



## PLAT COVENANTS MERIDIAN PLACE, SECTION I

This instrument, executed by M/I Schottenstein Homes, Inc., referred to herein as "Developer" or as "Declarant", hereby establishes plat covenants, conditions, and restrictions for the real estate to be known as Meridian Place, Section I, which real estate is described in Exhibit 1 hereto. The term "Subdivision" as used herein shall mean Meridian Place, a subdivision of Marion County, Indiana. Meridian Place, Section I shall consist of Lots 1 through 14, Lots 19 through 26, Lots 68 through 99, Lots 120 through 138, and Lots 155 through 164, a total of 83 Lots, plus the Common Areas shown on the Plat

In order to provide adequate protection to all present and future owners of lots in this subdivision, the following covenants, restrictions and limitations, in addition to those set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Meridian Place (the "Declaration"), recorded with the Recorder of Marion County on October 13, 1999 as Instrument No. 1999- 012067, are hereby imposed upon and shall run with the land included in this subdivision and shall be binding upon the Developer and anyone at any time owning or using any part or portion of such land. Ownership of the real estate in this subdivision shall also be subject to rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the Meridian Place Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), the Meridian Place Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Construction Committee"), and the Meridian Place Architectural Control Committee ("New Construction Committee"), and the Meridian Place Architectural Control Committee (the "Architectural Control Committee"), as set forth in the Declaration, and Design Guidelines promulgated by either Committee. All Declaration.

If there is an irreconcilable conflict between any of the Covenants and Restrictions contained in this Plat and the Covenants and Restrictions contained in the Declaration, the conflicting Covenant or Restriction contained in this Plat shall govern and control, only to the extent of the irreconcilable conflict, it being the intent hereof that all such Covenants and Restrictions shall be applicable to said real estate to the greatest extent possible.

NOTICE: Prior to application for an improvement location permit from the appropriate governmental agency for the construction of a residence or other structure, site plans, landscaping plans and building plans shall have been approved in writing by the Meridian Place New Construction Committee as defined in Article 10 of the Declaration. Such approval shall include but not be limited to: building design, color and location, private drives, tree preservation, and proposed landscaping and fencing, all in accordance with the requirements of the Meridian Place Design Guidelines.

1. Lots are subject to the following: Drainage Easements, Utility Easements, Sewer Easements and Landscape Easements, either separately or in combination, as shown on the Plat, which easements are reserved for the use of the Declarant, the Meridian Place Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), public or private utility companies, and governmental agencies, as follows:

"Drainage Easements" are created as shown on the Plat to provide paths and courses for area and local storm drainage, either over land or in adequate underground conduit, to serve the needs of the subdivision and adjoining ground and/or the public or private drainage system. Under no circumstances shall drainage easements be blocked in any manner by the construction or reconstruction of any improvement, nor shall any grading restrict the wateriflow in any manner, without the prior approval of the Architectural Control Communities and the governmental authority having jurisdiction over drainage. \*\*EDrainage\*\*Easements\*\* are subject to maintenance, construction or reconstruction to any extent

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necessary to obtain adequate drainage at any time by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over drainage or by Declarant, its

"Utility Easements" are hereby created as shown on the Plat for the use of public or private utility companies and cable television companies, not including transportation companies, for the installation, maintenance, and replacement as necessary of pipes, mains, ducts and cable or other related utility structures, as well as for the uses specified for sewer easements. No above ground utilities may be installed without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

"Sewer Easements" are hereby created as shown on the Plat, either specifically designated as Sewer Easements or designated generally as Utility Easements, for the use of the Utility, public or private, having jurisdiction over the sanitary waste disposal system designated to serve Meridian Place. Sewer Easements shall only be used to construct, operate, inspect, maintain, reconstruct and remove mains, ducts, or other related utility structures of sanitary sewers that are a part of said system. Sanitary sewer manholes shall not be placed under or sidewalks. All designated Utility Easements shall also include Sewer Easements.

"Landscape Easements" are hereby reserved and created over and across Lots 85 through 89, within the twenty-five foot easement shown on the Plat, within which the Association may elect to assume all responsibility for landscaping. Within Landscape Easements, the Developer and the Association shall have the right to install, inspect, maintain, reconstruct and remove such landscape improvements as described herein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Landscape Easements may include earth mounds, screening material, fencing, walls, neighborhood and community identification signs, directories, lighting, irrigation systems and sidewalks, walking trails and paths. Owners of lots shall have the right to fully use and enjoy their own lot, except for such use as may impair, impede, or interfere with the exercise by the Developer or Association of the landscaping and other rights granted herein. Owners of lots shall not construct, nor permit to be constructed any structure or obstruction on or over any part of a lot or interfere with the Developer's or Association's ability to use or gain access to the lot for purposes permitted by this Landscape Easement, without the prior written approval of the Developer or the Association.

