DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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CARRIAGE HOMES AT SONOMA

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is executed on the dates corresponding to signatures below. THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTION FOR THE CARRIAGE HOMES AT SONOMA (the "Neighborhood Declaration"), is made by the undersigned, and

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Platinum Properties, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company (the "Declarant") is the owner of certain Neighborhood Property described in what is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A" (the "Neighborhood Property");

on the Neighborhood Property; WHEREAS, Declarant desires to impose certain protective covenants, conditions and restrictions

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Property is subject to the Master Declaration pursuant to which the Lot Maintenance Association (defined below) has been established (defined below)

WHEREAS, this Neighborhood Declaration is intended to provide for the preservation and enhancement of property values, amenities and opportunities in the Neighborhood Property and contributing to the general health, safety and welfare of residents and for the maintenance of the Neighborhood Property; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Declarant declares that the Neighborhood Property is and shall be owned used, and conveyed subject to the Master Declaration (defined below) and to the covenants, restrictions, easements, and conditions, and all other provisions of this Neighborhood Declaration as it may be amended from time to time, all as hereinafter set forth, all of which shall run with the land and be binding on all parties having amy right, title or interest in the Neighborhood Property or any part thereof, the land and be appropriately of the land and t ceir heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof. The Declarant serves the right, in its sole discretion, to add or withdraw property from the submission to the eighborhood Declaration, except that the Declarant shall not be permitted to withdraw any portion of the eighborhood Property from the Neighborhood Declaration if such property has been conveyed to an when other than the Declarant.

#### ARTICLE

#### Definitions

Unless otherwise defined in this Neighborhood Declaration, all terms and words i Neighborhood Declaration and its recorded exhibits shall have the definitions as are specified Master Declaration, as amended from time to time, and the meanings stated below unless the concentration of the state of the sta in this d in the

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- 1.1 "Builder" means a person or entity engaged in the business of constructing single family Dwelling Units for sale and engaged in and responsible for the original construction of a residence on a Lot.
- 1.2 "Development Standards and Architectural Control Committee" means and refers to the Committee described in Article VI of the Master Declaration.
- 1.3 "Dwelling Unit" means and refers to any or all the single family living units which will be constructed on the Lots, each designed for use and occupancy as a single-family living unit.
- 1.4 "Federal "Agencies" shall mean (by way of illustration but not limitation) the **Federal** Housing Authority, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage corporation, the Department of Housing and Croan Development, the Veterans Administration or any other governmental agency.
- basis at the invitation of the Owner, without the payment of consideration. "Guest" means any person who is physically present in, or occupies a Unit on a temporary
- Unit for valuable consideration 1.6 "Lease" means the grant by an Owner of a temporary right of use of the Owner's Dwelling
- 1.7 "Lot" means one or more of the platted parcels located within the Neighborhood Property into which the Neighborhood Property has been subdivided, upon which a single Dwelling Unit has been or is intended to be constructed. Wherever herein the term "Lot" is used, it shall be interpreted as if followed by the words "and Dwelling Unit constructed thereon," except where the context clearly requires otherwise. The Declarant may subject additional Lots to this Neighborhood Declaration.
- 1.8 "Lot Maintenance Association" means and refers to Carriage Homes at So Maintenance Association, Inc., an Indiana not for profit corporation, its successor and assigns, in the Master Declaration. at Sonoma Lot signs, as defined
- 1.9 "Master Declaration" means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for a recorded with the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, on the day of as Instrument Number
- 1.10 "Member" means and refers to all persons who are members of the Lot Maintenance Association as provided in this Neighborhood Declaration, and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Lot Maintenance Association.
- 1.11 "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any person or entity secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on any Lot or the Common Area who has notified the Association of this fact in writing. An "Eligible Mortgagee" shall be a Mortgagee who has given notice to the Association of its interest and requested all rights afforded Eligible Mortgagees under Article VII and VIII.
- 1.12 "Neighborhood" means Carriage Homes at Sonoma comprising the Neighborhood Property, which is committed by this Declaration to the provisions hereof and all improvements made to such land, including Dwelling Units, Neighborhood Common Areas, if any, and Lots.

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- 1.13 "Neighborhood Common Area" shall mean any portion of the Property conveyed by the Declarant to the Lot Maintenance Association as a Neighborhood Common Area. In the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion, all Common Areas identified on any plat of the Property may be conveyed to the Sonoma Homeowners Association, Inc. and, as such, there may be no Neighborhood Common Areas.
- 1.14 "Occupant" or "Occupancy", when used in connection with a Dwelling Unit means any person who is physically present in the unit on two or more consecutive days, including staying overnight.
- 1.15 "Owner" means and refers to any person or persons, entity or entities, who are the record Owner of the fee simple title to any Lot in the Properties.
- 1.16 "Primary Occupant" means the natural person approved for occupancy, together with his family, when title to a Dwelling Unit is held in the name of more than two persons, or by a trustee or a corporation or other entity which is not a natural person.

#### ARTICLE II

## Covenant for Assessments

2.1 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. By acceptance of a deed, each owner of any Lot located within the Neighborhood Property, except the Declarant and any Builder, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Lot Maintenance Association (hereafter defined): (i) Maintenance Assessments as hereafter defined and established, and (ii) Special Assessments as provided for herein; such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. All such assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the Neighborhood Property and shall be a continuing lien upon the Neighborhood Property and Lots therein, and shall be in addition to the assessments due and payable per the terms of the Master Declaration. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of a Lot located within the Neighborhood Property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

### 2.2 Basis for Assessment.

- (A) Lots Generally. Each Lot owned by a person other than Declarant or a Builder shall be assessed at a uniform rate without regard to whether a Residence has been constructed upon the Lot.
- (B) Lots Owned by Declarant or Builder, Declarant and any Builder shall not pay the Amusal Assessment and Special Assessment so long as any Residence constructed upon a Lot by Declarant or a Builder has not been either conveyed to an Owner intending to occupy or rent said Residence as a residence or leased to an individual or an entity for use as a Residence.

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#### ARTICLE III

## Lot Maintenance Association

A nonprofit corporation shall be established, in accordance with the guidelines hereafter set forth, for the purpose of assessing, collecting and expending the (i) Maintenance Assessment (hereafter defined and established), and for the purpose of fulfilling the Lot Maintenance Obligations (hereafter defined and established), and (ii) Special Assessments as hereafter provided. Such non-profit corporation shall be named "Carriage Homes at Sonoma Lot Maintenance Association, Inc." (hereafter "Lot Maintenance Association shall exist in addition to the Sonoma Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereafter "Master Association") identified in the Master Declaration and, in the event Declaration shall control. The Owners of Lots located within the Neighborhood Property shall elect a Board of Directors of Lot Maintenance Association (hereafter "Maintenance Board") as prescribed herein and by the Lot Maintenance Association's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The Maintenance Board shall manage the affairs of the Lot Maintenance Association. Directors need not be members of of any conflict between this Neighborhood Declaration and the Master Declaration, the Master Declaration shall control. The Owners of Lots located within the Neighborhood Property shall elect a the Lot Maintenance Association

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Maintenance

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- 4.2 Additional Maintenance. The Lot Maintenance Association will provide the following maintenance and service with respect to and only with respect to Lots located within the Neighborhood Property (collectively, the "Lot Maintenance Obligations"):
- (A) Mow, trim, and fertilize grass lawns located on the Lot; provided, however, that the Lot Maintenance Association shall not be required to maintain or fertilize any flowers, plants, trees or shrubs
- 4.3 Lot Maintenance Assessment. Article X of the Master Declaration provides for Assessments on any Lot located upon the Property. In addition to these Assessments, and in order to provide funds for the Lot Maintenance Obligations, each owner of a Lot located within the Neighborhood Property shall also be assessed and shall pay an additional maintenance assessment of Two Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$295.00) per Lot per calendar year (hereafter "Maintenance Assessment"); provided, however, that the Maintenance Assessment may be increased in the manner described below:
- (A) Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot located within the Neighborhood Property to an Owner, the maximum Maintenance Assessment on any such Lot shall be Two Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$295.00) per Lot per calendar year,
- (B) From and after January 1 of such year, the Maintenance Assessment may be increased each calendar year not more than 30% above the assessment for the previous year without a vote of the members of the Lot Maintenance Association.

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- (C) From and after January 1 of such year, the Maintenance Assessment may be increased each calendar year by more than 30% above the Maintenance Assessment for the previous year, with the approval of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by those members of the Lot Maintenance Association who cast votes in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- (D) Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action hereunder shall be sent to all members of the Lot Maintenance Association, no more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of members of the Lot Maintenance Association or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of the total number of votes entitled to be case (Class A and Class B votes combined) shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (½) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.
- 4.4 Date of Commencement of Maintenance Assessment, Due Dates. The Maintenance Assessment provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot located within the Neighborhood Property upon the closing of the sale thereof to an Owner other than a Builder or the Declarant. The Maintenance Board shall fix any increase in the amount of the monthly assessments at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of such increase. Written notice of any increase in the Maintenance Assessment, and such other assessment notices as the Maintenance Board shall deem appropriate, shall be sent to every Owner of a Lot located within the Neighborhood Property. The due dates for all assessments, and the assessment and collection period (i.e., annual, monthly, lump-sum or otherwise), shall be established by the Maintenance Board. The Lot Maintenance Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate in recordable form signed by an Officer of the Lot Maintenance Association setting forth whether the Maintenance Assessments on a specified Lot located within the Neighborhood Property have been paid. A property executed certificate from the Lot Maintenance Association regarding the status of such assessments for any Lot located within the Neighborhood Property shall be

### 4.5 Basis for Assessment.

- (A) Lots Generally. Each Lot owned by a person other than Declarant or a Builder shall be assessed at a uniform rate without regard to whether a Dwelling Unit has been constructed upon the Lot.
- (B) Lots Owned by Declarant or Builder. Declarant and any Builder shall not pay the Annual Assessment and Special Assessment so long as any Residence constructed upon a Lot by Declarant or Builder has not been either conveyed to an Owner intending to occupy or rent said Residence as a residence or leased to an individual or an entity for use as a Dwelling Unit.
- Assessment (or periodic installment of such assessment, if applicable) or Special Assessment is not paid on the due date established therefor pursuant to this Neighborhood Declaration, then the entire unpaid assessment (together with interest thereon, costs and attorneys' fees) shall become delinquent and shall constitute a continuing lien on the Lot located within the Neighborhood Property to which such assessment relates, binding upon the then Owner, his heirs, devisees, successors and assigns. The personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such assessments, however, shall not pass to such Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by them. If any Maintenance Assessment or Special Assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, such assessment shall bear interest from

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the date of delinquency at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, and the Lot Maintenance Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the applicable Lot located within the Neighborhood Property, or both. In such event, there shall be added to the amount of such assessment the costs and attorney's fees of preparing and filing the complaint in such action; and in the event a judgment is obtained such judgment shall include interest on the assessment as above provided, costs of the action and reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court.

- 4.7 Special Assessments. In addition to the Maintenance Assessment authorized above, the Maintenance Board may levy a Special Assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvement which the Lot Maintenance Association is required to maintain, or to recover any operating deficits which the Lot Maintenance Association may from time to time incur, provided that any such assessment shall have the approval of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by those members of the Lot Maintenance Association who cast votes in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this
- 4.8 Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages; Sale or Transfer. The lien of the assessments provided for in this Neighborhood Declaration shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. The sale or transfer of any Lot located within the Neighborhood Property pursuant to the foreclosure of any first mortgage on such Lot located within the Neighborhood Property (without the necessity of joining the Lot Maintenance Association in any such foreclosure action) or any proceedings or deed in lieu thereof shall extinguish the lien of all assessments becoming due prior to the date of such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer of any Lot located within the Neighborhood Property (whether voluntary or pursuant to foreclosure or otherwise) shall relieve such Lot located within the Neighborhood Property from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due from the lien thereof, and, except as hereinabove provided, the sale or transfer of any Lot located within the Neighborhood Property shall not affect the lien of assessments becoming due prior to the date of such sale or transfer except to the extent that a purchaser may be protected against the lien for prior assessments by a binding certificate from the Lot Maintenance Association, issued pursuant to this Neighborhood Declaration, as to whether or not such assessments

#### ARTICLE V

#### Lot Maintenance Association Membership and Voting

- 5.1 Initially, the person(s) who serve as incorporators of the Lot Maintenance Association shall be the member(s) (the "Initial Member(s)"). The Initial Member(s) shall remain member(s) of the Lot Maintenance Association until the Lot Maintenance Association Articles of Incorporation are accepted by the Indiana Secretary of State, at which time the Initial Member(s) shall cease to be member(s) unless they also qualify as Class A or Class B members. Every Owner of a Lot located within the Neighborhood Property shall be a member of the Lot Maintenance Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot in the Neighborhood Property.
- 5.2 Classes of Membership and Voting Rights. The Lot Maintenance Association shall have the following two classes of voting membership:

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Class A. Class A members of the Lot Membership Association shall be all Owners of Lots located within the Neighborhood Property with the exception of the Declarant. Class A members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned located within the Neighborhood Property. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot located within the Neighborhood Property, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the members holding an interest in such Lot determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one vote be east with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B member of the Lot Maintenance Association shall be the Declarant. The Declarant shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot owned within the Neighborhood Property. For purposes of this calculation, it shall be assumed that Declarant owns all Lots within the Neighborhood Property, which number shall be reduced as Lots within the Neighborhood Property are conveyed by the Declarant to an Owner. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier (the "Applicable Date"):

- (i) December 31, 2020; or
- (ii) When the total number of votes outstanding in the Class A Membership is equal to the total number of votes outstanding in the Class B Membership; or
- (iii) When the Declarant executes and records, with the recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, a written instrument by which the Declarant explicitly converts the Class B Membership into a Class A Membership.

