon once constructed.

20. "Master Surface Water Management System" means the overall system designed, constructed and implemented upon the Property to control discharges caused by rainfall events, which system is intended to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or reuse surface water in order to prevent or reduce flooding, over drainage, environmental degradation, and water pollution, and to control the quality and quantity of discharges from the system, all as permitted by the District pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, 40D-40, 40D-400, Florida Administrative Code. The Master Surface Water Management System includes, without limitation, all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, flood plain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffers and wetland mitigation areas.

21. "Member" shall mean and refer to each Member of the Association as provided in Article III, Section 2.

22. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record holder, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to each Lot in the Property, but, notwithstanding any applicable theory of the law of mortgages, Owner shall not mean or refer to any mortgagee unless and until

such mortgagee has acquired title to a Lot pursuant to foreclosure proceeding or a conveyance in lieu of foreclosure. All owners of a single Lot shall be treated for all purposes as a single Owner, irrespective of whether such ownership is joint, in common, or tenancy by the entirety.

23. "Property" shall mean and refer to the real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, together with any Additional Property hereafter annexed to this Declaration pursuant to Article II.

24. "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to any instrument which extends the effect of this Declaration to Additional Property pursuant to Article II.

25. "Telecommunications Services" shall mean delivered entertainment services; all services that are typically, both now and in the future, identified as telecommunication services; including, without limitation, Telephony Services; Cable Services; and Data Transmission Services. Without limiting the foregoing, such Telecommunications Services include the development, promotion, marketing, advertisement, provision, distribution, maintenance, transmission, and servicing of any of the foregoing services. For purposes of this Declaration, the intent of the Declarant is that the term "Telecommunications Services" shall be construed as broadly as possible.

26. "Telecommunications Systems" shall mean all facilities, items and methods required and/or used in order to provide Telecommunications Services to the Community. Without limiting the foregoing, Telecommunications Systems may include wires (fiber optic or other material), conduits, passive and active electronic equipment, pipes, pedestals, wireless cell sites, computers, modems, satellite antenna sites, transmission facilities, amplifiers, junction boxes, trunk distribution, feeder cables, lock boxes, taps, drop cables, related apparatus, converters, connections, head-end antennae, earth stations, appurtenant devices, network facilities necessary and appropriate to support provision of local exchange services and/or any other item appropriate or necessary to support provision of Telecommunications Services. Ownership and/or control of all or a portion of any part of the Telecommunications Services may be bifurcated among network distribution architecture, system head-end equipment, and appurtenant devices (e.g., individual adjustable digital units).

27. "Telecommunications Provider" shall mean any party contracting with Association and/or Owners directly to provide Owners with one or more Telecommunications Services. With respect to any particular Telecommunications Services, there may be one or more Telecommunications Provider. By way of example, with respect to Data Transmission Services, one Telecommunications Provider may provide Association or Owners such service while another may own, maintain and service the Telecommunications Systems which allow delivery of such Data Transmission Services.

28. "Telephony Services" shall mean local exchange services provided by a certified local exchange carrier or alternative local exchange company, intraLATA and interLATA voice telephony and data transmission.

ARTICLE II  
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

1. Property. The Property is and shall be improved, held, transferred and occupied subject to this Declaration. As of the date hereof, Declarant intends to develop the Property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto commonly known as THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK. If Declarant elects to annex and submit such additional lands to the lands to be encumbered by this Declaration, then Declarant shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 3 below. Until such time, only the Property described on Exhibit "A" to this Declaration shall be encumbered hereby, and this Declaration shall not be deemed an encumbrance against any other lands.

2. Additional Property. Declarant shall have the right but not the obligation to bring within the scope of this Declaration, as Additional Property, additional lands lying in the vicinity of the Property at any time within twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, which annexation may be accomplished without the consent of the Association, the Owners, or any mortgagee or other lien holder; provided, however, if any one or more of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), Federal Housing Administration ("FHA"), or Veterans Administration ("VA") requires approval or consent to annexation of Additional Property by any one or more of said agencies as a condition of making or insuring loans on Dwellings in the Property, and any such loan has been approved, insured or purchased by the applicable agency at the time Declarant proposes to annex Additional Property, then Declarant shall obtain the required consent to, or approval of the proposed annexation.

3. Method of Annexation. Additions authorized under this Article II shall be made, if at all, by recording a Supplemental Declaration by Declarant extending this Declaration to Additional Property. The Supplemental Declaration shall not require a vote of the Members or the joinder or consent of any Member. The Supplemental Declaration shall describe the real property to be annexed and shall state that it is being made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration for the purpose of annexing property to this Declaration and extending the jurisdiction of the Association to the Additional Property. The Supplemental Declaration may contain additional terms not inconsistent with this Declaration to reflect the different character, if any, of the real property being annexed or of the housing or development approaches being implemented. Upon the recordation of any Supplemental Declaration, the Owners shall also have a right and non-exclusive easement of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property, if any, within the Additional Property and an obligation to contribute to the cost of operating, maintaining and insuring the additional Common Property and any additional Areas of Common Responsibility. Any Supplemental Declaration recorded in accordance with the terms hereof shall be conclusive in favor of all persons who rely thereon in good faith. From and after recordation of any Supplemental Declaration, the Additional Property described therein shall be subject to the provisions of this Declaration and to the jurisdiction of the Association.

4. Assessment Obligation of Owners Other than Declarant as to Additional Property. Any Lots within land added as Additional Property which are owned by Owners other than the Declarant, or its assignee by separate written document, shall be subject to assessments, both annual, special or otherwise, including, without limitation, those imposed by any CDD created with regard to the Community, all in accordance with Article VI below.

ARTICLE III  
THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association. The Association is a Florida not-for-profit corporation created under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The Association shall have the power to do all lawful things which may be authorized, assigned, required or permitted to be done by Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes, this Declaration, the Articles, or the Bylaws, and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for, or incidental to, the exercise of any of the duties or powers of the Association for the benefit of the owners and for the maintenance, administration and improvement of the Property and Areas of Common Responsibility. Neither the Articles nor the Bylaws shall be amended or interpreted so as to be inconsistent with this Declaration or Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes. In the event of any such inconsistency with the Articles or By-Laws, the provisions of this Declaration shall prevail provided nothing contained in the Articles, By-Laws or this Declaration shall be prohibited by Florida law. The officers and directors of the Association shall be required to be either (1) a Member of the Association, or (2) an agent of Declarant. The Board, and such officers as the Board may appoint, shall conduct the affairs of the Association.

2. Membership. Each Owner (including Declarant) shall be a Member of the Association. The Association membership of each Owner shall be appurtenant to, and inseparable from the Lot giving rise to such membership, and any transfer of title to a Lot shall operate automatically to transfer to the new Owner the membership in the Association appurtenant to that Lot.

3. Voting Rights. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

a. Class "A". Class "A" Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of Declarant for so long as Declarant retains Class "B" voting rights. Each Class "A" Member shall have one (1) vote for each Lot owned by that Member.

b. Class "B". The sole Class "B" Member shall be Declarant. Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot actually or potentially included in the Property owned by Declarant. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to cast all of its votes in any vote or election held by the Association.

c. Termination of Class "B" Membership. As each Lot in the Property is conveyed by Declarant to a Class "A" Member, Declarant's votes for that Lot shall lapse. The Class "B" membership shall terminate and become converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier of the following:

(1) Three months after ninety percent (90%) of the parcels in all phases of the Community (that will ultimately be operated by the Association) have been conveyed to Members;

(2) Such other percentage of the parcels has been conveyed to Members, or such other date or event has occurred, as is set forth in the governing documents in order to

comply with the requirements of any governmentally chartered entity with regard to the mortgage financing of parcels;

(3) Upon Declarant abandoning or deserting its responsibility to maintain and complete the amenities or infrastructure as disclosed in governing documents. There is a rebuttable presumption that Declarant has abandoned and deserted the property if Declarant has unpaid assessments or guaranteed amounts under s. 720.308 for a period of more than 2 years;

(4) Upon Declarant filing a petition seeking protection under chapter 7 of the federal Bankruptcy Code;

(5) Upon Declarant losing title to the property through a foreclosure action or the transfer of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless the successor owner has accepted an assignment of Declarant rights and responsibilities first arising after the date of such assignment; or

(6) Upon a receiver for Declarant being appointed by a circuit court and not being discharged within 30 days after such appointment, unless the court determines within 30 days after such appointment that transfer of control would be detrimental to the Association or its Members.

For purposes of this Article, the term "Members other than the Declarant" shall not include Builders, contractors, or others who purchase a parcel for the purpose of constructing improvements thereon for resale.

Upon the happening of either of these events, Declarant shall call a special meeting of the Members to advise of the termination of Class "B" membership, and provide written notice of such event.

4. Transition of Control. Any other provision of this Article III to the contrary notwithstanding, Members other than Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors not later than the earliest of the events specified in subsection 3(c) above. Until then, Declarant shall be entitled to appoint and remove all Members of the Board of Directors, except that Members other than Declarant shall be entitled to elect one (1) member of the Board of Directors if fifty percent (50%) of the parcels in all phases of the Community which will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Members. Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors as long as Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Lots in all phases of the Community. After Declarant relinquishes control of the Association, Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant-owned voting interests in the same manner as any other Owner, except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

5. Transition Requirements. At the time the Members are entitled to elect at least a majority of the board of directors of the Association, the Declarant shall, at the Declarant's expense, within no more than ninety (90) days, deliver the following documents to the Board of Directors:

- a. All deeds to common property owned by the Association.
- b. The original of the Association's declaration(s) of covenants and restrictions.
- c. A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of the Association.
- d. A copy of the bylaws of the Association.
- e. The minute books, including all minutes, of the Association.
- f. The books and records of the Association.
- g. Policies, rules, and regulations, if any, which have been adopted by the Association.
- h. Resignations of directors who are required to resign because the Declarant is required to relinquish control of the Association.
- i. The financial records of the Association from the date of incorporation through the date of turnover.
- j. All Association funds and control thereof.
- k. All tangible personal property of the Association.
- l. A copy of all contracts which may be in force with the Association as one of the parties.
- m. A list of the names and addresses and telephone numbers of all contractors, subcontractors, or others in the current employ of the Association.
- n. Any and all insurance policies in effect.
- o. Any permits issued to the Association by governmental entities.
- p. Any and all warranties in effect.
- q. A roster of current homeowners and their addresses and telephone numbers and section and lot numbers.
- r. Employment and service contracts in effect.
- s. All other contracts in effect to which the Association is a party.
- t. The financial records, including financial statements of the Association, and source documents from the incorporation of the Association through the date of turnover. The

records shall be audited by an independent certified public accountant for the period from the incorporation of the Association or from the period covered by the last audit, if an audit has been performed for each fiscal year since incorporation. All financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, as prescribed by the Board of Accountancy, pursuant to Chapter 473. The certified public accountant performing the audit shall examine, to the extent necessary, supporting documents and records, including the cash disbursements and related paid invoices, to determine if expenditures were for Association purposes and the billings, cash receipts, and related records of the Association to determine that the Declarant was charged and paid the proper amounts of assessments.

6. Multiple Owners. Each vote in the Association must be cast as a single vote, and fractional votes shall not be allowed. If joint or multiple Owners are unable to agree among themselves as to how their vote is to be cast, or if more than one (1) Class "A" vote is cast for any Lot, none of the votes for that Lot shall be counted. If any Owner casts a vote on behalf of a Lot, it shall be conclusively presumed that Owner was acting with the authority and consent of all other Owners of that Lot.

7. Duties, Powers and Authority of the Association. The Association shall have all the powers of a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, subject only to such limitations as are set forth in the Articles, the Bylaws, or this Declaration. The Association shall have the power to do all lawful things which may be authorized, assigned, required or permitted to be done by this Declaration, the Articles, or the Bylaws, and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for, or incidental to, the exercise of any of the duties or powers of the Association for the benefit of the Owners and for the maintenance, administration and improvement of the Property and the Areas of Common Responsibility.

8. Applicability of Florida Statutes, Section 720.3075. The provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 720.3075, are applicable to this Declaration, the Articles and the By-Laws and shall be binding upon Developer, Association and all Owners. None of the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles or the By-Laws shall be interpreted in a manner which would be violative of the prohibitions contained in Florida Statutes, Section 720.3075.

9. Indemnification of Officers and Directors. To the extent permitted by law, the Association shall and all Owners as Members hereby agree that the Association shall indemnify each officer, director, and member of any committee of the Association from any and all expenses including legal expenses incurred arising out of such person's acts undertaken on behalf of the Association unless (i) such acts were both adverse to the Association and resulted in personal gain to the person, (ii) the act was a violation of criminal law for which the person either pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found to be guilty in a Court of law and such person knew or should have known that his or her conduct was criminal, or (iii) any willful violation of this Declaration or the Association Documents. This provision is self executing and the Association may also take any action desired to carry out its purposes.

ARTICLE IV  
PROPERTY RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN THE COMMON PROPERTIES  
AND LOTS

1. Property Rights. Property rights in and to the Common Property shall carry with it the right by the Association and the Declarant (but not the Owner) to dedicate or transfer all or any part of or interest in the Common Property to any public agency, authority, or utility provided by the Articles or to any CDD created with regard to the Community, or to enter into any easements, shared facilities or other agreements with any such parties that may hereafter encumber the Common Property or portions thereof.

2. Easements. The Association and each Owner (including Declarant) shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property. Said right and easement shall be appurtenant to and pass with the title to each Lot, and shall include, without limitation, the following:

a. Right-of-way for ingress and egress by vehicles and on foot through and across any streets, roads or walks in the Common Property for all lawful purposes; and

b. Rights and easements to drain across the surface water drainage detention, retention and conveyance structures and areas in accordance with the Master Surface Water Management System and applicable District rules and permits, and to connect with, maintain and make use of utilities lines and facilities from time to time located within the Common Property; and

c. Rights and easement to use and enjoy the Common Property for any purpose not inconsistent with this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations of the Association, or law.

d. The Association shall have a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across all Common Property, driveways and walkways, that may from time to time exist within the Property; provided, however, that any such easement in favor of the Association shall be limited to provide the Association only such easement interest as may be required to satisfy any maintenance or related obligations of the Association with respect to the streets, roadways, Master Surface Water Management System, Common Property and other infrastructure within the Development.

e. Any CDD created with regard to the Community may have and be granted by the Declarant and/or the Association a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across all Common Property, driveways and walkways, that may from time to time exist within the Community; provided, however, that any such easement in favor of a CDD shall be limited to provide the CDD only such easement interest as may be required to satisfy any maintenance or related obligations of the CDD with respect to the streets, roadways, Master Surface Water Management System, Common Property and other infrastructure within the Community.

3. Utilities. The Lots, Property or the Common Property may be subject to existing easements and agreements for public utilities purposes (including, but not limited to, fire and

police protection, garbage and trash removal, reclaimed and potable water and sewage systems, electric service, Telecommunications Services and Telecommunications Systems, and irrigation wells and pumps), and the utilities and applicable governmental agencies having jurisdiction thereover, including without limitation the Association and their employees and agents shall have the right of access to any Lot or Property or the Common Property in furtherance of such easements. Each Owner shall be obligated to maintain any easements contained within such Owner's Lot, whether or not shown on any recorded plat and whether or not required to be maintained by the utility entity holding such easement. The Declarant or its designee, so long as the Declarant or designee owns a Lot or Property or the Common Property, and without the joinder and consent of any other person or entity, shall have the right to grant such other additional easements and enter into such additional agreements regarding Telecommunications Systems, Telecommunications Services, and other utilities, including installations, operation, provision and maintenance agreements, as may be necessary for public and private utilities or other franchised or non-franchised service purposes. In addition, the Declarant reserves for itself and its designee, so long as the Declarant or designee owns a Lot or Property or the Common Property, and without the joinder and consent of any other person or entity, the right to enter into license, marketing, shared facilities or other agreements with respect to the Property, for the provision of any such Telecommunications Systems, Telecommunications Services, and utilities within the Property, or for the maintenance of any Telecommunications Systems, utility or drainage facilities or other areas, whether or not included in the Common Property. Any such easements and agreements shall be binding on the Association and survive turnover pursuant to their terms.

