# FIRST AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF

## DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS

## FOR EAGLE WATCH

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## FIRST AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR EAGLE WATCH

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR EAGLE WATCH is made this 15th day of August 1988, by EAGLE WATCH LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

## BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Declarant is the owner of certain real property in Cherokee County, Georgia, which is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Declarant executed that certain Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements dated June 27, 1988, recorded at Deed Book 721, page 265, Cherokee County, Georgia records (the "Declaration"). Pursuant to Section 9.02 of the Declaration, Declarant desires to amend the Declaration as hereinafter set forth, and desires to restate the Declaration in its entirety, with the amendments to the Declaration incorporated therein. Declarant hereby represents that the amendments to the Declaration, as set forth herein, require neither the consent of any Member of mortgagee, pursuant to Section 9.02 of the Declaration.

Declarant intends to develop on lands, including the real property described above, a development to be known as Eagle Watch (hereinafter referred to as the "Development"). Declarant intends by this Declaration to impose mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all owners of residential property within Eagle Watch, the planned unit development made subject to this Declaration, by the recording of this Declaration and amendments thereto. Declarant desires to provide a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development of Eagle Watch and to establish a method for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of the property that is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration and certain other properties described in this Declaration.

Declarant has caused the Association (as hereinafter defined) to be formed as a nonprofit civic organization to perform certain functions for the common good and general welfare of the Owners (as hereinafter defined).

The Development is located within the planned unit development known as Towne Lake and is subject to the Master Declaration (as hereinafter defined). Declarant also desires to provide for the interrelationship between the Association and the Towne Lake Association established pursuant to the Master Declaration.

The Declarant hereby declares that all of the real property described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to this First Amendment to and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, which is for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Property (as hereinafter defined). This First Amendment to and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements shall supersede in all respects the Declaration. The Covenants, Restrictions and Easements set forth herein shall run with the Property, and shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, and shall, subject to the limitations herein provided, inure to the benefit of each Owner, his heirs, grantees, distributees, successors and assigns and to the benefit of the Association.

The Development is a residential property owners' development which hereby submits to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220, et (Michie, 1982)

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

The following words, when used in this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, shall have the following meanings:

1.01 <u>Association</u>. "Association" means Eagle Watch Homeowners' Association, Inc. (a non-profit, non-stock, membership corporation organized -under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code), its successors and assigns.

1.02 <u>Board</u>. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.

1.03 <u>By-Laws</u>. "By-Laws" means the By-Laws of the Association.

1.04 <u>Course Owner</u>. "Course Owner" shall mean the entity which is the owner of the Golf Facilities, and its successors and assigns.

1.05 <u>Golf Facilities</u>. "Golf Facilities" shall mean an eighteen hole golf course, driving range, clubhouse and related parking facilities which may be, but is not required to be, constructed adjacent to certain portions of the Development.

1.06 <u>Commencement Date</u>. "Commencement Date" means the date on which the first Residence is sold to a third party other than Declarant or the builder of such Residence.

1.07 <u>Common Property</u>. "Common Property" means all real property (together with any and all improvements now or hereafter located thereon) owned by the Association or in certain instances over which the Association has been granted permanent easements, for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

1.08 <u>Declarant</u>. "Declarant" means Eagle Watch Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership qualified to do business in the State of Georgia, and its successors-in-title and assigns, provided any such successors-in-title or assigns shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale all or any portion of the remaining undeveloped or unsold portions of the real property described in Exhibit "A", or the real property which is intended to become part of the Development, and provided further, in the instrument of conveyance to any such successor-in-title or assign, such successor-in-title or assign is designated as the "Declarant" hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be the "Declarant" hereunder at the time of such conveyance; provided, further, upon such designation of successor Declarant, all rights and obligations of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood that as to all of the property described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and which is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration, there shall be only one person or legal entity entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any one time.

1.09 <u>Development-Wide Standard</u>. "Development-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity generally prevailing in the Development. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board and by committees required or permitted to be established pursuant to the Declaration and By—Laws. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Development—Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.

1.10 Lot. "Lot" means any parcel of land shown upon a subdivision plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, covering any portion of the Property, provided, however, that no portion of the Common Property shall ever be a Lot except as provided in 2.04.

1.11 <u>Master Assessments</u>. "Master Assessments" shall mean any and all assessments which may or shall be levied by the Master Association against any Lots from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Master Declaration, including but not limited to General Assessments, Parcel Assessments, special and specific assessments, as such terms are defined or described in the Master Declaration.

1.12 <u>Master Association</u>. "Master Association" shall mean Towne Lake Residential Owners Association, Inc. (a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia) its successors and assigns.

1.13 <u>Master Declaration</u>. "Master Declaration" shall mean that certain Master Declaration of Protective Covenants For Towne Lake Residential Area, dated December 7, 1987, recorded at Deed Book 679, page 501, Cherokee County, Georgia records, the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

1.14. <u>Member</u>. "Member" means any member of the Association.

1.15 <u>Membership</u>. "Membership" means the collective total of all Members of the Association.

1.16 <u>Occupant</u>. "Occupant" shall mean any person occupying all or any portion of a Residence located within the Development for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.

1.17 <u>Owner</u>. "Owner" means the record owner (including Declarant), whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot; provided, however, that where fee simple title has been transferred and is being held merely as security for the repayment of a loan, the person or entity who would own the Lot in fee simple if such loan were paid in full shall be considered the Owner.

1.18 <u>Parcel</u>. "Parcel" shall mean and refer to separately designated residential areas comprised of various types of housing initially or by annexation made subject to this Declaration. For example, and by way of illustration and not limitation, a condominium development, a townhouse development, an apartment complex, and a single family detached home subdivision may all be designated as separate Parcels. If separate Parcel status is desired, the Declarant shall designate in an amendment to this Declaration subjecting the property to the terms and conditions of this Declaration that such property shall constitute a separate parcel or parcels. In the absence of specific designation of separate Parcel status, all property made subject to this Declaration shall be considered a part of the same parcel. The Board may also grant Parcel status to any area if so requested in writing by the Owners holding at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total vote entitled to vote thereon in such area.

1.19 <u>Property</u>. "Property" means that certain real property herein above described together with such additional real property as may be subjected to the provisions of this Declaration in accordance with the provisions of Article X hereof.

1.20 <u>Rental Complex</u>. "Rental Complex" shall mean and refer to a real estate rental complex within the Development composed of one or more structures, which structure contains two (2) or more Rental Units, at least one (I) of which is to be rented to the public by the Owner. Rental duplex structures, as such term may be defined from time to time in the applicable zoning or subdivision ordinance, shall each be deemed to be an Rental Complex and each single family residential unit within the duplex shall be deemed to be an Rental Unit.

1.21 <u>Rental Unit</u>. "Rental Unit" shall mean and refer to a Residence in an Rental Complex located within the Development.

1.22 Residence. "Residence" shall mean a structure situated upon a portion of the Development intended for independent use and occupancy as a residence for a single family. For example, each single family detached home shall constitute a Residence; each condominium unit in a condominium development shall constitute a Residence; each Rental Unit in an Rental Complex shall constitute a Residence; each rental duplex structure shall contain two (2) Residences (as defined above, each rental duplex structure constitutes an Rental Complex and each single-family duplex rental unit constitutes an Rental Unit); and each townhome or cluster home unit in an attached or semi-attached housing development shall constitute a Residence. The foregoing examples are set out by way of illustration and not in limitation of the term "Residence". A structure and the land owned as a part thereof shall not become a Residence until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the appropriate governmental authorities as a pre-requisite to the occupancy of such Residence and, except with respect to Rental Units, until the Residence shall have been conveyed to a third party other than the builder thereof. The Owner of a Residence shall notify the Association or its designee immediately upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Residence.

1.23 <u>Restrictions</u>. "Restrictions" means all covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other obligations created or imposed by this Declaration.

1.24 <u>Structure</u>. "Structure" means:

(a) any thing or object the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse or bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, dock, fence, curbing, paving, wall, tree, shrub (and all other forms of landscaping), sign, signboard, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent to such Lot;

(b) any excavation, grading, fill, ditch, diversion dam or other thing or device which affects or alters the natural flow of surface waters from, upon or across any Lot, or which affects or alters the flow of any waters in any natural or artificial creek, stream, wash or drainage channel from, upon or across any Lot; and

(c) any change in the grade at any point on a Lot of more than six (6) inches, whether or not subsection (b) of this Section 1.16 applies to such change.

1.25 <u>Act</u>. "Act" shall refer to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220, et seq., and amendments thereto.

#### ARTICLE II COMMON PROPERTY

#### 2.01 <u>Conveyance of Common Property</u>.

(a) The Declarant may from time to time transfer or convey to the Association, at no expense to the Association and in accordance with this Section, any personal property and any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement or other property interest which is or may be -subjected to the terms of this Declaration for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners of Residences (such property being hereinafter collectively referred to as "Common Property") and, to the extent set forth in this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, to the general public. The Association hereby covenants and agrees to accept from the Declarant all such conveyances of Common Property.

(b) It is contemplated by the Declarant that the Declarant will convey to the Association Common Property for scenic and natural area preservation and for general recreational use to include facilities for swimming, tennis and exercise. The Declarant may, at Declarant's sole discretion, modify, alter, increase, reduce and otherwise change the Common Property contemplated to be conveyed to the Association in accordance with this subsection (b) of this Section 2.01 at any time prior to conveyance of such Common Property to the Association.

(c) In addition to the property described in subsection (b) of this Section 2.01, the Declarant may convey to the Association in accordance with this Section 2.01 such other real and personal property as the Declarant may determine to be necessary or proper for the completion of the Development.

(d) Notwithstanding any legal presumption to the contrary, the fee title to, and all rights in, any portion of the Property owned by the Declarant and designated as Common Property or designated for public use shall be reserved to the Declarant until such time as the same shall be conveyed to the Association or to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority.