#### ARTICLE VI

# Insurance Maintained by Lot Maintenance Association and Right of Entry

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(A) Liability Insurance. The Lot Maintenance Association shall purchase and pay the costs of the policies of insurance in the form generally known as Public Liability and/or owners policies insuring the Lot Maintenance Association against any and all claims and demands made by any person or persons whomsoever for injuries received in connection with the fulfillment by the Lot Maintenance Association of its obligations specified in the Neighborhood Declaration, or for any other risk insured against by such policies which the Lot Maintenance Association shall have limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) covering all claims for personal injury and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for property damage arising out of a single occurrence. The coverage of the liability insurance policies purchased by the Lot Maintenance Association shall include protection against liability for property damage, bodily injuries and deaths of persons in connection with the fulfillment by the Lot Maintenance Association of its obligations specified in the Neighborhood Declaration, liability for non-owned and hired automobiles, and liability for property of others, and liability arising out of any Neighborhood Common Area. All such policies will name the Lot Maintenance Association as the insured under such policy or policies. The insurance purchased shall contain a "severability of interest endorsement," or equivalent coverage, which would shall contain a "severability of interest endorsement," or equivalent coverage,

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preclude the insurer from (i) denying the claims of an Owner because of the negligent acts of either the Lot Maintenance Association, the Declarant or any other Owners or (ii) denying the claims of either the Declarant or the Lot Maintenance Association because of the negligent acts of an Owner.

- (B) <u>Casualty Insurance</u>. The Lot Maintenance Association may purchase and pay the costs of a policy or policies of insurance to allow the Lot Maintenance Association to insure any improvements located within the Neighborhood Common Areas.
- (C) Fidelity Coverage. The Lot Maintenance Association shall purchase adequate crors and omissions insurance protecting and insuring the Lot Maintenance Association and its officers and directors against liability for negligence in the fulfillment of their obligations and duties. After the Applicable Date, the Lot Maintenance Association shall purchase adequate fidelity coverage to protect against dishonest acts of the officers and employees of the Lot Maintenance Association and the Directors and all others who handle and are responsible for handling funds of the Lot Maintenance Association, such coverage to be in the form of fidelity bonds which meet the following requirements unless one or more of such requirements are waived by the Board of Directors.
- (i) Such bonds shall name the Lot Maintenance Association as an obligee;
- Such bonds shall be written in an amount equal to at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the estimated annual Lot Maintenance Association expense; and,
- (iii) Such amounts shall contain waivers of any defense based upon the exclusion of persons who serve without compensation from any definition of "employee" or similar expression.
- Units during reasonable h Neighborhood Declaration. uthorized agents and uthorized by this Lot Maintenance Association's Right of Entry. For the this Neighborhood Declaration, the Lot Maintenanty this Neighborhood Declaration, the Lot Maintenanty. Maintenance Association's Right of Entry. For the purpose of performing the duties solve the Declaration, the Lot Maintenance Association, through its duly and employees, shall have an irrevocable easement right of access to Lots and Dwelling onable hours, when necessary for the performance of obligations specified in this

#### ARTICLE VII.

### Rights of Mortgagees

rights: Unless a right is waived by the appropriate Federal Agency, all Mortgagees shall have the following

Section 7.1 Veterans Administration. If any of the Lots are security for a loan guaranteed by the Veteran's Administration (the "VA") and if there is a Class B Member:

- (A) The Declarant must provide a copy of all amendments to the VA. The Lot Maintenance Association may not make any Material Amendment or take any Extraordinary Action as such terms are defined in Article VIII without the approval of the VA.
- Eligible Mortgagees shall have the following rights:

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- (i) the right to inspect Lot Maintenance Association documents and records on the same terms as the Members of the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (ii) notice of any Material Amendment to the Lot Maintenance Association documents;
- (iii) notice of any extraordinary Action of the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (iv) notice of any property loss, condemnation or eminent domain proceeding affecting the Neighborhood Common Area resulting in a loss greater than ten percent (10%) of the annual budget or affecting any Lot insured by the Lot Maintenance Association in which the Eligible Mortgagee has an interest;
- (v) notice of any termination, lapse or material modification of an insurance policy held by the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (vi) notice of any default by an Owner of a Lot subject to a mortgage held by the Eligible Mortgagee in paying assessments or charges to the Lot Maintenance Association which remains uncured for sixty (60) consecutive days;
- (vii) notice of any proposal to terminate the Neighborhood Declaration or dissolve the Lot Maintenance Association at least thirty (30) days before any action is taken;
- (viii) the right of a majority of the Eligible Mortgagees to demand professional management; and
- (ix) the right of a majority of the Eligible Mortgagees to demand an audit of the Lot Maintenance Association's financial records.
- Section 7.2. Federal Housing Authority. If any of the Lots are security for a loan insured by Federal Housing Authority (the "FHA") and if there is a Class B Member, the following actions will require the prior approval of the FHA:
- (A) annexation of additional properties;
- (B) mergers, consolidations and dissolution of the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (C) mortgaging or conveyance of the Neighborhood Common Area; and
- (D) amendment of this Neighborhood Declaration.
- including mortgages "Freddie Mac"), the Section 7.3. Freddie Mac. Assuming that Mortgagees may securitize pools of motgages, on Dwelling Units, with the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (a/k/a following requirements shall apply to all Lots and Dwelling Units: Freddie Mac. As
- (A) Unless at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the first Mortgagees (based on one vote for each first mortgage owned) or two-thirds of the Class A Members of the Lot Maintenance Association have given their prior written approval, the Lot Maintenance Association shall not take any of the following actions:

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- meaning of this clause. boundary lines of the Neighborhood Common Area and the granting of easements by Lot Maintenance Association shall not be deemed a transfer or subdivision within (i) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer the Neighborhood Common Area. The re-subdivision and/or adjustment of boundary lines of the Neighborhood Common Area and the granting of easements by the Lot Maintenance Association shall not be deemed a transfer or subdivision within the
- change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges that may be levied against an Owner.
- (iii) by act or omission waive or abandon any scheme of regulations or their enforcement pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance of Dwelling Units and their appurtenances, the exterior maintenance of Dwelling Units and their appurtenances, the maintenance of the Neighborhood Common Area, common fences and driveways, and the upkeep of lawns and plantings in the Property.
- (iv) fail to maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on insurable parts of the Neighborhood Common Area or other Lot Maintenance Association property on a current replacement cost basis in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the insurable value, based on current replacement costs, not including land value.
- (v) use hazard insurance proceeds for Josses to the Neighborhood Common Area or other Lot Maintenance Association property for other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such property.
- (B) A Mortgagee shall be given written notification from the Lot Maintenance Association of any default in the performance of any obligation under this Neighborhood Declaration or related Lot Maintenance Association documents by the Owner of a Lot that is the security for the indebtedness due the Mortgagee which is not oured within sixty (60) days after the Owner's receipt of notice of the default.
- (C) A Mortgagee may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Neighborhood Common Area and may pay overdue premiums on hazard insurance policies or secure new hazard insurance coverage upon the lapse of a policy for such Neighborhood Common Area. The Mortgagee making such payments shall be owed immediate reimbursement therefore from the Lot Maintenance Association.
- (D) The assessments imposed by the Lot Maintenance Association shall include an adequate reserve fund for maintenance, repairs and replacements for those parts of the Neighborhood Common Area which may be replaced or require maintenance on a periodic basis. Such reserves shall be payable in regular installments rather than by Special Assessment.
- Section 7.4. Fannie Mac, Assuming that Mortgagees may secure funding for mortgage loans by selling mortgage loans, including mortgages on Lots and/or Dwelling Units, to the Federal National Mortgage Association (a/k/a "Fannie Mae"), the following requirements shall apply to all Lots and Dwelling Units:
- (A) A Mortgagee shall be given Association of the following: written notification from the Lot Maintenance

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- any condemnation or casualty loss that affects either a material portion of the Neighborhood Common Area or the Lot that is the security for the indebtedness due the Mortgagee;
- (ii) any default in the performance of any obligation under this Master Declaration or related Lot Maintenance Association documents by the Owner of a Lot that is the security for the indebtedness due the Mortgagee which is not cured within sixty (60) days after the Owner's receipt of notice of the default;
- (iii) any lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (iv) any proposed action that would require the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgagees.
- (B) Provided that improvements have been constructed in the Neighborhood Common Area and provided that a Mortgagee gives written notice to the Lot Maintenance Association that it has relied on the value of the improvements in making a loan on a portion or all of the Property, then unless at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Members of the Lot Maintenance Association and Mortgagees representing at least fifty-one percent (51%) of those Lots that are subject to mortgages or deeds of trust have given their prior written approval, the Lot Maintenance Association shall not add or amend any material provision of this Neighborhood Declaration or related Lot Maintenance Association documents concerning the following:
- (i) voting rights of any Member of the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (ii) assessments, assessment liens, or subordination of such liens,
- (iii) reserves for maintenance, repair and replacement of those parts of the Neighborhood Common Area that may be replaced or require maintenance on a periodic basis;
- (iv) responsibility for maintenance and repair of the Property;
- reallocation of interests in the Neighborhood Common Area or rights to its use, except as permitted by this Neighborhood Declaration;
- (vi) converting Lots into Neighborhood Common Area or vice versa;
- (vii) annexation or withdrawal of property to or from the Property;
- (viii) insurance or fidelity bonds;
- (ix) leasing of Dwelling Units;
- (x) imposition of any right of first refusal or similar restriction on the right of an Owner to sell, transfer or otherwise convey its property;
- (xi) a decision by the Lot Maintenance Association to establish self-management when professional management has been required previously by a Mortgagee;

- (xii) restoration or repair of the Property after a hazard damage or partial condemnation;
- (xiii) any provisions that are for the express benefit of Mortgagees; and
- (xiv) termination of the legal status of the Lot Maintenance Association after substantial destruction or condemnation of the subdivision occurs.

documents shall not be considered material if it is for the purpose of clarification or correcting errors. A Mortgagee who receives a written request to approve additions or amendments who does not deliver or post to the requesting party a negative response within thirty (30) days of receipt of such request shall be deemed to have approved such request. or amendment to this Master Declaration or related Lot Maintenance Association

### Section 7.5. General.

- (A) <u>Condemnation</u>. In the event that there is a condemnation or destruction of the Neighborhood Common Area or other Lot Maintenance Association property, to the extent practicable, condemnation or insurance proceeds shall be used to repair or replace the condemned or destroyed property.
- (B) Unpaid Assessments. Any Mortgagee, who obtains title to a Lot pursuant to the remedies provided in its mortgage or deed of trust or force losure of the mortgage or deed of trust or deed in lieu of force losure, will not be liable for such Lot's unpaid dues or charges which accrue prior to the acquisition of title to the Lot by the Mortgagee.
- (C) <u>Books and Records.</u> A Mortgagee shall have the right to examine and copy at its expense the books and records of the Lot Maintenance Association during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice to the Lot Maintenance Association.
- (D) Notice. As set forth in this Article, Mortgagees shall have the right, upon request, to receive notice of (a) the decision of the Owners to abandon or terminate the Planned Unit Development (as defined by Fannie Mae); (b) any material amendment to the Neighborhood Declaration, the By-Laws or the Articles of Incorporation; and (c) if professional management has been required by a Mortgagee, the decision of the Lot Maintenance Association to terminate such professional management and assume self-management.
- (E) Excess Proceeds. Should there be excess insurance or condemnation proceeds after the renovation, repair or reconstruction called for herein, such excess proceeds may be distributed equally to the Owners, apportioned equally by Lot; subject, however, to the priority of a Mortgagee with regard to the proceeds applicable to the Lot securing said Mortgagee and in accordance with Indiana law.
- (F) <u>Termination</u>. Eligible Mortgagees representing at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes of the mortgaged Lots must consent to the termination of the legal status of the Lot Maintenance Association for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation of the Property.

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(G) <u>Damage to Neighborhood Common Area</u>. The Lot Maintenance Association shall cause the immediate repair, reconstruction or renovation of any damage to the Neighborhood Common Area unless a decision not to repair, reconstruct or renovate is approved by a majority of the Mortgagees.

