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# **DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

<u>OF</u>

**SONORA** 

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# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF SONORA

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, by M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P., an Indiana limited partnership ("Declarant").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the following facts are true:

- A. Declarant is the sole owner in fee simple title to certain real estate located in Hendricks County, Indiana, more particularly described in the attached <u>Exhibit A</u>, which is incorporated herein by reference (the "Real Estate"), which lots and land will be subdivided for the development of Sonora, a single family housing development in Hendricks County, Indiana (the "Development") and will be more particularly described on the Plats (as defined in Section 1(s)) to be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana.
- B. Declarant is the contract purchaser of certain real estate located in Hendricks County, Indiana, more particularly described in the attached Exhibit B, which is incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter referred to as the "Expansion Real Estate") which lots and land may be subjected to the provisions of this Declaration subject to Section 31 herein. Any portion of the Expansion Real Estate which is subjected to this Declaration shall be part of the Real Estate and may be subdivided for the Development as described in the Plats.
  - C. Declarant hereby subjects the Real Estate to the provisions of this Declaration.
- D. Declarant by execution of this Declaration assures that all properties which are conveyed which are a part of the Real Estate shall be conveyed subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration, which shall run with the Real Estate and be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in the Real Estate, or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby makes this Declaration as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms as used in this Declaration, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, shall mean the following:
  - (a) "Applicable Date" means the date determined pursuant to Section 10 of this Declaration.
  - (b) "Architectural Review Board" means that committee of the Corporation established pursuant to Section 16 for the purpose of establishing architectural standards and approving changes and improvements to Dwelling Units and Lots.

- (c) "<u>Articles</u>" or "<u>Articles of Incorporation</u>" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, as hereinafter defined. The Articles of Incorporation are incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) "<u>Board of Directors</u>" means the governing body of the Corporation elected by the Members in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- (e) "<u>Bylaws</u>" shall mean the Bylaws of the Corporation and shall provide for the election of directors and officers and other governing officials of the Corporation.
- (f) "Common Area" means the area designated as such upon the Plats and all improvements located thereon.
- (g) "<u>Common Expense</u>" means expenses for administration of the Corporation, expenses for the upkeep, leasing, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Area and all sums lawfully assessed against the Members of the Corporation.
- (h) "<u>Corporation</u>" means Sonora Homeowners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns, a nonprofit corporation, whose Members shall be the Owners of Lots, or appointees as provided in Section 10 of this Declaration; such Corporation being more particularly described in Section 10 of this Declaration.
- (i) "<u>Declarant</u>" shall mean and refer to M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P., an Indiana limited partnership and any successors and assigns whom Declarant designates in one or more written recorded instruments, to have the rights of Declarant hereunder including, but not limited to, any mortgagee acquiring title to any portion of the Real Estate pursuant to the exercise of rights under, or foreclosure of, a mortgage executed by Declarant.
- (j) "<u>Drainage, Utility and Sewer Easements</u>" means the areas of ground on the Plats marked Sanitary Sewer, Drainage and Utility Easement, Drainage Easement, Utility Easement and Regulated Drainage Easement.
  - (k) "<u>Dwelling Unit</u>" means one of the living units located upon a Lot.
- (l) "<u>Easements</u>" means all of the easements shown on the Plats or described herein as a Drainage Easement, Utility Easement, Sanitary Sewer Easement, Regulated Drainage Easement, Landscape Easement, No Access Easement and Sensitive Area Easement.
- (m) "<u>Landscape Easement</u>" shall mean and refer to those areas identified on the Plats to be burdened by such easement.
- (n) "Lot" or "Lots" means any parcel(s) of the Real Estate (excluding the Common Areas) which are designated and intended for use as a building site, or developed and improved for use as a single family residence identified by number on the Plats. No Lot shall be further subdivided for development purposes, except as may be

reasonably necessary to adjust for minor side or rear yard encroachments or inconsistencies.

- (o) "Member" means a member of the Corporation.
- (p) "Mortgagee" means the holder of a first mortgage lien on a Lot.
- (q) "No Access Easement" means the areas of ground on the Plats marked "No Access Easement".
- (r) "Owner" means a person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, who owns the fee simple title to a Lot.
- (s) "Plats" or "Plats" shall mean the survey of Sonora Section 1 Final Plat and the Lots, Easements and Common Area show thereon prepared by Banning Engineering, certified by Robert Jason Coyle under date of October 1, 2019 and Project No. 1706051 and recorded of even date herewith in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana and any additional subdivision or similar plat executed by Declarant (or any other owner of such property) recorded in the public records of the Hendricks County, Indiana, pursuant to which the Real Estate is platted and subjected to this Declaration as a part of Sonora.
- (t) "<u>Replacement Reserve Fund</u>" means the fund established pursuant to and more particularly described in Section 17(b) of this Declaration.
- (u) "<u>Sensitive Area Easement</u>" shall mean and refer to those areas identified on the Plats to be burdened by such easement.
- (v) "Sonora" means the name by which the Real Estate which is the subject of this Declaration, shall be known.
- (u) "Zoning" means those commitments and agreements contained in the Sonora Planned Unit Development District Ordinance No. 2018-08 (to be known as the "Sonora PUD District") approved by Hendricks County on April 24, 2018, as may be amended from time to time and those commitments and agreements contain in the Commitments Concerning the Use and Development of Real Estate dated September 4, 2018 and recorded September 4, 2018 as Instrument No. 201820137 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana, as may be amended, and any other applicable municipal zoning and subdivision control ordinances under which the Real Estate is developed.
- 2. <u>Declaration</u>. Declarant hereby expressly declares that the Real Estate shall be held, conveyed and transferred in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.
  - Sonora. The legal description for each Lot shall be as follows:
     Lot \_\_\_ in Sonora, Section \_1 \_ Final Plat, a subdivision in Hendricks County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded \_\_11/8/2019 \_\_ as Instrument Number

201925751 , in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana.

- 4. <u>Lot Boundaries and Access</u>. The boundaries of each Lot shall be as shown on the Plats.
- 5. <u>Common Area.</u> Common Area includes all the area designated as such on the Plats, including, but not limited to, the ponds, drainage areas, and recreational areas, but excluding all Lots and Easements located on the Lots. Declarant has the right, but not the obligation, to construct recreational facilities in any of the Common Area, and if such facilities are constructed, such facilities shall be part of the Common Area.
- 6. Ownership and Use of Common Area. The Common Area shall be conveyed to or owned by the Corporation, and shall be held for the use and enjoyment of the Members, all of whom shall have the right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which right shall pass with title to every Lot, subject to the provisions of this Declaration, including but not limited to, the following:
  - (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 11(f)(xi), the right of the Corporation, upon approval by a written instrument signed by two-thirds of all Class A Members, two-thirds of all Class B Members and by two-thirds of all first mortgagees to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed by the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant or the Corporation may, without any approval of any of the Members, convey any walking or recreational trails constructed in Sonora to the Town of Brownsburg or Hendricks County or its respective designee.
  - (b) The right of the Corporation to adopt such rules and regulations regarding the Common Area as it deems necessary as provided in Section 11.
  - (c) The Common Area in Sonora shall be conveyed to the Corporation upon the recording of a Plat, by quitclaim deed, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except the Zoning requirements, the lien of non-delinquent real estate taxes and any recorded or platted easements; provided, however, that the conveyance of the Common Area to the Corporation shall not prevent Declarant from improving the Common Area as Declarant deems appropriate at any time prior to the Applicable Date.
- 7. <u>Delegation of Use of the Common Area by Member</u>. Any Member may delegate, in accordance with provisions of this Declaration and the rules or regulations promulgated by the Corporation, his right of enjoyment and use of the Common Area to members of his family, his tenants or contract purchasers who reside on any Lot.
- 8. <u>Easements in Common Area.</u> Each Owner shall have an easement in common with each other Owner to use all pipes, wires, ducts, cables, conduits, utility lines and other common facilities, if any, located in the Common Area and Easements. Such easement and right to use shall pass with title to the Lot even though not expressly mentioned in the document passing title.