(e) Lakes and dams shall, without limitation, be included in the property that may be conveyed by Declarant and which shall be accepted by the Association. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to the property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section including, without limitation, dredging or otherwise removing silt from any lake that may be conveyed.

2.02 <u>Right of Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner of a Residence shall have a right and easement to use and enjoy the Common Property, which right shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot upon transfer; provided, however, that no Owner shall do any act which interferes with the free use and enjoyment of the Common Property by all other Owners. The Association may permit persons who are not Owners of Residences to use and enjoy part or all of the Common Property subject to such limitations, and upon such terms and conditions, as it may from time to time establish. The right and easement of enjoyment granted or permitted by this Section 2.02 is subject to suspension by the Association as provided in Sections 2.03(f) and 3.05.

2.03 <u>Rights and Obligations of The Association</u>. The rights and privileges conferred in Section 2.02 hereof shall be subject to the right, and where applicable, the obligation, of the Association acting through the Board to:

(a) promulgate rules and regulations relating to the use, operation and maintenance of the Common Property;

(b) borrow money for the purpose of carrying out the activities of the Association, including the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping and maintenance of Common Property, and in aid thereof to encumber by deed to secure debt, mortgage or other security interest any or all of the Association's property including Common Property and revenues from assessments, user fees and other sources; and provided, however, that, during the period when the Declarant has the right to appoint members of the Board, the Association shall not deed, grant or convey to anyone any mortgage, deed to secure debt or other security interest on or in Common Property constituting real estate without approval by Declarant and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association:

(c) grant easements or rights of way over Common Property to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority, to any quasi-public agency or to any utility company or cable television system;

(d) dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Property or interests therein to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority for such purposes and subject to such provisions and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Association and such grantee, including a provision that such property or interest shall, if such dedication or transfer is approved by a two—thirds (2/3) vote of the Members who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the By—Laws of the Association, cease to be subject to this Declaration or all or any part of the Restrictions while held by any such municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority;

(e) charge reasonable fees in connection with the admission to and use of facilities or services by Members and non-members; provided that in setting any such fee the Board may establish reasonable classifications which shall be uniform within each such class but need not be uniform between such classes;

(f) suspend, pursuant to Section 3.05, the voting rights of any Member and the right of enjoyment granted or permitted by Section 2.02;

(g) to sell, lease or otherwise convey all or any part of its properties and interests therein; and

(h) enforce all applicable provisions of valid agreements of the Association relating to the Common Property or any part thereof; and

(i) perform all maintenance obligations of the Association with respect to Common Property, and property and improvements previously installed by Declarant, as set forth in Section 2.06 below or elsewhere in this Declaration.

The Association shall also maintain all property outside of Lots located within the Development which was originally maintained by Declarant. In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain properly not owned by the Association where the Board has determined that such maintenance would be for the common welfare of the Owners.

2.04 <u>Types of Common Property</u>. At the time of the conveyance of any real property or grant of easement by the Declarant to the Association to be used as Common Property, the Declarant shall designate in the deed of conveyance or easement that such real property is to be Common Property, and further may designate in the deed of conveyance or easement the specific or general purpose or purposes for which such real property or any portion thereof may be used, and in such event, such real property or portion thereof shall not, without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of

the of Members of the Association, be used for any different purpose or purposes without the prior written consent of the Declarant.

2.05 <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Any Owner may delegate to the members of his family or his tenants who reside on a Lot, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right to use and enjoy the Common Property.

2.06 <u>Maintenance</u>. The Association shall, at its sole expense, maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. Without limiting the foregoing, the maintenance obligations of the Association shall include, without limitation, the following:

(a) maintenance, repair and replacement, subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping, buildings, improvements and personal property situated on or used in connection with the Common Property;

(b) maintenance, repair and replacement of all entry features in the Development;

(c) maintenance, repair and replacement of grass and other landscaping treatments located along or in dedicated rights of way, and stormwater drainage and detention facilities (whether located on Lots or Common Property), which were previously installed by Declarant, and are not otherwise maintained by the appropriate county or municipal entity having jurisdiction over such improvements, and to the extent permitted by the applicable governmental authority; and

(d) Maintenance, repair and replacement of all wooden traffic control, safety, and street signs, which maintenance, repair, and replacement shall be effected in a timely manner so as to protect the health and welfare of the residents and general public. This section may not be amended without the prior approval of Cherokee County.

All of the foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Development-Wide Standard. The Association shall also have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain and provide services for other property not owned by the Association, whether located within or without the boundaries of the Community, and to enter into easements and covenants to share cost agreements regarding such property where the Board has determined that this would benefit Owners.

#### 2.07 <u>Golf Facilities</u>.

(a) The Golf Facilities shall not constitute Common Property and are not subject to this Declaration. The Members of the Association shall have no ownership interest, proprietary interest, beneficial interest, or other vested interest in the Golf Facilities and shall have no right to enter or to use the Golf Facilities by virtue of being a Member of the Association. Only those persons who have paid the applicable fees established by the Course Owner (in the event that the Golf Facilities are operated as a public facility) or who have paid the membership fees established by the Course Owner (if the Golf Facilities are operated as a private facility) shall be entitled to use the Golf Facilities and then subject to such rules and on such terms as may be established by the Course Owner.

(b) No representations or warranties have been or are made by the Declarant or any other person regarding the continuing ownership or operation of the Golf Facilities, if any, and no purported representation or warranty in such regard shall ever be effective without an amendment hereto executed or joined into by the Declarant. Further, the ownership or management and administration of the Golf Facilities may change at any time and from time to time by virtue of, but without limitation, (a) the sale or assumption of operations of the Golf Facilities by/to a third party or entity, (b) the formation of the Golf Facilities membership structure as an "equity" club or similar arrangement whereby the members of the Golf Facilities or an entity owned or controlled thereby become the owner(s) and/or operator(s) of the Golf Facilities, or (c) the conveyance, pursuant to contract, option, or otherwise, of the Golf Facilities to a third party or entity or to one or more affiliates, shareholders, employees, or independent contractors of Declarant. No consent of the Association, the Board, or any Owner shall be required to effectuate a transfer to any person or entity other than the Association and none of the foregoing shall have any right of first refusal regarding such transfer.

(c) So long as the Golf Facilities are not submitted to this Declaration, the Golf Facilities shall not be assessed pursuant hereto nor shall they be subject to any other restriction contained herein, including, without limitation, architectural controls.

#### ARTICLE III EAGLE WATCH HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

3.01 <u>Purposes, Powers and Duties of The Association</u>. The Association shall be formed as a non-profit civic organization for the sole purpose of performing certain functions for the common good and general welfare of the people of the Development. The Association shall have no power or duty to do or perform any act or thing other than those acts and things which will promote in some way the common good and general welfare of the people of the Development. To the extent, and only to the extent, necessary to carry out such purpose, the Association (a) shall have all of the powers of a corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and (b) shall have the power and duty to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration.

3.02 <u>Membership in the Association</u>. Every Owner shall automatically be a member of the Association and such membership shall terminate only as provided in this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements. For purposes of voting, there shall be two (2) classes of Members as set forth in Section 3.03.

## 3.03 Voting Rights.

(a) Each Owner, with the exception of Declarant, shall be a Class A Member and shall be entitled to one (1) Class A vote per Residence; provided that the Owner of an Rental Complex shall be entitled to one-half (1/2) of a vote for each Rental Unit owned. Where such Owner is a group or entity other than one individual person, the vote on behalf of such Owner shall be exercised only by such individual person as shall be designated in a proxy instrument duly executed by or on behalf of such group or entity and delivered to the secretary of the Association.

(b) The Declarant shall be the sole Class B Member and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot or Residence owned and one and one-half (1-1/2) votes for each Rental Unit owned; provided, however, in no event shall the Class B Member have less than the total number of Class A votes plus one (1). The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership at such time as Declarant no longer retains the right to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association pursuant to Section 3.08 below.

(c) The Development will be composed of Lots to be developed in phases containing unequal numbers of Lots. Each such phase will be platted of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County in accordance with Article X of this Declaration. The Declarant shall notify the Association in writing when the final phase of the Development has been so platted of record. By acceptance of a deed conveying a Lot, each Owner acknowledges that, upon the filing by Declarant of the subdivision plats covering such phases, the total votes outstanding in the Association will automatically increase based upon the number of Lots in the phases added and in accordance with the formula set forth in subsection (b) of this Section 3.03 and in no event shall Class B Membership cease and be converted to Class A Membership (as provided in subsection (b) of this Section 3.03) until after the Association receives the written notice provided for in the preceding sentence; provided, however, nothing contained herein shall obligate the Declarant to develop any proposed phase of the Development unless such phase is subjected to this Declaration.

3.04 <u>Board of Directors</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors and the method of election of Directors shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Association.

3.05 <u>Suspension of Membership</u>. The Board may suspend the voting rights of any Member and the right of enjoyment of the Common Property of any person who:

(a) shall be subject to the Right of Abatement, as defined in Section 8.02 by reason of having failed to take the reasonable steps to remedy a violation or breach of either the Restrictions or the Design Standards of the ACC (as herein defined) within thirty (30) days after having received notice of the same pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.11, 6.14 or 8.02 hereof;

(b) shall be delinquent in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association pursuant to the provisions of Article IV hereof; or

(c) shall be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Association relating to the use, operation and maintenance of Common Property. Such suspension shall be for the balance of the period in which Member or person shall remain in violation, breach or default, as aforesaid, except that in the case of a violation described in subsection (c) of this Section 3.05, the suspension may be for a period not to exceed 60 days after the cure or termination of such violation. No such suspension shall prevent an Owner's ingress to or egress from his Lot.

3.06 <u>Termination of Membership</u>. Membership shall cease only when a person ceases to be an Owner.

3.07 <u>Voting Procedures</u>. The procedures for the election of Directors of the Association and the resolution of such other issues as may be brought before the membership of the Association shall be governed by this Declaration, the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, and the By-Laws of the Association, as each shall from time to time be in force and effect.