The delineation of the Drainage Easement and Utility Easement areas on this Plat shall not be deemed a limitation on the rights of any entity for whose use any such easement is created and reserved to go on any lot subject to such easement temporarily to the extent reasonably necessary for the exercise of the rights granted to it by this paragraph. No permanent structures shall be erected or maintained upon Drainage, Utility, Sewer or Landscape Easements by any Owner without the prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

The Developer shall retain the right to display marketing and promotional signs within this subdivision, both for the Developer and for any Builder approved by the Developer, until the sale of the last lot in the Meridian Place Community, including Sections not yet platted, to an Owner other than a Builder.

The Owners of Lots in this subdivision shall take and hold title to their Lots subject to all of the foregoing Easements, to the rights of the public utility companies, governmental agencies, the Developer, the Association and others therein (which rights also include the right of ingress

and egress in, along, across and through said Easements), to the jurisdiction of the proper authorities and to the covenants herein granted and reserved.

2. <u>DRAINAGE PLAN</u>. It shall be the responsibility of the Owner of any Lot or parcel of land within the area of this Plat to comply at all times with the provisions of the drainage plan as approved for this Plat by the Metropolitan Development Commission for Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana and the requirements of all drainage permits for this Plat issued by said Department.

It shall also be the duty of every Owner of every Lot in this Subdivision on which any part of an open storm drainage ditch or swale is situated to keep such portion thereof as may be situated upon his Lot continuously unobstructed and in good repair.

In the event that the Owner does not comply with the drainage plan or does not maintain the storm drainage ditch or swale upon their Lot or any portion of a drainage pond upon their Lot, after written notice and a thirty day opportunity to do so, the Association shall have an easement to come upon such Owner's property to make any necessary corrections or repairs, and the Association shall be entitled to reimbursement for its costs and shall have a lien upon such Owner's property therefor, collectable as provided in Section 11.9 of the Declaration. In the event of an emergency, the thirty day requirement above shall not be required, but the Association shall give the Owner such notice as is practical under the circumstances.

- 3. <u>DEDICATION OF STREETS</u>. The rights-of-way of the streets as shown on this Plat, if not heretofore dedicated to the public, are hereby dedicated to the public for use as a public right-of-way, subject however to a reservation of ingress/egress for the maintenance to medians in the subdivision (if any) and also subject to an easement for utility services as provided in paragraph 1 of these Plat Covenants.
- 4. <u>BUILDING LOCATION AND SIZE</u>. All building locations must comply with the zoning ordinances and zoning commitments for this subdivision. Subject to other provisions contained herein, building setback lines are hereby established as shown on this Plat, and no building or structure shall be erected or maintained between the setback lines and the property lines of the lots. The Owners of all Lots shall be required to submit a drainage plan, including a minimum building elevation, to the governmental agency which issues building permits. The minimum pad or building elevation as so approved by the New Construction Committee and the governmental agency shall constitute the minimum elevation for all buildings on said Lot.

Except with the advanced written approval of the New Construction Committee, no building, structure or accessory building shall be erected closer than twenty feet (20') to the right-of-way of any street and the aggregate side yards between homes shall be at least ten feet (10'). Where buildings are erected on more than one single Lot (or parts thereof), these restrictions shall apply to the combined Lots (or parts thereof) as if they were one single Lot, and the restrictions applied based on the distance from the buildings, structures or other improvements to the adjacent Lot lines adjoining the combined Lot.

Each one story residence shall be not less than one thousand one hundred fifty eight (1,158) square feet of finished and livable floor area, exclusive of patios, open porches and garages, and each multiple story structure shall be not less than one thousand two hundred fifteen (1,215) square feet of finished and livable floor area, exclusive of patios, open porches and

garages. The Design Guidelines may also specify the minimum square footage requirements for the first floor of any multiple story residence.

Each residence shall have an attached garage of a size to accommodate at least two cars. No garage may be converted to a livable space without prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee and the construction of another attached garage.