An easement is also granted to the Corporation, its officers, agents and employees and to the Managing Agent (as defined in Section 11(f)) to enter in or to cross over the Common Area, Easements and Lots to perform its duties; provided, however, reasonable notice shall be given the Lot Owner, except in the case of an emergency. An easement is also granted to Declarant, for so long as Declarant owns a Lot or any of the Real Estate across the Lots, the Real Estate and the Common Areas, for the purpose: (i) to erect signs on the Common Area and any Lot or Real Estate owned by Declarant, and to maintain sales offices, management offices and model homes; (ii) to construct, maintain, repair or replace any Dwelling Units, Common Area facilities, or any other improvements on the Real Estate; and (iii) to comply with the Zoning.

#### 9. Easements.

- Landscape. Declarant hereby declares, creates, grants and reserves the (a) Landscape Easements as shown on the Plats as non-exclusive easements for the use of the Declarant and the Corporation for installation, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubbery, flowers and other plantings, entryway, neighborhood and community identification signage, earth mounds, screening material, fencing, walls, directions, lighting, irrigation systems walking trails and additional similar landscape improvements. Except as installed by the Declarant or the Corporation, and except for any utility facilities or drainage facilities which may be installed in any easement that may now or hereafter be declared, granted or reserved in or upon any portion of the Real Estate and designated on a Plat as a Landscape Easement, no structures or other improvements shall be installed or maintained in or upon any Landscape Easements. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section and the provisions of any Plat or other recorded instrument executed by Declarant designating a Landscape Easement, a Landscape Easement shall automatically terminate as to that portion of such easement area that is located within or upon any public right-of-way hereafter dedicated to the public upon the recording of a Plat or other instrument creating such public right-of-way. All improvements and landscaping located within the Landscape Easement shall be maintained by the Corporation and the Corporation shall have an easement of ingress and egress on and over the Lots adjacent thereto for the purpose of satisfying this maintenance obligation. The landscaping and other improvements planted or installed by the Declarant and/or the Corporation within the Landscape Easement may not be removed by any Owner, nor may any Owner add any landscaping or improvements to such easement area without the prior approval of the Architectural Review Board.
- (b) <u>Drainage and Utility Easements</u>. The Drainage and Utility Easements are hereby created and reserved for the use of all public utility companies (not including transportation companies), governmental agencies and the Corporation for access to and installation, maintenance, repair or removal of poles, mains, ducts, drains, lines, wires, cables and other equipment and facilities for the furnishing of utility services, including cable television services. The Drainage and Utility Easements include all Sanitary Sewer, Drainage and Utility Easements, Drainage Easements, Utility Easements and Regulated Drainage Easements as shown on the Plats. The Drainage and Utility Easements are hereby created and reserved for (i) the use of Declarant for access to and construction, maintenance, operation, repair and control of any retention and detention ponds and improvements comprising and/or related to the storm water drainage system,

either by surface drainage or appropriate underground installations, for the Real Estate and adjoining property and (ii) the use of the Corporation for access to and maintenance, repair and replacement of such drainage system. The Owner of any Lot subject to a Drainage and Utility Easement shall be required to keep the Easement area on his Lot free from obstructions so that the storm water drainage will be unimpeded and will not be changed or altered without the appropriate governmental and prior written approval of the Declarant. The Drainage and Utility Easements are hereby created and reserved for the use of Declarant and the Town of Brownsburg and/or Hendricks County for installation and maintenance of an underground sanitary sewer system. The delineation of the Drainage and Utility Easement areas on the Plats 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 portion of any Lot subject to such easement temporarily to the extent reasonably necessary for the exercise of the rights granted to it by this Section.

- (c) <u>No Access Easements</u>. No Access Easements are shown on the Plats and are created for the specific purpose of restricting access to residential lots from existing public streets. No driveway or access, either permanent or temporary will be permitted across designated non-access easements.
- (d) <u>Additional Easements on Plats</u>. The Real Estate and Expansion Real Estate are also subject to any additional easements set forth on a Plat.

#### 10. Corporation; Membership; Voting; Functions.

- (a) Membership in Corporation. Declarant and each Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall, automatically upon becoming an Owner, be and become a Member of the Corporation and shall remain a Member until such time as his ownership of a Lot ceases at which time his membership shall terminate and will be transferred to the new Owner of his Lot; provided, however, that any person who holds the interest of an Owner in a Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member until and unless he acquires fee simple title to such Lot, at which time he shall automatically be and become an Owner and a Member of the Corporation.
- (b) <u>Voting Rights</u>. The Corporation shall have two (2) classes of membership with the following voting rights:
  - (i) <u>Class A.</u> Class A Members shall be all Owners except Class B Members. Each Class A Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot of which such Member is the Owner with respect to each matter submitted to a vote of Members upon which the Class A Members are entitled to vote. When more than one (1) person constitutes the Owner of a particular Lot, all such persons shall be Members of the Corporation, but all of such persons together shall have only one (1) vote for such Lot, which vote shall be exercised as they among themselves determine. In no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any such Lot.

- (ii) <u>Class B.</u> Class B Members shall be Declarant and all successors and assigns of Declarant designated by Declarant as Class B Members in a written notice mailed or delivered to the resident agent of the Corporation. Each Class B Member shall be entitled to ten (10) votes for each Lot of which it is the Owner on all matters requiring a vote of the Members of the Corporation. The Class B membership shall cease and terminate upon the Applicable Date. The "Applicable Date" is the first to occur of (i) the date upon which the written resignation of the Class B Members is delivered to the resident agent of the Corporation, (ii) within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date when eighty percent (80%) of all Lots have been conveyed by Declarant to third party purchasers who will reside on such Lots, or (iii) July 31, 2026.
- (iii) Appointment of Declarant as Owner's Agent. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, or by acquisition of any interest in a Dwelling Unit by any method shall be deemed to have appointed Declarant as such Owner's agent, attorney-in-fact and proxy, which shall be deemed coupled with an interest and irrevocable until the Applicable Date, to exercise all of said Owner's right to vote, and to vote as Declarant determines, on all matters as to which Members of the Corporation are entitled to vote under the Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws or otherwise. This appointment of Declarant as such Owner's agent, attorney-in-fact and proxy shall not be affected by incompetence of the Owner granting the same.
- (c) <u>Functions</u>. The Corporation has been formed for the purpose of providing for the maintenance, repair, upkeep, replacement, administration, operation and ownership of the Common Area, to pay taxes assessed against and payable with respect to the Common Area, to pay any other necessary expenses and costs in connection with the Common Area and to perform such other functions as may be designated for it to perform under this Declaration.