#### 3.08 Control by Declarant.

(a) Notwithstanding any other language or provision to the contrary in this Declaration, in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the Bylaws of the Association, Declarant hereby retains the right to appoint and remove any members of the Board of the Association and any officer or officers of the Association until 15 days after the first of the following events shall occur: (i) the expiration of twenty (20) years after the date of the recording of this Declaration; (ii) the date upon which 1851 of the Residences intended by Declarant to be a part of the Development have been conveyed by Declarant to Owners other than a person or persons constituting Declarant; or (iii) the surrender by Declarant of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers by an express amendment to this Declaration executed and recorded by Declarant, provided, however, that the Owners shall be entitled to elect certain members of the Board of the Association in accordance with the terms of the By-Laws of the Association which shall not be removable by the Declarant acting alone.

(b) Upon the expiration of the period of Declarant's right to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Section, such right shall automatically pass to the Owners, including Declarant if Declarant then owns one or more Lots; and a special meeting of the Association shall be called at such time. At such special meeting the Owners shall elect a new Board of Directors which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board and Declarant shall deliver the books, accounts, and records, if any, which Declarant has kept on behalf of the Association and any agreements or contracts executed by or on behalf of the Association during such period which Declarant has in its possession. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyances of a Lot vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association as provided in this Section. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or by law and any other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

#### ARTICLE IV ASSESSMENTS

4.01 Covenant for Assessments and Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation. Each Owner of a Residence (and with respect to Master Assessments, each Owner of a Lot), jointly and severally, for himself, his heirs, distributees, legal representatives, successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed for a Residence (and with respect to Master Assessments, by acceptance of a deed for a Lot), whether or not the covenants contained herein shall be expressed in any such deed, hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

(a) to pay to the Association the annual assessments which may or shall be levied by the Association pursuant to this Declaration against all Residences owned by him;

(b) to pay to the Association any Parcel, special, or specific assessments for capital improvements and other charges which may or shall be levied by the Association pursuant to this Declaration against all Residences owned by him;

(c) to pay to the Association the Master Assessments which may or shall be levied pursuant to the Master Declaration against all Lots owned by him;

(d) that there is hereby created a continuing charge and lien upon all Residences (and all Lots, with respect to Master Assessments) owned by him against which all such assessments are made to secure payment of such assessments and any interest thereon as provided in Section 4.09 hereof and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees;

(e) that such continuing charge and lien on such Residence or Lot binds such Residence or Lot in the hands of the then Owner, and the Owner's heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Such charge and lien is superior to any and all charges, liens or encumbrances which may hereafter in any manner arise or be imposed upon such Residences or Lots whether arising from or imposed -by judgment or decree or by any agreement, contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, or other instrument, except (i) such liens for taxes or other public charges as are by applicable law made superior, and (ii) all deeds to secure debt given to secure a loan the proceeds of which are used (1) to purchase a Lot or Residence or Residences (together with any and all Structures which may from time to time be placed or located thereon) and (2) to finance the construction repair or alteration of Structures.

(f) that no sale or transfer at foreclosure or in lieu of foreclosure shall relieve any Residence from liability for any assessment thereafter assessed;

(g) that all annual, Parcel, special, specific assessments and Master Assessments (together with interest thereon as provided in Section 4.09 of this Declaration and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees) levied against any Residence or Lot owned by him during the period that he is an Owner shall be (in addition to being a continuing charge-and lien against such Residence or Lot as provided in Section 4.01(d) of this Declaration) a personal obligation which will survive any sale or transfer of the Residence or Lot owned by him; provided, however, that such personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to an Owner's successor in title unless expressly assumed by such successor.

4.02 <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing for the common good and general welfare of the people of the new community of the Development, including, but not limited to, security, the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and equipping of Common Property including, without limitation, the payment of all ad valorem taxes and utilities assessed against the Common Property, the enforcement of the Restrictions contained in this Declaration, the enforcement of the Design Standards of the ACC, the payment of operating costs and expenses of the Association, and the payment of all principal and interest when due on all debts owed by the Association.

4.03 <u>Accumulation of Funds Permitted</u>. The Association shall not be obligated to spend in any calendar year all the sums collected in such year by way of annual assessments or otherwise, and may carry forward, as surplus, any balances remaining; nor shall the Association be obligated to apply such surplus to the reduction of the amount of the Annual Assessments in any succeeding year, but may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Board may deem to be desirable for the greater financial security of the Association and the effectuation of its purposes.

#### 4.04 Annual Assessment.

(a) Beginning on the Commencement Date and continuing thereafter until January 1 of the year immediately following the Commencement Date, each Residence shall be subject to an annual assessment of Three Hundred and Sixty (\$360.00) Dollars per Residence; provided, however, that the annual assessment for each Rental Unit shall equal one-half (1/2) the annual assessment per Residence. In the event that the Commencement Date falls on a day other than January 1, the annual assessment for such year shall be prorated so that each Owner pays an annual assessment proportional to the number of days remaining in the calendar year. The words "Assessment Year" as used herein shall mean the calendar year with the first Assessment Year commencing on January 1 of the year immediately following the Commencement Date. For so long as Declarant has the right to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, the annual assessment shall not be reduced below \$360.00 without the express written consent of Declarant.

(b) Commencing with the first Assessment Year and continuing thereafter, the annual assessment may be increased at any time and from time to time during each Assessment Year not more than ten percent (lot) above the annual assessment for the previous Assessment Year without a vote of the Membership.

(c) Commencing with the first Assessment Year and continuing thereafter, the annual assessment for each Assessment Year may at any time and from time to time be increased more than ten percent (lot) above the maximum annual assessment for the previous Assessment Year if such increase is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association and this Declaration.

## 4.05 Special and Parcel Assessments.

(a) In addition to the annual assessments authorized by this Article IV, the Association may levy, in any Assessment Year and with such frequency as the Association shall deem necessary, special assessments for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, any unanticipated operating expenses, as well as the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement on the Common Property. Such special assessments may be levied by the Board in any Assessment Year without the approval of the members, which special assessments in the aggregate do not exceed an amount equal to the annual assessment then in effect. Special assessments exceeding said amount shall require the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association and this Declaration. Special assessments shall be allocated among Rental Units and Residences other than Rental Units in the same manner as annual assessments.

(b) The Association shall also be authorized to levy, in any Assessment Year and with such frequency as the Association shall deem necessary, Parcel assessments for the

purpose of paying, in whole or in part, the cost of estimated expenses for the sole benefit of a particular Parcel, which Parcel assessments shall be allocated equally among the Residences in a Parcel; provided that Parcel assessments shall be allocated among Rental Units and Residences other than Rental Units in any Parcel in the same manner as annual assessments.

## 4.06 <u>Assessment Procedure</u>.

The Board shall establish the annual assessment for each Assessment (a) Year at an amount not in excess of the maximum annual assessment as determined by the provisions of this Article IV, and shall also establish the date during the Assessment Year on which the annual assessment shall be due and payable (such date is hereinafter referred to as the "Due Date"). The Board shall also establish an annual budget which shall list the estimated operating expenses and shall contain an amount to be set aside each year into a reserve allowance to be used for future repair and replacement of the Common Property; provided, however, in no event shall the Board be required to provide for a reserve sufficient to cover all such future repair and replacement of the Common Property, it being intended that portion of such costs will be covered by Special Assessment. The Board shall cause the Association to send to each Owner at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Due Date written notice setting forth the amount of the annual assessment and the Due Date. The annual assessment shall become due on the thirtieth (30th) day following such written notice or the Due Date, whichever is later. The Board may establish reasonable payment procedures to allow or require payment of the annual assessment in installments during the Assessment Year. The Board shall also establish payment procedures for payment of any special assessments for capital improvements which may be levied in accordance with the provisions of this Article IV.

(b) All Members of the Association shall be given written notice by the Board not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of any meeting of the Members of the Association at which the Board shall propose taking action pursuant to Section 4.04(c) and Section 4.05 of this Article IV. Such written notice shall specify under which Section or Sections the Board will propose action. At such meeting, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast fifty percent (50%) of the total votes outstanding shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present at such meeting, a second meeting may be called by the Board subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at such second meeting shall be thirty percent (30%) of the total votes outstanding. No such second meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the first meeting. If the required quorum is not present at the second meeting, the Board may take such action without approval of the Members.

(c) Action by the Members of the Association pursuant to Section 4.04(c) may be taken at a meeting without the notice required pursuant to Section 4.06(b) provided that Members or proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of the total votes outstanding shall be present.

4.07 <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Annual, special and parcel assessments shall be levied against Residences only; Master Assessments are levied by the Master Association against Lots. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Residences.

4.08 <u>Contribution By Declarant</u>. For so long as Declarant has the authority to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, Declarant shall not be liable for the payment of any assessments. Provided, however, during said period Declarant shall advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for the reserve allowance), and the sum of annual, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any Assessment Year, and such advances shall be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association to Declarant. 4.09 Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments. Any assessment which is not paid on or before the Due Date shall bear interest after the Due Date at the lower of the highest legal rate of interest which can be charged or the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum or at such rate as the Board may from time to time establish, provided, however, that in no event shall the Board have the power to establish a rate of interest in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia. In the event of default in the payment of any one or more installments of an assessment, the Board may declare any remaining balance of the assessment at once due and payable. In the event that an owner shall fail to pay fully any portion of any assessment prior to the date on which payment is due, such unpaid portion (including any remaining balance declared immediately due and payable in accordance with the preceding sentence), together with interest and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, as well as a lien on such Owner's Residence enforceable in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

4.10 <u>Statement of Account</u>. Any Owner, mortgagee, or a person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Lot, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Lot, shall be entitled, upon written request, to a statement from the Association setting forth the amount of assessments due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines, or other charges against a Lot. The Association shall respond in writing within five (5) days of receipt of the request for a statement; provided, however, the Association may require the payment of a fee, not exceeding ten (\$10.00) dollars, as a prerequisite to the issuance of such a statement. Such written statement shall be binding on the Association as to the amount of assessments due on the Lot as of the date specified therein.