4. Title to Common Property. Declarant shall convey to the Association or, if required by Manatee County incident to the establishment of an MSTU/MSBU as described in Article IV, Section 8 below, dedicate to Manatee County for the uses and purposes set forth in this Declaration or in any subdivision plat of the Property fee simple title in and to the Common Property free and clear of all encumbrances except taxes, applicable subdivision plats, this Declaration and any easements recorded in the public records prior to the conveyance to the Association. Once conveyed to the Association, the Common Property may not be mortgaged or further conveyed without the consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Owners (excluding Declarant); provided, however, if required by Manatee County and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community incident to the establishment of an MSTU/MSBU as described in Article IV, Section 6 below or otherwise, the Association shall dedicate to Manatee County for the uses and purposes set forth in this Declaration or in any applicable subdivision plat so much of the Common Property then owned by the Association as shall be required by Manatee County and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community, and, except as provided in Article XII or by law, no such dedication shall require the consent of any Owner, the Association, any mortgagee or other lien holder, or of anyone else.

5. Extent of Easements. The rights and easements created in this Article shall be governed by the following:

a. Subject to any conflicting rights of Declarant and the Owners set forth in this Declaration, or as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Association shall be responsible for the exclusive management, control and maintenance of the Common Property.

b. Declarant, until conveyance of title to the Association, and the Association thereafter, may reserve to itself or to grant or dedicate (subject to the terms of Article XII) to Declarant, any Owner, any governmental agencies and/or any Telecommunications Provider, utility companies, easements and rights-of-way, over, under or through the Common Property for installation, use, maintenance and inspection of lines and appurtenances for Telecommunications Systems, other public or private utilities, surface water drainage improvements and areas, or completion of the Development. No improvement or material may be placed upon any such easement which may damage or interfere with the installation or maintenance of utilities or the easement area or that may alter or impede the direction or flow of drainage.

c. Declarant's rights reserved in this Declaration.

d. Matters shown on any plat of the Property or otherwise recorded in the Official Records of Manatee County.

6. Reservations. Declarant hereby reserves the following licenses, rights, privileges and easements over, under and through the Common Property, for itself and the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community (i) rights-of-way and easements to install, maintain and use electric, lighting, Telecommunications Systems, Telecommunications Services, gas, water, sewer, drainage and utility poles, wires, cables, conduits, fixtures, pipes, meters, equipment, facilities, ponds, swales, berms or ditches, and other equipment and improvements necessary or convenient for the completion, marketing, use and enjoyment of the Property, (ii) the right to cut trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any gradings of the soil, and take any similar action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe utility and drainage installation or to maintain reasonable standards of health, convenience, safety and appearance, (iii) the right to locate thereon wells, pumping stations and irrigation systems and lines, (iv) easement of ingress and egress for purposes of development, construction and marketing, including the exercise of Exclusive Marketing Rights (as defined in Article IX, Section 27 below) and (v) such other rights as may be reasonably necessary to complete in an orderly and economic manner the development and sale of the Property including, without limitation, the maintenance of temporary signage, flags, banner, logos, trademarks, service marks, and trailers used in such development, sales, and marketing efforts (including the exercise of Exclusive Marketing Rights by Declarant or third parties under agreement with Declarant); provided, however, that said reservation and right shall not be considered an obligation of Declarant to provide or maintain any such easement, utility, equipment or service. Declarant also reserves the right to connect with and make use of the Telecommunications Systems, utility lines and drainage improvements which may from time to time be in or along the streets and roads, or within the Common Property or platted easements. The easements and rights-of-way herein reserved herein shall be assignable and shall continue in existence in favor of Declarant after conveyance of the Common Property to the Association or dedication to Manatee County until such time as Declarant has sold all Lots in the Property and in any lands separately developed by Declarant and located adjacent to the Property.

Declarant also reserves a perpetual right and easement to irrigate the Common Property with treated effluent from a wastewater treatment facility, if any. The benefit of this reservation shall inure to Declarant and its specifically designated successors and assigns, but not in favor of any other Owner.

7. Delegation. Any Owner (including Declarant) may grant the benefit of any easement, right or privilege to tenants and guests for the duration of their tenancies or visits, but same shall not be construed to create any rights in the general public.

8. MSTU/MSBU. Declarant or Manatee County may establish a municipal service taxing unit, municipal service benefit unit, or similar mechanism (sometimes referred to in this Declaration as "MSTU/MSBU"), to provide for any one or more of the following: (a) operation and maintenance by Manatee County of any of the Common Property, and any recreational, drainage or other improvements thereon, for the uses and purposes set forth in this Declaration or in any applicable subdivision plat, which may or may not include a requirement that ownership of the affected lands and improvements be transferred to Manatee County, (b) construction or improvement of recreation, drainage, sidewalk, wall, landscaping, open space, conservation, or other areas, improvements or facilities on or within the Common Property or any easement areas for the use and benefit of the Property and the occupants thereof, and (c) construction, operation or maintenance of street lighting or any other service or benefit to or for the Property authorized under the terms of this Declaration or the MSTU/MSBU, or by the applicable governmental authority. It is anticipated that the costs incurred by the MSTU/MSBU will be billed directly to the Owners or to the Association for subsequent assessment to the Owners and Lots.

9. Community Development District. Declarant shall have the right to create a CDD, including and encumbering all or any portion of the Property, including, without limitation, the Lots and Common Areas, for the purposes of financing the improvement of the Lots and Common Areas. In connection with the establishment of the CDD, assessments and fees may be assessed against the Lots or Common Areas, in addition to those created by this Declaration and imposed by the Association. Each Owner shall pay to the CDD, or its designated representative, any assessments and fees created by the documentation establishing the CDD. In addition to any other rights that the Declarant may have pursuant to this Declaration, Declarant shall have the right to convey or grant easements over any Common Area to the CDD or subject to the Properties, or any portion thereof, to the documents establishing the CDD. Further, the Declarant shall have the right to cause the Association to enter into agreements with any CDD with respect to the maintenance of any real property or improvements constructed thereon or thereunder in which the CDD has an interest.

## ARTICLE V INSURANCE

1. The Association shall maintain insurance or a fidelity bond for all persons who control or disburse funds of the Association. The insurance policy or fidelity bond must cover the maximum funds that will be in the custody of the Association or its management agent at any one time. As used in this subsection, the term "persons who control or disburse funds of the association" includes, but is not limited to, persons authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Association, the president, secretary, and treasurer of the Association. The Association shall bear the cost of any insurance or bond and same shall be a common expense. If annually approved by a majority of the voting interests present at a properly called meeting of the Association, an Association may waive the requirement of obtaining an insurance policy or fidelity bond for all persons who control or disburse funds of the Association.

2. In addition, the Board may obtain insurance for insurable improvements on the Common Property, any Area of Common Responsibility, or on any easement benefiting the Owners or the Association, public liability policies covering the Association and Members for damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members, guests or agents, directors' and officers' liability insurance, and any other types of insurance coverage as the Board may deem appropriate, with such insureds, deductibles provisions and coverage types and amounts as shall be determined by the Board. Premiums for insurance so obtained shall be a Common Expense. The Association may self-insure against any risk.

## ARTICLE VI COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

1. Assessed Property. Declarant, for each Lot owned by it in the Property, and each Owner other than Declarant by acceptance of title to any Lot, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any deed or other conveyance, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association: (i) annual assessments or charges, (ii) special assessments, (iii) individual assessments, and (iv) a one-time only initial assessment. Said assessments shall be fixed, established and assessed as herein provided. Assessments, together with such interest and late charges as shall be imposed by the Board at its discretion, and the cost of collection thereof, including without limitation court costs and reasonable attorneys' and legal assistants' fees before trial, at trial and on appeal, shall be a charge and a continuing lien upon the Lot against which such assessment is made, and upon any Dwelling located on said Lot, from and after the date on which such assessment is due. Each assessment, together with said interest, late charges, costs and fees, shall also be the personal obligation of each person who was an Owner of the Lot at the time the assessment fell due.

If any assessment or installment thereon is not paid when due, then such assessment shall be delinquent and the delinquent assessment, together with interest, late charges, and collection costs, shall be secured by a continuing lien on the Lot as to which the assessment accrued as hereafter provided.

If the delinquent assessment or installment thereon is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, a late charge of the greater of \$25.00 or five percent (5.0%) of the past due installment shall be due and payable.

2. Lien and Personal Obligation for Non-Payment.

a. The Association has a lien on each Lot to secure the payment of assessments and other amounts provided for herein. Except as otherwise set forth in Florida Statute 720.3085, the lien is effective from and shall relate back to the date on which this Declaration is recorded. However, as to first mortgages of record, the lien is effective from and after recording of a claim of lien in the public records of the County.

(1) The claim of lien shall state the description of the Lot, the name of the Owner, the name and address of the Association, the assessment amount due, and the due date. The claim of lien secures all unpaid assessments that are due and that may accrue subsequent to the recording of the claim of lien and before entry of a certificate of title, as well as interest, late

charges, and reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred by the association incident to the collection process. The person making payment is entitled to a satisfaction of the lien upon payment in full.

(2) By recording a notice in substantially the following form, an Owner or the Owner's agent or attorney may require the Association to enforce a recorded claim of lien against his or her Lot:

#### NOTICE OF CONTEST OF LIEN

TO: (Name and address of Association)

You are notified that the undersigned contests the Claim of Lien filed by you on \_\_\_\_\_, (year), and recorded in Official Records Book \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Public Records of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, and that the time within which you may file suit to enforce your lien is limited to ninety (90) days following the date of service of this notice.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (year).

Signed: (Owner or Attorney)

After the notice of a contest of lien has been recorded, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall mail a copy of the recorded notice to the Association by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the address shown in the Claim of Lien or the most recent amendment to it and shall certify to the service on the face of the notice. Service is complete upon mailing. After service, the Association has ninety (90) days in which to file an action to enforce the lien and, if the action is not filed within the 90-day period, the lien is void. However, the 90-day period shall be extended for any length of time that the Association is prevented from filing its action because of an automatic stay resulting from the filing of a bankruptcy petition by the Owner or by any other person claiming an interest in the Lot.

(3) The Association may bring an action in its name to foreclose a lien for assessments in the same manner in which a mortgage of real property is foreclosed and may also bring an action to recover a money judgment for the unpaid assessments without waiving any claim of lien. The Association is entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees incurred in an action to foreclose a lien or an action to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments.

(4) If the Owner remains in possession of the Lot after a foreclosure judgment has been entered, the court may require the Owner to pay a reasonable rent for the Lot. If the Lot is rented or leased during the pendency of the foreclosure action, the Association is entitled to the appointment of a receiver to collect the rent. The expenses of the receiver must be paid by the party who does not prevail in the foreclosure action.

(5) The Association may purchase the Lot at the foreclosure sale and hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the Lot.

b. (1) An Owner, regardless of how his or her title to property has been acquired, including by purchase at a foreclosure sale or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, is liable for all assessments that come due while he or she is the Owner. The Owner's liability for assessments may not be avoided by waiver or suspension of the use or enjoyment of any common area or by abandonment of the Lot upon which the assessments are made.

(2) An Owner is jointly and severally liable with any previous Owner for all unpaid assessments that came due up to the time of transfer of title. This liability is without prejudice to any right the present Owner may have to recover any amounts paid by the Owner from any previous Owner. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "previous owner" shall not include the Association that acquires title to a delinquent property through foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure. The present owner's liability for unpaid assessments is limited to any unpaid assessments that accrued before the Association acquired title to the delinquent property through foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this section, the liability of a first mortgagee, or its successor or assignee as a subsequent holder of the first mortgage who acquires title to a Lot by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure for the unpaid assessments that became due before the mortgagee's acquisition of title, shall be the lesser of:

(a) The Lot's unpaid common expenses and regular periodic or special assessments that accrued or came due during the 12 months immediately preceding the acquisition of title and for which payment in full has not been received by the Association; or

(b) One percent (1%) of the original mortgage debt.

The limitations on first mortgagee liability provided by this paragraph apply only if the first mortgagee filed suit against the Owner and initially joined the association as a defendant in the mortgagee foreclosure action. Joinder of the Association is not required if, on the date the complaint is filed, the Association was dissolved or did not maintain an office or agent for service of process at a location that was known to or reasonably discoverable by the mortgagee.

(4) If the Association, or its successor or assignee, acquires title to a Lot through the foreclosure of its lien for assessments, it is not liable for any unpaid assessments, late fees, interest, or reasonable attorney's fees and costs that came due before the Association's acquisition of title in favor of any other "association", as defined in Florida Statute, §§718.103(2) or 720.301(9), which holds a superior lien interest on the Lot. This paragraph is intended to clarify the priority of competing claims in a manner consistent with applicable law.

c. Assessments and installments on assessments that are not paid when due bear interest from the due date until paid at the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the highest rate allowed by law.

(1) The Association may charge an administrative late fee not to exceed the greater of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or five percent (5%) of the amount of each installment that is paid past the due date.

(2) Any payment received by the Association and accepted shall be applied first to any interest accrued, then to any administrative late fee, then to any costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in collection, and then to the delinquent assessment. This paragraph applies notwithstanding any restrictive endorsement, designation, or instruction placed on or accompanying a payment. A late fee is not subject to the provisions of Chapter 687 and is not a fine.

d. The Association may not file a record of lien against a Lot for unpaid assessments unless a written notice or demand for past due assessments as well as any other amounts owed to the Association pursuant to its governing documents has been made by the Association. The written notice or demand must:

(1) Provide the owner with forty-five (45) days following the date the notice is deposited in the mail to make payment for all amounts due, including, but not limited to, any attorney's fees and actual costs associated with the preparation and delivery of the written demand.

(2) Be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first-class United States mail to the Owner at his or her last address as reflected in the records of the Association, if the address is within the United States, and to the Owner subject to the demand at the address of the Lot if the Owner's address as reflected in the records of the Association is not the Lot address. If the address reflected in the records is outside the United States, then sending the notice to that address and to the Lot address by first-class United States mail is sufficient.

e. The Association may bring an action in its name to foreclose a lien for unpaid assessments secured by a lien in the same manner that a mortgage of real property is foreclosed and may also bring an action to recover a money judgment for the unpaid assessments without waiving any claim of lien. The action to foreclose the lien may not be brought until forty-five (45) days after the Owner has been provided notice of the Association's intent to foreclose and collect the unpaid amount. The notice must be given in the manner provided in paragraph (4)(b), and the notice may not be provided until the passage of the forty-five (45) days required in paragraph (4)(a).

(1) The Association may recover any interest, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in a lien foreclosure action or in an action to recover a money judgment for the unpaid assessments.

(2) The time limitations in this subsection do not apply if the Lot is subject to a foreclosure action or forced sale of another party, or if an Owner of the Lot is a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding.

f. If after service of a summons on a complaint to foreclose a lien the Lot is not the subject of a mortgage foreclosure or a notice of tax certificate sale, the Owner is not a debtor in bankruptcy proceedings, or the trial of or trial docket for the lien foreclosure action is not set to begin within thirty (30) days, the Owner may serve and file with the court a qualifying offer at any time before the entry of a foreclosure judgment. For purposes of this subsection, the term "qualifying offer" means a written offer to pay all amounts secured by the lien of the Association plus amounts accruing during the pendency of the offer. The Owner may make only one qualifying offer during the pendency of a foreclosure action. If a Lot becomes the subject of a mortgage foreclosure or a notice of tax certificate sale while a qualifying offer is pending, the qualifying offer becomes voidable at the election of the Association. If the Owner becomes a debtor in bankruptcy proceedings while a qualifying offer is pending, the qualifying offer becomes void.

(1) The Owner shall deliver a copy of the filed qualifying offer to the Association's attorney by hand delivery, obtaining a written receipt, or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(2) The Owner's filing of the qualifying offer with the court stays the foreclosure action for the period stated in the qualifying offer, which may not exceed sixty (60) days following the date of service of the qualifying offer and no sooner than thirty (30) days before the date of trial, arbitration, or the beginning of the trial docket, whichever occurs first, to permit the Owner to pay the qualifying offer to the Association plus any amounts accruing during the pendency of the offer.