#### 11. Board of Directors.

- (a) <u>Management</u>. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be governed and managed by the Board of Directors. No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors unless he is or is deemed in accordance with this Declaration to be, an Owner, or is a person appointed by Declarant as provided in subsection (b) of this Section 11.
- (b) <u>Initial Board of Directors</u>. The Initial Board of Directors shall be composed of three (3) persons as designated in the Articles, to-wit: Keith Blais, Jonathan Isaacs and Jodi Rana (herein referred to as the "Initial Board"), all of whom have been or shall be appointed by Declarant. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws (a) the Initial Board shall hold office until the Applicable Date, and (b) in the event of any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Initial Board for any reason or cause whatsoever prior to the Applicable Date, every such vacancy shall be filled by a person appointed by Declarant, who shall thereafter be deemed a member of the Initial Board. Each person serving on the Initial Board, whether

as an original member thereof or as a member thereof appointed by Declarant to fill a vacancy, shall be deemed a Member of the Corporation and an Owner solely for the purpose of qualifying to act as a member of the Board of Directors and for no other purpose. No such person serving on the Initial Board shall be deemed or considered a Member of the Corporation nor an Owner of a Lot for any other purpose (unless he is actually the Owner of a Lot and thereby a Member of the Corporation).

- (c) <u>Additional Qualifications</u>. Where an Owner consists of more than one person or is a partnership, corporation, trust or other legal entity, then one of the persons constituting the multiple Owner, or a partner or an officer or trustee of such Owner shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, except that no single Lot may be represented on the Board of Directors by more than one (1) person at a time.
- Term of Office and Vacancy. Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section 11, at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Corporation. The Initial Board shall be deemed to be elected and re-elected as the Board of Directors at each annual meeting until the Applicable Date. After the Applicable Date, the Board of Directors will consist of three (3) members, elected by the Owners. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, except that at the first election after the Applicable Date (which, if appropriate, may be a special meeting) one (1) member of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a three (3) year term, one (1) member for a two (2) year term, and one (1) member for a one (1) year term so that the terms of at least one (1) of the members of the Board shall expire annually. If such election is at a special meeting, the term of each of the Directors elected at the special meeting shall include the time from the special meeting to the applicable annual meeting. There shall be separate nominations for the office of each member of the Board to be elected at such first election after the Applicable Date. Each Director shall hold office throughout the term of his election and until his successor is elected and qualified. Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section 11 as to the Initial Board, any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board or by vote of the Owners if a Director is removed in accordance with subsection (e) of this Section 11. The Director so filling a vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Members and until his successor is elected and qualified. At the first annual meeting following any such vacancy, a Director shall be elected for the balance of the term of the Director so removed or with respect to whom there has otherwise been a vacancy.
- (e) Removal of Directors. A Director or Directors, except the members of the Initial Board, may be removed with or without cause by vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast at a special meeting of the Owners duly called and constituted for such purpose. In such case, a replacement Director shall be elected at the same meeting from eligible Owners nominated at the meeting. A Director so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Owners and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.
- (f) <u>Duties of the Board of Directors</u>. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Corporation representing all of the Owners and being responsible for the functions and duties of the Corporation, including, but not limited to, providing

for the administration of the Corporation, the management, maintenance, repair, upkeep and replacement of the Common Area and the collection and disbursement of the Common Expenses. The Board may, on behalf of the Corporation, employ a reputable and recognized third-party professional property management agent (herein called the "Managing Agent") upon such terms as the Board shall find, in its discretion, reasonable and customary. The Managing Agent, if one is employed, shall assist the Board in carrying out its duties. The Board's duties include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Protection, surveillance and replacement of the Common Area; provided, however, that this duty shall not include or be deemed or interpreted as a requirement that the Corporation, the Board or any Managing Agent must provide any on-site or roving guards, security service or security system for protection or surveillance, and the same need not be furnished;
- (ii) Landscaping, maintenance and upkeep of the Common Area, such maintenance obligation specifically includes, but is not limited to, signage, drainage areas and related facilities, ponds and lakes, and recreational facilities.
- (iii) Assessment and collection from the Owners of each Owner's respective share of the Common Expenses;
- (iv) Preparation of the proposed annual budget, a copy of which will be mailed or delivered to each Owner at the same time as the notice of annual meeting is mailed or delivered;
- (v) Preparing and delivering annually to the Owners a full accounting of all receipts and expenses incurred in the prior year; such accounting shall be delivered to each Owner simultaneously with delivery of the proposed annual budget for the current year;
- (vi) Procuring and maintaining for the benefit of the Corporation and the Board the insurance coverages required under this Declaration and such other insurance coverages as the Board, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary or advisable;
- (vii) Paying taxes assessed against and payable with respect to the Common Area and paying any other necessary expenses and costs in connection with the Common Area;
  - (viii) Comply with the Zoning requirements.
- (ix) Comply with any Operation & Maintenance Manuals relating to storm water and drainage facilities on the Real Estate;
- (x) Comply with all contracts, leases and other agreements related to street lights; and

- (xi) Resolving any eminent domain action with respect to any Common Area; provided however that any resolution involving an offer of greater than Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall require the consent of a majority of Owners.
- (g) <u>Powers of the Board of Directors</u>. The Board of Directors shall have such powers as are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the performance of their duties. These powers include, but are not limited to, the power:
  - (i) To employ a Managing Agent to assist the Board in performing its duties;
  - (ii) To purchase, lease or otherwise obtain for the Corporation, to enable it to perform its functions and duties, such equipment, materials, labor and services as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Directors;
  - (iii) To employ legal counsel, architects, contractors, accountants and others as in the judgment of the Board of Directors may be necessary or desirable in connection with the business and affairs of the Corporation;
  - (iv) To employ, designate, discharge and remove such personnel as in the judgment of the Board of Directors may be necessary for the Board of Directors to perform its duties;
  - (v) To include the costs of all of the above and foregoing as Common Expenses and to pay all of such costs therefrom;
  - (vi) To open and maintain a bank account or accounts in the name of the Corporation;
  - (vii) To promulgate, adopt, revise, amend and alter from time to time such additional rules and regulations with respect to use, occupancy, operation and enjoyment of the Real Estate and the Common Area (in addition to those set forth in this Declaration) as the Board, in its discretion, deems necessary or advisable; provided, however, that copies of any such additional rules and regulations so adopted by the Board shall be promptly delivered or mailed to all Owners. Such rules and regulations may provide that an Owner's failure to comply with such rules and regulations may result in (i) the imposition of fines by the Corporation against such Owner; and/or (ii) such Owner losing the right to use the Common Area and related facilities.
- (h) <u>Limitation on Board Action</u>. After the Applicable Date, the authority of the Board of Directors to enter into contracts shall be limited to contracts involving a total expenditure of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) without obtaining the prior approval of a majority of the Owners, except that in the following cases such approval shall not be necessary:

- (i) Contracts for replacing or restoring portions of the Common Area damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty where the cost thereof is payable out of insurance proceeds actually received;
- (ii) Proposed contracts and proposed expenditures expressly set forth in the proposed annual budget; and
- (iii) Expenditures necessary to deal with emergency conditions in which the Board of Directors reasonably believes there is insufficient time to call a meeting of the Owners.
- (i) <u>Compensation</u>. No Director shall receive any compensation for his services as such except to such extent as may be expressly authorized by a majority vote of the Owners. The Managing Agent, if any is employed, shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for its services, the cost of which shall be a Common Expense.
- Owners or any other persons for any error or mistake of judgment exercised in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as Directors, except for their own individual willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence. The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless and defend each of the Directors against any and all liability to any person, firm or corporation arising out of contracts made by the Board on behalf of the Corporation, unless any such contract shall have been made in bad faith. It is intended that the Directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract made by them on behalf of the Corporation.
- Additional Indemnity of Directors. The Corporation shall indemnify, hold (k) harmless and defend any person, his heirs, assigns and legal representatives, made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director of the Corporation, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, except as otherwise specifically provided herein in actions, suits or proceedings where such Director is adjudged liable for bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties. In making such findings and notwithstanding the adjudication in any action, suit or proceeding against a Director, no Director shall be considered or deemed to be guilty of or liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties where, acting in good faith, such Director relied on the books and records of the Corporation or statements or advice made by or prepared by the Managing Agent (if any) or any officer or employee thereof, or any accountant, attorney or other person, firm or corporation employed by the Corporation to render advice or service unless such Director had actual knowledge of the falsity or incorrectness thereof; nor shall a Director be deemed guilty of or liable for negligence or misconduct by virtue of the fact that he failed or neglected to attend a meeting or meetings of the Board of Directors.
- (l) <u>Bond</u>. The Board of Directors may provide surety bonds and may require the Managing Agent (if any), the treasurer of the Corporation, and such other officers as

the Board deems necessary, to provide surety bonds, indemnifying the Corporation against larceny, theft, embezzlement, forgery, misappropriation, willful misapplication, and other acts of fraud or dishonesty, in such sums and with such sureties as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Any such bond shall specifically include protection for any insurance proceeds received for any reason by the Board. A Managing Agent shall provide such bond at its expense. For all officers and directors, the expense of any such bonds shall be a Common Expense.

- (m) <u>HOA Act</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the Corporation shall be run with due regard and in compliance with the Homeowner's Association Act, Indiana Code Section 32-25.5 et seq. (the "HOA Act"). As a part of this obligation, the Corporation shall (i) maintain the roster and other information regarding the Owners and make such information available to the Owners as required under Section 32-25.5-3-1 of the HOA Act, (ii) shall prepare and adopt an annual budget and make records available to the Owners consistent with the requirements and procedures of Section 32-25.5-3-3 of the HOA Act, (iii) not enter into any contract or borrow funds in violation of Sections 32-25.5-3-4 and 32-25.5-3-5, respectively, of the HOA Act, and (iv) maintain and follow a grievance resolution procedure required under Section 32-25.5-5 et seq. of the HOA Act, which procedure is set forth in the By-Laws. In the event of a conflict between the HOA Act and the Declaration, the HOA Act shall control.
- 12. <u>Initial Management</u>. The Initial Board of Directors has entered or may hereafter enter into a management agreement with Declarant or a corporation or other entity affiliated with Declarant or a Managing Agent for a term not to exceed three (3) years with either party having the right to terminate upon ninety (90) days' notice. Declarant, such affiliate of Declarant or such Managing Agent will provide supervision, management and maintenance of the Common Area and in general, perform all of the duties and obligations of the Corporation. Each Owner hereby authorizes the Corporation and the Board of Directors and its officers to enter into the aforesaid management agreement and to adhere to and abide by the same. Until the Applicable Date, Declarant hereby reserves the exclusive right to manage the Real Estate and perform all the functions of the Corporation. After the Applicable Date, the Corporation shall contract with a Managing Agent for management of the Corporation.
- 13. Real Estate Taxes. Real estate taxes are to be separately assessed and taxed to each Lot. In the event that for any year the real estate taxes are not separately assessed and taxed to each Lot but are assessed and taxed on the Real Estate or part thereof as a whole, without a breakdown for each Lot, then each Owner shall pay his proportionate share of the real estate taxes assessed to the land comprising the Real Estate or that part thereof that is assessed as a whole. Such Owner's proportionate share shall be the ratio that the square footage of his Lot bears to the total square footage of all the land comprising the Real Estate or part thereof assessed as a whole. Real estate taxes assessed on the improvements on the Real Estate shall be paid by the Owner of such improvements. Any real estate taxes or other assessments which are chargeable against the Common Area shall be paid by the Corporation and treated as a Common Expense.

14. <u>Utilities</u>. Each Owner shall pay for his own utilities which are separately metered. Utilities which are not separately metered, if any, shall be treated as and paid as part of the Common Expense unless otherwise determined by the Corporation. Utilities for the Common Area shall be a Common Expense.

#### 15. Maintenance, Repairs and Replacements.

- (a) By the Corporation. Maintenance, repairs, replacements and upkeep of the Common Area shall be furnished by the Corporation, as a part of its duties, and the cost thereof shall constitute a part of the Common Expenses. After the Applicable Date and for so long as the Declarant owns any Lot(s), Declarant may, upon five (5) days' notice to the Corporation, undertake any maintenance, repair or upkeep which the Corporation is obligated, but has failed, to undertake. Declarant may then bill the Corporation for the cost of such maintenance, repair or upkeep. Such bill, if not paid by the Corporation within thirty (30) days of receipt, shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum.
- (b) <u>By Owners</u>. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping his Lot, Dwelling Unit, and all other structural improvements located on his Lot in a good, clean, neat, sanitary and well-maintained condition. The obligation to maintain a Lot shall exist, whether or not a Dwelling Unit exists on such Lot, and the Owner of such Lot shall keep such Lot maintained in the same manner as such Lot would be maintained if a Dwelling Unit existed thereon.

Each Owner shall also maintain, to the extent applicable, (i) the dusk-to-dawn lights installed on his Lot or on the garage of a Dwelling Unit in good working condition, including but not limited to, replacement of photo cells and all such dusk to dawn lights and any replacement thereof will be as shown on <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a>; (ii) the mailbox and post installed on his Lot in good working condition; (iii) any trees originally planted on his Lot and also in the area adjacent to the sidewalk (individually a "Tree" and collectively, the "Trees"); and (iv) any drainage areas, swales and structures by keeping such free from leaves and debris. Any repair or replacement of mailboxes and/or posts shall be of the same design and quality as originally installed by Declarant and as shown on <a href="Exhibit D">Exhibit D</a>. Each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of the landscaping originally installed when the house was built on his Lot. In the event any Tree dies, the Owner of such Lot shall be responsible for replacing, at Owner's expense, the Tree with a substantially similar tree. Such tree replacement must be approved by the Architectural Review Board.

(c) <u>Damage to Common Area</u>. If, due to the willful, intentional or negligent acts or omissions of an Owner, a member of his family or a guest, tenant, invitee or other occupant or visitor of such Owner, any Common Area is damaged, then such Owner shall pay for such damage and necessary maintenance, repairs and replacements, as may be determined by the Corporation, unless such loss is covered by the Corporation's insurance with such policy having a waiver of subrogation clause. If not paid by such Owner upon demand by the Corporation, the cost of repairing such damage shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner's Lot is subject.