#### ARTICLE VIII

### General Provisions

Section 8.1. Enforcement and Declarant's Exemption. The Lot Maintenance Association or any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, easements, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Neighborhood Declaration or other Lot Maintenance Association documents unless such right is specifically limited. Failure by the Lot Maintenance Association or by any Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by this Neighborhood Declaration shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Lot Maintenance Association or an Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Lot Maintenance Association or any Owner pursuant to any term, provision, covenant or condition of the Neighborhood Declaration shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more thereof shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such privileges as may be granted to such party by this Neighborhood Declaration or at law or in courts. equity.

Notwithstanding anything in this Neighborhood Declaration to the contrary, (i) the Declarant and Builder reserves a right to carry on construction, development, and sales activities, to place equipment, machinery, supplies and signs, construct and maintain models or other structures, and park vehicles of prospective or actual purchasers, lessees, or employees and personnel of the Declarant, or any part of the Neighborhood Property owned by the Declarant, a Builder, or the Lot Maintenance Association and (ii) none of the terms, conditions, provisions, and restrictions set forth in this Neighborhood Declaration shall be construed, in any manner, to limit any activity of the Declarant or a Builder in the construction, development, and sales activities pertaining to the Neighborhood Property.

Section 8.2. Severability, Headings: Conflict. Invalidation of any one of the provisions of this Neighborhood Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect. Titles of paragraphs are for convenience only and are not intended to limit or expand the covenants, rights or obligations expressed therein. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and this Neighborhood Declaration, the Neighborhood Declaration shall control; in the case of any conflict between this Neighborhood Declaration and the By-Laws, this Neighborhood Declaration shall control.

Section 8.3. Duration. The covenants and restrictions of this Neighborhood Declaration shall run with and bind the Neighborhood Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Lot Maintenance Association or the Owner of any Lot subject to this Neighborhood Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, unless such right is specifically limited, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Neighborhood Declaration is recorded, after which time the covenants and restrictions of this Neighborhood Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years each, unless terminated by a written and recorded instrument approved of in advance by the affirmative and unanimous vote of all Members of the Lot Maintenance Association and their respective

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# Section 8.4. Material Amendment/Extraordinary Action.

- (a) <u>Approval Requirements</u>, In accordance with Federal Agencies' requirements, material amendments ("Material Amendments") or extraordinary actions ("Extraordinary Actions") must be approved by Members of the Lot Maintenance Association entitled to cast at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes of Members of the Lot Maintenance Association present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting held in accordance with the notice and quorum requirements for Material Amendments and Extraordinary Actions contained in the By-Laws, such vote including the vote of a majority of the Class A Members of the Lot Maintenance Association present and voting, in person or by proxy, at such meeting.
- (b) <u>Material Amendment.</u> A Material Amendment includes adding, deleting or modifying any provision regarding the following:
- (i) assessment basis or assessment liens;
- (ii) any method of imposing or determining any charges to be levied against individual Owners;
- (iii) reserves for maintenance, repair or replacement of common area improvements;
- (iv) maintenance obligations;
- (v) allocation of rights to use Common Areas, except as permitted by this Neighborhood Declaration;
- (vi) any scheme of regulation or enforcement of standards for maintenance, architectural design or exterior appearance of improvements on Lots;
- (vii) reduction of insurance requirements;
- (viii) restoration or repair of common area improvements;
- (ix) the annexation or withdrawal of land to or from the Neighborhood Property other than the withdrawal of those properties referred to in this Article XVI,
- (x) voting rights;
- (xi) restrictions affecting leasing or sale of a Lot; or
- (xii) any provision which is for the express benefit of Mortgagees.
- (c) Extraordinary Action. Alternatively, an Extraordinary Action includes:
- merging or consolidating the Lot Maintenance Association (other than with another non-profit entity formed for purposes similar to this Lot Maintenance Association);
- (ii) determining not to require professional management if that management has been required by the Lot Maintenance Association documents, a majority of eligible Mortgagees or a majority vote of the Members of the Lot Maintenance Association;

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- (iii) expanding the Lot Maintenance Association to include land not previously described as annexable which increases the overall land area of the project or number of Lots by more than ten percent (10%);
- (iv) abandoning, partitioning, encumbering, mortgaging, conveying, selling or otherwise transferring the Neighborhood Common Area except for (i) granting easements; (ii) dedicating Neighborhood Common Area as required by a public authority; (iii) resubdividing or adjusting the boundary lines of the Neighborhood Common Area or (iv) transferring Neighborhood Common Area pursuant to a merger or consolidation with a non-profit entity formed for purposes similar to the Lot Maintenance Association;
- (v) using insurance proceeds for purposes other than reconstruction or repair of the insured improvements; or
- (vi) making capital expenditures (other than for repair or replacement of existing improvements) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months costing more than twenty percent (20%) of the annual operating budget.
- (d) Class Amendments. Any Material Amendment which changes the rights of any specific class of Members of the Lot Maintenance Association must be approved by Members of the Lot Maintenance Association entitled to cast at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of all Members of the Lot Maintenance Association of such class present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting held in accordance with the requirements contained in the By-Laws.
- (e) Material Amendment and/or Extraordinary Actions Amendments. The following Material Amendments and Extraordinary Actions must be approved by Members of the Lot Maintenance Association entitled to cast at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total authorized votes of all Members of the Lot Maintenance Association, including at least a majority of the total authorized votes entitled to be east by Class A Members of the Lot Maintenance Association.
- (i) termination of this Neighborhood Declaration or the termination of the project;
- (ii) dissolution of the Lot Maintenance Association except pursuant to a consolidation or merger; and
- (iii) conveyance of all Neighborhood Common Areas.
- (f) VA Amendments. If the VA has guaranteed any loans secured by a Lot, so long as there is a Class B Member of the Lot Maintenance Association, all Material Amendments and Extraordinary Actions must have the approval of the VA.

Section 8.5. Amendment. Amendments other than Material Amendments or Extraordinary Actions shall be approved by at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes entitled to be east by all Members of the Lot Maintenance Association present and voting, in person or by proxy, at any duly called and conveyed meeting, or in writing by Members of the Lot Maintenance Association entitled to cast at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total authorized votes of all Members of the Lot Maintenance Association.

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Any amendment must be properly executed and acknowledged by the Lot Maintenance Association (in the manner required by law for the execution and acknowledgment of deeds) and recorded among the appropriate land records.

Section 8.6. Special Amendment. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Neighborhood Declaration for any reason prior to the first conveyance of a Lot to an Owner other than the Declarant and/or a Builder and thereafter may make any amendment required by any of the Federal Agencies or by the Local Governing Authorities, as a condition of the approval of this Neighborhood Declaration, by the execution and recordation of such amendment following notice to all Members of the Lot Maintenance Association.

Section 8.7. Waiver. The Declarant, as the present most interested party in maintaining the high quality of development which by these covenants is sought to be assured for the Neighborhood Property, hereby expressly reserves unto itself (so long as these restrictions are in effect), the unqualified right to waive or alter from time to time such of the herein contained restrictions as it may deem best, as to any one or more of the Lots, which waiver or alteration shall be evidenced by the mutual written consent of the Declarant and the then-Owner of the Lot as to which some or all of said restrictions are to be waived or altered; such written consent to be duly acknowledged and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

# Section 8.8. Withdrawable Real Estate.

- (a) The Declarant shall have the unilateral right, without the consent of the Class A Members of the Lot Maintenance Association or any Mortgages, to execute and record an amendment to this Neighborhood Declaration withdrawing any portion of the Neighborhood Property on which Dwelling Units have not been constructed; provided, however, that not more than five (5) years have lapsed since the date of the recordation of this Neighborhood Declaration.
- (b) Upon the dedication or the conveyance to any public entity or authority of any portion of the Neighborhood Property for public street purposes, this Neighborhood Declaration shall no longer be applicable to the land so dedicated or conveyed.
- Section 8.9. Management Contracts. For such time as the Declarant has Class B membership status, the Declarant shall have the right to enter into professional management contracts on behalf of the Lot Maintenance Association for the management of the Neighborhood Property for terms not to exceed one (1) year; provided, however, that the Lot Maintenance Association shall have the right to terminate such contracts, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party and without payment of a termination fee.
- Section 8.10. Dissolution. Subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Article VII and this Article VIII, the Lot Maintenance Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members of the Lot Maintenance Association and in accordance with Article 13 of the Act. Upon dissolution of the Lot Maintenance Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Lot Maintenance Association, both real-and personal, shall be offered to an appropriate public agency to be devoted to purposes and uses that would most nearly shall be offered to an appropriate public agency to be devoted to the Lot Maintenance Association. In the event that such offer of dedication is refused, such assets shall be then offered to be granted, conveyed or assigned to any non-profit corporation, trust or other organization devoted to similar purposes and in accordance with Indiana law. Any such dedication or transfer of the Neighborhood Common Area shall not be in conflict with then-governing zoning ordinances or the designation of the Neighborhood Common Area be in conflict with then-governing zoning ordinances or the designation of the Neighborhood

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All terms, conditions, privileges, obligations and provisions of the Neighborhood Declaration, as hereby amended, supplemented and corrected shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, duly authorized officers of the undersigned Declarant have executed this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Carriage Homes at Sonoma under seal, this 12th day of December. 2005.

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

### legal Description

A part of the Northeast Quarter, the Southeast Quarter, the Southwest Quarter, and the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

minutes 11 seconds East (Assumed Bearing) along the East line of the said Northwest Quarter Section; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 11 seconds East (Assumed Bearing) along the East line of the said Northwest Quarter Section, 116.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds West 130.01 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds East 422.52 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds East 130.05 feet to a point on the West line of the Northeast Quarter Section; thence continuing South 89 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds East 470.97 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 59 seconds West 534.14 feet to a point on the North line of the said Southeast Quarter Section; thence continuing South 00 degrees 07 minutes 59 seconds West 1,115.92 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 38 seconds West 470.93 feet to a point on the East line of the said Southwest Quarter Section; thence continuing South 89 degrees 36 minutes 38 seconds West 470.93 feet to a point on the East line of the said Southwest Quarter Section; thence continuing South 89 degrees 36 minutes 38 seconds West 470.93 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 38 seconds East 470.10 feet to a point on the West Line of the said Southeast Quarter Section; thence continuing North 89 degrees 36 minutes 38 seconds East 60.08 feet; thence North 80 degrees 37 minutes 59 seconds East 60.98 feet to the place of beginning. containing 26.685 acres, more or less.

ALSO:

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

Commercing at the Southeast corner of the said Quarter Section; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 01 seconds West (Assumed Bearing) along the South line of said Quarter Section, 701.84 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 52 seconds East 124.19 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds West 410.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 52 seconds East 25.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds West 139.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 52 seconds East 55.13 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave southeasterly, the radius point of said curve being North 86 degrees 28 minutes 17 seconds East 164.25 feet from said point; thence northeasterly along said curve 268.19 feet to the point of the radius point of said curve; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East 593.77 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave southwesterly, the radius point of said curve being North 00 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East 593.77 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave southwesterly, the radius point of said curve being South 00 degrees 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds East 593.77 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds East 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve 275.11 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 08 seconds West 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 52 seconds West 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 58 seconds West 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 58 seconds West 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 58 seconds West 175.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 58 seconds West 175.00 feet from the radius point of sa

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#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF SONOMA

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THIS DECLARATION (hereafter "Declaration"), made this 12<sup>th</sup> day 2005, by PLATINUM PROPERTIES, LLC, an Indiana limited liability "Declarant"); day of DECEMBER.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain Property, located in Hamilton County, Indiana, which is more particularly described in what is attached herein and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A" (hereafter "Property"), upon which a residential subdivision known as Sonoma (hereafter "Development") will be developed;

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to subdivide and develop the Property;

now, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that all of the Lots (hereafter defined) in the Property, as they are held and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated, or encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied, and improved, are subject to the following restrictions, all of which are declared to be in furtherance of a plan of the improvement and sale of the Property and each Lot situated therein, and are established and agreed upon for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Property as a whole and each of the Lots situated therein. This Declarant shall run with the Property and shall be binding upon the Declarant, its successors and assigns, and upon the parties having or acquiring any interest in the Property or any part or parts thereof subject to these restrictions. The restrictions shall in the Property or any part or parts thereof.

#### ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS

The following are the definitions of the terms as they are used in this Declaration:

Section 1.1 "Association" shall mean the Sonoma Homeowners Association, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, the membership and power of which are more fully described in Article IX of this

Section 1.2 "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean the to Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors of the

Section 1.3 "Builder" means a person or entity regularly engaged in constructing single family residences for sale and responsible for the original c residence on a Lot. in the business l construction of

Section 1.4 "Committee" shall mean the Development Standards and Architectural Control Committee, as more fully described in Article VI of this Declaration.

Section 1.5 "Common Area" shall mean those areas (i) designated on current and future Plats as a "Block", "Common Area", "C.A.", "Limited Common Area", "L.CA", and (ii) any other areas designated by the Declarant for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of the Development.

Section 1.6 "Development Period" means the period of time commencing with Declarant's acquisition of the Property and ending when Declarant has completed the development and sale of, and no longer owns, any Lot or any other portion of the Property.

# Section 1.7 "Drainage Board" means the Hamilton County Drainage Board.

Section 1.8 "Federal Agencies" shall mean (by way of illustration but not limitation) the Federal Housing Authority, the Federal National Mortgage association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage corporation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Veterans Administration or any other governmental agency.