- 5. <u>DRIVEWAYS</u>. Each driveway in this Subdivision shall be of concrete or asphalt material, and no additional parking shall be permitted on a Lot other than the existing driveway, except with the prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee. No Lot may have a driveway on more than one street.
- 6. RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY. All Lots in this Subdivision shall be used solely for residential purposes except for residences used as model homes during the sale and development of this Subdivision. No business buildings shall be erected on said Lots, and no business may be conducted on any part thereof, other than home occupations approved by the Meridian Place Board of Directors. No residence shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot herein, other than one detached single-family residence not to exceed two and one-half stories in height.

No trailer, shack, tent, boat, garage or outbuilding may be used at any time as a residence, temporary or permanent; nor may any structure of a temporary character be used as a residence. With the consent of the Declarant, a builder may have a temporary structure during the construction of a residential building on the property, which temporary construction building or trailer shall be promptly removed upon completion of construction of the building.

- 7. <u>LIMITATION ON VEHICLES</u>. No inoperative or unlicensed vehicle shall be parked or repaired anywhere within the Subdivision, including on any Lot or on the driveway thereof. No camper, trailer, mobile home, boat, truck or school bus may be parked in the Subdivision, including on any Lot or on the driveway thereof, except:
  - a. Personal automobiles, vans and pick-up trucks (not larger than 3/4 ton) may, subject to Rules and Regulations to be established in the Declaration or by the Meridian Place Board of Directors, be parked on a private driveway, and
  - b. A camper, trailer, mobile home, or boat may be stored in an enclosed attached garage of average residential proportions, and
    c. The Meridian Place Board of Directors may establish rules prohibiting or regulating parking on the public streets within the Subdivision.
- 8. <u>LIMITATIONS REGARDING TRASH</u>. Garbage and trash shall be kept in approved containers, kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and kept in a location which is not visible from the street, except on collection day or the evening before collection day. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or other waste materials and trash shall be regularly removed from the Property.
- 9. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. No structure or improvement -- including but not limited to residences, accessory structures, landscaping, fences, walls, mounds, ponds, pools, satellite dishes, antennae, patios, basketball goals and other permanent structures for sports and recreation -- shall be erected, placed or altered on any Lot in this Community until the building plans, specifications and plot plan showing the location, materials, and appearance of the planned improvement have been submitted to

and approved by the Architectural Control Committee or by the New Construction Committee, as appropriate, regarding conformity and harmony of external design, topography, and finished ground elevations.

The provisions of Article 10 of the Meridian Place Declaration shall be followed and complied with by every Owner, builder, contractor and any other person or entity residing in this subdivision or making any improvement to any lot or structure within this subdivision.

Each Owner or builder of a new home on a Lot shall submit a detailed landscape plan to the New Construction Committee, in conjunction with its application for initial approval, which plan shall include sodding and/or slice seeding of the front yard of each residence, and the side yards to the back line of the residence. The landscape plan shall be completed on or before the transfer of title of said Lot to the first occupant of such residence, or funding therefore shall be escrowed with an approved title company. A corner lot shall be considered to have two front yards. In the event that slice seeding does not produce full grass coverage within one year of initial completion, the Owner shall install sod in all areas of inadequate coverage. Also, in the event that the owner's back yard lawn treatment does not result in full grass coverage within two years of initial occupancy, the Owner shall install sod in all areas of inadequate coverage.

Any exception as to method or timing of front yard treatment must be approved by the Developer in writing prior to beginning construction. In the event that title passes to a homeowner without meeting the above requirements, the homeowner and general contractor will become jointly responsible for meeting this requirement.

The Design Guidelines may establish special restrictions regarding fences for Lots adjacent to, or visible from, the lakes.

- 10. INTERSECTION VISIBILITY. No fence, wall, hedge, shrub or planting which obstructs sight lines at elevations between two (2) and nine (9) feet above the street, shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner Lot within the triangular area formed by the street property lines and a 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 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. No tree shall be permitted to remain within such distances of such intersections unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of the sight line.
- 11. LANDSCAPE FASEMENTS PRO RATA MAINTENANCE OPLIGATION. If, for any reason, the Meridian Place Homeowners Association would cease to exist or cease to function, the areas designated on the Plat as Blocks, landscape easements or landscape and utility easements shall be maintained by the title owner of the Lot upon which the easement exists. Whoever has the maintenance responsibility herein detailed shall have the right of contribution to the extent of money so expended (including reasonable costs for administration), from each Lot owner on an equal proratable basis for all Lots in all of the sections of this Subdivision. Each Lot owner's obligation may be collected in advance of the expenditure in a reasonable amount, shall mature thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of notice of his or her obligation, and shall draw interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum after the obligation matures with reasonable attorney fees if such services are required to secure payment.