- (d) Owner's Failure to Maintain. If any Owner shall fail (i) maintain and keep his Lot, Dwelling Unit and other structural improvements located on his Lot in a good, clean and sanitary condition as determined by the Board of Directors or (ii) comply with the terms of this Section 15, the Corporation may perform any work necessary to do so and charge the Owner thereof for such cost, which cost shall be added to and become a part of the Owner's assessment. Such cost shall be immediately due and shall be secured by the Corporation's lien on the Owner's Lot.
- (e) <u>Corporation's Easement over Lots</u>. So long as the Real Estate is subject to this Declaration, each Owner, by his acceptance of a deed to any Lot, irrevocably grants to the Declarant for so long as Declarant owns a Lot or any part of the Real Estate and to the Corporation, its agents and employees, the right, in the form of a permanent easement, to enter upon, across and over the Lot owned by such Owner under such conditions as are reasonably necessary to effect the maintenance, cleaning, repair, landscaping or other work contemplated herein.

#### 16. Architectural Control.

- (a) <u>The Architectural Review Board</u>. There shall be, and hereby is, established an Architectural Review Board consisting of three (3) persons as a standing committee of the Corporation. The Architectural Review Board may delegate its rights and obligations as the Architectural Review Board to the Managing Agent.
- (b) <u>Purposes</u>. The Architectural Review Board shall regulate the external design, appearance, use, location and maintenance of the Real Estate (including the Common Area, Easements and Lots) and of improvements thereon in such manner as to preserve and enhance values and to maintain a harmonious relationship among structures and improvements and comply with the Zoning.
- Conditions. No improvements, alterations, excavation or changes in grade (c) or other work which in any way alters any Lot or the exterior of any Dwelling Unit or other improvement thereon shall be made or done without the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Board. No building, fence, wall, pool, spa, hot tub, fire pit, pergola or other structure or improvement shall be commenced, erected, maintained, improved, altered, made or done on any Lot without the prior written approval of the plans by the Architectural Review Board. Additional restrictions and prohibitions regarding pools, fences, spas, decks, playground equipment, basketball goals, flag poles, storage sheds, mini-barns, fire pits and exterior painting are set forth in Section 21. Plans must comply with the requirements of this Section 16, Section 21, the Zoning, any rules and regulations adopted by the Architectural Review Board, and all applicable municipal rules, regulations and ordinances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Architectural Review Board approval is not required for the initial construction of a Dwelling Unit by Declarant or any work by Declarant to comply with the Zoning or Declarant's obligations under this Declaration.

#### (d) <u>Procedures</u>.

(i) Approval Process. The Architectural Review Board has prepared and promulgated, on behalf of the Board of Directors, design and development guidelines and application and review procedures. Copies are on file in the office of the Declarant (or the Corporation, as the case may be) which are incorporated into this Declaration by reference. The guidelines and procedures shall be those of the Architectural Review Board, and the Architectural Review Board shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend them. It shall make the guidelines and procedures available to Owners, builders, and developers who seek to engage in development of or construction, modification, addition or alteration made on or to any existing structure, upon all or any portion of the Real Estate and such Owners and builders shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith. The Architectural Review Board, or its designee, must give written approval for any building contractor selected by the Lot Owner for construction.

Prior to any construction on any Lot (except for construction by Declarant), the approval of the Architectural Review Board must be obtained after written application has been made to the Architectural Review Board by the Owner of the Lot requesting authorization from the Architectural Review Board. Such written application shall be made in the manner and form prescribed from time to time by the Architectural Review Board in its guidelines and procedures which will contain requirements to promote the standard of quality of workmanship and design and harmony of external design with existing structures, location in relation to surrounding structures, topography and finish grade elevation as determined by the Architectural Review Board.

- (ii) <u>Power of Disapproval</u>. The Architectural Review Board may refuse to grant permission to construct, place or make the requested improvement, when:
  - (1) the plans, specifications, drawings or other material submitted are, themselves, inadequate or incomplete, or show the proposed improvement to be in violation of this Declaration, the plat restrictions or any rules, regulations or guidelines adopted by the Architectural Review Board;
  - (2) the design or color scheme of a proposed improvement or the materials proposed to be used are not in harmony with the general surroundings of the Lot or with adjacent buildings or structures in the sole opinion of the Architectural Review Board;
  - (3) the proposed improvement, or any part thereof, would, in the sole opinion of the Corporation, be contrary to the interest, welfare or rights of all or part of other Owners;
  - (4) the removal or placement of landscaping or structure is in any easement; or

- (5) the proposed improvement does not comply with the Zoning.
- (iii) <u>Duties of the Architectural Review Board</u>. The Architectural Review Board shall approve or disapprove proposed improvements within thirty (30) calendar days after all required information shall have been submitted to it. One copy of submitted material shall be retained by the Architectural Review Board for its permanent files. All notifications to applicants shall be in writing, and in the event that such notification is one of disapproval, it shall specify the reason or reasons therefore. In the event that the Architectural Review Board fails to provide written notice of approval or to request written notice for additional information within forty-five (45) days after submission of all required or requested information, the plans shall be deemed and presumed denied. MUST HAVE WRITTEN APPROVAL BY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD. NO VERBAL APPROVALS ALLOWED.
- (iv) No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval of the Architectural Review Board of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of such Architectural Review Board, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatsoever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- (v) <u>Variance</u>. The Architectural Review Board may authorize variances from compliance with any of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with duly adopted rules and applicable zoning laws, ordinances and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing, (b) be contrary to the restrictions set forth in the body of this Declaration, or (c) estop the Architectural Review Board from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, the terms of any financing, or the initiation of work without the required approval of the Architectural Review Board shall not be considered hardships warranting a variance.
- (vi) <u>Compliance with Guidelines</u>. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee, or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of the guidelines and procedures promulgated by the Architectural Review Board may be excluded by the Architectural Review Board from the Real Estate without liability to any person, subject to the notice and hearing procedures contained in the Bylaws. Further, if any approval required by this Declaration is not granted in writing with respect to any item prior to its installation, the respective Owner thereof shall remove promptly the unapproved item or structure, upon request by Declarant or the Architectural Review Board.

- (vii) Non-Liability of Declarant, Architectural Review Board. Neither the Declarant, nor the Architectural Review Board shall be responsible in any way for any defect in any plans, specifications or other materials submitted to it, nor for any defects in any work done according thereto. Further, the Architectural Review Board, or Declarant does not make, and shall not be deemed by virtue of any action of approval or disapproval taken by it to have made, any representation or warranty as to the suitability or advisability of the design, the engineering, the method of construction involved, or the materials to be used or as to the compliance of any plans submitted for approval with this Declaration, any recorded plat governing the Real Estate or any applicable code, regulation or law.
- (viii) <u>Inspection</u>. The Architectural Review Board and the Declarant and/or any property management organizations personnel may inspect work being performed to assure compliance with this Declaration, the plat restrictions and applicable regulations. However, neither the Architectural Review Board, nor any Member thereof, nor the Declarant, nor any agent or contractor employed or engaged by the Architectural Review Board, or Declarant, shall be liable or responsible for defects, nonconformity or deficiencies in any work inspected or approved by it or them, or on its or their behalf. Further, no such inspection or approval given by or on behalf of the Architectural Review Board, or the Declarant shall be taken or deemed to be or constitute a warranty or guaranty of the work so inspected or approved.
- (ix) <u>No Compensation</u>. Neither the Corporation nor any of its Members shall be entitled to any compensation for performing its duties or obligations set forth in this Declaration.