4.11 <u>Approval by Declarant</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no special assessment shall be made without the Approval of Declarant for so long as Declarant has the right to appoint officers and directors of the Association.

4.12 <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Board shall have the power to specifically assess pursuant to this Section as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. The Board may specifically assess Owners for the following expenses, except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association as provided herein:

(a) Expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Residences, which may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Residences which are benefited according to the benefit received;

(b) Expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to Section 6.14 hereof; and

(c) Reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of the Declaration and By-Laws.

4.13 <u>Collection of Master Assessments</u>. The Association shall collect all Master Assessments levied against each lot subject to this Declaration and shall, as a matter of first priority, out of an income of the Association, remit to the Master Association any such Master Assessments as may be levied by the Master Association on all property subject to the jurisdiction of the Association on a timely basis. The Association may bring suit against any Owner to collect delinquent Master Assessments, in addition to any other rights or remedies it may have hereunder or at law or in equity. In addition, any such unpaid Master Assessments, together with interest thereon as provided in Section 4.09 hereof and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees, shall constitute a continuing charge and lien upon such Lots against which such Master

Assessments are made.

4.14 <u>Capital Contributions on Sales of Lots</u>. In addition to the assessments provided for above, commencing sixty (60) days after the date this Amendment is recorded in the Cherokee County, Georgia land records, the purchaser or grantee of every Lot shall be assessed and be subject to a non-refundable, non-prorated capital contribution assessment ("Capital Contribution Assessment") upon any and each conveyance or transfer of the Lot to any person other than: (1) to the spouse or heir of the Owner, (2) a first priority mortgage holder or secondary purchase money mortgage holder who takes title to a Lot through foreclosure of such mortgage or deed in lieu of foreclosure of such mortgage, or (3) any current member of the Association purchasing a property within the community.

The Capital Contribution Assessment shall be an amount set by the Board of Directors not to exceed the annual assessment for such Lot for the fiscal year in which the Lot is conveyed. The initial amount for the Capital Contribution Assessment shall be set at one-half (1/2) of one year's assessments. The Capital Contribution Assessment shall not be increased by more than ten (10) percent in any calendar year without the written consent of a majority of those members returning consent forms. The Capital Contribution Assessment shall not constitute a prepayment of the annual assessment, but shall be in addition to the annual and other assessments provided for herein. The Capital Contribution Assessment shall be due and payable at the time of each such conveyance or transfer, and the Assessment shall be collected at the closing of each such conveyance or transfer.

#### ARTICLE V ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

#### 5.01 Architectural Control Committee - Creation and Composition.

(a) An Architectural Control Committee (the "ACC") shall be established consisting of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) individuals, provided, however, that the ACC shall always have an uneven number of members. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint all members of the ACC until the plans for all of the Residences for all of the Lots in the Development have been approved by the ACC. Thereafter, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC. All costs of operating the ACC, may, at the discretion of Declarant, be borne by the Association.

(b) Each initial member of the ACC shall be appointed for a term expiring on December 31, 1989. Thereafter each member of the ACC shall be appointed for a calendar year term. If any vacancy shall occur in the membership of the ACC by reason of death, incapacity, resignation, removal or otherwise, the remaining members of the ACC shall continue to act and such vacancy shall subject to the provisions of 5.01(a) be filled by the Declarant (or Board if at the time the Board has the right to appoint members of the ACC) at the earliest possible time. Any ACC member may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Chairman of the ACC and such resignation shall take effect on receipt thereof by the Chairman. Any member of the ACC may be removed at any time with or without cause by the Declarant (or Board if at the time the Board has the right to appoint members of the ACC).

5.02 <u>Purpose, Powers and Duties of the ACC</u>. The purpose of the ACC is to assure that any installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any Lot shall be submitted to the ACC for approval (i) as to whether the proposed installation, construction or alteration is in conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the existing standards of the neighborhood and with the standards of the Development, and (ii) as to the location of Structures with respect to topography, finished ground elevation and surrounding Structures. To the extent necessary to carry out such purpose, the ACC shall have all of the powers and duties to do each and every thing necessary, suitable, convenient or proper for, or in connection with, or incidental to, the accomplishment of such purpose, including, without being limited to, the power and duty to approve or disapprove plans and specifications for any installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any Lot.

5.03 <u>Officers, Subcommittees and Compensation</u>. The members of the ACC shall appoint a Chairman from among their number and may appoint from among their number such other officers and subcommittees of members of the ACC as they shall from time to time determine necessary. The members of the ACC shall be reimbursed by the Association for traveling expenses and other reasonable out—of—pocket costs incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the ACC.

#### 5.04 Operations of the ACC.

(a) Meetings. The ACC shall hold regular meetings at least once every three (3) months or more often as may be established by the ACC. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and shall be called by the Chairman upon the written request of a majority of the members of the ACC then in office. Regular and special meetings of the ACC shall be held at such time and at such place as the ACC shall specify. Notice of each regular or special meeting of the ACC shall be mailed to each member thereof at his residence or at his usual place of business at least three (3) days before the day the meeting is to be held. Notice of regular and special meetings need not specify the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Notice of a meeting need

not be given to any member of the ACC who signs a waiver of notice either before or after the meeting. Attendance of a member of the ACC at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting and shall constitute a waiver of any and all objections to the place of the meeting, the time of the meeting, or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except when the member states, at the beginning of the meeting, any such objection or objections to the transaction of business. At each meeting of the ACC, the presence of a majority of the members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as otherwise provided herein, the act of a majority of the members of the ACC present at any regular or special meeting thereof at which a quorum is present shall constitute the act of the ACC. In the absence of a quorum, any member of the ACC present at the time and place of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. The ACC shall maintain both a record of votes and minutes for each of its meetings. The ACC shall make such records and minutes available at reasonable places and times for inspection by Members of the Association and by the Secretary. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the ACC, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the ACC, may be taken without a meeting if written consent, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the members of the ACC and be filed within the minutes of the proceedings of the ACC. Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote, and may be stated as such in any document filed by the ACC.

## (b) <u>Activities</u>.

(i) The ACC shall adopt and promulgate the Design Standards described in Section 5.05 hereof and shall, as required, make findings determinations, rulings, and orders with respect to the conformity with said Design Standards of plans and specifications to be submitted for approval to the ACC pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The ACC shall, as required, issue permits, authorizations or approvals, which may include specified requirements or conditions, pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration.

Any two (2) or more members of the ACC may be authorized by the (ii) ACC to exercise the full authority of the ACC with respect to all matters over which the ACC has authority as may be specified by resolution of the ACC, except with respect to the adoption or promulgation of the Design Standards. The unanimous action of the two (2) or more members with respect to the matters specified shall be final and binding upon the ACC and upon any applicant for an approval, permit or authorization, subject, however, to review and modification by the ACC on its own motion or appeal by the applicant to the ACC as provided in this paragraph (ii). Written notice of the decision of such two (2) or more members shall, within five (5) working days thereof, be given to any applicant for an approval, permit or authorization. The applicant may, within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of any decision which be deems to be unsatisfactory, file a written request to have the matter in question reviewed by the ACC. Upon the filing of any such request, the matter with respect to which such request was filed shall be submitted to, and reviewed promptly by, the ACC, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the filing of such request. The decision of a majority of the members of the ACC with respect to such matter shall be final and binding.

## 5.05 <u>Design Standards</u>.

(a) The ACC shall from time to time adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke and enforce guidelines (the "Design Standards") for the purposes of:

(i) governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the ACC for approval pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration;

(ii) governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specifications;

(iii) establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction, location and size of Structures and all other matters that require approval by the ACC pursuant to this Declaration; and

(iv) assuring the conformity and harmony of external design and general quality of the Development.

(b) The ACC shall make a published copy of its current Design Standards readily available to Members and prospective Members of the Association and to all applicants seeking the ACC's approval.

5.06 <u>Submission of Plans and Specifications</u>. No Structure shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto or permitted to remain on any Lot nor shall any existing Structure upon any Lot be altered in any way which materially changes the exterior appearance of the Structure or Lot, unless plans and specifications therefor shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC. Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be reasonably required by the ACC- in the Design Standards, including, without being limited to:

(a) a site plan showing the location of all proposed and existing Structures on the Lot including building setbacks, open space, driveways, walkways and parking spaces including the number thereof and all siltation and erosion control measures;

- (b) a foundation plan;
- (c) a floor plan;

(d) exterior elevations of all proposed Structures and alterations to existing Structures, as such Structures will appear after all back-filling and landscaping are completed;

(e) specifications of materials, color scheme, lighting scheme and other details affecting the exterior appearance of all proposed Structures and alterations to existing Structures; and

(f) plans for landscaping and grading.

5.07 <u>Approval of Plans and Specifications</u>. Upon approval by the ACC of any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration, two (2) copies of such plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the ACC and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing, shall be returned to the applicant submitting the same. Approval for use in connection with any Lot or Structure of any plans and specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the ACC's right, in its discretion, to disapprove similar plans and specifications or -any of the features or elements included therein if such plans, specifications, features or elements are subsequently submitted for use in connection with any other Lot or Structure. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot or Structure, however, shall be final as to that Lot or Structure and such approval may not be revoked or rescinded thereafter, provided that there has been adherence to, and compliance with, such plans and specifications, as approved, and any conditions attached to any such approval.

5.08 Disapproval of Plans and Specifications. The ACC shall have the right to

disapprove any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration because of any of the following:

(a) the failure to include information in such plans and specifications as may have been reasonably requested;

(b) the failure of such plans or specifications to comply with this Declaration or the Design Standards;

(c) any other matter which, in the judgment of the ACC, would be likely to cause the proposed installation, construction or alteration of a Structure (i) to fail to be in conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the standards for the Development as set forth in the Design Standards or the Development-Wide Standard, or (ii) as to location to be incompatible with topography, finished ground elevation and surrounding Structures. In any case in which the ACC shall disapprove any plans and specification submitted hereunder, or shall approve the same only as modified or upon specified conditions, such disapproval or qualified approval shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which such action was based. In any such case the ACC shall, if requested, make reasonable efforts to assist and advise the applicant in order that an acceptable proposal may be prepared and submitted for approval.