(3) The qualifying offer must be in writing, be signed by all Owners of the Lot and the spouse of any Owner if the spouse resides in or otherwise claims a homestead interest in the Lot, be acknowledged by a notary public, and be in substantially the following form:

QUALIFYING OFFER  
AUTOMATIC STAY INVOKED  
PURSUANT TO F.S. 720.3085

I/We, [Name(s) of Owner(s)], admit the following:

1. The total amount due the Association is secured by the lien of the Association.
2. The Association is entitled to foreclose its claim of lien and obtain a foreclosure judgment for the total amount due if I/we breach this qualifying offer by failing to pay the amount due by the date specified in this qualifying offer.
3. I/We will not permit the priority of the lien of the Association or the amounts secured by the lien to be endangered.
4. I/We hereby affirm that the date(s) by which the Association will receive \$ [specify amount] as the total amount due is [specify date, no later than sixty (60) days after the date of service of

the qualifying offer and at least thirty (30) days before the trial or arbitration date], in the following amounts and dates:

5. I/We hereby confirm that I/we have requested and have received from the Association a breakdown and total of all sums due the Association and that the amount offered above is equal to or greater than the total amount provided by the Association.

6. This qualifying offer operates as a stay to all portions of the foreclosure action which seek to collect unpaid assessments as provided in Florida Statute, §720.3085.

Signed: (Signatures of all Owners and spouses, if any)

Sworn to and subscribed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (year), before the undersigned authority.

Notary Public: (Signature of notary public)

If the Owner makes a qualifying offer under this subsection, the Association may not add the cost of any legal fees incurred by the Association within the period of the stay other than costs acquired in defense of a mortgage foreclosure action concerning the Lot, a bankruptcy proceeding in which the Owner is a debtor, or in response to filings by a party other than the Association in the lien foreclosure action of the Association.

g. If the Owner breaches the qualifying offer, the stay shall be vacated and the Association may proceed in its action to obtain a foreclosure judgment against the Lot and the Owners for the amount in the qualifying offer and any amounts accruing after the date of the qualifying offer.

h. (1) If the Lot is occupied by a tenant and the Owner is delinquent in paying any monetary obligation due to the Association, the Association may demand that the tenant pay to the Association the subsequent rental payments and continue to make such payments until all the monetary obligations of the Owner related to the Lot have been paid in full to the Association and the Association releases the tenant or until the tenant discontinues tenancy in the Lot.

(a) The Association must provide the tenant a notice, by hand delivery or United States mail, in substantially the following form:

Pursuant to Florida Statute, §720.3085(8), we demand that you make your rent payments directly to the Association and continue doing so until the Association notifies you otherwise.

Payment due the Association may be in the same form as you paid your landlord and must be sent by United States mail or hand delivery to (full address), payable to (name).

Your obligation to pay your rent to the Association begins immediately, unless you have already paid rent to your landlord for the current period before receiving this notice. In that case, you must provide the Association written proof of your payment within fourteen (14) days after receiving this notice and your obligation to pay rent to the Association would then begin with the next rental period.

Pursuant to Florida Statute, §720.3085(8), your payment of rent to the Association gives you complete immunity from any claim for the rent by your landlord.

(b) A tenant is immune from any claim by the Owner related to the rent timely paid to the Association after the association has made written demand.

(2) If the tenant paid rent to the landlord or Owner for a given rental period before receiving the demand from the Association and provides written evidence to the Association of having paid the rent within fourteen (14) days after receiving the demand, the tenant shall begin making rental payments to the Association for the following rental period and shall continue making rental payments to the Association to be credited against the monetary obligations of the Owner until the Association releases the tenant or the tenant discontinues tenancy in the unit. The Association shall, upon request, provide the tenant with written receipts for payments made. The Association shall mail written notice to the Owner of the Association's demand that the tenant pay monetary obligations to the Association.

(3) The liability of the tenant may not exceed the amount due from the tenant to the tenant's landlord. The tenant shall be given a credit against rents due to the landlord in the amount of assessments paid to the Association.

(4) The Association may issue notice under Florida Statute, §83.56, and sue for eviction under Florida Statute, §§83.59-83.625, as if the Association were a landlord under Part II of Chapter 83 if the tenant fails to pay a monetary obligation. However, the Association is not otherwise considered a landlord under Florida Statute, Chapter 83, and specifically has no obligations under Florida Statute, §83.51.

(5) The tenant does not, by virtue of payment of monetary obligations, have any of the rights of an Owner to vote in any election or to examine the books and records of the Association.

(6) A court may supersede the effect of this subsection by appointing a receiver.

3. Exempt Property. The following property shall be exempt from the assessments, charges and liens created herein: (i) Common Property; (ii) lands owned by Declarant which have not been annexed to the Property by this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration; (iii) lands dedicated to County or other governmental authority, any utility company or the public; and (iv) Lots owned by Declarant during the period of time that Declarant subsidizes the Common Expenses of the Association pursuant to Section 11 of this Article. No other land or improvements in the Property shall be exempt from these assessments, charges or liens. No Owner may avoid assessment obligations by virtue of non-use of the Common Property or abandonment of the Common Property.

4. Purpose. The assessments levied by the Association may be used to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the Owners, to perform the Association's duties and to exercise the powers conferred on it, to improve, operate, insure and maintain the Common Property and the Areas of Common Responsibility, and to pursue any other purpose deemed desirable or appropriate by the Board, including without limitation any one or more of the following: (a) payment of Association operating expenses; (b) lighting, irrigation, maintenance, improvement and beautification of streets and easement areas, and acquisition, maintenance, repair and replacement of community identification signs and traffic control devices, and control and regulation of traffic in the Property to the extent not otherwise funded by a CDD; (c) operation, maintenance, repair and management of any clubhouse, park and recreational facilities constituting the Areas of Common Responsibility to the extent not otherwise funded by a CDD; (d) payment of any amount due for the provision, use, operation, maintenance, repair or replacement, from time to time, of any Telecommunications Services or Telecommunications Systems under any agreements entered into in accordance with Article IX, Section 27 hereof; (e) payment, contest or compromise of real and personal property taxes and assessments separately levied upon or assessed against the Association or the Common Property; (f) operation, management, insurance, replacement, maintenance, repair, beautification and improvement of the Common Property, Areas of Common Responsibility, any easement areas benefiting the Association to the extent not otherwise funded by a CDD; (g) repayment of any deficits previously incurred by the Association; (h) procurement and maintenance of insurance; (i) employment of accountants, attorneys and other professionals to represent or advise the Association; (j) operation, maintenance and repair of the Master Surface Water Management System for the Property in accordance with the terms of this Declaration and the requirements of the District to the extent not otherwise funded by a CDD; (k) monitoring of protected wetlands as required by the District, including, without limitation, funding for monitoring and maintenance of any wetland mitigation areas each year until the District determines that such areas are successful in accordance with the District permit to the extent not otherwise funded by a CDD; and (l) doing anything necessary or desirable in the judgment of the Board to keep the Property neat and attractive, to preserve or enhance the value thereof, to eliminate fire, health or safety hazards, or otherwise to benefit the Owners.

5. Determination of Annual Assessments.

a. Operating Budget. At least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Association's fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget of the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, including without limitation operational items such as overhead and indirect costs, insurance, utilities, taxes, professional fees, repairs, reserves, maintenance and other operating expenses, as well as charges to cover any deficits from prior years, and capital improvement budget items approved by the Board under subsection below.

b. Capital Budget. Each year, the Board shall approve a capital budget taking into account the number, type, useful life and expected replacement cost of replaceable assets. The Board shall then set the required annual capital contribution in an amount sufficient to meet the projected capital needs of the Association on a timely basis. The annual capital contribution fixed by the Board shall then be included in the annual operating budget and annual assessments described in subsection above.

c. Adoption of Operating Budget. The Association shall mail to each Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Association's current fiscal year a copy of the capital budget, operating budget and annual assessments approved by the Board to be levied for the next fiscal year. The annual assessments for each year (commencing January 1 of the year following the year in which the first Lot was conveyed), may be increased by the Board without a meeting by an amount not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) over and above the annual assessments for the preceding year, and such increase and associated operating budget shall not require the approval of the membership. In the event that the annual assessments exceed fifteen percent (15%) over and above the annual assessments for the preceding year, then such proposed increase shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members, without regard to class, who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose. If the membership fails to approve the operating budget for the succeeding year which proposes an increase in excess of fifteen percent (15%), or if the Board fails to propose a budget, then the budget and annual assessments for the preceding year shall continue in effect until a new budget is determined.

6. Special Assessments. In addition to annual assessments, the Board may levy at any time a special assessment for the purpose of defraying the cost of any construction, repair or replacement of any improvement on the Common Property or Areas of Common Responsibility, or on any easement benefiting the Association, for the purpose of covering any budget deficits of the Association, or for any other purpose deemed desirable or appropriate by the Board; provided, however, that any such special assessment shall have the approval of a majority of the votes of the Members of each class who are in attendance and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for said purpose.

7. Individual Assessment. The Board may levy an individual assessment against any Owner and that Owner's Lot and any Dwelling located thereon in order to: (i) recover any and all reasonable costs incurred by the Association due to that Owner's failure to maintain its Lot or Dwelling pursuant to the standards set forth in this Declaration which costs may include, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys' fees, legal assistants' fees and costs incurred in doing so; and/or (ii) reimburse the Association for loss or damage to the Association or to any Common Property, Area of Common Responsibility or easement area caused by that Owner or his lessee, agent, contractor or guest, whether or not covered by insurance, or for any other purpose expressly permitted by this Declaration.

8. Commencement of Annual Assessments; Start-Up Assessment; Initial Annual Assessment; Due Dates. Annual assessments on the Lots in the Property shall commence upon the sale of the first Lot in the Property to a bona fide third party purchaser. At the closing of the sale of each Lot in the Property by Declarant to the first purchaser from Declarant, the purchaser shall pay to the Association (i) a one time initial contribution ("Start-Up Assessment") in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), and (ii) the entire annual assessment for the calendar year (less any Telecommunications Services expenses) of closing, prorated on a per diem basis from the date of closing through the end of that calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the annual fee payable for each Lot shall exclude and shall be reduced by the applied for Lot Telecommunications Services fee until such time as the Lot is conveyed to an Owner other than a Builder. Thereafter, annual assessments shall be due, in advance, on or before the commencement of the Association fiscal year for which imposed; but the Board may elect to

collect annual assessments in monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments. In the event of such deferred payments, the Board may, but shall not be required to, charge a uniform, lawful rate of interest on the unpaid balance. The Board may accelerate the balance of any annual assessment upon default in the payment of any installment thereon. Annual assessments which commence to accrue as to any Lot other than on the first day of the year shall be prorated for the balance of that year. Beginning with the first resale to a purchaser of a Lot who acquires title to such Lot from an Owner other than a Builder, and as to each subsequent resale of such Lot, there shall be due to the Association a ("resale assessment") at the time of transfer in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

The initial annual assessment for the Lots in each Additional Property shall be set forth in the relevant Supplemental Declaration.

9. Certificate. Upon request, the Association shall furnish to any Owner a certificate setting forth whether required assessments have been paid. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence in favor of third parties relying thereon of the payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

10. Subordination. The assessment lien shall be subordinate to the lien of any first priority, purchase money mortgage of an institutional lender. Any such mortgagee which obtains title to a Lot by foreclosure of a mortgage, or by voluntary conveyance in lieu of such foreclosure, shall not be liable for the uncollected assessments or interest, late charges or collection costs pertaining to such Lot or chargeable to the former Owner thereof which became due prior to the acquisition of title by said mortgagee, and no mortgagee shall have the obligation to collect any such sums. Such unpaid amounts shall be deemed a Common Expense collectible from all Owners, including the acquiring mortgagee, on a pro-rata basis. Any such transfer to or by a mortgagee shall not relieve the transferee of responsibility nor the Lot from the lien for assessments thereafter falling due.

11. Funding by Declarant. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant shall not be obligated to pay any annual or special assessment or Start-Up Assessment as to any Lot owned by it during any period of time that Declarant pays the Common Expense actually incurred over and above the income derived from annual, special and individual assessments collectible from the Class "A" Members. For purposes of this subsidy arrangement, Declarant need not subsidize or pay replacement reserves or capital expenditures or cash shortfalls caused by delinquencies of members' payment of assessments. Declarant, at its option, may elect by written notice delivered to the Association at any time to abandon the subsidy approach and commence payment of the assessments thereafter falling due for the Lots then owned by Declarant, prorated as of the date of such notice. Declarant shall never be obligated to pay any individual assessment unless so elected in writing. Should Declarant, in its sole discretion, elect to fund cash short falls caused by delinquencies of Members' payment of assessments, then such funding would be considered a loan to be paid back by the Association to Declarant based upon terms to be determined under a separate loan agreement.

ARTICLE VII  
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

1. Architectural Control; ARB. All Lots and Dwellings in the Property are subject to architectural review in accordance with this Article and the Planning, Construction and Development Criteria ("the Planning Criteria") and residential design guidelines ("Residential Design Guidelines") as may be adopted and revised from time to time by the Architectural Review Board (the "ARB"). The Planning Criteria and Residential Design Guidelines shall be written and made available to all Builders in the Property and to all Owners or prospective Owners. The Planning Criteria and Residential Design Guidelines may include any matters considered appropriate by the ARB not inconsistent with this Declaration.

The Declarant shall have the right and power to exempt any Lot and Dwelling from, and/or modify the Planning Criteria and/or Residential Design Guidelines applied to any Lot and Dwelling in its sole and exclusive discretion during the term of ownership of that Lot by a Builder upon written request from the Builder. Any elevations and plans of any Builder approved in writing by Declarant for construction of Dwellings on Lots shall be deemed approval of the ARB for construction of Dwellings by such Builder on any Lots.

No site work, landscaping, utility extension, drainage improvement, paving, driveway, swimming pool, pool enclosure, building, fence, wall, or any other physical or structural improvement, or change or alteration to the exterior of any existing structure or improvement, including change in color scheme, or to any existing landscaping, shall be commenced, erected or maintained until the plans showing such details as the nature, size, design, workmanship, shape, finished grade elevation, height, materials and color of the same, together with a landscape plan and a plot plan showing the location relative to boundaries and adjacent improvements of such proposed improvements or changes, all as applicable, have been approved in writing by the ARB.

So long as Declarant owns any Lots subject to this Declaration, Declarant shall be entitled to appoint all members of the ARB. Thereafter, the membership of the ARB shall be determined by the Board. The ARB shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members, none of whom shall be required to be Owners or occupants of the Property. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an Owner to finish or alter the interior of that Owner's Dwelling as that Owner desires. Decisions of the ARB shall be by majority action. No member of the ARB shall be entitled to compensation for services performed, but the ARB may employ professional advisors and pay reasonable compensation to such advisors at Common Expense.

It shall be the responsibility of each Owner at the time of construction of the Dwelling on that Owner's Lot to comply with the approved construction plans for the Master Surface Water Management System on file with the District pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, F.A.C.

2. Approvals. Unless waived by the ARB, all plans shall be prepared by an architect or engineer, said person to be employed by and at the expense of the Owner. If for any reason, including purely aesthetic reasons, the ARB should determine that a proposed improvement or alteration is not consistent with the Planning Criteria or Declarant's development plan, or in the best interest of the Development, such improvement or alteration shall not be made. Approval of

plans may be withheld not only because of noncompliance with any of the specific conditions, covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration, but also by virtue of the dissatisfaction of the ARB with the location of the structure on the Lot, the elevation, color scheme, finish, design, proportions, architecture, drainage plan, shape, height, style and appropriateness of the proposed structures or altered structures, the materials used therein, the planting, landscaping, size, height or location of vegetation on the Lot, or because of its reasonable dissatisfaction with any other matter or thing which, in the judgment of the ARB, will render the proposed improvement or alteration inharmonious with the general development plan or the Planning Criteria. Two (2) sets of plans, specifications and plot plans shall be submitted to the ARB by the Owner prior to applying for a building permit. Submittals and re-submittals of plans shall be approved or disapproved within thirty (30) days after receipt by the ARB. Failure of the ARB to respond in writing to a submittal or re-submittal of plans within such period shall be deemed to be approval of the plans as submitted or resubmitted. The ARB approval or disapproval shall be written and shall be accompanied by one (1) copy of the plans, etc., to be returned to the Owner. Whenever the ARB disapproves plans, the ARB shall specify the reason or reasons for such disapproval.

3. Violations. The work must be performed strictly in accordance with the plans as approved. If after plans have been approved, the improvements are altered, erected, or maintained upon the Lot other than as approved, the same shall be deemed to have been undertaken without ARB approval. After one (1) year from completion of any improvement, addition or alteration, said improvement shall, in favor of purchasers and encumbrances in good faith and for value, be deemed to comply with the provisions hereof unless a notice of such noncompliance executed by any member of the ARB shall appear in the Manatee County public records, or legal proceedings shall have been instituted to enjoin the noncompliance or to enforce compliance with these provisions.