#### 17. Assessments.

- (a) <u>Annual Accounting</u>. Annually, after the close of each fiscal year of the Corporation, the Board shall cause to be prepared and furnished to each Owner a financial statement prepared by an accountant approved by the Board, which statement shall show all receipts and expenses received, incurred and paid during the preceding fiscal year.
- (b) Proposed Annual Budget. Annually, before the date of the annual meeting of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall cause to be prepared a proposed annual budget for the next fiscal year estimating the total amount of the Common Expenses for the next fiscal year and shall furnish a copy of such proposed budget to each Owner at or prior to the time the notice of such annual meeting is mailed or delivered to such Owners. The annual budget shall be submitted to the Owners at the annual meeting of the Corporation for adoption and, if so adopted, shall be the basis for the Regular Assessments as that term is defined in Section 17(c) below for the next fiscal year. At the annual meeting of the Owners, the budget may be approved in whole or in part or may be amended in whole or in part by a majority vote of those Owners present either in person or by proxy; provided, however, that in no event shall the annual meeting of the Owners be adjourned until an annual budget is approved and adopted at such meeting, either the

proposed annual budget or the proposed annual budget as amended. The annual budget, the Regular Assessments and all sums assessed by the Corporation shall be established by using generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

The annual budget and the Regular Assessments shall, in addition, be established to include (1) Regular Assessments; and (2) the establishment and maintenance of a replacement reserve fund for capital expenditures and replacement and repair of the Common Area that must be repaired and replaced on a periodic basis ("Replacement Reserve Fund"). The Replacement Reserve Fund shall be used for these purposes and not for usual and ordinary maintenance expenses. By way of example only, the Replacement Reserve Fund will be used for repairing and replacing items such as pumps, filters, landscaping (other than annual plantings and mulch), equipment, playground facilities and clubhouse furnishings and equipment. Usual and ordinary expenses which will not be paid out of the Replacement Reserve Fund include but are not limited to, snow removal, fertilization, annual plantings, mulch, and preventive maintenance contracts. Such Replacement Reserve Funds for capital expenditures and replacement and repair of the Common Area shall be maintained by the Corporation in a separate interest-bearing account or accounts with one or more banks or savings and loan associations authorized to conduct business in Hendricks or Marion County, Indiana as selected from time to time by the Board.

The failure or delay of the Board of Directors to prepare a proposed annual budget and to furnish a copy thereof to the Owners shall not constitute a waiver or release in any manner of the obligations of the Owners to pay the Common Expenses. If an annual budget is not approved by the Owners as herein provided for the then current fiscal year, the Owners shall continue to pay Regular Assessments based upon the last approved budget or, at the option of the Board, based upon one hundred and ten percent (110%) of such last approved budget, as a temporary budget.

Regular Assessments. The annual budget, as adopted by the Owners, shall contain a proposed assessment against each Lot equal to the Common Expenses multiplied by a percentage equal to one divided by the total number of Lots in the Real Estate. Immediately following the adoption of the annual budget, each Owner shall be given written notice of such assessment against his respective Lot (herein called the "Regular Assessment"). In the event the Regular Assessment for a particular fiscal year is initially based upon a temporary budget, such Regular Assessment shall be revised, within fifteen (15) days following adoption of the final annual budget by the Owners, to reflect the assessment against each Lot based upon such annual budget as finally adopted by the Owners. The aggregate amount of the Regular Assessments shall be equal to the total amount of expenses provided and included in the final annual budget, including reserve funds. The Regular Assessment against each Lot shall be paid in advance in equal annual installments, with payments due on the first day of January. Payment of the annual installments of the Regular Assessment shall be made to the Board of Directors or the Managing Agent, as directed by the Board of Directors. An Owner may elect to pay assessments annually, in advance. Annual installments of Regular Assessments shall be due and payable automatically on their respective due dates without any notice from the Board or the Corporation, and neither the Board nor the Corporation shall be responsible for providing any notice or statements to Owners for the same. In the event the Regular Assessment for a particular fiscal year of the Corporation was initially based upon a temporary budget:

- (i) If the Regular Assessment based upon the final annual budget adopted by the Owners exceeds the amount of the Regular Assessment based upon the temporary budget, that portion of such excess applicable to the period from the first day of the current fiscal year to the date of the next payment of the Regular Assessment which is due shall be paid with such next payment, and all payments thereafter during such fiscal year, shall be increased so that the Regular Assessment as finally determined shall be paid in full by the remaining payments due in such fiscal year, or
- (ii) If the Regular Assessment based upon the temporary budget exceeds the Regular Assessment based upon the final annual budget adopted by the Owners, such excess shall be credited against the next payment or payments of the Regular Assessment coming due, until the entire amount of such excess has been so credited;

provided, however, that if an Owner had paid his Regular Assessment annually in advance, then the adjustments set forth under (i) or (ii) above shall be made by a cash payment by, or refund to, the Owner on the first day of the second month following the determination of the Regular Assessment based upon the annual budget finally adopted by the Owners.

The Regular Assessment for the current fiscal year of the Corporation shall become a lien on each separate Lot as of the first day of each fiscal year of the Corporation, even though the final determination of the amount of such Regular Assessment may not have been made by that date. The fact that an Owner has paid his Regular Assessment for the current fiscal year in whole or in part based upon a temporary budget and thereafter, before the annual budget and Regular Assessment are finally determined, approved and adjusted as herein provided, sells, conveys or transfers his Lot or any interest therein, shall not relieve or release such Owner or his successor as Owner of such Lot from payment of the Regular Assessment for such Lot as finally determined, and such Owner and his successor as Owner of such Lot shall be jointly and severally liable for the Regular Assessment as finally determined. Any statement of unpaid assessments furnished by the Corporation pursuant to Section 18 hereof prior to the final determination and adoption of the annual budget and Regular Assessment for the year in which such statement is made shall state that the matters set forth therein are subject to adjustment upon determination and adoption of the final budget and Regular Assessment for such year, and all parties to whom any such statement may be delivered or who may rely thereon shall be bound by such final determinations.

The budget and Regular Assessment shall increase at such time(s) as Declarant installs or constructs any recreational areas, including but not limited to, pool(s), pool house, clubhouse, trails, basketball courts and/or playgrounds.

Payment of the Regular Assessment prior to the Applicable Date with respect to each Lot shall commence on the date of conveyance of such Lot by Declarant or current owner to a new owner ("Commencement Date"). The first payment shall be payable on the Commencement Date prorated to the first day of the month when the next payment is due. Thereafter, payment of the Regular Assessment shall be paid semi-annually.