5.09 <u>Obligation to Act</u>. The ACC shall take action on any plans and specifications submitted as herein provided within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof. Approval by the ACC, if granted, together with any conditions imposed by the ACC, shall be placed in writing on the plans and specifications and shall be returned to the applicant. Failure by ACC to take action within thirty (30) days of receipt of plans and specifications submitted for approval shall be deemed approval of such plans and specifications.

5.10 <u>Inspection Rights</u>. Any employee or agent of the Association or the ACC may, after reasonable notice, at any reasonable time or times enter upon any Lot and Structure thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether the installation, construction, alteration or maintenance of any Structure or the use of any Lot or Structure is in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration; and neither the Association, nor the ACC, nor any such agent shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act solely by reason of such entry or inspection, provided such inspection is carried out in accordance with the terms of this Section.

5.11 <u>Violations</u>. If any Structure shall be erected, placed, maintained or altered upon any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the ACC pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such erection, placement, maintenance or alteration shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this Article and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the ACC such violation shall have occurred, the ACC shall notify the Association and the Board shall take appropriate measures to correct the violation; the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the required remedial action within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement as provided in Section 8.02 hereof.

## 5.12 <u>Certification of Compliance</u>.

(a) Upon completion of the installation, construction or alteration of any Structure in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ACC, the ACC shall, upon written request of the Owner thereof or upon the ACC's own initiative, issue a Certificate of Compliance, identifying such Structure and the Lot upon which such Structure is placed, and stating that the plans and specifications have been approved and that such Structure complies with

such plans and specifications. A copy of said Certificate shall be filed for permanent record with the plans and specifications on file with the ACC.

(b) Any Certificate of Compliance issued in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated; and as to any purchaser or encumbrancer in good faith and for value, or as to any title insurer, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that all Structures on the Lot comply with all the requirements of this Article, provided, however, that the Certificate shall in no way be construed to certify the acceptability, sufficiency or approval by the ACC of the actual construction of Structures or of the workmanship, or to represent or warrant to anyone the quality, function or operation of the Structures or of any construction, workmanship, engineering, materials or equipment.

The issuance of the Certificate shall in no way be construed to certify to any party that the Structures have been built in accordance with any applicable rule or regulation.

5.13 <u>Fees</u>. The ACC may impose and collect a reasonable and appropriate fee to cover the cost of review of plans and of inspections performed pursuant to Section 5.10. The fee shall be established from time to time by the ACC and published in the Design Standards.

5.14 <u>Nondiscrimination by ACC</u>. The ACC shall not discriminate against any applicant requesting its approval of plans and specifications because of such applicant's race, color, sex, religion, age or national origin. Further, the ACC in the exercise of its powers granted pursuant to this Declaration shall not take any action the intent or effect of which is to discriminate against persons of a particular race, color, sex, religion, age or national origin.

5.15 Disclaimer as to ACC Approval. Plans and specifications are not reviewed for engineering or structural design or quality of materials, and by approving such plans and specifications neither the ACC, the members thereof, nor the Association assumes liability or responsibility therefor, nor for any defect in any structure constructed from such plans and specifications. Neither Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Board, nor the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications to any of them for approval, or to any Owner of property affected by these Restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every person who submits plans or specifications and every Owner agrees that he will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Board, or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them to recover any such damages and hereby releases, remises, quit-claims, and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands, and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

5.16 Image Committee. The ACC may establish an image committee (the "Image Committee") which shall be composed of one (1) member of the ACC and two (2) Members of the Association, other than Declarant, which shall be responsible for the review and approval process for alterations and modifications of existing Structures as required pursuant to Paragraph 5.06, and shall have such other responsibilities as may be delegated to the Image Committee by the ACC, provided, however, in all instances the ACC shall have the right to veto any action or decision of the Image Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

6.01 <u>Application</u>. The covenants and restrictions contained in this Article VI shall pertain and apply to all Lots and to all Structures erected or placed thereon.

6.02 <u>Restriction of Use</u>. To any extent not inconsistent with the Master Declaration of Protective Covenants for Towne Lake Residential Area, all Lots shall be exclusively used for single family residences; however, business activity which is undetectable from outside the home shall not constitute a nuisance.

6.03 <u>Resubdivision of Property</u>. No Lot may be split, divided, or subdivided for sale, resale, gift, transfer, or otherwise, without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for such split, division or subdivision Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent Declarant or the Owners of any Lots from combining two or more Lots into one Lot for construction of a single Residence thereon; provided, however, that such combined Lot may not be subdivided thereafter; and, provided further, that the Owner of the Residence on such Lot shall be responsible for annual and special assessments based upon the number of Lots combined into one Lot.

6.04 <u>Erosion Control</u>. No activity which may create erosion or siltation problems shall be undertaken on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for the prevention and control of such erosion or siltation. The ACC may, as a condition of approval of such plans and specifications, require the use of certain means of preventing and controlling such erosion or siltation. Such means may include (by way of example and not of limitation) physical devices for controlling the run-off and drainage of water, special precautions in grading and otherwise changing the natural landscape and required landscaping as provided for in Section 6.05. Guidelines for the prevention and control of erosion and siltation may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

6.05 <u>Landscaping</u>. No construction or alteration of any Structure shall take place without the prior written approval by the ACC of plans and specifications for the landscaping to accompany such construction or alteration. Guidelines for the landscaping to accompany the construction of any Structure may be included in the Development Guidelines of the ACC.

6.06 <u>Trees</u>. No tree having a diameter of three (3) inches or more (measured from a point two (2) feet above ground level) shall be removed from any Lot unless such removal is in conformity with approved landscaping plans and specifications submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.05 hereof. Guidelines relating to the preservation of trees and other natural resources and wildlife upon the Property may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

6.07 <u>Temporary Buildings</u>. No temporary building, trailer, garage or building under construction shall be used, temporarily or permanently, as a residence on any Lot except as temporary sleeping or living quarters required or desirable for security purposes in accordance with plans and specifications therefor approved by the ACC. No contractor or builder shall erect on any Lot any temporary building or shed for use in connection with construction on such Lot.

## 6.08 <u>Signs</u>.

(a) No signs whatsoever (including but not limited to commercial and similar signs) shall, without the ACC's prior written approval of plans and specifications therefor, be installed, altered or maintained on any Lot, or on any portion of a Structure visible from the exterior thereof, except:

(i) such signs as may be required by legal proceedings;

(ii) not more than one "For Sale" sign, such sign having a maximum face area of four square feet; provided that such sign may only be displayed in the front yard of a Lot; and, provided, further, that if, at the time of any desired use of such sign, the Association is making "For Sale" signs available for the use Owners, the signs made available by the Association must be used;

(iii) directional signs for vehicular or pedestrian safety in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ACC; and

(iv) for rent sign prohibited.

(b) In no event during approved construction of any Structure shall more than one job identification sign be approved by the ACC.

6.09 <u>Setbacks</u>. In approving plans and specifications for any proposed Structure, the ACC may establish setback requirements for the location of such Structure. Guidelines for setbacks may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC. No Structure shall be erected or placed on any Lot unless its location is consistent with such setbacks.

6.10 <u>Fences</u>. No fence or wall of any kind shall be erected, maintained, or altered on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for such fences and walls. Guidelines relating to the design, location and uses of fences and walls may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

6.11 <u>Roads and Driveways</u>. No road or driveway shall be constructed or altered on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for such roads and driveways. Guidelines relating to the design and location of roads and driveways may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

6.12 <u>Antennae, Etc.</u> No exterior television or radio antennae or satellite dish or receiver or solar equipment of any sort shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of a Structure or Lot without prior written approval by the ACC. No antennae shall be installed or used for the -purpose of transmitting of electronic signals.

6.13 <u>Clotheslines, Garbage Cans, Etc</u>. All clotheslines, equipment, garbage cans and woodpiles shall be kept screened by adequate planting or fencing so as to conceal them from view by neighboring residences and streets, and may be maintained in the rear yard on a Lot only. All garbage must be stored and disposed of in plastic or rubberized garbage cans. The use of plastic bags for such storage or disposal is prohibited. The use of metal garbage cans or containers is prohibited.

6.14 <u>Maintenance</u>. Each Owner shall keep and maintain each Lot and Structure owned by him, as well as all landscaping located thereon, in good condition and repair, including, but not limited to (i) the repairing and painting (or other appropriate external care) of all Structures; (ii) the seeding, watering and mowing of all lawns; and (iii) the pruning and trimming of all trees, hedges and shrubbery so that the same are not obstructive of a view by motorists or pedestrians of street traffic. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maintenance required hereunder shall also extend from the boundary of a Lot to the curbing of the right-of-way bordering said Lot. If in the opinion of the ACC, any Owner shall fail to perform the duties imposed by this Section, the ACC shall notify the Association. If the Board shall agree with the determination of the ACC with respect to the

failure of said Owner to perform the duties imposed by this Section, then the Board shall give written notice to the Owner to remedy the condition in question, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the condition and the specific action or actions needed to be taken to remedy such condition. If the Owner shall fail to take reasonable steps to remedy the condition within thirty (30) days after the mailing of said written notice by certified mail, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement as provided in Section 8.02 hereof. Guidelines relating to the maintenance of Structures and landscaping may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

6.15 <u>Commercial and Recreational Vehicles and Trailers</u>. No commercial vehicle, house trailer, mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, camper, truck with camper top, boat or boat trailer or like equipment shall be permitted on any Lot on a permanent basis, but shall be allowed on a temporary basis not to exceed forty—eight (48) consecutive hours. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such vehicles or equipment may be stored on a Lot, provided such vehicle or equipment is kept in an enclosed space approved by the ACC and is concealed from view by neighboring residences and streets.