4. Variances. The ARB may grant variances from compliance with the architectural provisions of this Declaration or the Planning Criteria including without limitation restrictions upon height, size or placement of structures, or similar restrictions, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic or environmental considerations may reasonably require. Such variances must be written and signed by at least two (2) members of the ARB. The granting of any variance shall not operate to waive any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration or the Planning Criteria for any purpose except as to the particular Lot and the particular provision covered by the variance, nor shall it affect the Owner's obligation to comply with governmental requirements.

5. Waiver of Liability. None of Declarant, the ARB or the Association, or any agent or employee thereof, shall be liable to anyone submitting plans for approval or to any Owner, occupant or guest of the Property by reason of, or in connection with approval or disapproval of any plans, or for any defect in any plans submitted, revised or approved in accordance with the requirements of the ARB, or for any structural or other defect in any work done according to such plans. Approval of plans, or any other approvals, variances or consents, are given solely to protect the aesthetics of the Property in the judgment of the ARB and shall not be deemed a warranty, representation or covenant that any action taken in reliance thereon complies with applicable laws, codes, rules or regulations, nor shall ARB approval be deemed approval of any plan or design from the standpoint of structural safety or conformity with building or other

codes. Every person who submits plans for approval agrees, by submission of such plans, and every Owner or occupant of any Lot agrees, by acquiring title thereto or an interest therein, that it will not bring any action, proceeding or suit to recover any such damages.

6. Enforcement. Declarant and the Association shall have standing and authority on behalf of the Association to enforce in courts of competent jurisdiction the Planning Criteria and the decisions of the ARB. Should Declarant or the Association be required to enforce the provisions hereof by legal action, the reasonable attorneys' fees and legal assistants' fees and costs incurred, whether or not judicial proceedings are involved, including the attorneys' fees and costs incurred on appeal from judicial proceedings, shall be collectible from the violating Owner. Should any Owner fail to comply with the requirements hereof after thirty (30) days' written notice, Declarant and the Association shall have the right but not the obligation to enter upon the Owner's property, make such corrections or modifications as are necessary, or remove anything in violation of the provisions hereof or the Planning Criteria, and charge any and all reasonable costs thereof to the Owner as an individual assessment, which costs may include, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys' fees, legal assistants' fees and costs incurred in doing so. The individual assessment shall be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administrative late fee over and above the costs incurred to correct the violation. Declarant and the Association, or their agents or employees, shall not be liable to the Owner or to any occupant or invitee of any Lot for any trespass or damages or injury to property or person for any action taken hereunder unless caused by gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

#### ARTICLE VIII EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

1. Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall keep and maintain the building improvements, including Dwelling, and landscaping located on that Owner's Lot in good and presentable condition and repair consistent with the approved plans therefor, and shall otherwise keep such Lot and all improvements located thereon in neat and attractive condition. To the extent not included in the areas required to be maintained by the Association pursuant to Section 4 of this Article, each Owner shall, at that Owner's expense, grass over, mow and keep free of trash and debris, on a routine basis, those portions of the Master Surface Water Management System located on that Owner's Lot (whether or not included in a platted drainage easement). When required, major repairs to, and major maintenance and reconstruction of, components of the Master Surface Water Management System will be performed by the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community, at Common Expense or by way of CDD assessment. Each Owner shall grass over, mow and keep free of trash and debris, on a routine basis, the unpaved portion of any platted street(s) abutting the Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of the swales on the Owner's Lot. Maintenance, operation and repair shall mean the exercise of practices, such as mowing and erosion repair, which allow the swales to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the District. Filling, excavation, construction of fences or otherwise obstructing the surface water flow in the swales is prohibited.

Landscape maintenance shall include without limitation irrigation, fertilization, weeding, mowing, trimming, spraying for insects and disease, and periodic replacement of damaged or diseased plantings.

All sidewalks shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Manatee County, Florida. Each Owner shall be responsible to maintain, repair and replace the sidewalk abutting his or her Lot. Such maintenance, repair and replacement shall be at the sole cost and expense of the affected Owner. In the event an Owner shall fail to maintain the sidewalk abutting his or her Lot in a manner satisfactory to the Association, the Association may undertake necessary maintenance, repair or replacement of the sidewalk in accordance with the provisions of this Article. In no event shall the maintenance, repair or replacement of sidewalk be an obligation of Manatee County, Florida.

The Association shall have the right but not the obligation to provide exterior repair and maintenance on any Lot or any improvement thereon in the event of default by any Owner in the duties hereby imposed. Prior to performing repair or maintenance on any Lot, the Board shall determine that there is need of repair or maintenance and such need detracts from the overall appearance of the Property. Except in emergency situations, prior to commencement of any work, the Board must furnish written notice to the Owner to the effect that, unless specified repairs or maintenance are commenced within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the notice, and thereafter diligently pursued to completion, the Association may procure said repairs. Upon the Owner's failure to commence timely and to diligently pursue the repairs or maintenance, the Association and its agents or employees shall have the right to enter in or upon the Lot and the exterior of any improvement thereon to perform the repairs or maintenance specified in the notice. In this regard, the Association shall have the right to do such things as, but not limited to, paint, repair, replace and care for pools, pool enclosures, roofs, gutters, down spouts and exterior building surfaces, clean or resurface paved access ways and parking areas, trim and care for trees, shrubs, grass, walks, swales, berms and other landscaping and drainage improvements, as well as to provide general cleanup, shoreline maintenance, and removal of debris which in the opinion of the Board detracts from the overall beauty and setting of the Property. Declarant, the Association, and their respective agents and employees, shall have no liability to the Owner or any occupant or guest for trespass, or damage or injury to property or person as the result of actions taken hereunder unless caused by gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

2. Assessment of Costs. The reasonable costs of any work performed or services provided by or at the request of the Association pursuant to Section 1 hereinabove shall be assessed as an individual assessment against the Owner of the Lot upon which such work is done or services are provided and the Lot, which costs may include, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys' fees, legal assistants' fees and costs incurred in doing so. An administrative fee of \$50.00 shall be added to the cost of the work performed.

3. Access. In order to perform the repairs or maintenance authorized by this Article, the agents or employees of the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community may enter upon any Lot and the exterior of any improvement located thereon during reasonable hours on any day except Sundays and holidays, except that in an emergency situation, as determined by the Board, entry may be made at any time.

4. Association's Responsibility. The Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community shall maintain and keep in good condition and repair the Common Property and the Areas of Common Responsibility and the wall, landscaping, lighting, irrigation,

sign, drainage and other improvements from time to time located thereon, including replacing any fixtures or appurtenances located in the Common Property or Areas of Common Responsibility. Unless and until dedicated or conveyed to a governmental unit or utility company, the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community shall maintain, repair and replace as needed, and pay the electrical usage charges for, the lift station and related lines and equipment servicing the Property. All tracts within the Property containing portions of the Master Surface Water Management System for the Property as approved and permitted by the District shall be maintained by the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community. The Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community shall file with the District and the Manatee County Stormwater Office such annual reports as may be required by the applicable permit for the Master Surface Water Management System. It is the responsibility of the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community to operate, maintain and repair the Master Surface Water Management System and to enforce, or to take such appropriate action as may be necessary to cure violations of, the routine maintenance and non-interference covenants of the Owners under this Declaration, and, when appropriate, to levy assessments therefor. Maintenance of the Master Surface Water Management System shall include the exercise of practices which allow the system to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance and other surface water management capabilities as permitted by the District. Any repair or reconstruction of the Master Surface Water Management System shall be as originally permitted or, if modified, as approved by the District. The Declarant shall also have the right to enforce the obligations of the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community as described in this Section 4.

#### ARTICLE IX RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

The Property shall be subject to the following covenants and restrictions which shall bind each Owner and Lot:

1. Wells. No individual water supply system shall be permitted on any Lot without the approval of the ARB.

2. Obnoxious or Offensive Activity. No activity or use shall be allowed upon the Property which is a source of annoyance, embarrassment or discomfort to Owners or their tenants or invitees, or which interferes with the peaceful possession and proper use and enjoyment of the Property, nor shall any improper, unsightly, offensive or unlawful use be made of any Lot, Dwelling or the Common Property, and all laws and regulations of applicable governmental bodies shall be observed. The Property shall be used, enjoyed and occupied in such manner as not to cause or produce any of the following effects discernible outside any Dwelling; noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, beat, frequency or shrillness; smoke; noxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases; obnoxious odors; dust, dirt or fly ash; unusual fire or explosive hazards; vibration; or interference with normal television, radio or other telecommunication by other Owners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in the foregoing Paragraph 2 shall restrict or prohibit reasonably necessary construction noise which occurs as a result of construction activities within the Property.

3. Rules and Regulations. Reasonable rules and regulations may be promulgated by the Board, after notice and hearing, as to the use and enjoyment of the Property and shall be observed by the Owners and occupants thereof. Such rules and regulations may involve such matters as air conditioning units, signs, mailboxes, temporary structures, noisy mufflers or other nuisances, garbage and trash disposal, parking, traffic, state of repair of vehicles, tree removal, pets, game and play structures and devices, swimming pools, Telecommunication Services, Telecommunication Systems, and antennae, driveways, walkways, sight distances at intersections, garages, and fences. These matters are set out by way of illustration only and shall not be construed to limit the authority of the Board to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations may augment or clarify the terms of this Declaration or any term, covenant or restriction herein contained.

4. Animals. Birds, fish, dogs, cats, reptiles, insects and all other non-human organisms (collectively, "Animals") may be kept as pets only, and shall not be held or offered for sale or maintained or bred for any commercial use. An Occupant (for purposes hereof deemed to mean that there may only be one Occupant of a Home, regardless of the number of joint owners or residents) may maintain no more than 2 dogs and/or cats. Canine breeds designated as high risk or uninsurable by insurance standards shall not be permitted on the property. Animals shall be sheltered inside Dwellings. No separate or exterior shelter for Animals shall be permitted. All Animals must be kept in a fully fenced area or leashed when outside and shall not be permitted to run loose. Persons in custody or control of an animal are required to clean up any feces deposited upon the private property of others or in the common areas of the association. No Animals shall be permitted to remain on the Property if they disturb the tranquility of the Property or the Owners or tenants thereof, if they are unlawful, dangerous, annoying, or a nuisance to or destructive of wildlife, or if they are specifically excluded from the Property by the Board after notice and hearing. Where more restrictive than the foregoing, all applicable leash laws shall be complied with at all times within the Property.

5. Garbage and Trash. No trash, garbage or other waste material or refuse shall be placed or stored on any part of the Property except in covered or sealed sanitary containers. All such sanitary containers must be stored within each Dwelling or placed within an enclosure or concealed by means of a screening wall approved by the ARB. Except for normal construction debris on any Lot during the course of construction of the Dwelling, no weeds, garbage, refuse or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Property.

6. Storage Receptacles. No fuel tanks or similar storage receptacles may be exposed to view, and same may be installed only within an approved accessory building, within a screened area, or buried underground, and shall otherwise comply with standards established from time to time by the ARB or applicable law.

7. Vehicles. No vehicle may be parked on the Property except within garages or on paved streets and paved driveways. No inoperative vehicles shall be allowed to remain on the Property in excess of forty-eight (48) hours unless kept in an enclosure and not visible from the street or any other Lot. No commercial vehicles, except those present on business, shall be parked on any part of the Property. For purposes of this provision, "commercial vehicles" shall mean cars, trucks or any other motorized vehicles, and trailers that may be attached thereto, which are used primarily for business rather than personal purposes. No trailers, boats, campers,

trucks, mobile homes, motorized recreational vehicles or motorcycles may be parked in the Property unless parked inside a garage or behind the Dwelling, provided said vehicle cannot be seen from any street. The foregoing shall not be applied to a Builder's construction vehicles.

8. Temporary Structures. No building or structure of a temporary or portable character such as trailers, tents, shacks or storage units shall be permitted in the Property, except as approved by the ARB, and except for temporary improvements used solely in connection with the construction of approved permanent improvements and removed immediately upon completion of such construction. Neither Declarant nor any residential builder doing business in the Property shall be prohibited from erecting or maintaining temporary dwellings, model homes and other structures for development and marketing purposes, provided such are in compliance with the appropriate governmental requirements, and further provided that any builder first obtains Declarant's written approval of such temporary dwelling, home or structure prior to installing or constructing same, such approval to be granted or denied by Declarant in Declarant's sole discretion. Such rights of the Declarant and residential builders shall survive the turnover of control of the Association to the Class "A" Members and shall continue for so long as the Declarant or any such builders owns any Lots within the Property.

9. Signs. No signs, advertisements, billboards, solicitation or advertising structures or materials of any kind shall be displayed or placed upon any Lot; provided, however, a sign of reasonable size provided by a contractor for security services placed within ten (10) feet of any entrance to a Lot, street numbers and name signs on Lots and one sign containing not more than four (4) square feet of surface area per side (2 sides maximum) and used solely in connection with the marketing of the affected Lot for sale or lease shall be permitted. Declarant or the Association may enter upon any Lot and remove and destroy any sign which violates this section. This section shall not apply to Declarant, any Telecommunications Provider acting in the exercise of Exclusive Marketing Rights under an agreement with Declarant, or to any Builder doing business in the Property provided that any such Builder first obtains Declarant's written approval of any such structures or materials prior to installing same, such approval to be granted or denied by Declarant in Declarant's sole discretion. Such rights of the Declarant and Builders shall survive the turnover of control of the Association to the Class "A" Members and shall continue for so long as the Declarant or any such Builders owns any Lots within the Property.

10. Air Conditioning Equipment. No air conditioning equipment other than compressor units may be visible on the exterior of any Dwelling unless previously approved by the ARB, which approval may be based on the adequacy of screening of such equipment. Window or wall air conditioning units are prohibited.

11. Drainage Structures; Master Surface Water Management System. Unless first approved by the ARB and the District, no Owner other than the Declarant may obstruct, alter or in any way modify the method and/or structures of drainage utilized or installed by Declarant or the Association from, on or across any Lot, Common Property or easement area; nor shall any structure or material be erected, placed or maintained which shall in any way obstruct such drainage devices or facilities or impede their efficient operation. No elevation changes shall be permitted on any Lot which materially adversely affect the drainage of or to neighboring Lots or the Common Property.

The Owners shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that becomes established within the wet detention ponds abutting their Lot. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Lot Owners shall address any questions regarding authorized activities within the wet detention ponds to the District, Sarasota Service Office, Surface Water Regulation Manager.

No Owner of a Lot or other property within the Development may construct or maintain any building, Dwelling, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in any portion of the Master Surface Water Management System, including, without limitation, the wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland conservation areas and drainage easements described in the approved District permit and recorded plat or plats of the Development, unless prior approval is received from the District's Sarasota Regulation Department. Such prohibited activities shall include, without limitation, digging or excavation, depositing fill, debris or any other material or item, constructing or altering any water control structure, or any other construction to modify the Master Surface Water Management System.

Each Owner within the Development at the time of construction of a building, Dwelling, or structure shall comply with the construction plans for the Master Surface Water Management System approved and on file with the District.

12. Exterior Electronic or Electric Devices. No Telecommunications Systems, radio, microwave or television mast, tower, pole, wire, aerial, satellite receiving stations or dish, antenna or appurtenances thereto (if in excess of twelve (12) feet), nor any other exterior electronic or electric equipment, structures or devices of any kind may be installed or maintained in the Property without the prior written approval of the ARB. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, satellite dishes less than one (1) meter in diameter do not require the prior written approval of the ARB; provided, however, so long as reception is not impaired in such a way as to impair acceptable quality signal, the ARB shall have the ability to monitor the location of any such satellite less than one (1) meter in diameter and such dishes shall not be visible from the front of any Lot.

13. Subdivision. No part of the Property shall be further subdivided without the prior written consent of Declarant for so long as Declarant owns any Lot, and thereafter by the Board.

14. Completion. Upon commencement of construction of improvements on any Lot, the Owner shall diligently prosecute the work to the end that the improvements shall be completed as expeditiously as is reasonable. The Owner of the Lot on which improvements are being built shall keep the streets and areas adjacent to the Lot free from dirt, mud, garbage, trash or other debris occasioned by construction.