Section 1.9 "Lake Area" means any Common Area on which a lake now exist constructed by Declarant and "Lake" means a body of water which now exists or is later by Declarant in a Lake Area. exists or is lat constructed

Section 1.10 "Local Governing Authority" shall mean Hamilton County, Indiana and/or the Town of Westfield, Indiana.

Section 1.11 "Lot" shall mean any parcel of residential Property designated on a Plat that is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Section 1.12 "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any person or entity secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on any Lot or the Common Area who has notified the Association of this fact in writing. An "Bligible Mortgagee" shall be a Mortgagee who has given notice to the Association of its interest and requested all rights afforded Eligible Mortgagees under Article XI.

Section 1.13 "Neighborhood" shall mean any portion of the Property which has been granted neighborhood status by the Declarant through the recordation of a Neighborhood Declaration.

Section 1.14 "Neighborhood Association" shall mean any property owners condominium association, or other such similar entity, their successors and assigns, will formed by the Declarant or the Master Association for any particular Neighborhood. assigns, which may be

Section 1.15 "Neighborhood Declaration" shall mean and refer to any declaration, coverants, conditions, restrictions and other provisions that may be imposed by a recorded instrument applicable to any Neighborhood.

Section 1.16 "Owner" shall mean the record owner, whether one or more persons or enlities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but otherwise excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Unless specifically indicated to the contrary, the term "Owner" shall include the Declarant and a Builder.

Section 1.17 "Person" shall mean an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity or any combination thereof. association,

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Section 1.18 "Plat" shall mean the subdivision plats of the Property which are recorded with the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Section 1.19 "Pool" shall mean the recreational swimming pool and attached bathhouse which Declarant, in its sole and absolute discretion, may construct on the Property.

Section 1.20 "Residence" shall mean any structure intended exclusively for occupancy by single family together with all appurtenances thereto, including private garage and recreational facilities usual and incidental to the use of a single family residential lot.

Section 1.21 "Special Use" shall mean any use defined or identified in any applicable zoning ordinance as a "Special Use".

Section 1.22 "Trail System" means paths or trails so designated by the Board and Iocated in a Common Area.

#### ARTICLE II

# CHARACTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT

Section 2.1. In General. No structure shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain upon any Lot except a Residence. All Property located within a plat which has not been designated by numbering shall be used in a manner determined by the Declarant. Lots may be used only for single-family residential purposes and only one Residence may be constructed thereon. No portion of any Lot may be sold or subdivided such that there will be thereby a greater number of Residences in the Property than the number of Lots depicted on the Plat. Notwithstanding any provision in the applicable zoning ordinance to the contrary, no Lot may be used for any "Special Use" that is not clearly incidental and necessary to single family dwellings.

Section 2.2. Offer Restrictions. All Property shall be subject to the casements, restrictions, and limitations of record appearing on a Plat and amendments thereto, on recorded easements, and rights-of-way, and also to all governmental zoning authority and regulation affecting the Property, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### ARTICLE III

#### EASEMENTS

<u>Section 3.1 Designated Easements.</u> The following designated, in the Declarant's sole discretion, upon a plat: easements designated or to be

designated on the plat as drainage easements, utility easements, sewer easements, sanitary sewer easements and storm sewer easements, or any combination thereof, which are hereby reserved to the appropriate governmental entities, public utilities, and private utilities for the installation and maintenance of swales, ditches, pipes, drains, electric lines, gas lines, telephone lines, fibre optio cable, high speed internet lines, sanitary sewers, manholes, detention and retention areas or other drainage facilities. Purchasers of Lots in this subdivision shall take title subject to such casements hereby created and subject at all times to the rights of proper authorities to service and maintain such drainage facilities and easements, and no permanent structure of any kind and no part thereof, except fences (A) designated Designated Drainage, Utility, and Sewer Easements. There are strips of ground

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which do not retard or impede the flow of drainage water and which are approved by any entity to which the easement is deficated shall be built, erected or maintained on said drainage easements, except by the Declarant or its assigns. It shall be the responsibility of the Association and the Owners of the areas enclosed within such easements to maintain such areas in such conditions that the flow of storm drainage waters on, across and from said areas shall not be impeded, diverted or accelerated. Such use for storm water movement or retention or detention is hereby declared to be an easement and servitude upon said land for the benefit of the Owners of other land included within the Plat, upstream or downstream, affected by such use and for any proper governmental agency or department or any private or public utility. All proper governmental agencies or departments and public and private utilities are hereby given the right to obtain access to such areas to perform maintenance and to perform such maintenance as may be necessary to protect that easement and servitude rights. It shall be the responsibility of the Association and the Owner of any Lot or parcel of land within the Plat to comply at all times with the provisions of the drainage plan as approved for the applicable Plat by the appropriate governmental agency or department and the requirements of all drainage permits for such Plat is sued by those agencies. Failure to so comply shall operate as a waiver and release of the Declarant, the developer, or their engineers and agents from all liability as to damage caused by storm undersore for them developer, or their engineers and agents from all liability as to damage caused by storm waters or storm drainage.

Further, there are easements and servitudes upon the land within the Plat in favor of surface water runoff along natural valleys and drainage channels running to Owners of other land contained within the Plat, upstream and downstream. It shall be the responsibility of the Association and the Owners of these natural valleys and channels to use their land and maintain said natural valleys and channels in such mainer and condition that the flow of storm drainage waters on, across, from and to channels in such mainer and condition that the flow of storm drainage waters on, across, from and to such areas shall not be impeded, diverted or accelerated.

- (B) Designated Mounding, Landscaping, and Screening and Sign Basements. Any strips of grounds shown or designated on the Plat for landscaping including, but not limited to, landscape easements, landscape maintenance easements, and/or landscape maintenance access casements are hereby reserved unto Declarant, during the Development Period, and, thereafter, unto the Association, for the purposes of (i) providing signs which either advertise the Property and the availability of Lots or identify the Property or, (ii) installing landscaping, mounding, and screening. Declarant reserves unto itself during the Development Period and thereafter unto the Association, the exclusive and sole right to erect signs and install landscaping, mounding, and screening beclarant and sole of the contrary, no planting shall be done, and no hedges, walls, fences or other improvements shall be erected or maintained in the area of such easements, except by the Declarant during the Development Period, and thereafter by the Association. Furthermore, notwithstrading anything in this Declaration to the contrary, no planting shall be done, and no hedges, walls, fences, structures, or other improvements shall be erected between (i) any landscape easement or landscape maintenance easement, and (ii) any perimeter roadway, public highway or right-of-way along the perimeter or boundary of the Property, except by the Declarant during the Development Period and thereafter by the Association.
- (C) <u>Basement Work.</u> Notwithstanding any architectural approval under Article VI below, during the course of any maintenance, service, repair or work upon any easement, the Declarant, the Association, any private utility, any public utility, and/or any governmental entity shall have the right and the authority, without any obligation or liability whatsoever to any Owner, to remove, damage, or destroy any fence or other structure or landscaping built, crected, maintained or planted in any easement described in Section 3.1 (A) above and without any obligation of replacement.

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Section 3.2 General Drainage, Utility, Sewer and other Development Easements. The following rights reserved in this Section shall not be exercised, after the conveyance of any Lot, in a manner that (i) unreasonably and adversely affects any Residence or portion thereof located upon such Lot or the Owner's use or enjoyment thereof, or (ii) unreasonably restricts the rights of ingress and egress to such Lot. The following rights and easements reserved by Declarant in this Section shall run with the land, and Declarant's right to further after or grant easements shall automatically terminate and pass to the Association one (1) year after Declarant shall have conveyed the last Lot within the Property.

- (A) Declarant hereby reserves unto itself during the Development Period, and thereafter unto any public or private utility, a general casement ("Drainage, Utility and Sewer Easement") for drainage, utility and sewer purposes in, on and over all of the Common Area and any Lot, so as to permit the installation and allow to be maintained all electrical, telephone, water, gas, sanitary and storm sewer, television (including but not limited to cable and/or satellite) transmission facilities, security systems and other utility services (including all necessary lines, pipes, wires, cables, duots, antennae and other equipment and facilities) to serve any Residence. Any Drainage, Utility and Sewer Easement shall include all areas of the Property outside any Residence, with the exception of any areas covered by chimneys, or patios. Improvements or permanent structures installed within the Common Area are subject to the rights (including the right to remove where reasonably necessary without duty of replacement or remove any necessary facilities. By virtue hereof, Declarant reserves the right to install a lake(s) or pond(s) on any Common Area. The rights hereunder and casements hereby reserved survive the conveyance, by the Declarant to the Association, of any Common Area. This casement shall be in addition to any easement defined upon a Plat as a drainage, sewer, utility, cable, landscape, sign, transmission, flowage or similar type easement.
- (B) Declarant reserves unto itself during the Development Period, and thereafter unto the Association, an easement ("Lake Basement") and right-of-way in and to any Lake Area (s) or areas now or hereafter shown on the Plat as a "Block", "Common Area", or "Lake" or any other Common Area within the Property used as a water retention or detention area, or on which a Lake now exists or is later constructed, for the purpose of fulfilling any maintenance obligations set forth in this Declaration and/or establishing and maintaining proper surface water drainage throughout the Property, including dewatering or aquatic maintenance, and an easement of ingress and egress through so much of the remainder of the Property as is reasonably necessary or appropriate, to perform such actions as Declarant or the Association deem necessary or appropriate, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining proper surface water drainage throughout the Property, which such actions shall include the construction, repair and maintenance of retention and detention pends or lakes in accordance with the requirements of applicable law and of all governmental agencies having jurisdiction (without undertaking any obligation or duty to exceed such requirements).
- (C) Declarant reserves unto itself during the Development Period, and thereafter unto the Association, the right and an undefined sign and facilities easement ("Sign and Facilities Lasement") to install, errect, construct and maintain an entryway sign or signs, directional signs, advertising signs advertising the Property or the Lots therein, lighting, walkways, pathways, fences, walls and any other landscaping, architectural and recreational features or facilities considered necessary, appropriate, useful or convenient, anywhere upon the Property (except upon any Lot after the first conveyance thereof). Any such signs shall comply with any applicable zoning requirements and all such facilities shall be maintained by the Association as a part of its Common Area maintenance obligations.

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- (D) Declarant reserves unto itself during the Development Period, and thereafter unto the Association, the full right, title and authority to:
- (i) Relocate, alter or otherwise change the location of any Drainage, Utility and Sewer Easement, Lake Easement, and/or Sign and Facilities Easement, or any facility at any time located therein or thereon;
- (ii) Grant such further easements, licenses and rights-of-way, temporary or permanent, exclusive or non-exclusive, surface or otherwise, as Declarant may deem necessary or appropriate, for ingress and egress, utility and similar purposes on or within any portion of the Property, for the benefit of the Property or any portion thereof; and,
- (iii) Describe more specifically or to change the description of any Drainage, Utility and Sewer Easement, Lake Easement, and/or Sign and Facilities Easement or any other easement, license or right-of-way now or hereafter existing on the Property, by written instrument, amended Plat or amendment to the Plat recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
- (E) The title of the Association (as to the Common Area owned by the Association during the Development Period) and of any Owner of any Lot shall be subject to the rights and easements reserved herein.

#### ARTICLE IV

# OF SANITARY SEWER UTILITY

Section 4.1 Sanitary sewer utility casements allow for the construction, extension, operation, inspection, maintenance, reconstruction, and removal of sanitary sewer facilities and give utility companies, whether public or private, as well as any governmental authorities, the right of ingress/egress.

Section 4.2 No trees shall be planted directly over building sewers (laterals). Any landscaping within easements or right-of-ways may be removed, damaged, or destroyed by the applicable s without an obligation of repair or replacement.

Section 4.3 No mounding, lighting, fencing, signs, retaining walls, landscaping walls, entrance walls, inrigation lines, or other improvements shall be placed within ten (10) feet of the center of the sanitary sewer infrastructure. Any of these which are placed within casements or right-of-ways may be removed by the applicable utilities without the obligation of replacement.

Section 4.4 All Owners not serviced by gravity sanitary sewer service are responsible for all maintenance, repair and replacement of all grinder/ejector pumps, force mains and gravity laterals from the residence to its connection to the sanitary sewer main.

Section 4.5 The discharge of clear water sources, including, but not limited to, foundation drains, sump pumps, and roof drains to the sanitary sewers is prohibited.