6.16 <u>Recreational Equipment</u>. Recreational and playground equipment shall be placed or installed only upon the rear of a Lot as approved by the ACC. Basketball goals may be placed adjacent to the driveway, but the ACC must approve the specific color and location thereof. No above ground pool shall be allowed.

6.17 <u>Non-Discrimination</u>. No Owner or person authorized to act for an Owner shall refuse to sell or rent, after receiving a bona fide offer, or refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny the purchase or rental of any Lot to any persons because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Anything in this Declaration to the contrary notwithstanding, this covenant shall run with the land and shall remain in effect without any limitation in time.

6.18 <u>Animals</u>. No agricultural animals may be kept on any Lot and no animals, including birds, insects, and reptiles, may be kept on any Lot unless kept thereon solely as household pets and not for commercial purposes. No animal shall be allowed to become a nuisance. No Structure for the care, housing or confinement of any animal shall be constructed, placed or altered on any Lot unless plans and specifications for said Structure have been approved by the ACC. All animals shall specifically be subject to county regulations when on Common Property. Violation shall be subject to the penalties identified herein. Further, upon application by any resident, the Association shall be authorized to require the removal of a dangerous pet or animal that, in the Board's opinion, constitutes a nuisance to other community members.

## 6.19 Solid Waste.

(a) No person shall dump rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste on any Lot or on Common Property.

(b) Except during approved construction and as approved by the appropriate governmental authority, no person shall burn rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste on any Lot or on Common Property;

(c) Except for building materials employed during the course of construction of any Structure approved by the ACC, no lumber, metals, bulk materials or solid waste of any kind shall be kept, stored, or allowed to accumulate on any Lot unless screened or otherwise handled in a manner set forth in the Design Standards.

(d) If rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste is to be disposed of by being collected on a regular and recurring basis, containers may be placed in the open on any day

that a pick-up is to be made, in order to provide access to persons making such pick-up. At all other times such containers shall be screened or enclosed in a manner set forth in the Design Standards. Guidelines relating to the type of containers permitted, the manner of storage and the place of pick-up may also be included in the Design Standards.

6.20 <u>Nuisances</u>. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereof which may be or may become any annoyance or nuisance to the community.

6.21 <u>Lakes</u>. Any lakes which may be constructed within the Development shall be part of the Golf Facilities and shall not constitute common property of the Association. Such lakes shall be subject to the rules and restrictions issued by the Course Owner or its designee. Provided, however, no fishing, ice skating, or boats shall be permitted on any lake. No Owner shall have any right to pump or otherwise remove water from such lake or lakes for the purpose of irrigation or other use nor to place rocks, stones, trash, garbage, sewage, waste water, rubbish, debris, ashes or other refuge in such lake or lakes or in any other portion of the land owned by Declarant or the Course Owner lying adjacent to or near the Development. The Course Owner shall have the sole and absolute right to control the water level of such lake(s) and to control the growth and irradication of plants, fowl, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and on such lake(s).

6.22 Leasing. General Leasing Provisions. At least seven days before entering into a lease, the Owner shall provide the Board of Directors with notice of the Owner's intention to lease his or her Lot. The notice shall include: (1) a copy of the proposed lease; (2) the names, phone numbers, email addresses, work locations and work phone numbers of all of the proposed occupants of the Lot; (3) the Owner's primary Lot address and phone number, email address, work location and work phone number; and (4) such other information required by the Board. Within 10 days after executing a lease for a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board with a copy of the executed lease and a signed Addendum to the lease incorporating the provisions of the Lease Addendum attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. Notwithstanding the foregoing requirement, the provisions of the attached Addendum shall be deemed to be incorporated into any lease, whether or not expressly stated therein, and into the terms of any tenancy or occupancy of a Lot even if no written lease or agreement exists between the Owner and the occupant.

(a) <u>Lease Terms</u>. Lots may be leased only in their entirety; no rooms or fractions of Lots may be leased without prior written Board approval. There shall be no subleasing of Lots or assignment of leases without prior written Board approval. All leases must be for an initial term of not less than one year, except with written Board approval.

(b) <u>Liability for Assessments: Compliance</u>. The Owner must provide the occupant copies of the Declaration, By-Laws and all rules and regulations promulgated thereto. The following provisions are incorporated into each lease of any Lot, whether or not expressly stated therein, and into the terms of any tenancy or occupancy even if no written lease or agreement exists between the Owner and the occupant:

(i) <u>Compliance with Association Legal Documents</u>. All terms defined in the First Amendment to and Restatement of the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Eagle Watch are incorporated herein by this reference. The Owner and each occupant shall comply with all provisions of the Declaration, By-Laws and rules and regulations. The Owner and occupants are responsible for violations by any guests of the Lot and may be sanctioned for any such violation. If an Owner, occupant or guest violates the Declaration, By-Laws or rules and regulations, the Association's Board of Directors shall be authorized to take all enforcement actions against the Owner and/or Occupant authorized under the Declaration, By-Laws or rules and regulations. (ii) <u>Use of Recreational Facilities</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the occupant, for the term of the lease, all rights and privileges the Owner has to use any recreational facilities on the Common Property.

(iii) Liability for Assessments. When an Owner who is leasing his or her Lot fails to pay an assessment or any other charge to the Association when due, the delinquent Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the occupant during the period of the delinquency. In such case, upon request by the Board, the occupant shall pay to the Association all unpaid assessments and other charges payable during and prior to the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy. However, the occupant need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board's request. All such payments made by the occupant shall reduce, by the same amount, the occupant's obligation to make monthly rental payments to the Owner. If the occupant fails to comply with the Board's request to pay assessments or other charges, such failure shall be deemed a violation of the Declaration and, in addition to all other enforcement rights, the occupant shall pay to the Association all amounts authorized under the Declaration as if the occupant were the Owner of the Lot. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.

(c) <u>Enforcement.</u> If the Owner, occupant or guest violates the Declaration, By-Laws or rules and regulations, such violation is deemed to be a default under the terms of any lease or occupancy and the Association may require the Owner to evict the occupants. In addition to all other remedies permitted by this Declaration, such default authorizes the Owner and/or the Association, as the Owner's delegate and attorney-in-fact, to terminate the lease and/or occupancy and to evict all occupants, without liability, in accordance with Georgia law. In any such eviction action by the Association, the Association may terminate the occupancy rights upon 15 days notice, notwithstanding any notice requirement in the lease or occupancy terms. Once the Association invokes its right to terminate the lease or occupancy and evict the occupant(s), the Owner no longer has the right to extend or revive the terminated occupancy in any way.

#### ARTICLE VII EASEMENTS, ZONING AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

#### 7.01 Easements.

(a) Declarant hereby expressly reserves to the Declarant, its successors and assigns forever, the right to create perpetual easements in, on, over and under any part of the Property owned by Declarant for any purpose which Declarant deems necessary, including, by way of example, and not limitation, the following:

(i) the erection, installation, construction and maintenance of wires, lines, conduits and poles and the necessary or proper attachments in connection with the transmission of electricity, telephone, cable television cables and other utilities and similar facilities;

(ii) the erection, installation, construction and maintenance of storm water drains, land drains, storm water drainage and detention facilities, public and private sewers, irrigation systems, pipelines for supplying gas, water and heat, and for any other public or quasi-public facility, service or function;

(iii) slope control purposes, including the right to grade and plant slopes and prevent the doing of any activity which might interfere with slopes or which might create erosion or sliding problems or which might change, obstruct or retard drainage flow; and

(iv) the planting or re-planting of hedges, shrubbery, bushes, trees, flowers and plants of any nature.

(b) No Owner shall have any right to use any easement created by the Declarant in, on or over any portion of the Property unless such easement has been assigned by the Declarant to the Association.

7.02 <u>Easement Area</u>. The words "Easement Area" as used herein shall mean those areas on any Lot or any other portion of the Property with respect to which easements, storm water drainage and detention facilities, are shown on a recorded deed, easement agreement or on any filed or recorded map or plat relating thereto.

7.03 <u>Entry</u>. The Declarant and its employees, agents, successors and assigns, shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter upon all parts of each Easement Area for any of the purposes for which such Easement Area is reserved, without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act solely by reason of such entry and the carrying out of such purposes, provided the same are done in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The Declarant and its employees, agents, successors and assigns shall be responsible for leaving each Lot in good condition and repair following any work or activity undertaken in an Easement Area pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.01.

7.04 <u>Zoning and Private Restrictions</u>. None of the covenants, restrictions or easements created or imposed by this Declaration shall be construed as permitting any action prohibited by applicable zoning laws, or by the laws, rules or regulations of any governmental body or by the Master Declaration. In the event of any conflict between such laws. rules or regulations and the covenants, restrictions and easements created or imposed by this Declaration and/or the covenants, restrictions and easements imposed by the Master Declaration, the most restrictive provision shall govern and control.

7.05 <u>Easement for Course Owner</u>. Declarant hereby expressly reserves the following perpetual easements for the benefit of the Course Owner, its members (if any), patrons,

guests, invitees, employees, agents, successors and assigns:

- (a) an ingress, egress and regress easement over the roads in the Development leading from any public road to the Golf Facilities;
- (b) utility easements for the use by the Golf Facilities of the water and sewer systems, and all other utilities serving the Development;
- (c) such other easements as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, operation, and use by the Course Owner's members (if any), patrons, guests and invitees, of the Golf Facilities.