15. Excavation. No clearing or excavation shall be made except incident to construction, maintenance or repair of an improvement; and upon completion thereof exposed openings shall be back-filled, and disturbed ground shall be leveled, graded and covered with sod or seeded in accordance with the approved landscape plan.

16. Fences and Walls. Except for walls constructed by Declarant, there shall be no fence or wall permitted on any Lot unless it meets the requirements below and has been

approved by the ARB as to size, material, color, location, etc. Landscape buffers may be required by the ARB on the outside of any fences and walls. All fences must be wood or PVC material simulating wood, and installed with the posts and supports on the inside. No fence or wall may be constructed in the following areas of any Lot: (i) between the street along the front of the Dwelling and a straight line being the extensions of the surface of the furthest set back portion of the front side of the Dwelling to each of the two side Lot lines; (ii) between the street facing a side of the Dwelling and a straight line being the extension of the surface of the furthest set back portion of the side of the Dwelling to the rear Lot line; or (iii) in any drainage, landscape or other easement area shown on any plat of the Property. (Any fence or wall within a drainage easement area must comply with Section 11 above). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as Declarant or Builders designated by Declarant maintain any model homes within the Property, they shall have the right to fence all or any part of any Lots being used for parking for the term of such use.

17. Yard Accessories and Play Structures. All yard accessories, play structures, excluding basketball hoops or backboards, and any other fixed games, shall be located at the side or rear of the Dwelling, except that, in the case of Dwelling(s) on corner Lots, such accessories and structures shall be restricted to the side yard furthest from the side street and to that portion of the rear yard which is no closer to the side street than a fence would be permitted to be located under subsection (16)(ii) above.

Basketball structures, either permanently mounted to a Dwelling above the garage or mounted to a permanent pole, will be allowed only under the following conditions:

- a. basketball hoops and structures must be well-maintained;
- b. backboards must be transparent or white, NBA approved, with a limit of two colors of trim;
- c. nets are limited to white nylon; and
- d. the location of the basketball hoop and structure must first be approved by the ARB.
- e. If pole-mounted, the pole must be metal, either black or galvanized and permanently mounted into the ground with a concrete base. No permanent basketball structures may be placed in any side yard.

18. Use, Rentals. Lots shall be used for single family residential purposes only. Owners may rent or lease Dwellings for periods of not less than six (6) months and not more than one (1) year. An Owner, at least seven (7) days prior to entering into a written Lease Agreement, shall deliver written notice of the lease to the Association, together with a copy of the proposed written lease and application fee established by the Board of Directors [(unless modified by the Board of Directors, the application fee shall be \$50.00)]. The tenant shall complete such informational form as may be required by the Association and Owner shall deliver the same to the Association prior to commencement of the tenancy. The Association shall have the right to enforce its rules and regulations and the restrictions set forth in this Declaration

against such tenant and the Owner but without any obligation to do so against tenant, such enforcement being the sole responsibility of the Owner. Leases must be for the entire home and individual rooms within a home may not be leased.

The Owner agrees to remove, at the Owner's sole expense, by legal means including eviction, his or her tenant should the tenant refuse or fail to abide by and adhere to this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations, and any other policies adopted by the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should an Owner fail to perform his or her obligations under this Section, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to evict such tenant and the costs of the same shall be the responsibility of Owner.

19. Pools. Swimming pools may not be located in the front or side yard of any Lot, nor nearer than the Dwelling to any side street Lot line. Above ground swimming pools are not permitted.

20. Dwellings and Garages. Provisions relating to Dwellings and garages shall be determined by appropriate amendment(s) to this Declaration. Plans for Dwellings and garages approved by Declarant prior to the adoption of any amendment to this Declaration shall not be affected by subsequent amendment(s) to the Declaration and shall remain in full force and effect.

21. Tree Removal and Landscaping. Except by Declarant, trees measuring six (6) inches or more in diameter at three (3) feet or more above ground level shall not be cut or removed without the prior written consent of the ARB; provided, however, trees located within six (6) feet of the location of the Dwelling as approved by the ARB may be removed without prior approval. More restrictive arbor ordinances or environmental laws shall control in the event of conflict herewith. There shall be no removal of trees or Lot clearing, other than clearing of underbrush, until the ARB has approved in writing a general, conceptual landscape plan that designates those existing trees to be retained and preserved on the Lot. All Lots shall have fully sodded front and side lawns except in approved landscape or retained natural areas. Unless prohibited by law, natural vegetation shall be finished by removal of underbrush and addition of mulch. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant intends to leave natural areas natural and undisturbed to the extent reasonable.

22. Collection. All trash, garbage and refuse shall be placed for pickup not earlier than the evening preceding pickup, and all containers for garbage and refuse shall be returned no later than the evening of pickup to their normal, hidden location. Except for normal construction debris on any Lot during the course of construction of the Dwelling, no weeds, garbage, refuse or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Property.

23. Pumping or Draining. The Owner of any Lot which includes or is adjacent to any pond, creek, bay head, or other body of water shall not reduce the depth or size of said body of water by pumping or draining therefrom.

24. Skateboard or Bicycle Ramps. No skateboard or bicycle ramp or similar structure shall be permanently installed or maintained overnight on any portion of any Lot located forward of the rear wall of the Dwelling or adjacent to any side street.

25. Declarant Reservation. Any provision of this Declaration to the contrary notwithstanding, until Declarant has completed all of the contemplated improvements and closed the sales of all of the Lots, neither the Owners nor the Association shall interfere with the completion of Declarant's or any Builder's planned improvements and the sale of the Lots. Declarant may make such lawful use of the unsold Lots and the Common Property, without charge, as may facilitate such completion and sale, including, but not limited to, maintenance of sales and construction trailers and offices, the showing of the Lots and the display of signs and the use of Lots for vehicular parking.

26. Security Bars. No security bar system may be installed on any window or door of any Dwelling in the Property.

27. Telecommunications.

a. Right to Contract for Telecommunications Services. Declarant and/or Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts for the provision of one or more Telecommunications Services for all or any portion of the Community, including without limitation a bulk service agreement. Prior to the date on which all homes in the Community have been conveyed by Declarant or a Builder to other Owners (the "Community Completion Date"), all contracts entered into between a Telecommunication Provider and Association shall be subject to the prior written approval of Declarant, in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. Additionally, Declarant and/or Declarant's nominees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and licensees may contract with Association and act as a Telecommunications Provider for one or more Telecommunications Services, subject only to the requirements of all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations. To the fullest extent allowable under applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations, any Owner who desires Telecommunications Services to be provided to its Lot shall be obligated to purchase service from the Telecommunications Provider with which the Declarant or the Association has entered into a bulk service or other exclusive supply agreement for Telecommunications Services. If any agreement for Telecommunications Services entered into by Declarant or Association does not provide for bulk Telecommunications Services, or provides for non-exclusive Telecommunications Services, then the scope and cost for Telecommunications Services to be provided to each Lot shall be determined by each individual Owner, and the cost thereof shall be borne directly by such individual Owner. Whether or not Declarant is also the Telecommunications Provider for any particular Telecommunications Service, Declarant shall have the right to receive, perpetually, all or any portion of the access fees and any other revenues derived from such Telecommunications Services within the Community as agreed, from time to time, between the Telecommunications Provider and Declarant. If and at such time as any applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations prohibit exclusive service agreements for any particular Telecommunications Service, then only the service prohibited shall be removed from the exclusivity provisions of this Section 27, and any Telecommunications Services with respect to which exclusivity has not been prohibited shall continue in full force and effect.

b. Right to Grant Exclusive Marketing Rights. Declarant shall have the further right, but not the obligation, to enter into a contract or contracts with a Telecommunication Provider or Providers that grants to it or them such exclusive marketing rights for Telecommunications Services within all or any portion of the Community as may be

agreed by Declarant, in its sole discretion, including without limitation, exclusive rights to market video, internet access, telephone, home automation, and security services (collectively, the "Exclusive Marketing Rights"). Any agreement for the grant of such Exclusive Marketing Rights may also contain agreements and reservations of rights by Declarant, its nominees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and licensees, for the following purposes:

(1) to designate and grant licenses or use rights to representatives of any Telecommunications Provider for physical areas, spaces, or structures within the Community, from which the Telecommunication Provider or Providers shall have the exclusive right to conduct marketing programs for Telecommunications Services to Owners, including spaces within or upon one or more model homes constructed on lots sold to Builders from time to time, as well as facilities within the Common Areas, such as exterior open space, kiosks, parks, or any clubhouse or community buildings, or other structures; and

(2) to promote the products and services of the Telecommunications Provider holding such Exclusive Marketing Rights through the exclusive use and display, throughout the Community, including the areas and spaces described in subsection (i) above, of all such tradenames, servicemarks, logos, advertising and promotional programs as may be a part of any marketing, advertising, or promotional campaign conducted by Declarant or the Telecommunications Provider to which Declarant have granted Exclusive Marketing Rights.

The Association, and all Builders and Owners within the Community shall comply with, and shall not hinder or disturb, any agreement for Exclusive Marketing Rights between Declarant and any Telecommunication Provider selected by Declarant and will cooperate with Declarant and any such Telecommunication Provider in their performance of any such agreement. In the event Association defaults in performing or observing the foregoing requirements, Association will defend, indemnify and hold Declarant harmless against liability, loss, cost, damage or expense, including attorneys' fees and costs, incurred to any Telecommunications Provider to which Declarant may become liable by virtue of any such failure or default.

c. Easements. Declarant and, after the Community Completion Date, the Association ("Designated Areas") reserves to itself, its nominees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and licensees, and shall have the right to grant to each Telecommunications Provider providing Telecommunications Services to all or any portion of the Community, pursuant to an agreement between Declarant or Association and such Telecommunications Provider, for the duration of such agreement, a perpetual right, privilege, and easement on, over, across, under, and upon the portions of the Community designated by Declarant from time to time. Such privilege, right or easement shall be for the installation, construction and maintenance of Telecommunications Systems, together with a perpetual right, privilege, and easement for ingress and egress on, over, and across the Designated Areas of the Community for installing, constructing, inspecting, maintaining, altering, moving, improving, and replacing facilities and equipment constituting such systems. If and to the extent that Telecommunications Services provided by such Telecommunications System are to serve all of the Community, then the cost of the Telecommunications Services may be included in the Operating Expenses of the Association and shall be assessed as part of the Assessments.

d. Restoration. Upon the completion of any installation, upgrade, maintenance, repair, or removal of the Telecommunications Systems or any part thereof, each Telecommunications Provider shall restore the relevant portion of the Common Area and/or any Dwelling to as good a condition as that which existed prior to such installation, maintenance, repair or removal. Failure by any Telecommunications Provider to complete such restoration within ten (10) days after receiving written notice from Association of such failure shall vest in Association the right (but not the obligation) to restore or cause to be restored such portion of the common Areas and/or Dwelling disturbed by such work, all at such Telecommunications Provider's sole cost and expense, except for in emergency situations whereby Association may restore or cause to be restored such disturbed portion of the common Areas and/or Dwelling immediately. In the event that the Association exercises such right of self-help, each Telecommunications Provider agrees in advance that Association shall have the sole right to (i) select the contractors to perform such work and (ii) determine the extent of required restoration. Such remedy of self-help is in addition to all other remedies of Association hereunder. All reasonable expenses incurred by Association in connection with such restoration shall be paid by the Telecommunications Provider within ten (10) days of delivery to Telecommunications Provider of Association's invoice. Any expenses not so paid when due shall bear interest from the due date at the lesser of (i) the prime rate of interest published in the *Wall Street Journal*, (or successor publication designated by Declarant), on the date of such invoice, or (ii) the maximum rate of interest allowed by Florida law for such obligations.

e. Operating Costs. To the extent that Telecommunications Services are to be provided under a bulk service contract with Declarant or Association, then any charges therefor shall be added to the budget of the Association and shall be a portion of the annual assessment payable by the Owners of all Lots in the Development. If a bulk service contract is entered into, then the provision of additional premium Telecommunications Services to each Lot shall be determined by each individual Owner, and the cost of such additional premium Telecommunications Services shall be borne directly by such individual Owner. Association and each Builder and Owner acknowledges that Declarant may receive lump sum or monthly compensation from any Telecommunications Provider in connection with the supply of Telecommunications Services or the Exclusive Marketing Rights, if granted. Such compensation may be paid on a per-Dwelling or other basis, at the sole discretion of Declarant. All such compensation shall be the sole property of Declarant, who shall have no duty to account for or to disclose the amount of any such compensation to Association, any Builder or Owner.

f. Survival. All rights of the Declarant and any Telecommunications Provider pursuant to this Section 27 shall survive the turnover of control of the Association to the Class "A" Members and shall terminate on the date specified in any agreement between Declarant and such Telecommunications Provider, or as otherwise provided by applicable law on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Manatee County Official Records.

28. Energy-Saving Devices. The Association shall be empowered to adopt rules governing the type of clotheslines, solar collectors, solar heating panels and other energy-saving devices that may be permitted on any Lot and establish reasonable restrictions relating to safety, location and maintenance thereof. Clotheslines permissible pursuant to the rules of the Association may only be installed in a rear yard location, not visible from the street or

neighboring property. This restriction and all rules promulgated pursuant hereto shall be construed so as to not conflict with, or violate the terms of Section 163.04, Florida Statutes.

29. Flags. Each Owner may display one portable, removable United States flag or official flag of the State of Florida in a respectful manner, and one portable, removable official flag, in a respectful manner, not larger than 4½ feet by 6 feet, which represents the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules, or requirements of the association.

Each Owner may erect a freestanding flagpole no more than 20 feet high on any portion of the Owner's real property, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules, or requirements of the Association, if the flagpole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon an easement. The Owner may further display in a respectful manner from the flagpole, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules, or requirements of the Association, one official United States flag, not larger than 4 ½ feet by 6 feet, and may additionally display one official flag of the State of Florida or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. The flagpole and display are subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, noise and lighting ordinances in the county or municipality in which the flagpole is erected and all setback and locational criteria contained in the governing documents.

30. Peaceable Assembly. All common areas and recreational facilities serving the Association shall be available to Owners in the Association and their invited guests for the use intended for such common areas and recreational facilities. The entity or entities responsible for the operation of the common areas and recreational facilities may adopt reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the use of such common areas and recreational facilities. No entity or entities shall unreasonably restrict any Owner's right to peaceably assemble or right to invite public officers or candidates for public office to appear and speak in common areas and recreational facilities.

31. Florida-Friendly Landscaping. An Owner may implement Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in Florida Statute, §373.185, on his or her Lot. The Association may not create any requirement or limitation in conflict with any provision of Part II of Chapter 373 or a water shortage order, other order, consumptive use permit, or rule adopted or issued pursuant to Part II of Chapter 373.

32. Access Ramps.

a. An Owner may construct an access ramp if a resident or occupant of the Lot has a medical necessity or disability that requires a ramp for egress and ingress under the following conditions:

(1) The ramp must be as unobtrusive as possible, be designed to blend in aesthetically as practicable, and be reasonably sized to fit the intended use.

(2) Plans for the ramp must be submitted in advance to the Association. The Association may make reasonable requests to modify the design to achieve architectural consistency with surrounding structures and surfaces.

b. The Owner must submit to the Association an affidavit from a physician attesting to the medical necessity or disability of the resident or occupant of the Lot requiring the access ramp. Certification used for Florida Statute, §320.0848, shall be sufficient to meet the affidavit requirement.

33. Fines.

a. The Association may levy reasonable fines of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation against any Member or any Member's tenant, guest, or invitee for the failure of the Owner of the Lot or its occupant, licensee, or invitee to comply with any provision of this Declaration, the Bylaws of the Association, or reasonable rules of the Association. A fine may be levied for each day of continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing, except that the fine may not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate unless otherwise provided in the governing documents. A fine of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) may not become a lien against a parcel. In any action to recover a fine, the prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the nonprevailing party as determined by the court.

(1) The Association may suspend, for a reasonable period of time, the right of a Member, or a Member's tenant, guest, or invitee, to use common areas and facilities for the failure of the Owner of the Lot or its occupant, licensee, or invitee to comply with any provision of the Declaration, the Association Bylaws, or reasonable rules of the Association.