 $\underline{\text{Section 4.6}}$  Grade changes across sanitary sewer facilities must be approved in applicable utilities. writing by the

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#### ARTICLE V

# COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

any provision in the applicable zoning ordinance to the contrary, no Lot n Use" that is not clearly incidental and necessary to single family dwellings. Section 5.1 Land Use. Lots may be used only for single-family residential purposes and only one Residence not to exceed the maximum height permitted by and measured pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the municipality having zoning jurisdiction over the Property may be constructed thereon. No portion of any Lot may be sold or subdivided such that there will be thereby a greater number of Residences in the Property than the number of Lots depicted on the Plat. Notwithstanding Lot may be used for any "Special

Section 5.2 Address Identification. The numbers representing the address of each Residence will be of a uniform appearance and will be displayed in a uniform location and manner, as determined by the Committee.

garage doors. Street lights may be installed by Declarant in the utility easements on Lots and in the Common Areas. Street lights shall be operated and maintained by the Association. The Association reserves the right to remove street lights deemed no longer necessary by the Board of Directors. Section 5.3 Lighting. All homes will have two dusk to dawn lights located on the sides of the

Section 5.4 Temporary Structures. No trailer, shack, tent, boat, basement, garage or other outbuilding may be used at any time as a dwelling, temporary or permanent, nor may any structure of a temporary character be used as a dwelling.

Section 5.5 Driveways. All driveways in the Property shall be concrete in material

Section 5.6 Water Systems. Each Owner shall connect to the water main maintained by a private or public water utility to provide water for domestic use on the Lot and shall pay all connection, availability, or other charges lawfully established with respect to connections thereto.

Section 5.7 Drainage. In the event storm water drainage from any Lot or Lots flows across another Lot, provision shall be made by the Owner of such downstream Lot to permit such drainage to continue, without restriction or reduction, across the downstream Lot and into the natural drainage channel or course, although no specific drainage easement for such flow of water is provided on the Plat. To the extent not maintained by the Drainage Board, "Drainage Easements" reserved as drainage swales shall be maintained by the Owner of the Lot upon which such easements are located such that water from any adjacent Lot shall have adequate drainage along such Swale. Lots within the Property may be included in a legal drain established by the Drainage Board. In such event, each lot in the Property will be subject to assessment by the Drainage Board for the costs of maintenance of the portion of the drainage system and the lake control structures included in such legal drain, which assessment will be a lien against the Lot. The elevation of a Lot shall not be changed so as to materially affect the surface elevation or grade of surrounding Lots. Perimeter foundation drains and sump pump drains shall be commetted whenever feasible into a subsurface drainage tile. Down sports and drains shall be designed to disperse runoff for overland flow to street or swale collection systems. Each Owner shall maintain the subsurface drains and tiles located on his Lot and shall be liable for the cost of all repairs thereto or replacements thereof.

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Section 5.8 Signs. Except for such signs as Declarant may in its absolute discretion display in connection with the identification of development of the Property and the sale of Lots therein, no sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view of any Lot except that one (1) sign of not more than four (4) square feet may be displayed at any time for the purpose of advertising the property for sale, or may be displayed by a builder to advertise the property during construction and sale.

Section 5.9 Fencing. This subsection is applicable to all Lots except those Lots which are used for a sales office or model home by the Declarant or a Builder. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting higher than eighteen (18) inches shall be permitted between the front property line and the front building set back line except where such planting is part of Residence landscaping approved by the Architectural Review Committee and the prime root therefor is within six (6) feet of the Residence. Corner Lots shall be deemed to have two (2) front property lines. Trees shall not be deemed "shrubs" unless planted in such a manner as to constitute a "hedge". All fencing shall be either wrought iron in appearance, or unpainted cedar, dog-eared shadow box on both sides of the fence, unless otherwise approved by the Committee. All fencing on a Lot shall be uniform in height, style, and color and substantially similar in material. No fence shall be erected or maintained on or within any Landscape Basement except such as may be installed by Declarant and subsequently replaced by the Association in such manner as to preserve the uniformity of such fence. No fence may be erected on a Lot without prior approval of the Committee, which shall approve or disapprove the location of all fences, provided, however, that all fencing erected on a Lot must be erected either (i) within six (6) inches of the property line of such Lot, or (ii) more than ten (10) feet, from the property line of such Lot, or (ii) more than ten (10) feet, from the property line of such Lot, or (ii) more than ten (10) feet, from the property line of such Lot, oversome the right to commet a fence to the fence on the adjoining Lot if the new fence satisfies all of the criteria expressed herein and is approved by the Committee. The Committee may establish further restrictions with respect to fences, including limitations on (or prohibition of) the installation of fences in the rear year of the property line stall proved to the placed or pennited to remain on any

Section 5.10 Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be, or may become, an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. Violation of any ordinance governing noise, building or lot maintenance, or any other public nuisance shall be deemed to be a nuisance creating rights in every affected Owner, the Declarant, and/or the Association, as the case may be, to enforce the provisions hereof against the offending Owner. Barking dogs shall constitute a nuisance. In the event of successful enforcement by an Owner, the Declarant, or the Association of the provisions hereof, the offending Owner shall be liable to the prevailing party for attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other costs and expenses of litigation and collection in connection therewith.

Section 5.11 Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for trash. Rubbish, garbage or other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers out of public view except not more than 24 hours prior to its removal thereof, when it may be placed at the curb of the Lot. All equipment for storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept clean and sanitary.

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Section 5.12 Livestock and Poultry. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. The owners of such permitted pets shall confine them to their respective Lots such that they will not be a nuisance. Owners of dogs shall so control or confine them so as to avoid barking which will annoy or disturb adjoining Owners. Unless permitted by the Board of Directors of the Association, no Owner shall maintain more than two (2) of the same type (dog, cat, bird) of pet nor more than four (4) total pets; provided, however, that fish which are located in indoor aquariums and which pose no risk to the public health shall not be considered pets for the purpose of this restriction. No dangerous or potentially dangerous pets, such as exotic animals (large wild cats, wolves, alligators, snakes which are poisonous or longer than two feet, poisonous spiders, etc.) shall be permitted to exist in a Residence or on a Lot without the unanimous consent of the Architectural Review Committee and the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the decision of the Board of Directors to permit such animal or animals may be overturned by a majority vote of the Members at any meeting.

Section 5.13 Outside Burning. No trash, leaves, or other materials shall be burned upon a Lot unless the smoke therefrom would not blow upon any other Lot. Owners shall use appropriate incinerators and shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable legal requirements for outside

Section 5.14 Antennas and Receivers. No antenna, satellite dish, or other device for the transmission or reception of radio, television, or satellite signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation shall be erected, used or maintained outdoors and above ground, whether attached to a building or otherwise, on any part of the Property, including Lots, without the written approval of the Architectural Review Committee, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided, however, that any such devices may be installed and maintained on any Lot without the necessity of such written approval if such devices are not merely duplicative of other devices existing on the subject Lot and if (a) the device is not visible from the neighboring Lots, streets or Common Area; or (b) the Owner, prior to installation, has received the written consent of the Owners of all Lots who would have views of the device from their Lots; or (c) the device is virtually indistinguishable from structures, devices, or improvements, such as heat pumps, air-conditioning units, barbecue grills, patio firmiture, and garden equipment, which are not prohibited by these covenants or Bylaws; or (d) the device is a satellite dish I meter or less in diameter and not affixed to the roof of a residence; or (e) if prohibition of the installation, use, and maintenance of such device is specifically preempted and superseded by applicable governmental authority.

Section 5.15 Exterior Lights. Except on Lots on which there is maintained a sales office or model home by the Declarant or a Builder, no exterior lights shall be erected or maintained between the building line and rear lot line so as to shine or reflect directly upon another Lot.

Section 5.16 Electric Bug Killers, Electric Bug Killers, "zappers", and other similar devices shall not be installed at a location or locations which result in the operation thereof becoming a nuisance or amoyance to other Owners, and shall be operated only when outside activities require the use thereof and not continuously.

Section 5.17 Vacant Lots, it shall be the duty and obligation of the Owner of a vacant Lot to maintain such Lot and mow the lawn thereof. Declarant and the Association shall have the right, but not the duty, to enter upon each vacant Lot and to maintain the appearance thereof by cutting weeds, mowing grass, trimming trees, removing debris, installing crosion control devices, and performing any

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other act reasonable under the circumstances. The Owner shall be responsible for payment of all such expenses upon demand and the Declarant or the Association, as the case may be, shall have a lien on such Lot for the payment of such expenses, together with attorneys' fees and all other costs and expenses of litigation and collection which may be incurred in connection therewith.

the date on which the Owner is invoiced by the Association. The Association shall have the right to collect any outstanding maintenance assessments in the manner described in Article XL Neither the Association nor any of its agents, employees, or contractors shall be liable for any damage that may perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to make such Lot and repair, mow, clean or thereon, if any, conform to the requirements of these restrictions. The cost incurred by the Association shall be assessed to the Owner. The Owner shall reimburse the Association within thirty (30) days of the date on which the Owner is invoiced by the Association. Section 5.18 Association's Right to Perform Certain Maintenance. In the event that the Owner of any Lot shall fail to maintain his or her Lot and any improvements situated thereon in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, by and through its agents or employees or contractors, to enter upon said Lot and repair, mow, clean or result from any maintenance work performed hereunder.

Section 5.19 Awnings. Except on Lots on which there is maintained a sales office or model home by the Declarant or a Builder, or as approved by the Committee, no metal, wood, fabric, fiberglass or similar type material awnings or patio covers will be permitted anywhere on the Property.

nection 5.20 Diligence in Construction. Subject to inclement weather, every Residence shall be completed within twelve (12) months after the beginning of such construction or placement. No improvement which has partially or totally been destroyed by fire or otherwise shall be allowed to remain in such state for more than three (3) months from the time of such destruction or damage or, if approval of the applicable casualty insurance is pending, then within three (3) months after the approval is forthcoming.

Section 5.21 HVAC Units. No heat pumps, air conditioning units or gas meters will be installed in the front of the Residence.

Section 5.22 Lake and Lake Area(s). Except as otherwise provided, no individual using a Lake, if any, has the right to cross another Lot or trespass upon shoreline not within a Common Area owned by the Association, subject to the rights of the Declarant, the Association, their employees, heirs, successors and assigns as set forth in the Declaration. No one shall do or permit any action or activity which could result in pollution of any Lake, diversion of water, elevation of any Lake level, earth disturbance resulting in silting or any other conduct which could result in an adverse effect upon water quality, drainage or proper Lake management except as provided in the Declaration. A Lake may not be used for swimming, ice skating, boating, or for any other purpose, except for drainage of the Property, unless expressly and specifically approved by the Board of Directors in writing and allowed by law. Lakes and Lake Areas may or may not exist on the Property, and the reference throughout this Declaration to Lakes and Lake Areas is made in order to address Lakes and Lake Areas, if any, which now exist or are later constructed upon the Property. The installation on the Property of any Lake or Lake Area shall be within the sole discretion of the Declarant, and under no circumstances shall the Declarant be required or obligated to install any Lake or Lake Area. Only the Declarant and the Association shall have the right to store items or develop recreational facilities upon any Common Area owned by the Association adjacent to a Lake

Section 5.23 Mailboxes. All mailboxes and posts must be approved by the Committee and, within each Section of the Development, shall be standard as to size, location, post, design, height,

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and paint said mailbox and post in conformance with all other mailboxes. material, composition and colors. The builder upon the initial Lot closing to the homeowner shall install the initial mailbox for each Lot, which meets the above criteria. The Owner agrees to maintain

the Lot and any improvements situated thereon in such a manner as to prevent the Lot or improvements from becoming unsightly and, specifically, such Owner shall: Section 5.24 Maintenance of Lots and Improvements. Each Owner shall at all times maintain

- (A) Mow the Lot at such times as may be reasonably required in order to prevent the unsightly growth of vegetation and noxious weeds;
- (B) Remove all debris or rubbish from the Lot;
- (C) Prevent the existence of any other condition that tends to detract from or diminish the aesthetic appearance of the Property;
- (D) Cut down and remove dead trees from the Lot; and
- (E) Within sixty (60) days following completion of a Residence, the Owner shall landscape the Lot in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Declaration, weather permitting.

Section 5.25 Miscellaneous. No clotheslines may be erected on any Lot

Section 5.26 Outbuildings and Animal Quarters. Any and all forms of outbuildings, including but not limited to, sheds, storage sheds, pool houses, animal quarters, and play houses, which are not directly connected to the main house on any Lot are prohibited, unless the same are necessary or incident to the Declarants, Builders or Association's business or activities upon the Property. Animal quarters or kennels which are connected to the Residence must be approved by the Committee.

Section 5.27 Play Equipment. Children's play equipment such as sandboxes, temporary swimming pools having a depth of eighteen (18) inches or less, swing and slide sets, and trampolines shall not require approval by the Committee, provided that (1) such equipment is not more than eight (8) feet high (to the highest point of the structure) and properly painted and maintained by the Owner in good repair, (ii) such equipment is located in the rear yard of the Lot between the parallel lines defined by extending the side lines of the residence into the rear yard of the Lot, and (iii) such swing and slide sets are constructed of wood. Metal swing and slide sets are prohibited. Equipment higher than eight (8) feet shall require approval of the design, location, color, material and use by the Committee, and aluminum or metal play equipment is prohibited.

Resider Section 5.28 Plumbing. All plumbing vent stacks are ; to be located on the rear of the

Section 5.29 Sidewalks. Each Residence shall have a continuous 4-foot wide by a minimum of four (4) inches thick concrete sidewalk adjacent to all interior dedicated street frontage. Sidewalks shall be installed by the Builder and included in the purchase price of the Residence. If an approved asphalt bike/walking path is approved on the Property in place of the sidewalk, no additional concrete sidewalk will be required.