- (d) Special Assessments. From time to time Common Expenses of an unusual or extraordinary nature or not otherwise anticipated may arise. At such time and without the approval of the Owners, unless otherwise provided in this Declaration, the Board of Directors shall have the full right, power and authority to make special assessments which, upon resolution of the Board, shall become a lien on each Lot, prorated in equal shares (herein called "Special Assessment"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions, Special Assessments may be made by the Board of Directors from time to time to pay for capital expenditures and to pay for the cost of any repair or reconstruction of damage caused by fire or other casualty or disaster to the extent insurance proceeds are insufficient therefore under the circumstances described in this Declaration.
- (e) Additional Assessments. Furthermore, in the event that Declarant constructs any recreational or similar facilities that are for the sole benefit and use of the Owners of Lots in a particular section, the expenses associated therewith shall be an Additional Assessment. Any Additional Assessment will be assessed only against benefited Lots in an amount equal to the expenses multiplied by a percentage equal to one (1) divided by the total number of Lots. Additional Assessments shall be included in the annual budget and shall be due monthly, on the first day of each month.
- (f) Replacement Reserve Fund. Prior to the Applicable Date, ten percent (10%) of the Capital Contribution (as defined in Section 17(h) below) shall be deposited into the Replacement Reserve Fund (as established by Section 17 (b)) until the balance of such Replacement Reserve Fund is Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00). Thereafter, deposits into the Replacement Reserve Fund will cease unless and until expenditures are made from such fund, at which time fifty percent (50%) of the Capital Contribution will again be deposited into such fund until the balance of such fund again reaches Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00). After the Applicable Date, one hundred percent (100%) of the Capital Contribution will be deposited into the Replacement Reserve Fund regardless of the balance of such fund.

That portion of the Regular Assessment collected by Declarant prior to the Applicable Date applicable to the Replacement Reserve Fund shall be held by the Initial Board and used for those expenses described in Section 17(b). To the extent that such Replacement Reserve Fund is not so applied, the balance thereof shall be retained by the Corporation at the Applicable Date.

(g) <u>Payment of Assessments by Declarant</u>. The Declarant shall not be assessed any portion of any Regular, Special or Additional Assessment. Prior to the Applicable Date, Declarant hereby covenants and agrees to pay to the Corporation an

amount equal to the difference, if any, between the expenditures of the Corporation made pursuant to this Declaration and the aggregate amount of all Regular, Special and Additional Assessments collected by the Corporation. Any such payment by the Declarant shall not establish any precedent for further or additional payments. Further, Declarant may advance funds to offset deficits on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Directors and Declarant.

- (h) <u>Capital Contribution</u>. At the first closing of the purchase of a Lot containing a Dwelling Unit from Declarant or the original third-party builder, the purchaser is required to pay an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Assessment due on such Lot as purchaser's initial contribution to the Replacement Reserve Fund and working capital fund of the Corporation. This sum is not an advance payment of Regular Assessments, but is allocated to the reserve fund and working capital fund to meet unforeseen expenditures and operating expenses and to purchase additional equipment and services. After the Applicable Date, the balance of the working capital fund shall be transferred to the Corporation. At such times as the balance of the working capital fund is Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00), Declarant may reimburse itself from such capital contributions for any subsidies paid or advances made to offset deficits. Once Declarant is reimbursed, such amounts shall be deposited into the working capital fund, regardless of the balance of such working capital fund.
- (i) Failure of Owner to Pay Assessments. No Owner may exempt himself from paying Regular Assessments, Additional Assessments and Special Assessments or from contributing toward the Common Expenses or toward any other expense lawfully agreed upon by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the Common Area or by abandonment of the Lot belonging to him. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Regular, Additional and Special Assessments. 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 Regular Assessment, Additional Assessment or Special Assessment when due, the lien for such assessment on the Owner's Lot may be filed and foreclosed by the Board of Directors for and on behalf of the Corporation as a mortgage on real property or as otherwise provided by law. Upon the failure of the Owner to make timely payments of any Regular Assessment, Additional Assessment or Special Assessment, the Board may, in its discretion, accelerate the entire balance of unpaid assessments and declare the same immediately due and payable. The Board may, at its option, bring suit to recover a money judgment for any unpaid Regular Assessment, Additional Assessment or Special Assessment without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same. In any action to recover a Regular Assessment, Special Assessment or Additional Assessment, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, the Corporation shall be entitled to recover from such Owner the costs and expenses of such action incurred (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees) and interest from the date such assessments were due until paid at the rate equal to the prime interest rate as announced by Chase Bank, Indianapolis, NA, from time to time by (or if said bank is no longer in existence then such rate charged by a national bank in Hendricks County, Indiana, selected by the Board of Directors) during the unpaid period plus twelve percent (12%).

(i) Subordination of Assessment Lien to Mortgage. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws, any sale or transfer of a Lot to a Mortgagee pursuant to a foreclosure on its mortgage or conveyance in lieu thereof, or a conveyance to any person at a public sale in a manner provided by law with respect to mortgage foreclosures shall extinguish the lien of any unpaid installment of any Regular Assessment, Additional Assessment or Special Assessment as to such installment which became due prior to such sale, transfer or conveyance; provided, however, that the extinguishment of such lien will not relieve the prior owner from personal liability therefore. No such sale, transfer or conveyance shall relieve the Lot and Dwelling Unit or the purchaser at such foreclosure sale or grantee in the event of conveyance in lieu thereof, from liability for any installments of Regular Assessments, Additional Assessments or Special Assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien therefore. Any such unpaid Regular Assessments, Additional Assessments or Special Assessments shall be deemed to be a Common Expense collectible from all Owners (including the party acquiring the subject Lot from which it arose).

#### 18. Mortgages and Unpaid Assessments.

(a) Notice to Corporation. Any Owner who places a first mortgage lien upon his Lot, or the Mortgagee, shall notify the Corporation thereof and provide the name and address of the Mortgagee. A record of such Mortgagee and name and address shall be maintained by the Secretary and any notice required to be given to the Mortgagee pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, the Bylaws or otherwise shall be deemed effectively given if mailed to such Mortgagee at the address shown in such record at the time provided. Unless notification of any such mortgage and the name and address of the Mortgagee are furnished to the Secretary, either by the Owner or the Mortgagee, no notice to any Mortgagee, as may be otherwise required by this Declaration, the Bylaws or otherwise, shall be required and no Mortgagee shall be entitled to vote on any matter to which it otherwise may be entitled by virtue of this Declaration, the Bylaws, a proxy granted to such Mortgagee in connection with the mortgage, or otherwise.

The Corporation shall, upon request of a Mortgagee who has furnished the Corporation with its name and address as hereinabove provided, furnish such Mortgagee with written notice of any default in the performance by its borrower of any obligations of such borrower under this Declaration or the Bylaws which is not cured within sixty (60) days.

(b) <u>Notice of Unpaid Assessments</u>. The Corporation shall, upon request of a Mortgagee, a proposed mortgagee, or a proposed purchaser who has a contractual right to purchase a Lot, furnish to such Mortgagee or purchaser a statement setting forth the amount of the unpaid Regular Assessments, Additional Assessments or Special Assessments or other charges against the Lot, which statement shall be binding upon the Corporation and the Owners, and any Mortgagee or grantee of the Lot shall not be liable for nor shall the Lot conveyed be subject to a lien for any unpaid assessments or charges

in excess of the amounts set forth in such statement or as such assessments may be adjusted upon adoption of the final annual budget, as referred to in Section 17 hereof.