(2) A fine or suspension may not be imposed without at least fourteen (14) days' notice to the person sought to be fined or suspended and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three (3) Members appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an officer, director, or employee. If the committee, by majority vote, does not approve a proposed fine or suspension, it may not be imposed. If the association imposes a fine or suspension, the Association must provide written notice of such fine or suspension by mail or hand delivery to the Owner and, if applicable, to any tenant, licensee, or invitee of the Owner.

b. If a Member is more than ninety (90) days delinquent in paying a monetary obligation due to the Association, the Association may suspend the rights of the Member, or the Member's tenant, guest, or invitee, to use common areas and facilities until the monetary obligation is paid in full. This subsection does not apply to that portion of common areas used to provide access or utility services to the parcel. Suspension does not impair the right of an Owner or tenant of a Lot to have vehicular and pedestrian ingress to and egress from the Lot, including, but not limited to, the right to park. The notice and hearing requirements under subsection (2) do not apply to a suspension imposed under this subsection.

c. An Association may suspend the voting rights of a Lot or Member for the nonpayment of any monetary obligation due to the Association that is more than ninety (90)

days delinquent. A voting interest or consent right allocated to a Lot or Member which has been suspended by the Association may not be counted towards the total number of voting interests for any purpose, including, but not limited to, the number of voting interests necessary to constitute a quorum, the number of voting interests required to conduct an election, or the number of voting interests required to approve an action under this chapter or pursuant to the governing documents. The notice and hearing requirements under subsection (2) do not apply to a suspension imposed under this subsection. The suspension ends upon full payment of all obligations currently due or overdue to the association.

d. All suspensions imposed pursuant to subsection b or subsection c must be approved at a properly noticed Board meeting. Upon approval, the Association must notify the Owner and, if applicable, the Lot's occupant, licensee, or invitee by mail or hand delivery.

#### ARTICLE X ADDITIONAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

No Owner may impose any additional covenants or restrictions on any part of the Property without the prior written approval of Declarant, for so long as Declarant owns any Lots, and thereafter without the prior written approval of the Board.

#### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT

The holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes in the Association (without regard to class) may change or amend any provision hereof either (1) by causing the Association to execute and record a written instrument setting forth such amendment, or (2) by causing a certified copy of a duly adopted resolution of the Owners to be prepared, and having the same recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County; provided, however, that so long as Declarant is in control of the Association and maintains its Class "B" memberships status, Declarant may initiate, adopt and make any amendment to this Declaration without the joinder or consent of any Owner or any other party, subject only to the restrictions set forth in Section 720.3075(5), Florida Statutes. Any proposed amendment may be initiated by Declarant, the Association, or petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the Owners. If a proposed amendment is to be adopted by vote, a written copy of the proposed amendment shall be furnished to each Owner at least thirty (30) days but not more than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting to discuss the proposed amendment. If adopted by vote, the affirmative vote required for adoption shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Members (without regard to class) cast in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called, and the recorded certificate shall contain a recitation that notice was given as above set forth and said recitation shall be conclusive as to all parties, and all parties of any nature whatsoever shall have full right to rely upon said recitation in such recorded certificate. The amendment shall be effective upon recordation of the executed amendment, or the certified copy of the duly adopted resolution, among the Public Records of Manatee County. Within thirty (30) days after recording an amendment to the Declaration, the Association shall provide copies of the amendment to the Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration at any time and from time to time, with the joinder of members, to correct scrivener's errors.

ARTICLE XII  
HUD/FHA/VA AND DISTRICT APPROVAL RIGHTS

Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, as long as there exists a Class "B" membership, if any one or more of HUD, FHA or VA requires approval or consent by it or them to annexation of Additional Property, any merger or consolidation involving the Association, the placing of any mortgage lien on the Common Property, dedication to the public of any Common Property, any amendment of this Declaration, or dissolution of the Association, by any one or more of said agencies as a condition of making, insuring or purchasing loans on Dwellings in the Property, and any such loan has been approved, insured or purchased by the applicable agency at the time of the proposed annexation, merger, consolidation, mortgaging, dedication, amendment or dissolution, then the required consent or approval shall be obtained. In addition, any amendment to this Declaration which alters the Master Surface Water Management System beyond maintenance in its original condition, including the surface water management portions of the Common Property, must have the prior approval of the District. This Declaration may not be amended without the prior written consent of the District if such amendment would change any of the provisions of this Declaration governing or affecting the operation, maintenance or repair of the Master Surface Water Management System for the Property.

ARTICLE XIII  
DURATION AND TERMINATION

This Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Declarant, the Association and any Owner, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the public records, after which time this Declaration and each Supplemental Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless prior to the commencement of any 10-year extension period an instrument signed by the Owners of eighty percent (80%) of the Lots and agreeing to terminate this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County.

ARTICLE XIV  
ENFORCEMENT

1. Remedies. If any person shall violate or attempt to violate this Declaration, it shall be lawful for Declarant, any Owner, or the Association (a) to prosecute proceedings for the recovery of damages against those so violating or attempting to violate this Declaration, (b) to maintain a proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction against those so violating or attempting to violate this Declaration, for the purpose of preventing or enjoining all or any such violations or attempted violations, or (c) to maintain a proceeding for any other equitable or legal recourse or remedy available at law or in equity. In addition, whenever there shall have been built or there shall exist on any Lot any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, Declarant or the Association (but not any Owner) shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon the Lot where such violation exists and summarily to abate and remove the same, all at the expense of the Owner of such Lot, which expense shall constitute an individual assessment to be treated and collected as set forth in Article VI, and such entry and

abatement or removal shall not be deemed a trespass or make Declarant or Association, or the agents or employees of either, liable for any damages on account thereof. The remedies contained in this provision shall be cumulative of all other remedies now or hereafter provided by law or this Declaration. The failure of Declarant, the Association, or an Owner to enforce any covenant, restriction, obligation, right, power, privilege or reservation herein contained, however long continued, shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to enforce the same thereafter as to the same breach or violation, or as to any other breach or violation occurring prior or subsequent thereto.

The District shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions of this Declaration which relate to maintenance, operation and repair of the Master Surface Water Management System.

In addition to the enforcement rights of the Declarant and the Association as set forth elsewhere in this Declaration, the District shall have the right to take enforcement measures, including a civil action for injunction and/or penalties, against the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community, as applicable, to compel the correction of any outstanding problems with the Master Surface Water Management System which are in violation of Article IX, Section 11 hereof. If the Association and/or any CDD created with regard to the Community ceases to exist, all of the Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Master Surface Water Management System in accordance with the requirements of the District's permit for the Development unless and until an alternative entity assumes responsibility therefor.

2. Severability. The invalidation of any provision or provisions of the covenants and restrictions set forth herein by judgment or court order shall not affect or modify any of the other provisions of said covenants and restrictions, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Dispute Resolution. All disputes involving this Declaration shall be resolved as provided in Florida Statutes, Section 720.311, as it now exists and may hereafter be amended.

4. Notices. All notices shall be in writing. Any notice sent to an Owner shall be deemed to have been properly sent when hand delivered or when mailed, postage paid, to the last known address of the person who appears as Owner on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing. Notices may be sent by like method to Declarant at the address set forth in the preamble to this Declaration, and by like method to the Association at its address last registered with the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE XV DECLARANT'S ADDITIONAL RIGHTS

Declarant's Rights; Obligation of Cooperation by Association. Until such time as Declarant has completed all of the contemplated improvements and has sold all of the Lots within the Development, the following provisions shall apply and control notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration to the contrary:

1. The Association hereby grants the Declarant an easement, assignable by the Declarant, across all Common Area and additions to Common Area, for the construction of water, sewer, drainage, water retention, reclaimed water, irrigation, telecommunication services, gas and electric facilities; for the installation of any other utility, community system and service or facility deemed by Declarant (or Builders to the extent designated by Declarant) necessary or desirable for the development of the Properties and Common Area; and for the conduct of all construction, sales and marketing activities deemed necessary or desirable by the Declarant (or Builders to the extent designated by Declarant).

2. The Association grants the Declarant the right to alter the boundaries of the Common Area whether or not they have been previously deeded to the Association, provided that such alteration does not substantially, materially and adversely affect the function and use of the Common Area. The Association and each Owner hereby irrevocably appoint the Declarant or its officers as their attorney-in-fact to execute and/or deliver any document, plat, deed or other written instrument necessary or convenient to accomplish the addition of Common Area and Properties, to create easements as deemed necessary by Declarant and to adjust the boundary or boundaries of the Common Area. Such appointment shall be deemed coupled with an interest and irrevocable.

3. Neither the Association nor its Members, nor the use of the Common Area by the Association or its Members, shall interfere with the completion of the contemplated improvements or the marketing and sale by Declarant of Lots or Builders of Dwellings within the Development.

4. Declarant reserves and the Association grants to Declarant and Builders authorized by Declarant the right to make such use of Lots and the Common Area, as may facilitate completion and sale of Lots by the Declarant and authorized Builders. Without limiting the foregoing, Declarant and authorized Builders shall have the right to maintain a sales office, model units, administration office and/or construction office (which may be a construction trailer or a temporary or permanent building) on Lots or on the Common Area, which, notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, may be fenced during its ownership by Declarant and authorized Builders. Upon sale of any model home for residential use, the garage shall be restored to be used for vehicular parking and all temporary improvements such as fencing, flags and signage shall be removed. Declarant and authorized Builders further shall have the right to erect and maintain signs on Lots or on the Common Area, shall have the right to bring prospective purchasers upon the Common Area, shall have the right to use the Common Area for any sales or marketing purposes, shall have the right to grant the right of use of the Common Area to any prospects or any other individuals or group in their sole discretion and shall be entitled to conduct all other marketing activities desired and authorized by Declarant. Within thirty (30) days of the final sale of a home by a Builder(s), the Builder(s) shall remove from the property all marketing materials including, but not limited to, banners, placards and signage.

5. Without the express prior written consent of Declarant, no amendment shall be made to the Declaration and no Rules and Regulation shall be adopted by the Association which shall modify the assessments or other charges on Declarant's Lots or which shall restrict, impair or in Declarant's sole judgment adversely affect Declarant's activities on the Common Area,

delegation of use of the Common Area, or marketing and sale of the remaining Lots in the Development, whether or not such activities are enumerated in the preceding paragraphs.

ARTICLE XVI  
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,  
SURVIVAL AFTER TAX DEED OR FORECLOSURE

All provisions of this Declaration shall survive and be enforceable after the issuance of a tax deed or master's deed, or upon the foreclosure of an assessment, a certificate or lien, a tax deed, tax certificate, or tax lien as to each Lot, to the same extent that they would be enforceable against a voluntary grantee of title to the Lot immediately before the delivery of the tax deed or master's deed or immediately before the foreclosure.

ARTICLE XVII  
PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SUBJECT TO ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT; DISCLOSURE REQUIRED;  
COVENANTS; ASSESSMENTS; CONTRACT CANCELLATION

1. a. A prospective parcel owner in a community must be presented a disclosure summary before executing the contract for sale. The disclosure summary must be in a form substantially similar to the following form:

DISCLOSURE SUMMARY  
FOR  
(NAME OF COMMUNITY)

1. AS A PURCHASER OF PROPERTY IN THIS COMMUNITY, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO BE A MEMBER OF A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE RECORDED RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS GOVERNING THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTIES IN THIS COMMUNITY.

3. YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY ASSESSMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION. ASSESSMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC CHANGE. IF APPLICABLE, THE CURRENT AMOUNT IS \$\_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_. YOU WILL ALSO BE OBLIGATED TO PAY ANY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED BY THE ASSOCIATION. SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF APPLICABLE, THE CURRENT AMOUNT IS \$\_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_.

4. YOU MAY BE OBLIGATED TO PAY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT. ALL ASSESSMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC CHANGE.

5. YOUR FAILURE TO PAY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OR ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY A MANDATORY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION COULD RESULT IN A LIEN ON YOUR PROPERTY.

6. THERE MAY BE AN OBLIGATION TO PAY RENT OR LAND USE FEES FOR RECREATIONAL OR OTHER COMMONLY USED FACILITIES AS AN OBLIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. IF APPLICABLE, THE CURRENT AMOUNT IS \$\_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_.

7. THE DEVELOPER MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP OR THE APPROVAL OF THE PARCEL OWNERS.

8. THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE FORM ARE ONLY SUMMARY IN NATURE, AND, AS A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, YOU SHOULD REFER TO THE COVENANTS AND THE ASSOCIATION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS BEFORE PURCHASING PROPERTY.

9. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE EITHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECORD OFFICE IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED, OR ARE NOT RECORDED AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEVELOPER.

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_ PURCHASER:\_\_\_\_\_

The disclosure must be supplied by the Developer, or by the parcel Owner if the sale is by an Owner that is not the Developer. Any contract or agreement for sale shall refer to and incorporate the disclosure summary and shall include, in prominent language, a statement that the potential buyer should not execute the contract or agreement until they have received and read the disclosure summary required by this section.

b. Each contract entered into for the sale of property governed by covenants subject to disclosure required by this section must contain in conspicuous type a clause that states:

IF THE DISCLOSURE SUMMARY REQUIRED BY SECTION 720.401, FLORIDA STATUTES, HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED TO THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER BEFORE EXECUTING THIS CONTRACT FOR SALE, THIS CONTRACT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING TO SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT OR REPRESENTATIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OR PRIOR TO CLOSING, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. ANY PURPORTED WAIVER OF THIS VOIDABILITY RIGHT HAS NO EFFECT. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS CONTRACT SHALL TERMINATE AT CLOSING.

c. If the disclosure summary is not provided to a prospective purchaser before the purchaser executes a contract for the sale of property governed by covenants that are subject to disclosure pursuant to this section, the purchaser may void the contract by delivering to the seller or the seller's agent or representative written notice canceling the contract within three (3) days

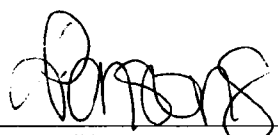
after receipt of the disclosure summary or prior to closing, whichever occurs first. This right may not be waived by the purchaser but terminates at closing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant has executed this Declaration on the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

DECLARANT:

GTIS I VGC LP,  
a Delaware limited partnership

  
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Witness #1

Lauren Parsons  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

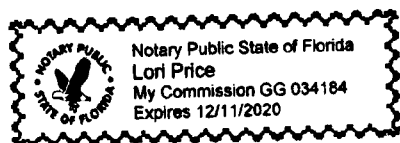
  
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Witness #2

Chloe Crooks  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
John M. Ryan  
Its President

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of September, 2017, by John M. Ryan, as President of GTIS I VGC LP, a Delaware limited partnership, on behalf of the company. He is personally known to me.



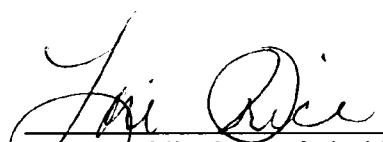
  
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Notary Public, State of Florida  
Printed name: Lori Price  
My Commission Expires: 12/11/2020

EXHIBIT "A"

PROPERTY

[Legal Description of attached.]