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Section 5.30 Subsurface Drains and Sump Pump Discharges. Subsurface drains have been provided in certain areas within drainage easements as additional storm and ground water drainage sources and are part of the public storm drainage system. Subsurface drain laterals have been provided on specific Lots, and the Builder on such Lots shall connect all sump pump discharge lines to such laterals. All maintenance and repair of all sump pump discharge lines and subsurface drain laterals shall be the responsibility of each Lot Owner in accordance with the following:

- (A) The limits of Owner responsibility include all sump pump lines and subsurface drain laterals between the connection at the sump pump within the home and the connection with the publicly maintained storm sewer or subsurface drain within the drainage easement.
- (B) In cases where subsurface drain laterals are connected along a common property line before connecting to the storm sewer, maintenance and repair of the common lateral will be shared equally by the adjacent Owners unless an individual Owner caused the lateral to be damaged, changed or altered.
- (C) Any Owner or Builder damaging, changing, or altering these subsurface drains and/or common subsurface drain laterals will be held responsible for such action and will be given ten (10) days notice, by registered mail, to repair said damage, after which time, if no action is taken, the appropriate jurisdictional agency, Declarant or the Association will cause said repairs to be accomplished and the invoice for such repairs will be sent to the responsible Owner(s) and/or Builder(s) for immediate payment. If immediate payment is not received, the Declarant and/or the Association shall have all the rights and remedies to collect any outstanding amounts as outlined hereafter in Article XI of this Declaration.

Section 5.31 Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs. Only permanent, in-ground pools with professional construction, approved by the Committee, shall be permitted upon a Lot. All submittals to the Committee shall include landscape plans. All backyard pools should be oriented to minimize the potential effect on neighboring properties. All fencing shall conform to county or municipal regulations and shall be of harmonious design and subject to Committee approvals. Hot Tubs must also be proported by the Committee. approved by the Committee.

Sections 5.32 Tennis Courts, Racquetball Courts, Paddleball Courts, etc. Tennis courts, racquetball courts, paddle ball courts, basketball courts, squash courts, and other recreational facilities or sporting facilities will not be permitted without approval from the Committee. All submittals to the Committee shall include landscape plans. Basketball goals may be installed on a lot adjacent to driveway without Committee approval provided that they have white fiberglass or translucent fiberglass or glass backboards. Independent basketball courts may not be constructed on a Lot without written Committee approval. No basketball goal or backboard shall be permitted to hang from or be affixed to the Residence or garage. Lighted courts of any kind are prohibited. Temporary or portable basketball courts will not be permitted to be located on streets or in cul-dc-sacs.

Section 5.33 Vents. All metal and PVC roof or range vents will be painted to blend with roof

Section 5.34 Windows-Doors. If storm doors are installed, they must be painted to match exterior of the Residence. No unfinished aluminum doors or windows will be allowed.

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standards may be installed by Declarant in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. Such decorative street signs shall be maintained by the Association, and shall be repaired or replaced by the Association if damaged in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the controlling municipality. The Association assumes all liability in the installation, maintenance and repair of the Section 5.35 Street Signs. Decorative street signs that do not conform to applicable municipal is may be installed by Declarant in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. Such

be and hereby are prohibited. Section 5.36 Fuel Tanks. All above or below ground storage tanks, with the exception of gas storage tanks used solely in connection with gas grills for the purpose of grilling or cooking food, shall

Section 5.37 Garbage and Other Refuse. No Lot Owner in the Development shall burn or permit the burning out-of-doors of garbage or other refuse, nor shall any such Owner accumulate or permit the accumulation out-of-doors of such refuse, including compost on his or her Lot.

Builder or Declarant, for any purpose other than as a single-family residence, except that a home occupation, which satisfies the following definition as well as all requirements of the applicable Zoning Ordinance, may be permitted; any use conducted entirely within the Residence and participated in solely by a member of the immediate family residing in said Residence, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the Residence for dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof and in connection with which there is: a) no sign or display that will indicate from the exterior that the Residence is being utilized in whole or in part for any purpose other than a member of dwelling; b) no commodity sold upon the premises; c) no person is employed other than a member of the immediate family residing in the Residence; and d) no manufacture or assembly operations are conducted. Provided however, that in no event shall the following or similar activities be conducted or considered to be a permitted Home Occupation: ohid day care, barber shop, styling salon, animal hospital, or any form of animal care or treatment such as dog trimming, or any other similar activities. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Declarant and Builders shall be permitted to operate sales trailers, model homes, and sales offices.

Section 5.39 Open Drainage Ditches and Swales. The following shall apply to open ditches and swales:

- (A) Drainage swales (ditches) along dedicated roadways and within the right-of-way, or on dedicated drainage easements, are not to be altered, dug out, filled in, tiled, or otherwise changed, without the written permission of the appropriate jurisdictional agency and the Declarant. Property Owners must maintain these swales as grassways or other non-eroding surfaces. Any damage to swales or drainage structures must be repaired or replaced by the Lot Owner.
- (B) Any Owner or Builder altering, changing, or damaging these drainage swales or ditches will be held responsible for such action and will be given ten (10) days notice, by registered mail, to repair said damage, after which time, if no action is taken, the appropriate jurisdictional agency, Declarant or the Association will cause said repairs to be accomplished and the invoice for such repairs will be sent to the responsible Owners for immediate payment. If immediate payment is not received by the Association, the Association shall have all the rights and remedies to collect any outstanding amounts as outlined hereafter in Article XI of this Declaration.

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Section 5.40 Roofing Materials. The roofing materials on all Residences within each Section of the Development shall be similar in color, and shall be of a quality, style and composition acceptable to the Declarant during the Development Period and, thereafter, the Committee.

Section 5.41 Solar Panels. No solar panels shall be permitted on any Residence.

Section 5.42 Temporary Structures. No temporary house, trailer, garage or other outbuilding shall be placed or crected on any Lot, except by Declarant or a Builder.

drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat Section 5.43 Utility Services. Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities and

tanks, Section 5.44 Vehicles Parking. No trucks one (1) ton or larger in size, campers, trailer, motor homes, boats, snowmobiles, jet ski or similar vehicles shall be parked on any street in the Property. Any recreational vehicle or trailer, camper, snowmobile, jet ski, or boat shall not be permitted to remain on any driveway or Lot except within a closed garage and shall not be regularly parked upon unpaved areas. There shall be no outside storage of commercial trucks, trailers, boats, junk cars, or fuel

Section 5.45 Visual Obstructions. No fence, wall, gate, hedge, tree or shrub planting which obstructs sight lines and elevations between three (3) and twelve (12) feet above the street shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner Lot within the triangular area formed by the street right-of-way lines and line connecting points twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of said street lines or in the case of a rounded property corner, from the intersection of the street right-of-way lines extended. The same sight-line limitations shall apply to any Lot within ten (10) feet from the intersection of a street line with the edge of a driveway pavement or alley line.

Section 5.46 Wells. Water wells shall not be drilled on any of the Lots except as required to irrigate common areas.

Section 5.47 Occupancy or Residential Use of Partially Completed Residence Prohibited. No Residence constructed on any Lot shall be occupied or used for residential purposes or human habitation until a certificate of occupancy has been issued.

# Section 5.48 Streets, Sidewalks, and Street Landscaping

- (A) Maintenance. Declarant shall maintain all streets and curbs in good condition satisfactory for the purpose for which they were constructed until their dedication has been accepted by the controlling numicipality.
- (B) Landscaping. All landscaping within the street rights-of-way is subject to the approval of the appropriate governmental authority. Each Owner shall cut all grass and trim all other landscaping in the rights-of-way adjoining his Lot lines and shall maintain all sidewalks in the rights-of-way nearest his Lot lines. Each Owner shall immediately replace any street trees and lighting required by this Declaration, the Plat, or any other document controlling maintenance of Lots.
- (C) Street Lights and Decorative Street Signs. All street lights and decorative street signs located within the right-of-way of any street shall be maintained by the Association.

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construction upon, Jandscaping of, and other improvements to a Lot shall be completed strictly in accordance with a lot development plan approved by the Committee. All landscaping specified on the landscaping plan approved by the Committee shall be installed on the Lot strictly in accordance with such approved plan within sixty (60) days following substantial completion of the Residence unless delayed due to adverse weather conditions, but in no event shall it be installed later than June 30 of the year. Section 5.49 Construction and Landscaping: Time Requirements; Divestiture; Penalties. All

Section 5.50 Septic Systems. No septic tank, absorption field, or any other on-site sewage disposal system shall be installed or maintained on any Lot.

ARTICLE VI

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS

Section 6.1 <u>Approvals</u>. Approvals, determination, permissions, or consents required herein shall be deemed given only if they are given in writing and signed, with respect to the Declarant or the Association, by an officer thereof, and with respect to the Committee, by one (I) member thereof.

Section 6.2 Committee. A Development Standards and Architectural Control Committee, composed of at least three (3) members, shall exist and shall be appointed by the Declarant. Such members shall be subject to removal by the Declarant at any time, with or without cause. Any vacancies from time to time shall be filled by appointment of the Declarant. The Declarant may, at its sole option, at any time hereafter, relinquish for a period of time to the Association the power to appoint and remove one or more members of the Committee.

Section 6.3 Continuation of Committee. When the Declarant provides written notification to the Association of discontinuance of this Committee, then the Directors of the Association, or their designees, shall continue the actions of the Committee with like powers and duties.

Section 6.4 Daties of Committee. The Committee shall approve or disapprove proposed improvements within thirty (30) days after all required information shall have been submitted to it. The Committee for its permanent files shall retain one copy of submitted material. All notifications to applicants shall be in writing, and, in the event that such notification is one of disapproval, the requesting applicant may re-apply with changes. If however, approval has not been received by applicant in writing within thirty (30) days, then said request shall be considered DENIED.

Section 6.5 Exercise of Discretion. Declarant intends that the members of the Committee exercise discretion in the performance of their duties consistent with the provisions hereof, and every Owner by the purchase of a Lot shall be conclusively presumed to have consented to the exercise of discretion by such members. In any judicial proceeding challenging a determination by the Committee and in any action initiated to enforce this Declaration in which an abuse of discretion by the Committee is raised as defense, abuse of discretion may be established only if a reasonable person, weighing the evidence and drawing all inferences in favor of the Committee, could only conclude that such determination constituted an abuse of discretion.

<u>Section 6.6 Inspection.</u> The Committee may inspect work being performed without the Owner's permission to assure compliance with these restrictions and applicable regulations.

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Section 6.7 Liability of Committee, Declarant, Developer, Neither the Committee nor any agent thereof, nor the Declarant, or Association shall be liable in any way for any costs, fees, damages, delays, or any charges or liability whatsoever relating to the approval or disapproval of any plans submitted to it, nor shall the Committee, Association or Declarant be responsible in any way for any defects in any plans, specifications or other materials submitted to it, or for any defects in any work done according thereto. Further, the Committee, Association and/or Declarant make no representation or warranty as to the suitability or advisability of the design, the engineering, the method of construction involved, the compliance of proposed plans with laws and zoning ordinances, or the materials to be used. All parties should seek professional construction advise, engineering, and inspections on each Lot prior to proposing construction.

Section 6.8 Common Areas Entrances, Street Signs, and Landscape Easements, None of the following shall be installed or constructed without prior written approval thereof by the Committee: (1) any and all landscaping, fences, structures, lighting, walking trails, sidewalks, or other improvements located in any Common Area, landscape maintenance access easement, and/or sign landscape and/or (iii) street signage easement, (ii) any entrance monument or signage identifying the Development or any section thereof

Section 6.9 Lot Improvements. No dwelling, building structure, fence, deck, driveway, swimming pool, rear yard tennis or basketball courts, or improvement of any type or kind (including significant landscaping or stacking of wood) shall be constructed or placed on any Lot without the prior approval of the Committee. Such approval shall be obtained only after the Owner of the Lot requesting authorization from the Committee has made written application to the Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed construction. Such written application shall be in the manner and form prescribed from time to time by the Committee, and shall by accompanied by two (2) complete sets of plans and specifications for any such proposed construction or improvement. Such plans shall include plot plans showing (i) the location of the improvements existing upon the Lot and the location of the improvement proposed to be constructed by placed upon the Lot, each properly and clearly designated and (ii) all easements, set backs, and rights-of-way and (iii) any landscape plans required by two (2) complete exterior materials, photographs, or information, which the Committee may require. All building plans and that proposed to be submitted to the Committee may proposed landscaping, together with any other materials, photographs, or information, which the Committee may require. All building plans and that proposed is not encroaching on an adjacent homeowner or in a Common Area. If Owner has encroached on an adjacent Owner's property or in a common area, the encroaching Owner will, at his or her own expense, move any fence or other improvement(s) so as to eliminate the encroachment. Natwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, upon receipt of any written application which is in form and content acceptable to the Committee in the Committee's sole and absolute discretion, the Committee may pre-approve a Builder's plans and specifications for the original construction of a Residence and, in the event of such pre-approval

No fence or screen of any kind will be permitted if its installation will obstruct necessary site lines for vehicular traffic. Undue obstruction of view of other amenities from adjoining properties shall be considered by the Committee when reviewing applications for approval.