In addition, Declarant hereby expressly grants for the benefit of the Course Owner and its respective successors and assigns a perpetual easement over that portion of the Property which is parallel to and twenty-five (25) feet in width, and bounded on one side by the entire Lot boundary line in common with the golf course, for the purposes of maintaining a natural buffer area between golf and residential uses. No fence, wall, structure or other improvement other than underground improvements shall be permitted in the easement and no hedge or shrub planted which would obstruct access to property covered by such easement from the golf course shall be placed or permitted to-remain in the easement, and no plantings, trees or foliage may be removed from this easement area without specific prior approval of the Course Owner and its successors and assigns. Violation of this covenant shall be subject to a liquidated damage sum of \$1,000.00 Dollars per inch of diameter measured at a point two feet above the average height of the ground at the base of each tree as hereinabove specified for each tree, \$500.00 Dollars for each shrub and \$5,000.00 Dollars for each Dogwood tree removed without authorization, except that the maximum liquidated damage shall not exceed \$10,000.00 Dollars for any Lot. The recovery of such liquidated damage shall inure to the benefit of the Course Owner, and such other party as the Course Owner may from time to time designate, which recovery shall not be deemed the exclusive remedy of the Course Owner who would also be entitled to injunctive relief and any other relief available to the Course Owner. The Course Owner may give written notice to the violator of any of the restrictions set forth in this paragraph, and, ten (10) days after such notice, may perform any required corrective or remedial work on the golf course or Lot at the Lot Owner's expense.

#### ARTICLE VIII ENFORCEMENT

8.01 Right of Enforcement. This Declaration and the Restrictions contained herein shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by (i) the Declarant so long as it is an Owner, (ii) the Association, (iii) each Owner, his legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, and (iv) the Master Association.

#### 8.02 Right of Abatement.

(a) Except where different notice provisions are provided in Sections 5.11 and 6.14, in the event of a violation or breach of any Restriction contained in this Declaration the Association shall give written notice by certified mail to the Owner setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of such violation or breach and the specific action or actions needed to be taken to remedy such violation or breach. If the Owner shall fail-to take reasonable steps to remedy such violation or breach within thirty (30) days after the mailing of said written notice, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement.

The Right of Abatement, as used in this Section and in Sections 5.11 and (b) 6.14 hereof, means the right of the Association, through its agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any Lot or Structure, as to which a violation, breach or other condition to be remedied exists, and to take the actions specified in the notice to the Owner to abate, extinguish, remove, or repair such violation, breach or other condition which may exist thereon contrary to the provisions hereof, without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act solely by reason of such entry and such actions, provided such entry and such actions are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Section, and with the cost thereof including the costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees, together with interest thereon at the lower of the highest rate permitted by law or 18% to be a binding personal obligation of such Owner enforceable in law, as well as a lien on such Owner's Lot enforceable pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.04 hereof. Such lien shall be superior to any and all charges, liens or encumbrances which may in any manner arise or be imposed upon the Lot after such entry whether arising from or imposed by judgment or decree or by any agreement, contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, or other instrument, excepting only (i) such liens for taxes or other public charges as are by applicable law made superior, (ii) the liens created by Section 4.01 hereof and (iii) all deeds to secure debt given to secure a loan the proceeds of which are used (1) to purchase a Lot or Lots (together with any and all Structures which may from time to time be placed or located thereon) and (2) to finance the construction, repair or alteration of Structures.

8.03 <u>Specific Performance</u>. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to affect or limit the rights of the Declarant, the Association or any Owner to enforce the Restrictions by appropriate judicial proceedings or to recover damages. However, it is hereby declared that it may be impossible to measure accurately in money the damages which will accrue to a beneficiary hereof, its transferees, successors or assigns, by reason of a violation of, or failure to perform any of the obligations provided by, this Declaration; and therefore, any beneficiary hereof shall be entitled to relief by way of injunction or specific performance, as well as any other relief available at law or in equity, to enforce the provisions hereof.

## 8.04 Collection of Assessments and Enforcement of Lien.

(a) If any assessment, interest, cost or other charge is not paid as required by this Declaration, the Association may bring either an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or an action to foreclose any lien created by this Declaration against the Lot or Lots subject to the lien, or both, for the purpose of collecting such assessment, cost or charge, plus any interest thereon and costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

(b) As an additional remedy, but in no way as a limitation on the remedies, if any assessment, interest, cost or other charge is not paid as required by this Declaration, each Owner hereby grants to the Association and its assigns the following irrevocable power of attorney: To sell the said Lot or Lots subject to the lien at auction, at the usual place for conducting sales at the Court House in Cherokee County, Georgia, to the highest bidder for cash, after advertising the time, terms and place of such sale once a week for four weeks immediately preceding such sale (but without regard to the number of days) in the paper in which the Sheriff's advertisements for Cherokee County, Georgia are published, all other notice being hereby waived by each Owner, and the Association or any person on behalf of the Association, or assigns, may bid and purchase at such sale and thereupon execute and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers at such sale a conveyance of said property in fee simple, which conveyance shall contain recitals as to the happenings of the default upon which the execution of the power of sale herein granted depends. and each Owner hereby constitutes and appoints the Association and assigns, the agent and attorney in fact of each Owner to make such recitals, and hereby covenants and agrees that the recitals so to be made by the Association, or assigns, shall be binding and conclusive upon the Owner whose property is the subject matter of such sale, and the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of such Owner, and that the conveyance to be made by the Association or assigns, shall be effectual to bar all equity of redemption of such Owner, or the successors in interest of such Owner, in and to said Lot or Lots, and the Association or assigns shall collect the proceeds of such sale, and after reserving therefrom the entire amount of assessment, interest, cost or other charge due, together with all costs and expenses of sale and fifteen percentum of the aggregate amount due for attorneys' fees, shall pay any excess to such Owner, or to the heirs or assigns of such Owner as provided by law. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise and are granted as cumulative to the remedies for collection of said indebtedness provided by law.

(c) WAIVER. EACH OWNER, ΒY ACCEPTANCE OF А DEED CONVEYING A LOT SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION, WAIVES ANY RIGHT WHICH OWNER MAY HAVE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA OR THE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NOTICE OR TO A JUDICIAL HEARING PRIOR TO THE EXERCISE OF ANY RIGHT OR REMEDY PROVIDED BY THIS DECLARATION AND OWNER WAIVES OWNER'S RIGHTS. IF ANY, TO SET ASIDE OR INVALIDATE ANY SALE DULY CONSUMMATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECLARATION ON THE GROUND (IF SUCH BE THE CASE) THAT THE SALE WAS CONSUMMATED WITHOUT A PRIOR JUDICIAL HEARING. ALL WAIVERS BY OWNER IN THIS PARAGRAPH HAVE BEEN MADE VOLUNTARILY, INTELLIGENTLY AND KNOWINGLY, AFTER OWNER HAS FIRST BEEN ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO OWNER'S POSSIBLE RIGHTS.

8.05 <u>No Waiver</u>. The failure of the Declarant, the Association, or the Owner of any Lot, his or its respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, to enforce any Restrictions herein contained shall in no event be considered a waiver of the right to do so thereafter, as to the same violation or breach or as to any violation or breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto.

## ARTICLE IX DURATION AND AMENDMENT

9.01 <u>Duration</u>. The covenants and conditions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property perpetually to the extent provided in the Act.

9.02 Amendments by Declarant. During any period in which Declarant retains the right to appoint and remove any directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing filed and recorded in the Land Records of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, Georgia, without the approval of any Member or mortgagee; provided, however, that (i) in the event that such amendment materially alters or changes any Owner's right to the use and enjoyment of such Owner's Lot or of the Common Property as set forth in this Declaration or if such amendment adversely affects the title to any Lot, such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto by a majority in number of the then existing Members affected thereby, or (ii) in the event that such amendment would materially and adversely affect the security title and interest of any mortgagee, such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto of all such mortgagees so affected. Any amendment made pursuant to this Section 9.02 shall be certified by Declarant as having been duly approved by Declarant, and such Members and mortgagees if required, and shall be effective only upon recordation or at such later date as shall be specified in the amendment itself. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot, agrees to be bound by such amendments as are permitted by this Section 9.02 and further agrees that, if requested to do so by Declarant, such Owner will consent to the amendment of this Declaration or any other instruments relating to the Development (i) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof or thereof into compliance or conformity with the provisions of any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation or any judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith, (ii) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to any Lots subject to this Declaration. (iii) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender. purchaser or guarantor of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on any Lot subject to this Declaration, (iv) if any such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration or (v) if such amendment is necessary to correct a scrivener's error in the drafting of this Declaration.

9.03 <u>Amendments by Association</u>. Amendments to this Declaration, other than those authorized by Section 9.02 hereof, shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

(a) Except where a higher vote is required for action under any other provisions of this Declaration, in which case such higher vote shall be necessary to amend such provision, this Declaration may be amended by a majority vote and written consent of the Members of the Association holding two-thirds (2/3) of the total eligible vote thereof. Notice of a meeting, if any, at which a proposed amendment will be considered shall state the fact of consideration and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall be effective until certified by the President and Secretary of the Association and recorded in the Cherokee County, Georgia Land Records.

(b) Any action to challenge the validity of an amendment adopted under this Section must be brought within one (1) year of the effective date of such amendment. No action to challenge such amendment may be brought after such time.

(c) The agreement of the required percentage of the Owners and, where required, the Declarant and any mortgagee, to any amendment of this Declaration shall be evidenced by

their execution of such amendment, or, in the alternative, and provided that Declarant does not then have the right to approve such amendment, the sworn statement of the President and any Vice President or the Secretary of the Association attached to or incorporated in the amendment executed by the Association, which sworn statement shall state unequivocally that the Agreement of the required parties was lawfully obtained. Any such amendment of this Declaration shall become effective only when recorded or at such later date as may be specified in the Amendment itself.

9.04 Amendments Requiring Consent of Master Association. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 9.02 and 9.03 above, any amendment which would materially adversely affect the enforceability of the Master Declaration shall require the written consent of the majority of the board of directors of the Master Association, including but not limited to amendments which would eliminate or interfere with the (a) collection by the Association of Master Assessments and the payment of Master Association of the architectural controls and restrictive covenants contained in the Master Declaration. The board of the Master Association shall receive written notice of any amendment to the Declaration not less than fifteen days prior to the recording of such amendment.