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- a. Each residence shall have a single mailbox, standardized in size, appearance and color, according to the Design Guides, and maintained in good condition at all times. The size, design and color shall be specified by the Declarant and shall be purchased, installed and maintained by the Homeowner.
- b. Each residence shall have at least one coach light attached and hard wired to the garage and/or the front entry of the house which is illuminated by a photo cell, as set forth in the Design Guidelines, which shall be maintained by the Owner in good working condition.
- c. Except as may be permitted in writing by the Architectural Control Committee, window air conditioning units may not be installed on any lot.
- d. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed on any Lot unless it is an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the Architectural Control Committee.
- e. No satellite receiving dish greater than one meter in diameter shall be erected or installed on any Lot. No antennae shall exceed twelve (12) feet above roof peak. No lot shall have more than one satellite dish and one antennae without the prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee, and, to the extent that acceptable reception may be obtained, any satellite dish or antennae shall be attached to the house and installed on the back of the house. The Design Guidelines may impose requirements for painting or screening of satellite dishes and antennae (which do not impair reception), location, and other restrictions on antennae and satellite dishes.
- f. No fuel storage tanks shall be permitted on the Property, except during the initial construction of any home, and then only with the express written consent of the Developer.
- g. Sump pumps, gravity drains and other drains serving individual residences on Lots shall not outfall or empty onto grass swales between Lots, but only into major drainage swales or storm structures included in the storm drainage system for the subdivision.
- h. The discharge of firearms within Meridian Place, except for the protection of an individual from personal attack or injury, is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes bows and arrows, slingshots, "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in the By-Laws, the Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce this Section.
- swimming pools, hor TUBS AND OTHER STRUCTURES. No above ground swimming pools shall be erected, constructed or installed on any Lot. Below ground pools, hot tubs, spas, jacuzzis or similar water recreational facilities may be installed with prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee. The Committee may consider Lot size and available room on the Lot for such facilities as one of its considerations. The Committee may impose a fencing requirement for such facilities which is greater than what is required by governmental entities.

Any attached garage, tool shed, storage building or any other attached building erected or used as an accessory to a residence shall be of a permanent type of construction and shall conform to the general architecture and appearance of such residence.

Detached garages, tool sheds or minibarns may not be erected on any Lot. Detached garages, tool sheds or minibarns may not be erected on any Lot. Other detached structures, including enclosures for approved swimming pools, hot tubs or spas and enclosures for pets, shall be limited (or prohibited) as determined by the Committee, and plans shall be submitted to the Committee for approval prior to construction. The Declaration contains additional

- 14. MAINTENANCE. It shall be the duty of each Owner in the subdivision to maintain the house and any additional structures on their Lot. In the event the owner of any Lot fails to do so in a manner satisfactory to In the event the owner or any Lot fails to do so in a manner satisfactory to the Association, the Association shall have the right (but not the obligation) through its agents and employees, to enter upon said Lot and to repair, maintain and restore the Lot and/or the exterior of the improvements erected special assessment against such Lot and the Owner thereof, to be assessed. special assessment against such Lot and the Owner thereof, to be assessed, collected and enforced as provided in the Meridian Place Declaration.
- 15. <u>USE OF THE LAKE</u>. Only Lots with frontage on a Lake shall have a right to use the Lake for fishing purposes, and only from within the property lines of their Lot. The lake shall not be used for swimming, boating or other parmitted by the association and no person shall have a right to use uses not permitted by the Association, and no person shall have a right to use the lake for any purpose from the Common Areas, easements benefitting the Association or from the public rights-of-way.
- DURATION OF COVENANTS. These Covenants and Restrictions shall run with the land and shall be binding upon all persons or entities from time to with the land and shall be binding upon all persons or entitles from time time having any right, title or interest in the Real Estate, or any part thereof, and on all persons or entities claiming under them, until twenty years after the date of recording hereof. After said 20 years, these covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless prior to the commencement of any such extension period, by a vote of at least seventy percent (70%) of the then Covenants and Restrictions shall terminate in whole or in part; provided, however, that no termination of said Covenants and Restrictions shall affect twenty (20) however, that no termination of said Covenants and Restrictions shall affect any easement hereby created and reserved unless all persons entitled to the beneficial use of such easement shall consent thereto.