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (BY KING ENGINEERING)**

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 2467, PAGE 364, INCLUDING A PORTION OF LOTS 1, 2, 7 AND 8, MAY J. WHITAKER SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 104 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 00°09'23" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 1,342.59 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 89°49'01" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 31.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 27TH STREET EAST ACCORDING TO ROAD PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 157 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00°25'04" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY, A DISTANCE OF 469.04 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 89°54'26" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 22.61 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 169.46 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 170.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 57°06'48", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 61°21'02" WEST 162.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32°47'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 46.05 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 188.97 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 780.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°52'52", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 39°44'04" WEST 188.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 46°40'30" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 119.60 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 114.69 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 505.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°00'44", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 53°10'52" WEST 114.44 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 59°41'14" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 24.30 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE WESTERLY 108.89 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 275.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22°41'16", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 71°01'52" WEST 108.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°57'15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 62.47 FEET TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 39.43 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°21'21", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 46°46'35" WEST 35.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°35'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 68.25 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE SOUTHERLY 14.95 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42°50'00", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 19°49'06" EAST 14.61 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE SOUTHERLY 37.38 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42°50'00", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 19°49'06" EAST 36.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°35'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 51.88 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 37.38 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42°50'00", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 23°00'54" WEST 36.51 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 14.95 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42°50'00", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 23°00'54" WEST 14.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°35'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 9.05 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 55.38 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 35.00

FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°39'23", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 43°43'47" EAST 49.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°03'28" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 612.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE AFORESAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 27TH STREET EAST; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 27TH STREET EAST AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 26TH AVENUE EAST ACCORDING TO ROAD PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 159 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESPECTIVELY, THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) COURSES: (1) SOUTH 00°12'37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 6.97 FEET; (2) SOUTH 41°38'26" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 27.42 FEET; (3) NORTH 88°42'33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 621.06 FEET; (4) SOUTH 88°53'08" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 152.75 FEET; (5) SOUTH 89°39'26" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 148.91 FEET; (6) NORTH 88°29'44" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 512.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°57'05" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 425.98 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 00°19'42" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 15.19 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°02'42" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 940.41 FEET; THENCE NORTH 79°36'29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 20.33 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°03'28" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 152.60 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 54.58 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 35.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 89°20'37", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 46°16'13" EAST 49.21 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01°35'54" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 235.37 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 37.08 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 84°59'03", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 40°53'37" WEST 33.77 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 66.02 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 37°49'26", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 64°28'26" WEST 64.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45°33'43" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 114.15 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 24.21 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 713.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01°56'43", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 46°32'04" WEST 24.21 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47°30'25" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 36.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42°29'35" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 79.13 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 62.19 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 47°30'25", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 66°14'47" WEST 60.42 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90°00'00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 372.84 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°00'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 294.89 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE NORTHERLY 56.57 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 32°24'36", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 16°12'18" EAST 55.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32°24'36" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 50.78 FEET TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 109.45 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 67.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 93°35'37", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 44°45'22" EAST 97.68 FEET; THENCE NORTH 62°00'13" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 16.88 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE EASTERLY 56.73 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 47.93 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 67°48'48", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 84°05'23" EAST 53.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39°49'01" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 11.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45°23'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 73.99 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 63.58 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 450.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08°05'43", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 49°26'30" WEST 63.53 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°29'21" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 469.29 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 74.59 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 350.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 12°12'38", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 59°35'41" WEST 74.45 FEET; THENCE

NORTH 17°44'45" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 104.28 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE NORTHERLY 143.31 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 483.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 17°00'00", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 09°14'45" EAST 142.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°44'45" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 114.31 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°48'08" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 698.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°20'38" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°45'56" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°20'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 77.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°49'01" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 407.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 33.329 ACRES.

EXHIBIT "B"

ARTICLES

[Articles of Incorporation of Association attached.]

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617 and 720, the undersigned incorporator has executed, adopted and caused to be delivered for filing these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and does hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation is THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., (hereinafter called the "Association").

**ARTICLE II**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The principal place of business and the mailing address of the Association is located at 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050, Tampa, Florida 33607.

**ARTICLE III**  
**REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the registered office of the Association is 1150 Cleveland Street, Suite 300, Clearwater, Florida 33755, and the name of the initial registered agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida at that address is Gary N. Strohauser.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise provided herein to the contrary, all terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, as it may from time to time be amended (hereinafter called the "Declaration").

**ARTICLE V**  
**PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the Members thereof. The specific purposes for which the Association is formed are to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents within the Property described in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. to be recorded in Manatee County, Florida, and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought under the jurisdiction of the Association. The Association shall not pay dividends and no part of any income of the Association shall be distributed to its Members, directors or officers. The Association shall have all the powers of a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, subject only to such limitations upon the exercise of such powers as are expressly set forth in these Articles, the Bylaws, or the Declaration. The Association shall have the power and duty to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, assigned, required or permitted to be done by the Declaration, these Articles or the Bylaws, and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for, or incidental to, the exercise of any of the duties or powers of the Association for the benefit of the Owners and for the maintenance, operation and improvement of the Property and Areas of Common Responsibility, including, without limitation, the following powers:

- (a) Own and convey real property;
- (b) Own, operate, maintain and convey the Common Property and to operate and maintain Areas of Common Responsibility, including, without limitation, the Master Surface Water Management System and any personal property owned by the Association;
- (c) Operate and maintain the Master Surface Water Management System including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, flood plain, compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas;
- (d) Grant easements as to the Common Property to public and private utility companies, including, without limitation, cable television, and to public bodies or governmental agencies or other entities or persons, with or without cost or charge at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, where convenient, desirable or necessary in connection with the development of the Properties, and the providing of utilities and other services thereto, and to enter into shared facilities agreements and related reciprocal easement agreements as may be deemed desirable to provide for utilities and other facilities, and the maintenance thereof and costs associated therewith with any third parties, including, without limitation, homeowners' associations and other public and private utility companies, agencies and entities;
- (e) Establish rules and regulations for the operation of the Association, the Common Property and the Development;
- (f) Annex additional real property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration;
- (g) Sue and be sued;

(h) Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the Association;

(i) Abate nuisances and enjoin or seek damages from Owners for violation of the provisions of these Articles, the Bylaws, the Declaration and any rules and regulations of the Association;

(j) Contract for services to be provided to and for the benefit of the Association, including, without limitation, contract for services to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Master Surface Water Management System if the Association contemplates employing a maintenance company for such purposes; and

(k) Purchase insurance of any nature in such amounts and with such companies as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary or appropriate.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Members. Every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot in the Property shall be a Member of the Association. The Declarant under the Declaration shall also be a Member for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary set forth in this Article, any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member of the Association. The Association membership of each Owner (other than Declarant) shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the Lot giving rise to such membership, and shall not be transferred except upon the transfer of title to said Lot and then only to the transferee of title thereto. Any prohibited separate transfer shall be void. Any transfer of title to a Lot shall operate automatically to transfer the membership in the Association appurtenant thereto to the new Owner thereof.

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

(a) Class "A". Class "A" Members shall be all Owners of Lots, with the exception of Declarant for so long as Declarant retains Class "B" voting rights. Class "A" Members shall be entitled on all issues to one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership.

(b) Class "B". The sole Class "B" Member shall be Declarant. Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot actually or potentially included in the Property owned by Declarant. The actual number of votes of Declarant shall be determined, from time to time, in accordance with the terms of the Declaration. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to cast all of its votes in any vote or election held by the Association.

(c) Termination of Class "B" Membership. As each Lot in the Property is conveyed by Declarant to a Class "A" Member, Declarant's votes for that Lot shall lapse. The Class "B" membership shall terminate and become converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier of the following:

(1) Three months after ninety percent (90%) of the parcels in all phases of the Community (that will ultimately be operated by the Association) have been conveyed to Members; or

(2) Such other percentage of the parcels has been conveyed to Members, or such other date or event has occurred, as is set forth in the governing documents in order to comply with the requirements of any governmentally chartered entity with regard to the mortgage financing of parcels;

(3) Upon Declarant abandoning or deserting its responsibility to maintain and complete the amenities or infrastructure as disclosed in governing documents. There is a rebuttable presumption that Declarant has abandoned and deserted the property if Declarant has unpaid assessments or guaranteed amounts under s. 720.308 for a period of more than 2 years.

(4) Upon Declarant filing a petition seeking protection under chapter 7 of the federal Bankruptcy Code.

(5) Upon Declarant losing title to the property through a foreclosure action or the transfer of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless the successor owner has accepted an assignment of Declarant rights and responsibilities first arising after the date of such assignment; or

(6) Upon a receiver for Declarant being appointed by a circuit court and not being discharged within 30 days after such appointment, unless the court determines within 30 days after such appointment that transfer of control would be detrimental to the Association or its Members.

For purposes of the Articles, the term "Members other than the Declarant" shall not include builders, contractors, or others who purchase a parcel for the purpose of constructing improvements thereon for resale.

Upon the happening of any one of these events, Declarant shall call a special meeting of the Members to advise of the termination of Class "B" membership, and provide written notice of such event.

Section 3. Multiple Owners. Each vote in the Association must be cast as a single vote, and fractional votes shall not be allowed. If joint or multiple Owners are unable to agree among themselves as to how their vote is to be cast, none of the votes for that Lot shall be counted. If any Owner casts a vote on behalf of a Lot, it shall be conclusively presumed that Owner was acting with the authority and consent of all other Owners of that Lot. If more than one Class "A" vote is cast for a particular Lot, none of said votes shall be counted and said votes shall be deemed void.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of this Association shall be managed and administered by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) members. Initially, the Board shall consist of three (3) members, with the number in subsequent years to be determined by the members of the Board or by amendment to the Bylaws of the Association; provided that there shall always be an odd number of directorships created. Each director must be either (1) a Member of the Association, or (2) an officer, director or agent either of Declarant or of a member of Declarant. The names and addresses of persons who are to act in the capacity of director until appointment or election of their successors are:

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

John M. Ryan

2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050  
Tampa, FL 33607

Michael S. Lawson

2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050  
Tampa, FL 33607

Greg Singleton

2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050  
Tampa, FL 33607

Any other provision of this Article VII to the contrary notwithstanding, Members other than Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors not later than the earliest of the events specified in Article VI, Section 2(c) above. Until then, Declarant shall be entitled to appoint and remove all members of the Board of Directors, except that Members other than Declarant are entitled to elect one (1) member of the Board of Directors if fifty percent (50%) of the parcels in all phases of the Community which will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Members. Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors as long as Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Lots in all phases of the Development. After Declarant relinquishes control of the Association, Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant-owned voting interests in the same manner as any other Owner, except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Interim vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the affirmative vote of the remaining Board of Directors, even if the remaining Directors constitute less than a quorum, provided that all vacancies in Directorships to which Directors were appointed by the Declarant under the provisions of Article VII shall be filled by the Declarant without the necessity of any meeting. Any such appointed Director shall serve for the remaining term of his predecessor. After Declarant relinquishes its right to appoint the majority of the Board of Directors, the Members shall elect the directors by majority vote, for staggered terms of three (3) years each. To create the staggered terms, one post shall become vacant in one (1) year and a successor director shall be elected. The second post shall be deemed vacant at the end of the second year, and a successor director shall be elected. The third post shall be deemed vacant at the end of the third year, and a successor director shall be elected. All successor directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years each. In the event that the

number of people comprising the Board of Directors is changed, such change in number shall be implemented in such a manner as to have as nearly equal in number as possible the number of directors whose terms expire in any given year.

### **ARTICLE VIII** **OFFICERS**

The day-to-day affairs of the Association shall be administered, subject to the direction and authority of the Board of Directors, by the officers of the Association, which may include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as permitted by the Bylaws. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove any officer so long as Declarant shall own ten percent (10%) or more of the Lots in the Property; thereafter the officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

| <b><u>NAME</u></b>           | <b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>                                    |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| John M. Ryan, President      | 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050<br>Tampa, FL 33607 |
| Michael S. Lawson, Secretary | 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050<br>Tampa, FL 33607 |
| Greg Singleton, Treasurer    | 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050<br>Tampa, FL 33607 |

### **ARTICLE IX** **DURATION**

The corporation shall commence to exist upon the filing of these Articles with the Florida Department of State and shall thereafter exist in perpetuity. In the event the Association is dissolved, the Master Surface Water Management System and any other Common Property shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government, and that if such property is not accepted thereby, then the Master Surface Water Management System and any other Common Property shall be dedicated to another not for profit corporation.

### **ARTICLE X** **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

Section 1. Notice. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered and shall be otherwise given in the

time and manner provided in Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes. Such notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.

Section 2. Adoption. Amendments shall be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes. Subject to the terms of Article XIV, any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall require the assent of two thirds (2/3) of the votes of the entire membership without regard to class.

Section 3. Amendment by Declarant. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Article X, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Articles at any time in its sole and absolute discretion so long as Class B Membership exists.

Section 4. Recording. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the public records of Manatee County, Florida.

Section 5. Limitations. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended, or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Association shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless any person of the Association who is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or contemplated action, suit or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, committee member, employee or agent of the Association:

(a) From and against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees for pretrial, trial, or appellate proceedings), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with an action, suit, or proceeding (other than one by or in the right of the Association), if he acted in good faith, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; and

(b) From and against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees for pretrial, trial, or appellate proceedings) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of an action or suit by or in the right of the Association, if he acted in good faith.

Section 2. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith, or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that such person had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association.

Section 4. Any indemnification under Section 1 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer, committee member, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1. Such determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding, or (b) if such quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable and a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by a majority vote of Members of the Association.

Section 5. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding shall be paid by the Association from time to time as incurred rather than only after the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding. Payment of such expenses shall be authorized by the Board of Directors in each specific case only after receipt by the Association of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amounts if it shall later develop that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association.

Section 6. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Association's directors, officers, committee members, employees or agents may be entitled under the Association's bylaws, agreement, vote of Members or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to actions in their official capabilities and as to action in another capacity while holding such offices or positions, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, committee member, agent or employee and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 7. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, indemnification provided under this Article shall not include indemnification for any action of a director, officer, committee member, agent or employee of the Association for which indemnification is deemed to be against public policy. In the event that indemnification provided under this Article is deemed to be against public policy, such an event shall not invalidate or affect any other right or indemnification herein provided.

Section 8. The Association shall have the power, but shall not be obligated, to purchase and maintain indemnification insurance to provide coverage for any liability asserted against any director, officer, committee member, agent or employee of the Association in any of his capacities as described in Section 1, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him or her under this Article.

Section 9. Any person requesting indemnification shall first look to any insurance maintained by the Association for indemnification against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement (as described above). The Association shall be obligated to indemnify such person (if entitled to indemnification by the Association) only to the extent such insurance does not indemnify such person. In the event that any expenses, judgments, fines, or amounts paid in settlement are paid pursuant to insurance maintained by such Association, the Association shall have no obligation to reimburse the insurance company.

### **ARTICLE XIII** **INCONSISTENCY**

In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and provisions contained in the Declaration and those contained in these Articles of Incorporation, the terms and provisions of the Declaration shall prevail.

### **ARTICLE XIV** **REQUIRED APPROVALS**

Notwithstanding anything in these Articles to the contrary, as long as there exists a Class "B" membership, if any one or more of HUD, FHA or VA requires approval or consent by it or them to annexation of Additional Property, any merger or consolidation involving the Association, the placing of any mortgage lien on the Common Property, dedication to the public of any Common Property, any amendment of the Declaration or these Articles, or dissolution of the Association, by any one or more of said agencies as a condition of making, insuring or purchasing loans on Dwellings in the Property, and any such loan has been approved, insured or purchased by the applicable agency at the time of the proposed annexation, merger, consolidation, mortgaging, dedication, amendment or dissolution, then the required consent or approval shall be obtained. In addition, in the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Master Surface Water Management System must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40D-4, F.A.C., and be approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the sole incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is John M. Ryan, 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050, Tampa, Florida 33607.

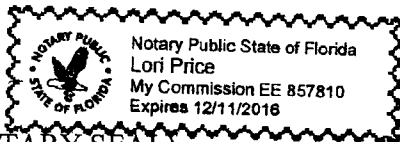
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the sole incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



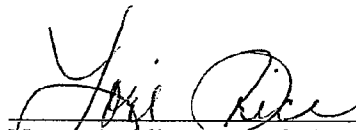
John M. Ryan  
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, by John M. Ryan, who is personally known to me.



(NOTARY SEAL)

  
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Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires: 12/11/2016

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT FOR  
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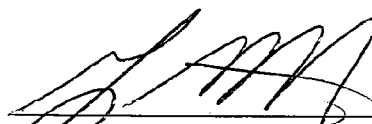
Pursuant to Chapters 48 and 617, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Acts.

THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office at 1150 Cleveland Street, Suite 300, Clearwater, Florida 33755, has named Gary N. Strohauer, Esquire, of Strohauer & Mannion, P.A., located at the above-registered office, as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within this State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Acts relative to keeping open said office.

Registered Agent:

  
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Gary N. Strohauer, Esquire

Dated: JUNE 1, 2015

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BYLAWS

[Bylaws of Association attached.]

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**  
**IDENTITY AND LOCATION**

These are the By-Laws of THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., herein called the Association, a not for profit corporation organized and existing under Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of administering the Property, as defined in and in accordance with the terms and conditions of that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Declaration"). The principal office of the Association shall be located at 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050, Tampa, Florida 33607, but meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II**  
**GENERAL**

Section 1. Incorporation of Declaration. As supplemented herein, the regulation of the business and affairs of the Association shall be governed by certain provisions of the Declaration, as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim.

Section 2. Definitions. The definitions set out in the Declaration are incorporated herein by reference.