#### ARTICLE X ANNEXATION

For so long as Declarant has authority to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, additional real property may be annexed to the Property by the Declarant without the consent of the Class A Members. Such annexation shall be subject to the prior written approval and 'consent of the majority of the board of directors of the Master Association, and shall be accomplished by filing in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County an approved subdivision plat describing the real property to be annexed to the Property and by including on such subdivision plat a statement that expressly sets forth the Declarant's intention to make such annexed real property subject to the provisions of this Declaration; or filing an amendment to the Declaration which has been consented to by the owners of the real property to be annexed if such real property is owned by someone other than Declarant. At the expiration of Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, no real property may be annexed to the Property unless such annexation is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association.

## ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

11.01 <u>No Reverter</u>. No restriction herein is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a condition subsequent or as creating a possibility of reverter.

11.02 <u>Severability</u>. A determination by a court that any provision hereof is invalid for any reason shall not affect the validity of any other provision hereof.

11.03 <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the Articles and Section hereof are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the contents of this Declaration.

11.04 <u>Gender</u>. Throughout this Declaration, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter, and the singular, the plural, and vice versa.

11.05 <u>Notices</u>. All amendments, notices, requests, objections, waivers, rejections, agreements, approvals, disclosures or consent of any kind made pursuant to this Declaration, whether made by the Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Owner, or any other person, shall be in writing. All such writings shall be sufficient only if deposited in the United States Mail, with sufficient postage, and sent to the following addresses:

(a)	Declarant:	Eagle Watch Limited Partnership Alston & Bird
		100 Galleria Parkway
		Suite 1200
		Atlanta, Georgia 30339
		Attn: Sheri S. Labovitz, Esquire

(b) Owners: Each Owner's address as registered with the Association in accordance with the By-Laws.

Any written communication transmitted in accordance with this Section 11.05 shall be deemed received on the third (3rd) day following the day such written notice is deposited in the United States Mail.

In addition to the above, in the Board of Director's discretion and subject to such rules as may be established by the Board, notices and communications under this Declaration and the By-Laws may be issued by hand delivery, e-mail or other electronic methods.

11.06 <u>No Liability</u>. Declarant has, using best efforts and all due diligence, prepared and recorded this Declaration so that each and every Owner shall have the right and the power to enforce the terms and provisions of this Declaration against every other Owner. However, in the event that this Declaration is, for any reason whatsoever, unenforceable by an Owner (or any other person) in a court of law or otherwise, Declarant shall have no liability of any kind as a result of such un-enforceability, and each and every owner, by acceptance of a deed conveying a Lot, acknowledges that Declarant shall have no such liability.

11.07 Insurance.

(a) At all times during the term of this Declaration, the Association, its successors

and assigns, shall be required to keep any and all recreational facilities and any other improvements located on the Common Property fully insured by a reputable insurance company authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia with (i) fire, vandalism, malicious mischief and extended coverage insurance in an amount adequate to cover the cost or replacement of such improvements in the event of loss of any and/or all of such improvements, fixtures and contents thereof; and (ii) public liability insurance in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Directors as appropriate for the type of recreational activities which shall be allowed on the Common Property. Any such policies of insurance shall require that the certificate holders and insured be given thirty (30) days prior written notice of any cancellation of such policies.

(b) Immediately after the damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty. Any damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total Association vote entitled to vote thereon, and, so long as the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove directors, the Declarant, otherwise agree. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed. If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Association's Members, levy special assessment. Additional а assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be deposited for the benefit of the Association. In the event that it should be determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then in that event the property shall be restored to its natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Community in a neat and attractive condition.

(c) The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall, in the event of damage or destruction, be allocated among the persons who are responsible hereunder for maintenance of the damaged or destroyed property.

(d) In addition to the coverage described hereinabove, the Association shall obtain such additional amounts and types of insurance as may be required from time to time, by either the Veterans Administration or Federation Housing Administration, their successors and assigns, for similar type residential subdivision communities.

11.08 <u>Perpetuities</u>. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

11.09 <u>Security</u>. Members of this Association, as well as its Board of Directors and committees shall not in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of security within the

community, and shall not be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or of ineffectiveness of security measures.

11.10 <u>Agreement to Avoid Costs of Litigation</u>. As an express condition precedent to any Owner desiring to file suit against the Association or any Member thereof as a result of any action taken in the Member's official capacity as an officer, director or volunteer, said Owner shall first be required to meet, in good faith, with the Board and attempt to resolve a dispute before filing a lawsuit.

11.11 Electronic Communications. Whenever the Declaration or By-Laws require a signature on a document, record or instrument, an electronic signature satisfies that requirement only if: (a) the Board of Directors has affirmatively published regulations permitting an electronic signature as a substitute for a written signature; and (b) the electronic signature is easily recognizable as a secure electronic signature which is capable of verification, under the sole control of the signatory, and attached to the electronic document in such a way that the document cannot be modified without invalidating the signature; or (c) the Board of Directors reasonably believes that the signatory affixed the electronic signature with the intent to sign the electronic document, and that the electronic document has not been modified since the signature was affixed. The Board of Directors may require reasonable verification of any electronic signature, document, record or instrument. Absent or pending verification, the Board may refuse to accept any electronic signature or electronic record that, in the Board's sole discretion, is not clearly authentic. Neither the Board of Directors nor the Association shall be liable to any Owner or any other person for accepting or acting in reliance upon an electronic signature or electronic record that the Board reasonably believes to be authentic, or rejecting any such item which the Board reasonably believes not to be authentic. Any owner or person who negligently, recklessly or intentionally submits any falsified electronic record or unauthorized electronic signature shall fully indemnify the Association for actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred and expenses incurred as a result of such acts.

#### ARTICLE XII Mortgagee Provisions

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first mortgages on Residences in the Development. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the By-Laws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

12.01 Notices of Action. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first mortgage, who provides written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, guarantor and the Residence number, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:

(a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Development or which affects any Residence on which there is a first mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder:

(b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Residence subject to the mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by an Owner of a Residence of any obligation under the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;

(c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or

(d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of eligible mortgagees.

12.02 <u>Special FHLMC Provision</u>. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing. Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first mortgagees or at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Members of the Association vote entitled to vote thereon consent, the Association shall not:

(a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Property which the Association owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Property shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this subsection);

(b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an Owner of a Residence;

(c) by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Residences and of the Common Property (The issuance and amendment of architectural standards, procedures, rules and regulations, or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver, or abandonment within the meaning of this provision.);

(d) fail to maintain insurance, as required by this Declaration; or

(e) use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Property losses for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such property. First mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Property and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of an Association policy, and first mortgagees making such payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

12.03 <u>No Priority</u>. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first mortgagee of any Residence in the cases of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.

12.04 <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any mortgage encumbering such Owner's Residence.

12.05 <u>Amendment by Board</u>. Should the Veterans Administration, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.

12.06 <u>Veterans Administration Approval</u>. As long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject property to this Declaration as provided in Article X, the following actions shall require the prior approval of the Veterans Administration so long as the Veterans Administration is guaranteeing any mortgage in the Community: annexation of additional property to the Community, except for annexation by Declarant in accordance with Article X, pursuant to a plan of annexation previously approved by the Veterans Administration; dedication of Common Property to any public entity; and material amendment of the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation.

12.07 <u>Applicability of Article XII</u>. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

12.08 <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Declaration to be duly executed and sealed the day and year first above written.

> EAGLE WATCH LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership

Signed, sealed and delivered (ILLIONIS) in the presence of:

COMPANY **Bv:ACP** DEVELOPMENT

an Illinois corporation, General Partner

Unofficial Witness

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public Date of execution by Notary.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_ (Corporate Seal).

The Association, by the execution hereof, acknowledges the agrees that the Association is hereby bound by all of the Association's obligations under this First Amendment and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association, acting through its duly authorized officers, has caused this Declaration to be executed and sealed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1988.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

EAGLE WATCH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Unofficial Witness** 

Notary Public Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 1991

By:

By:

President

Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

Date of Execution by Notary:

The Master Association, by the execution hereof, acknowledges and agrees that the Master Association hereby approves of all the provisions of this First Amendment and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Eagle Watch. It is expressly provided that neither such approval by the undersigned, nor any of the terms or provisions of this First Amendment and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, Restrictions and Easements for Eagle Watch shall be deemed or construed to in any manner waive, release or modify any of the rights, privileges, powers, restrictions, covenants, conditions or easements reserved or set out in the Master Declaration. All of the terms and provisions of the Master Declaration are and shall continue to be in full force and effect unless and until modified or amended in accordance with the terms thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master Association, acting through its duly authorized officers, have executed this instrument under seal this 15th day of August, 1988.

By:

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

TOWNE LAKE RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Unofficial Witness

Notary Public

Title: President Attest:

Title: Secretary

Date of Execution by Notary: Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 1991 (Affix Corporate Seal)

The Master Declarant, by the execution hereof, acknowledges and agrees that the Master Declarant hereby approves of all the provisions of this First Amendment and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Eagle Watch. It is expressly provided that neither such approval by the undersigned, nor any of the terms or provisions of this First Amendment and Restatement of Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, Restrictions and Easements for Eagle Watch shall be deemed or construed to in any manner waive, release or modify any of the rights, privileges, powers, restrictions, covenants, conditions or easements reserved or set out in the Master Declaration. All of the terms and provisions of the Master Declaration are and shall continue to be in full force and effect unless and until modified or amended in accordance with the terms thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master Declarant, acting through its duly authorized officers, have executed this instrument under seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1988.

WEST MILL JOINT VENTURE a Texas Joint Venture

By: L.D.J. Development Co., a Texas corporation, venturer

> By: Title: Vice President

Attest: Margaret C. Osborne Title: Assistant Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

- By: LDJ Construction Co., a Texas Corporation, Venturer
  - By: Title: Vice President
  - Attest: Margaret C. Osborne Title: Assistant Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

**Unofficial Witness** 

Linda H. Weatherford Notary Public

Date of Execution by Notary 8/12/88

Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 1991

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

**Unofficial Witness** 

Linda H Weatherford Notary Public

Date of Execution by Notary: 8/12/88

Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 1991