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Section 6.10 Power of Disapproval. The Committee may refuse to grant permission to construct, place or make the requested improvement with or without cause. Common grounds for denial include, but are not limited to, a lack or absence of the following:

- (A) The plans, specifications, drawings or other material submitted must themselves be adequate and complete, show the proposed improvement, and not be in violation of this Declaration; and
- (B) The design or color scheme of a proposed improvement must be in harmony with the general surroundings of the Lot or with adjacent buildings or structures.

such variance or adjustment shall be granted in conformity with the general intent and purposes of this Declaration, no variance or adjustment shall be granted which is materially detrimental or injurious to other Lots in the Development, and any such variance granted shall not be considered as precedent Section 6.11 Power to Grant Variances. The Committee may allow reasonable variances of adjustments of this Declaration where literal application would result in unnecessary hardship, but any

Section 6.12 Statement of Purposes and Powers. Subject to this Declaration and the restrictions contained herein, the Committee shall regulate the external design, appearance, use location and maintenance of lands and improvements thereon in such a manner as to preserve and enhance values and maintain a harmonious relationship among structures and the natural vegetation and topography, and in keeping with the intent of the Declarant.

#### ARTICLE VII

### CONTIGUOUS LOTS

Whenever two or more contiguous Lots shall be owned by the same person, and such Owner shall desire to use two or more of said Lots as a site for a single-dwelling house, such Owner must apply in writing to the Committee for permission to so use said Lots. If permission for such a use shall be granted, the Lots constituting the site for such single-dwelling house shall be treated as a single Lot for the purpose of applying this Declaration to said Lots, so long as the Lots remain improved with one single-dwelling house. In addition, the Owner must obtain all requisite and necessary permits and approvals from the municipality having zoning jurisdiction over the Property, provided, however, that with respect to the lots so combined, the Owner of the combined lots shall be obligated to pay Annual Assessments, One-Time Assessments, and or Special Assessments, One-Time Assessments, and such Annual Assessments of the combined Lots, and such Annual Assessments, One-Time Assessments, and Special Assessments shall be a lien on the combined Lots, all per the terms and conditions of Article X Below.

#### ARTICLE VIII

# USE AND OWNERSHIP OF COMMON AREA

Section 8.1 Ownership. A license upon such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as the Declarant, and successor, assigns or licensees of the Declarant, shall from time to time grant, for the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, is granted to the persons who are from time to time member.

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other Owners, in and to the Common Areas which nonexclusive right and easement of enjoyment shall be appurtenant to and pass with the title to every Lot; provided, however, that any area identified on a Plat as a Limited Common Area shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of Owners whose Lots abut the Limited Common Area, subject to (i) the right of the Association to perform and undertake maintenance of the Limited Common Area and (ii) all easements granted in this Declaration. The Common Areas shall be conveyed by quitelaim deed to the Association. Such conveyance shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Association and those persons who shall from time to time be members thereof upon the recording of a deed or deeds conveying such Common Area to the of the Association; provided, however, that no residential development shall occur in the Common Area. Every Owner shall have a nonexclusive right and easement of enjoyment in common with all

Section 8.2 Use. Common Area shall be used for such purposes as deemed appropriate by the Declarant until the end of the Development Period. Following the end the Development Period, the Common Area shall be used for such purposes as deemed appropriate by the Association. Any Common Area depicted on the recorded plats of the Development or designated by the Declarant as a Common Area shall remain for the exclusive use of the Owner(s), and their family members, guests, tenants, or contract purchaser who reside on the Lot(s). Neither the Declarant's execution or recording of the plats nor the doing of any other act by the Declarant is, or is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a dedication to the public of the Common Area.

#### ARTICLE IX

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landscaping, pools, amenity areas, the Trail System, and sidewalks located thereon, (iii) the maintenance and repair of any and all entrance monuments and signage, and the landscaping surrounding such entrances monuments and signage, (iv) maintenance and repair of all street signage, street lighting, and all improvements and landscaping existing in any landscape maintenance access easement and/or any sign landscape easement, (v) the performance of any other obligations and duites of the Association specified herein. Section 9.1 Association Duties. The duties of the Association shall include the following: (i) romotion of the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the property, (ii) the tenance and repair of the Common Area including, but not limited to, any and all lighting, paping, pools, amenity areas, the Trail System, and sidewalks located thereon, (iii) the

Section 9.2 <u>Board of Directors</u>. The Owners shall elect a Board of Directors of the Association as prescribed by the Association's Articles and Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association. Directors need not be members of the Association.

- Section 9.3 Classes of Membership and Voting Rights. The following two classes of voting membership: Association shall have
- (A) Class A members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant. Class A members shall be entitled to one (1) wote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the members holding an interest in such Lot determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one vote be east with respect to any Lot.
- (B) <u>Class B.</u> The Class B member shall be the Declarant. The Declarant shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot owned. For purposes of this calculation, it shall be

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assumed that Declarant owns all Lots, which number shall be reduced as Lots are conveyed by the Declarant to an Owner. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier (hereafter "Applicable Date"):

- $\Xi$ December 31, 2020; or
- (ii) When the total number of votes outstanding in the Class A Membership is equal to the total number of votes outstanding in the Class B Membership; provided, however, that the Class B Membership shall recommence in the event that the Declarant records a plat of part of or all of the Additional Property and, by virtue thereof, total number of votes outstanding in the Class A Membership is no longer equal to the total number of votes outstanding in the Class B Member Ŋ,
- (iii) when the Declarant executes and records, with the Recorder's Office, a written instrument by which the Declarant terminates the Class B membership.

member(s) of the Association until the Association Articles of Incorporation are accepted by the Indiana Secretary of State, at which time the Initial Member(s) shall cease to be member(s) unless they also qualify as Class A or Class B members. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Apart from the Initial Member(s), a membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. Association shall be the member(s) Section 9.4 Membership. Initially, the person(s) who serve as incorporator(s) of the (the "Initial Member(s)"). The Initial Member(s) shall remain

Section 9.5 Professional Management. No contract or agreement for professional management of the Association, nor any other contract between Declarant and the Association, shall be for a term in excess of three (3) years. Any such agreement or contract shall provide for termination by either party with or without cause and without payment of any termination fee upon written notice of ninety (90) days or less. The Association shall at all times be managed by a professional management company.

Section 9.6 Limitations on Rights of the Association. As long as there is a Class B Member, the Association may not use its resources, nor take a public position in opposition to future phases of Sonoma proposed by the Declarant or changes to current phases of Sonoma proposed by the Declarant. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the rights of the members acting as individuals or in affiliation with other members or groups as long as they do not employ the resources of the Association or identify themselves as acting in the name, or on the behalf of the Association.

#### ARTICLE X

ASSESSMENTS

Section 10.1 Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments, Each Owner of any Lot, except the Declarant and any Builder, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association the following:

- Annual Assessments (hereafter defined);
  One-Time Assessment (hereafter defined);
- 3B2 Special Assessments (hereafter defined) for costs of enforcement of the

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provided or established by the Board; and (D) Violation Assessments Declaration, capital improvements and operating deficits, copies of Association documents if requested by a member, and such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter

Declaration. (hereafter defined) levied for a violation of this

Section 10.2 Annual Budget. By majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall adopt an annual budget for the subsequent fiscal year, which shall provide for the allocation of expenses in such a manner that the obligations imposed by the Declaration and all Supplemental Declarations can effectively be met.

## Section 10.3 Annual Assessment.

- year in which the first Lot is conveyed to an Owner other than the Declarant or a builder, shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year per Lot. The Annual Assessment for the calendar year shall be pro-rated to year-end. The Board of Directors shall fix any increase in the amount of the Annual Assessment at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of such increase. The initial due date for annual assessments shall be January 1st of each calendar year, and such assessment shall be subject to collection and late charges beginning on January 31st of each calendar year. (A) Amount. The Annual Assessment provided for herein shall be per calendar year and shall commence for each Lot on the date of closing of the sale of a Lot to an Owner other than Declarant or a Builder. The Annual Assessment, commencing during the calendar
- (B) <u>Purpose of Assessments.</u> The annual assessment levied by the Association shall be used in the reasonable discretion of the Board of Directors to fulfill the duties and obligations of the Association specified in this Declaration.
- (C) Method of Assessment, By a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall, on the basis specified in Section 10.7 below, fix the Annual Assessment for each assessment year at an amount sufficient to meet the obligations imposed by this Declaration upon the Association. The Board during any calendar year shall be entitled to increase the Annual Assessment for that year if it should determine that the estimate or current assessment is insufficient for that year, provided that the Board shall give at least thirty (30) days advance notice thereof to the Owners. The Board of Directors shall establish the date(s) the Annual Assessment shall become due, and the manner in which it is the date(s) the Annual Assessment shall become due, and the manner in which it shall be paid.

Section 10.4 One-time Assessment. Upon (i) the closing of the initial conveyance of each Lot by Declarant to an Owner other than a Builder, or (ii) the sale of each Lot by a Builder (either by deed or by installment sale, conditional sale or land-contract sale), the purchaser of such Lot shall pay to the Association, in addition to any other amounts then owed or due to the Association, as a contribution to its working capital and start-up fund, an amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) against such Lot, which payment shall be non-refundable and shall not be considered as an advance payment of any assessment or other charge owed the Association with respect to such Lot. Such working capital and start-up fund shall be held and used by the Association for payment of, or reimbursement to Declarant for advances made to pay, expenses of the Association for its early period of operation of the Development, to enable the Association to have cash available to meet uniforeseen expenditures, or to acquire additional equipment or services deemed necessary by the Board.

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repair or replacement of any capital improvement which the Association is required to maintain and/or for operating deficits which the Association may from time to time incur, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of a majority or the votes of the members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Section 10.5 Special Assessment. In addition to such other Special Assessments as may be authorized herein, the Board of Directors may levy in any year a Special Assessment(s) for the purpose of enforcing these covenants and restrictions, for legal expenses, for collection expenses, other activity that is the responsibility of an Owner hereunder but which such Owner has not undertaken as required hereunder, for defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvement which the Association is required to maintain repair or replacement of any capital improvement which the Association is required to maintain

Section 10.6 Violation Assessment. In addition to all other assessments as be authorized herein, the Board of Directors may levy a Violation Assessment to an Owner, (i) for a violation against this Declaration or (ii) for damages if any portion of the Common Area that the Association is obligated to maintain, repair and/or replace is damaged due to the willful or negligent act or omission of such Owner or Owner's guest or invitee. In the event of such damage, the Board shall have the right to undertake the necessary maintenance, repair or replacement. The choice between repair or replacement is in the sole discretion of the Board.

## Section 10.7 Basis for Assessment

- (A) Lots Generally, Each Lot owned by a person offer than Declarant or a Builder shall be assessed at a uniform rate without regard to whether a Residence has been constructed upon the Lot.
- (B) Lots Owned by Declarant or Builder. Declarant and any Builder shall not pay the Annual Assessment and Special Assessment so long as any Residence constructed upon a Lot by Declarant or a Builder has not been either conveyed to an Owner intending to occupy or rent said Residence as a residence or leased to an individual or an entity for use as a Residence.
- Section 10.8 Notice and Due Date. Written notice of special assessments and such other assessment notices as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate shall be delivered to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates for all assessments shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 10.9 <u>Assessment Liens.</u> All Assessments, together with interest thereon, attorneys fees, and other costs of collection permitted by this Declaration to be collected, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each Assessment is made until paid in full. Each Assessment, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, including reasonable attorney fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of the Lot at the time when the Assessment became due.

Section 10.10 Failure of Owner to Pay Assessments. No Owner, by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the Common Areas, or by abandonment of the Residence belonging to such Owner, may exempt himself or herself from paying Annual Assessments or Special Assessments, or from contributing toward the expenses of administration and/or maintenance and repair of the Common Areas and toward may other expense lawfully agreed upon. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Annual Assessments, Special Assessments, Violation Assessments and all other charges. Where the Owner constitutes more than one person, the liability of such persons shall be joint and several. If any Owner shall fail, refuse or neglect to make any payment of any Annual Assessments, Special Assessments, or Violation Assessments when due, the lien for such assessment on the Owner's Residence may be foreclosed by the Board of Directors for and on behalf of the

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Association, as provided by law. Upon the failure of an Owner to make payments of any Annual Assessments, Special Assessments, or Violation Assessments within ten (10) days after such are due, the Board of Directors, in its discretion and regardless of whether litigation is commenced, may:

- Ξ the amount of the Assessment; impose a uniform monthly late charge, which will be considered an addition to the assessment, in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of
- 3 the contrary; accelerate the entire balance of the unpaid Assessments for the remainder of the fiscal year and declare the same immediately due and payable, notwithstanding any other provisions hereof to
- 3 require that, in addition to the delinquent assessment and any applicable late charge, the Owner of the respective Residence also pay (i) any attorney's fees incurred incident to the collection of the delinquent assessment and (ii) collection costs incurred by the Association to the managing agent for processing delinquent Owners' accounts;
- **£** suspend such Owner's right to use the Common Areas as provided in the Indiana Nonprofit Association Act of 1991, as amended; and
- (5) suspend such Owner's right to vote as provided in the Indiana Nonprofit Association Act of 1991, as amended.