Lot Owners may amend these Covenants in whole or in part by an affirmative vote of 70% of the Lot Owners. No Amendment to these Covenants may be made without Developer's approval and consent, until the Developer has sold all of the Lots in any section of this Subdivision. Any Amendment or sold all or the Lots in any section of this Subdivision. Any Americanent of termination shall be evidenced by a written instrument, signed by the Lot Owner or Owners concurring therein, which instrument shall set forth facts sufficient to indicate compliance with this paragraph and shall be recorded in

ENFORCEMENT. Violation or threatened violation of these Covenants and Restrictions shall be grounds for an action by Developer, any person or entity having any right, title or interest in the Real Estate (or any part thereof), or any person or entity having any right, title or interest in a Lot in the Subdivision and all persons or entities claiming under them, against in the Subdivision and all persons or entities claiming under them, against the person or entity violating or threatening to violate any such Covenants or Restrictions. Available relief in any such action shall include recovery of damages or other sums due for such violation, injunctive relief against any such violation or threatened violation, declaratory relief, and the recovery of costs and attorneys' fees incurred by any party successfully enforcing these Covenants and Restrictions; provided, however, that the Developer shall carry out such Covenants or Restrictions.

The Board shall have the authority to assess a fine or penalty, not The Board shall have the authority to assess a fine or penalty, not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) per incident, against any Owner violating the Covenants and Restrictions in these Plat Covenants or in the Declaration or any rule established by the Board. A continuing violation may be assessed an additional fine, not exceeding fifty dollars each week until corrected, at the discretion of the Roard. Any such fine will be considered to be a special discretion of the Board. Any such fine will be considered to be a special Assessment against the Owner and the Owner's Lot, and collectable as provided

- SEVERABILITY. Every one of the Restrictions is hereby declared to be independent of, and severable from, the rest of the Restrictions and of and from every other one of the Restrictions, and of and from every combination of
- METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. The Metropolitan Development Commission, its successors and assigns, shall have no right, power or authority, to enforce any covenants, commitments, restrictions or other limitations contained in this Plat other than those covenants, commitments, commitments, commitments, commitments, restrictions or limitations that expressly run in favor of the Metropolitan Development Commission; provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Metropolitan Development Commission from enforcing any provisions of the subdivision control ordinance, as amended, or any conditions attached to approval of this Plat by the Plat Committee.
- 20. <u>DECLARATION</u>. A Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the entire Meridian Place Community and establishing the rights and obligations of the Meridian Place Homeowners Association, Inc. was recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana on Instrument No. 1999
  Beery Owner of a Lot in Meridian Place
  Section I will automatically be and become a member of the Meridian Place Every Owner of a Lot in Meridian Place, Homeowners Association. Every Owner will be required to pay all duly established Annual and Special Assessments, including Temporary Assessments in the event that the Annual Assessment is not timely established. All unpaid Assessments will become a lien on the Owner's Lot, which may be foreclosed pursuant to the procedures established in the Declaration. No Owner may exempt himself or herself from the obligation to pay Assessments by abandoning the Lot, the Common Areas or otherwise.

In the event that the Declaration is invalidated for any reason, every Owner nevertheless assumes a responsibility for a pro-rata portion of all management fees, and reserves for replacements and contingencies as a member of the Association for regular annual assessments and for special of the Association, for regular annual assessments and for special assessments, and a lien shall attach upon the Lot owned by an Owner for such Further, an Owner who fails or refuses to pay such common expenses and assessments on a timely basis shall incur a late charge determined by the Board of up to ten percent of the unpaid Assessment plus interest of one and one-half percent per month beginning thirty days after the date due, plus costs and attorney fees incurred in collection.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the Developer and the owner of the above described real estate, has hereunto caused his name to be subscribed this <u>20th</u> day of September, 1999.

M/I SCHOTTENSTEIN HOMES, INC.

Division President

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS:

State, personally appeared Cliff White, Division President of M/I Schottenstein Homes, Inc., Declarant herein, and acknowledged the execution of these Plat Covenants this day of september, 1999.

Printed Name

My commission expires:

My county of residence: Marion

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