**ARTICLE III**  
**ASSOCIATION PURPOSES AND POWERS**

Section 1. Association's Purposes. The Association has been organized for the purposes set forth in the Declaration and Articles, including, without limitation, the following:

- (a) to own, operate, maintain and convey the Common Property and to operate and maintain Areas of Common Responsibility, including without limitation the Master Surface Water Management System, and any personal property owned by the Association;
- (b) to clean, clear, trim, remove weeds, limbs, and debris from, and to provide general grounds maintenance for both the Common Property and the Areas of Common Responsibility;

- (c) to fix assessments to be levied against the Lots in the Property;
- (d) to enforce any and all covenants and agreements contained in the Declaration; and
- (e) to pay taxes and insurance, if any, on the Common Property or Areas of Common Responsibility.

Section 2. Records of the Association. The Association shall maintain each of the following items, when applicable, which constitute the official records of the Association:

- (a) Copies of any plans, specifications, permits, and warranties related to improvements constructed on the Common Property or Areas of Common Responsibility;
- (b) A copy of these By-Laws and of each amendment thereto;
- (c) A copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and of each amendment thereto;
- (d) A copy of the Declaration and each amendment thereto;
- (e) A copy of the current rules of the Association;
- (f) The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Members;
- (g) A current roster of all Members and their mailing addresses and Lot identifications. The Association shall also maintain the electronic mailing addresses and the numbers designated by Members for receiving notice sent by electronic transmission of those Members consents to receive notice by electronic transmission. The electronic mailing addresses and numbers provided by Owners to receive notice to electronic transmission shall be removed from Association records when consent to receive notice by electronic transmission is revoked. However, the Association is not liable for an erroneous disclosure of the electronic mail address or the number for receiving electronic transmission notices.
- (h) All of the Association's insurance policies or copies thereof;
- (i) A current copy of all contracts to which the Association is a party, including, without limitation, any management agreement, lease, or other contract under which the Association has any obligation or responsibility;
- (j) All bids received by the Association for work to be performed;
- (k) The financial and accounting records of the Association, kept according to good accounting practices. The financial and accounting records shall include: (1)

accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all receipts and expenditures; (2) a current account and a periodic statement of the account for each Member, designating the name and current address of each Member who is obligated to pay Assessments, the due date and the amount of each Assessment or other charge against the Member, the date and amount of each payment on the account, and the balance due; (3) all tax returns, financial statements, and financial reports of the Association; and (4) any other records that identify, measure, record, or communicate financial information.

- (l) A copy of the disclosure summary described in Florida Statute, §720.401(1).
- (m) All other written records of the Association not specifically included in the foregoing which are related to the operation of the Association.

Section 3. Inspection and Copying of Records. The official records of the Association shall be maintained within the State of Florida for at least seven (7) years and must be open to inspection and available for photocopying by Members or their authorized agents within forty-five (45) miles of the Development, or within the county in which the Association is located, within ten (10) business days after receipt by the Board or its designee of written request for access. This Section may be complied with by having a copy of the official records available for inspection or copying in the Development or, at the option of the Association, by making the records available to a parcel owner electronically via the Internet or by allowing the records to be viewed in electronic format on a computer screen and printed upon request. If the Association has a photocopy machine available where records are maintained, it shall provide Owners with copies on request during the inspection if the entire request is limited to no more than twenty-five (25) pages. The Association shall allow a member or his or her authorized representative to use a portable device, including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an electronic copy of the official records in lieu of providing the member or his or her authorized representative with a copy of such records. The Association may not charge a fee to a member or his or her authorized representative for such use of a portable device.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The Association shall hold annual meetings for the transaction of any and all proper business as herein provided. The first annual meeting of the Association shall be held three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the date of filing of the Declaration of the Association. Each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter. If the day for the annual meeting of the Members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday. Business transacted at the Annual Meeting shall include the election of directors of the Association, if one is required to be held.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, and shall be called upon written request of at least ten percent (10%) of the total voting interests of the Association.

Section 3. Notice of Meeting. Written notice of each meeting of the Members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting to each Member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such Member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting. An assessment may not be levied at a board meeting unless the notice of the meeting includes a statement that assessments will be considered and the nature thereof. The notice of annual meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes described in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Right to Speak. Members and Owners have the right to attend all membership meetings and to speak at any meeting with reference to all items opened for discussion or included on the agenda. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the governing documents or any rules adopted by the board or by the membership, a Member and an Owner have the right to speak for at least three (3) minutes on any item, provided that the Member or Owner submits a written request to speak prior to the meeting. The Association may adopt written reasonable rules governing the frequency, duration, and other manner of Member and Owner statements, which rules must be consistent with this subsection.

Section 5. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, ten percent (10%) of the votes shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. If such quorum is not present or represented at any meeting, the Members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present or represented.

Section 6. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the Member of title to that Member's Lot. To be valid, a proxy must be dated, must state the date, time, and place of the meeting for which it was given, and must be signed by the authorized person who executed the proxy. A proxy is effective only for the specific meeting for which it was originally given, as the meeting may lawfully be adjourned and reconvened from time to time, and automatically expires ninety (90) days after the date of the meeting for which it was originally given. A proxy is revocable at any time at the pleasure of the person who executes it. If the proxy form expressly so provides, any proxy holder may appoint, in writing, a substitute to act in his or her place.

Section 7. Recording. Any Owner may tape record or videotape meetings of the board of directors and meetings of the Members. The board of directors of the Association may adopt reasonable rules governing the taping of meetings of the board and the membership.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Board of Directors; Selection; Terms of Office. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of at least three (3) Directors who shall be selected by the Declarant. Initially, the Board shall consist of three (3) members, with the number in subsequent years to be determined by the members of the Board or by amendment to these Bylaws of the Association; provided that there shall always be an odd number of directorships created. Each director must be either (1) a Member of the Association, or (2) an officer, director or agent either of Declarant or of a member of Declarant. The Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint and remove any member or members of the Board of Directors of the Association pursuant to Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation until the earliest of the events specified in Article III, Section 3(c) of the Declaration except that Members other than Declarant are entitled to elect one(1) member of the Board of Directors if fifty percent (50%) of the parcels in all phases of the Community which will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Members. At such time as Declarant is no longer entitled to elect the majority of the Board of Directors, the members of the Board shall be determined as set forth in Article VI herein. Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least one member of the Board of Directors as long as Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Lots in all phases of the Development.

Section 2. Vacancies in the Board of Directors. Interim vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the affirmative vote of the remaining Board of Directors, even if the remaining Directors constitute less than a quorum, provided that all vacancies in Directorships to which Directors were appointed by the Declarant under the provisions of Section 1 above shall be filled by the Declarant without the necessity of any meeting. Any such appointed Director shall serve for the remaining term of his predecessor.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Nomination. At such time as the Declarant is no longer entitled to elect the majority of the Directors pursuant to Article V above (and with the exception of the one (1) Director Declarant is entitled to elect as set forth in Article V, Section 1 above), nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Association may allow nominations to be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the Members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among Members or non-members, subject to Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation. An election is not required unless more candidates are nominated than vacancies exist.

Section 2. Eligibility and Board Vacancies.

(a) All Members of the Association are eligible to serve on the board of directors, and a Member may nominate himself or herself as a candidate for the board at a meeting where the election is to be held provided, however, that ~~or~~ if the election process allows candidates to be nominated in advance of the meeting, the Association is not required to allow nominations at the meeting. An election is not required unless more candidates are nominated than vacancies exist.

(b) A Member who is delinquent in the payment of any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation to the Association for more than ninety (90) days is not eligible for board membership. A person who has been convicted of any felony in this state or in a United States District or Territorial Court, or has been convicted of any offense in another jurisdiction which would be considered a felony if committed in this state, is not eligible for board membership unless such felon's civil rights have been restored for at least five (5) years as of the date on which such person seeks election to the board. The validity of any action by the board is not affected if it is later determined that a Member of the board is ineligible for board membership.

Section 3. Election. When the Board of Directors is chosen by the Nominating Committee, said election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted and votes must be made in person at a Members' meeting or by ballots the Members personally cast.

Section 4. Election Disputes. Any election dispute between a Member and an Association must be submitted to mandatory binding arbitration with the division. Such proceedings must be conducted in the manner provided by s. 718.1255 and the procedural rules adopted by the division. Unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, any vacancy occurring on the board before the expiration of a term may be filled by an affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining directors, even if the remaining directors constitute less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director. In the alternative, a board may hold an election to fill the vacancy, in which case the election procedures must conform to the requirements of the governing documents. Unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, a board member appointed or elected under this section is appointed for the unexpired term of the seat being filled. Filling vacancies created by recall is governed by s. 720.303(10) and rules adopted by the division.

Section 5. Proviso. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, until a majority of the Directors are elected by Members other than the Declarant, neither the first Directors, nor any other Directors appointed by the Declarant, shall be subject to removal by Members other than the Declarant. The first Directors and Directors replacing them may be removed and replaced by the Declarant without the necessity of any meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Board of Directors' Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power:

- (a) to call special meetings of the Board;
- (b) subject to Article IX herein, to appoint and remove at its pleasure all officers, agents and employees of the Association, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and require of them such security or fidelity bond as it may deem expedient. Nothing contained in these By-Laws shall be construed to prohibit the employment of any Officer or Director of the Association in any capacity whatsoever;
- (c) to establish, levy and assess, and collect assessments or charges in accordance with the Declaration;
- (d) to adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Property and Areas of Common Responsibility;
- (e) to exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association;
- (f) to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors pursuant to Article V, Section 2 above;
- (g) to appoint an Executive Committee of three (3) Directors and delegate all or any portion of the powers of the Board of Directors to this Executive Committee, subject to the limitations on the authority of the Executive Committee imposed by law;
- (h) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties; and
- (i) to take such other action as provided in the Declaration.

Section 2. Board of Directors' Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by at least one-fourth (1/4) of the Class "A" Members who are entitled to vote;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
  - i) Fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot;

- ii) Send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto in advance of each annual assessment period; and
  - iii) foreclose the lien against any Lot for which assessments are not paid or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay same.
- (c) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment as against third parties relying thereon;
- (d) procure and maintain adequate liability, hazard and other insurance on any Common Property or Areas of Common Responsibility;
- (e) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, if the Board deems appropriate;
- (f) cause the Common Property, Areas of Common Responsibility, and the Master Surface Water Management System for the Property to be maintained.
- (g) prepare the annual budget in accordance with the Declaration; and
- (h) prepare a roster of the Owners and Lots and the assessments applicable thereto, which roster shall be kept in the office of the Association.

Section 3. Resignation. A Director of the Association may resign at any time by giving a written notice to the Board of Directors of the Association. The resignation of any Director shall take effect upon delivery of the notice thereof or at such later time as shall be specified in such notice; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4. Removal. Any Director appointed by Declarant may only be removed, with or without cause, by the Declarant. At such time as Declarant is no longer entitled to elect the majority of the Board of Directors pursuant to Article V, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, any Director may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members.

Section 5. Directors' Fees. There shall be no Directors fees paid to members of the Board of Directors, except that Directors shall be entitled to reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

Section 1. Directors' Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors with ample notice given to each member.

Section 2. Notice. Not less than ten (10) days written notice of such annual meeting shall be given to each Director.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by a majority of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by any officer of the Association or by any two (2) Directors after not less than three (3) days notice to each Director.

Section 5. Waiver of Notice. A Director may waive notice of a meeting of the Directors before or after the date and time stated in the notice. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 5, the waiver must be in writing, signed by the Director entitled to the notice and filed with the minutes or corporate records. Attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice of such meeting, except where the Director attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting. If a meeting otherwise valid of the Board of Directors is held without notice where such is required, any action taken at such meeting shall be deemed ratified by a Director who did not attend, unless after learning of the action taken and of the impropriety of the meeting, he makes prompt objection thereto. Objection by a Director shall be effective only if written objection to the holding of the meeting or to any specific action so taken is filed with the Secretary of the Association.

Section 6. Action Upon Written Consent Without a Meeting. Action of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting upon the written consent signed by all members of the Board. Any such action without a meeting shall be effective on the date the last Board member signs the consent or on such date as is specified in the consent. Any such action by written consent shall have the same effect as a vote taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Board Quorum and Voting. The majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum thereof. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board. Directors may not vote by proxy or by secret ballot at board meetings, except that secret ballots may be used in the election of officers.

## ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

Section 1. Association Officers. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The officers may be, but shall not be required to be, members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint and remove any officer of the Association so long as Declarant shall own ten (10) percent or more of the Lots in the Property. Thereafter, all officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Removal of Officer. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and his successor elected at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at any special meeting of the Board called for such purpose.

Section 4. Special Appointment. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time determine. When a final decision regarding an expenditure of Association funds is to be made by such special appointment, no vote may be made by proxy or secret ballot.

Section 5. Multiple Offices. The holding of multiple offices shall be permitted.

Section 6. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

- (a) President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors. Except where otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, the president shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management of the Association, shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out, shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments, shall co-sign all promissory notes, and shall perform all such other duties as are incidental to his or her office or as are required by the Board.
- (b) Vice President. The vice president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board or the president.
- (c) Secretary. The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal;

serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

- (d) Treasurer. The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; keep proper books of account; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 1. Liability of Board Members. No Board member or officer of the Association shall be liable to any Owner for any decision, action or omission made or performed by such Board member or officer in the course of his duties unless such Board member or officer acted in bad faith or in reckless disregard of the rights of any person or of the terms of the Declaration or these By-Laws.

Section 2. Indemnification. To the fullest extent allowed by Section 617.0831, Florida Statutes, as same may be amended, and subject to any limitations set forth in the Declaration or Articles, the Association shall indemnify the Directors, officers, employees, agents and other persons specifically designated from time to time by the Board of Directors whom it may indemnify pursuant to law. In this connection, the Association is authorized to take out such insurance as it may deem necessary or desirable consistent with such indemnification.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **INSURANCE**

The Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall obtain hazard insurance for improvements to the Common Property and Areas of Common Responsibility and a broad form public liability policy covering all Common Property and Areas of Common Responsibility and all damage or injury caused by negligence of the Association or any of its agents as more fully described in the Declaration.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed and new By-Laws adopted by the Directors so long as Declarant has the authority to appoint the Directors and thereafter by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote at a regular or special meeting of the Board; provided that any matter which is in fact governed by the Declaration may not be

amended except as provided in the Declaration. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, HUD, FHA and VA shall have the right to veto any amendments to these Bylaws as long as a Class "B" membership exists.

### **ARTICLE XIII** **COMMITTEES**

The Association shall appoint a Nominating Committee, as provided in these Bylaws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

### **ARTICLE XIV** **ASSESSMENTS**

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay to the Association annual, special and individual assessments which are secured by a lien upon the property against which the assessment is made.

### **ARTICLE XV** **CORPORATE SEAL**

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: "Waterleaf of Manatee County Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation," and the year of incorporation in the center of that circle.

### **ARTICLE XVI** **GENERAL**

Section 1. Conflicts. It is intended that the provisions of the Declaration which apply to the governance of the Association, as supplemented by the provisions in these By-Laws which are not contained in the Declaration, shall operate as the By-Laws of the Association. In the case of any conflict between such provisions set forth in the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and these By-Laws, the following priorities shall control:

1. Declaration;
2. Articles of Incorporation;
3. By-Laws.

Section 2. Waiver. No provision of these By-Laws or any regulation promulgated by the Board of Directors pursuant hereto shall be deemed to have been abrogated or waived by reason of

any failure to enforce the same, regardless of the number of violations or breaches which may have occurred.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of these By-Laws are severable, and the invalidity of one or more provisions hereof shall not be deemed to impair or affect in any manner the enforceability or effect of the remainder.

Section 4. Captions. Captions are inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of these By-Laws or the intent of any provision.

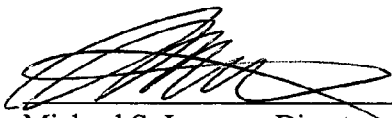
Section 5. Gender and Number. All nouns and pronouns used herein shall be deemed to include the masculine, the feminine, and the neuter, and the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular whenever the context requires or permits.

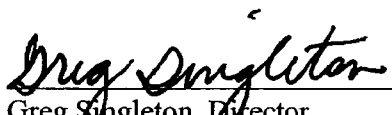
Section 6. Roberts Rules. All meetings of the membership of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Orders Revised*.

Section 7. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the directors of THE VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., have adopted these Bylaws as the Bylaws of the Association this 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

  
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John M. Ryan, Director

  
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Michael S. Lawson, Director

  
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Greg Singleton, Director