In any action to recover an Annual Assessment, Special Assessment, and/or Violation Assessments, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, the Board of Directors, for and on behalf of the Association, shall be entitled to recover costs and expenses of such action incurred, including but not limited to collection costs incurred by the Association to the managing agent for processing delinquent Owners' accounts and reasonable attorney's fees, from the Owner of the respective Residence. In any action to foreclose the lien for any Assessments, the Board of Directors shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver for the purpose of preserving the Residence and to collect the rentals and other profits therefrom for the benefit of the Association to be applied to the unpaid Annual Assessments, Special Assessments, and/or Violation Assessments. The Board of Directors may, at its option, bring a suit to recover a money judgment for any unpaid Annual Assessments, Special Assessments, and/or Violation Assessments without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

Section 10.12 Certificates. The Association shall, upon reasonable request by an Owner, at any time, furnish a letter in writing signed by an officer of the Association, indicating the accounting status of assessments on a Lot showing the balance due the Association, if any.

assessing authority. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the lien of assessments levied under this Article X. The sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in heu thereof shall, however, extinguish the lien of such assessments which became due or are attributable to the period of time prior to such sale or transfer. No sale transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. Section 10.13 Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein against a Lot shall be subordinate to the lien or any recorded first mortgage covering such Lot and to any valid tax or special assessment lien on such Lot in favor of any governmental taxing or

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#### ARTICLE XI

# NEIGHBORHOOD DECLARATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Section 11.1 Neighborhood. The Declarant reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to grant neighborhood status to any portion of the Property Declarant may in the future elect to subject to this Declaration. The Declarant may designate a Neighborhood as a separate community within the Property with ingress and egress to such community limited to Owners within such Neighborhood.

Section 11.2 Neighborhood Association. The Declarant reserves the right to form a property owner's association, or other such similar entity for a neighborhood granted such status by the Declarant and as permitted under this Declaration.

Section 11.3 Neighborhood Declaration. The Declarant reserves the right to amend specific provisions of this Declaration as it may apply to one or more Neighborhoods without amending those provisions with respect to all Neighborhoods and to supplement this Declaration by recording separate covenants, conditions, restrictions and other provisions applying to any specific Neighborhood. Separate covenants, conditions and restrictions may be recorded as a supplement to this Declaration or as a Neighborhood Declaration. The Declarant also reserves the right to determine the consistency of all Neighborhood Declarations in comparison with the Declarations prior to the same being recorded with the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. So long as the Declarant Membership exists, recorded with the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. So long as the Declarant Membership exists, Neighborhood Declarations shall not be effective until the Declarant approves and consents to the same in writing. Any Neighborhood Declaration shall be supplemental to this Declaration and in no way shall be construed to supersede or override the provisions of the Declaration. In the event of a conflict between this Declaration and any Neighborhood Declaration, this Declaration shall control.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### REMEDIES

Section 12.1 <u>Delay or Failure to Enforce.</u> No delay or failure on the part of any aggrieved party to invoke any available remedy with respect to a violation of any one or more of covenants, conditions, and restrictions in this Declaration shall be held to be a waiver by that party or an estopped of that party of any right available to such party upon the occurrence, reoccurrence or continuation of such violation or violations of this Declaration.

Section 12.2 In General. The Association or any party to whose benefit this Declaration inures, including the Declarant and/or any Owner, may proceed at law or in equity to prevent the occurrence or continuation of any violation of these Restrictions, or to compel compliance with these Restrictions and Covenants, and shall be entitled to recover costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees; however, neither the Declarant, nor the Association, shall be liable for damages of any kind to any person for failing either to abide by, enforce, or carry out any terms, conditions, or restrictions contained in this Declaration.

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#### ARTICLE XIII

# EFFECT ON BECOMING AN OWNER

Section 13.1 The Owner(s) of any Lot subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed conveying title thereto, or by virtue of the execution of a contract for the purchase thereof, whether from Declarant, a Builder, or a subsequent Owner of such Lot, shall accept such deed and execute such contract subject to each and every covenant, condition, and restrictions contained in this Declaration. By acceptance of such deed or execution of such contract each Owner acknowledges the rights and powers of the Declarant, Committee, and Association contained in this Declaration, and also, for themselves, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, such Owner(s) covenant agree and consent to and with the Declarant, Committee and the Association and to and with the other Owners and subsequent Owners of each of the Lots affected by this Declaration to keep, observe, comply with and perform such covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### TITLES

Section 14.1 The titles preceding the various Sections and paragraphs of this Declaration are for convenience of reference only and none of them shall be used as an aid to the construction of any provisions of this Declaration. Wherever and whenever applicable, the singular form of any word shall be taken to mean or apply to the plural, and the masculine form shall by taken to mean or apply to the feminine or to the neuter.

#### ARTICLE XV

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 15.1. Enforcement and Declarant's Exemption. The Association or any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, casements, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration or other Association documents unless such right is specifically limited. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by this Declaration shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association or an Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or any Owner pursuant to any term, provision, covenant or condition of the Declaration shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more thereof shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such privileges as may be granted to such party by this Declaration or at law or in equity.

Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, (i) the Declarant and any Builder reserves a right to carry on construction, development, and sales activities, to place equipment, machinery, supplies and signs, construct and maintain models or other structures, and park vehicles of prospective or actual purchasers, lessees, or employees and personnel of the Declarant, on any part of the Property owned by the Declarant, a Builder, or the Association and (ii) none of the terms, conditions, provisions, and restrictions set forth in this Declaration shall be construct, in any manner, to limit any activity of the Declarant or a Builder in the construction, development, and sales activities pertaining to the Property.

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Section 15.2. Severability. Headings: Conflict. Invalidation of any one of the provisions of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect. Titles of paragraphs are for convenience only and are not intended to limit or expand the covenants, rights or obligations expressed therein. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and this Declaration, the Declaration shall control; in the case of any conflict between this Declaration and the By-Laws, this Declaration shall control.

Section 15.3. Duration. The covenants, reservations, restrictions and other provisions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property subject hereto and shall inure to the benefit of the Declarant or any Owner subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, libris, successors and assigns, for a term of 20 years from the date this Declaration is recorded. Upon the expiration of such initial period, this Declaration shall automatically be extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. The number of ten (10) year renewal periods hereunder shall be unlimited, with this Declaration being automatically renewed and extended upon the expiration of each ten (10) year renewal period; provided, however, that there shall be no renewal or extension of this Declaration if during the last year of the initial period, or during the last year of any subsequent ten (10) year renewal period, three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast at a duly held meeting of Members of the Association vote in favor of terminating this Declaration at the end of its then current term. It shall be required that written notice of any meeting at which such proposal will be considered shall be given at least forty-five (45) days in advance of said meeting. If the Members vote to terminate this Declaration, the president and secretary of the Association, shall execute a certificate which shall set forth the resolution of termination so adopted, the date of the meeting of the Association, the total number of votes cast in favor of such resolution, and the total number of votes cast against such resolution. Said certificate must be signed by all Mortgages in existence one (1) year prior to the termination of such termination agreeing to terminate this Declaration. Said certificate shall be recorded in the Public Records of Hamilton County, Indiana, and may be relied upon the ten (10) year extension during which such instrument of termination of the original term or the ten (10) year extension during which such instrument of t

Section 15.4. Amendment. Until after the occurrence of the end of the Development Period, the Declarant reserves the exclusive right, at any time, in its sole discretion and without notice, to make any modifications or amendments to this Declaration deemed necessary or desirable by the Declarant and, therefore, for instance only and not by way of limitation, the Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration to comply with any requirements of the Federal Agencies. After the end of the Development Period, modifications and amendments to this Declaration may be made from time to time upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Members of the Association at any Annual or Special meeting called for that purpose; provided, however, that the full text of any proposed amendments shall be included in the notice of such Annual or Special meeting and the voting requirements specified for any action under any provisions of this Declaration shall also apply to any amendment of such provisions, and no amendment shall be effective which is in contravention of the duties, responsibilities or obligations of the Association or the Members as provided in this Declaration.

Section 15.5. Waiver. The Declarant, as the present most interested party in maintaining the high quality of development which by these covenants is sought to be assured for the Property, hereby expressly reserves unto itself (so long as these restrictions are in effect), the unqualified right to waive or after from time to time such of the herein contained restrictions as it may deem best, as to any one or more of the Lots, which waiver or afteration shall be evidenced by the mutual written consent of the Declarant

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Indiana. and the then-Owner of the Lot as to which some or all of said restrictions are to be waived or altered; such written consent to be duly acknowledged and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County,

Section 15.6. Management Contracts. For such time as the Declarant has Class B membership status, the Declarant shall have the right to enter into professional management contracts on behalf of the Association for the management of the Property for terms not to exceed one (1) year, provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to terminate such contracts, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party and without payment of a termination fee.

Section 15.7. Dissolution. The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members and in accordance with Article 13 of the Association, both real and personal, shall be offered to an appropriate public agency to be devoted to purposes and uses that would most nearly reflect the purposes and uses to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. In the event that such offer of dedication is refused, such assets shall be then offered to be granted, conveyed or assigned to any non-profit corporation, trust or other organization devoted to similar purposes and in accordance with Indiana law. Any such dedication or transfer of the Common Area shall not be in conflict with then-governing zoning ordinances or the designation of the Common Area as "open space".

ARTICLE XVI

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## DECLARANT'S RIGHTS

Section 16.1 Any and all of the rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in this Declaration may be transferred, in whole or in part, to other persons or entities, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained in this Declaration. No such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded with the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Section 16.2 Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed in a manner that limits or restricts the Declarant and/or any Builders in their development of the Property and construction of residences thereon. Therefore, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Declarant and/or any Builders authorized by Declarant may maintain and carry upon portion of the Common Area, and other portions of the Property and Lots owned by the Declarant, such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction or sale of Residences including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model units, sales offices, and seles

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signature of the Declarant of this Declaration as of the date first above written.

#### DECLARANT:

PLATINUM PROPERTIES, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company

Steven R. Edwards, Vice President – Chief Financial Officer

STATE OF INDIANA ) SS:

Before me, a Notary Public, in and to Edwards, Vice President — Chief Financial O liability company, as the Declarant herein, Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, an Declaration 2005. al Officer of Platinum Properties, LLC, rein, and acknowledged the execution and Restrictions of Sonoma this for said County and State, personally appeared Steven R.

Officer of Platinum Properties, LLC, an Indiana limited in, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing and Restrictions of Sonoma this 12th day of

My Commission Expires:

Resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Indiana

This Instrument Prepared by: Charles D. Frankenberger, Nelson & Frankenberger, 3105 E. 98th Street, Suite 170, Indianapolis, IN 46280 - (317) 844-0106.

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

### LAND DESCRIPTION

A part of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows:

40,00 feet from said point; (5) northwesterly along said curve 315.59 feet to a point on said curve, said point being North 33 degrees 43 minutes 46 seconds East 440.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; themee North 83 degrees 17 minutes 18 seconds East 44.31 feet; thence North 40 degrees 53 minutes 38 seconds East 190.73 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave southeasterly, the radius point of said curve being South 49 degrees 06 minutes 22 seconds East 325.00 feet from said point; thence northeasterly along said curve 135.16 feet to a point on said curve, said point being North 25 degrees 16 minutes 44 seconds West 325.00 feet from the radius point of said curve; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 52 seconds East parallel with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3 1,037.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 52 seconds East 601.62 feet to the Northerly Right-Of-Way line of former South 00 degrees 08 minutes 11 seconds West along the Bast line of said Northwest Quarter 793.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said section; thence said Right-Of-Way line 1,288.59 the radius point of said curve being South 74 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds West tangency of said curve, said point being South 74 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds West 760,00 feet from the radius point of said curve; (4) North 15 degrees 10 minutes 29 from said point; (3) northwesterly along said curve 1,002.80 feet to the point of West 552.34 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave northeasterly, the radii point of said curve being North 00 degrees 46 minutes 31 seconds West 760.00 feet minutes 38 seconds West 651.42 feet; (2) South 89 degrees 13 minutes next five(5) calls on and along said Right-Of-Way line; (1) South 89 degrees 36 West 1,271.27 feet to the Northerly Right-Of-Way line of Proposed 169 Street; the degrees 07 minutes 59 seconds West 692.27 feet to the North line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 3; thence continuing South 00 degrees 07 minutes 59 seconds feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds East 650.96 feet; thence South 00 continuing South 00 degrees 08 minutes 11 seconds West along said East line 1,026.9 restrictions of record Central Indiana Railroad; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 26 seconds East along said Right-Of-Way line 1,288.59 feet to the place of beginning, containing 118.034 seconds West 334.93 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave southwesterly, subject to all legal highways, rights of a curve concave northeasterly, the radius easements, and 29 seconds

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