#### 19. Insurance.

(a) <u>Casualty Insurance</u>. The Corporation shall purchase a master casualty insurance policy affording fire and extended coverage insurance insuring all of the Common Area in an amount equal to the full replacement value of the improvements which in whole or in part, comprise the Common Area, unless the Board determines that a lesser amount of insurance is appropriate. If the Board of Directors can obtain such coverage for reasonable amounts they shall also obtain "all risk" coverage. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for reviewing at least annually the amount and type of such insurance and shall purchase such additional insurance as is necessary to provide the insurance required above.

All proceeds payable as a result of casualty losses sustained which are covered by insurance purchased by the Corporation as hereinabove set forth shall be paid to it or to the Board of Directors. The proceeds shall be used or disbursed by the Corporation or Board of Directors, as appropriate.

Such master casualty insurance policy, and "all risk" coverage, if obtained, shall (to the extent the same are obtainable) contain provisions that the insurer (a) waives its right to subrogation as to any claim against the Corporation, the Board of Directors, its agents and employees, Owners, their respective agents and guests, and (b) contains an endorsement that such policy shall not be terminated for nonpayment of premiums without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Mortgagees.

- (b) Public Liability Insurance. The Corporation shall also purchase a master comprehensive public liability insurance policy in such amount or amounts as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate from time to time. Such comprehensive public liability insurance policy shall cover the Corporation, the Board of Directors, any committee or organ of the Corporation or Board, any Managing Agent appointed or employed by the Corporation, all persons acting or who may come to act as agents or employees of any of the foregoing with respect to the Real Estate. Such public liability insurance policy shall contain a "severability of interest" clause or endorsement which shall preclude the insurer from denying the claim of an Owner because of negligent acts of the Corporation or other Owners.
- (c) Other Insurance. The Corporation shall purchase officers' and directors' liability insurance in such amounts as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate. The Corporation shall also obtain any other insurance required by law to be maintained and such other insurance as the Board of Directors shall from time to time deem necessary, advisable or appropriate, for example, liability insurance on vehicles owned or leased by the Corporation and workman's compensation insurance. Such insurance shall inure to the benefit of each Owner, the Corporation, the Board of Directors and any Managing Agent acting on behalf of the Corporation. Each Owner shall be deemed to have delegated to the Board of Directors his right to adjust with the insurance companies all

losses under the policies purchased by the Board of Directors the proceeds of which are payable to the Board of Directors or the Corporation.

- (d) <u>General Provisions</u>. The premiums for all insurance hereinabove described shall be paid by the Corporation as part of the Common Expenses.
- (e) Owners to Maintain Insurance. Each Owner shall be solely responsible for loss or damage to his Dwelling Unit and the contents thereof, however caused, and his personal property stored elsewhere on the Real Estate and the Corporation shall have no liability to the Owner for such loss or damage. Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining his own insurance to cover any such loss and risk.
- 20. <u>Casualty and Restoration of Common Area</u>. In the event of damage to or destruction of any of the Common Area or Landscape Improvements due to fire or any other casualty or disaster, the Corporation shall promptly cause the same to be repaired and reconstructed. The proceeds of insurance carried by the Corporation, if any, shall be applied to the cost of such repair and reconstruction.

In the event the insurance proceeds received by the Corporation as a result of any such fire or any other casualty or disaster are not adequate to cover the cost of repair and reconstruction of the Common Area, the cost for restoring the damage and repairing and reconstructing the Common Area so damaged or destroyed (or the costs thereof in excess of insurance proceeds received, if any) shall be assessed by the Corporation against all of the Owners in equal shares. Any such amounts assessed against the Owners shall be assessed as part of the Common Expenses and shall constitute a lien from the time of assessment as provided herein.

For purposes of this Article, repair, reconstruction and restoration shall mean construction or rebuilding the Common Area or Landscape Improvements to as near as possible the same condition as it existed immediately prior to the damage or destruction.

- 21. <u>Covenants and Restrictions</u>. The following covenants and restrictions on the use and enjoyment of the Lots, Dwelling Units, Real Estate and Common Area shall be in addition to any other covenants or restrictions contained herein and in the Plats. All such covenants and restrictions are for the mutual benefit and protection of the present and future Owners and shall run with the land and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any Owner or by the Corporation. An Owner and/or the Corporation shall be entitled to injunctive relief against any violation or attempted violation of any such covenants and restrictions, and shall, in addition, be entitled to damages for any injuries or losses resulting from any violations thereof, but there shall be no right of reversion or forfeiture resulting from such violation. These covenants and restrictions are as follows:
  - (a) All Lots and Dwelling Units shall be used exclusively for residential purposes and for occupancy by a single family. No Lot shall be subdivided to form lots of less area. No use shall be made of any Lot except as permitted by the Zoning.

- (b) All Dwelling Units shall have the minimum square footage of finished living area (exclusive of garages, carports, basements and porches) required by the Zoning.
- (c) Nothing shall be done or kept in any Dwelling Unit, or on any Lot, or on the Common Area which will cause an increase in the rate of insurance on any Common Area. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in his Dwelling Unit or on his Lot or on any of the Common Area which will result in a cancellation of insurance on any Dwelling Unit or any part of the Common Area, or which would be in violation of any law or ordinance or the requirements of any insurance underwriting or rating bureau.
- (d) No nuisance shall be permitted on any Lot. No noxious or offensive activities shall be carried on or be permitted to exist on any Lot; nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance. Any structure or building permitted to be constructed on any Lot by this Declaration which may be all or in part destroyed by fire, wind, storm or any other reason, shall be rebuilt and restored to its previous condition within a reasonable length of time, and all debris accumulated in connection therewith shall be removed within a reasonable time after any such occurrence.
- (e) No Owner shall cause or permit anything to be hung or displayed on the outside of the windows of his Dwelling Unit or placed on the outside walls of any building. Except for features originally constructed by Declarant as part of a Dwelling Unit, no awning, canopy or shutter or other attachment or thing shall be affixed to or placed upon the exterior walls or roofs or any other parts of any Dwelling Unit without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Board.
- (f) No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot, except that one sign of not more than six (6) square feet may be displayed to public view on any Lot at any time solely for the purpose of advertising a property for sale. Declarant may use larger signs during the sale and development of the Real Estate.
- (g) No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept in any Dwelling Unit or on any Lot or any of the Common Area, except that pet dogs, cats or customary household pets may be kept in a Dwelling Unit, provided that such pet is not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose, and does not create a nuisance. All such pets shall be kept reasonably confined so as not to become a nuisance. Excessive barking of dogs or vicious animals shall constitute a nuisance and may be ordered by the Corporation to be removed from the property.
  - (h) No outdoor animal kennels or quarters can be constructed on any Lot.
- (i) All rubbish, trash or garbage shall be stored in closed sanitary containers, shall be regularly removed from the Lots, and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Trash may be placed at the curb of each Lot no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the night before scheduled collection, and trash receptacles shall not be permitted to remain outside for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. The burning of trash and open fires not contained

within a cooking grill for the purpose of preparing food or in a fire pit approved by the Architectural Review Board under Section 16 are prohibited.

- (j) No industry, trade, or other commercial activities shall be conducted on the Real Estate; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, home offices and home business activities conducted by the Owner of such Dwelling Unit are permissible provided all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) there is not significant increased traffic in and around the Real Estate as a result of such use or activity;
  - (ii) no signs, billboards, or other advertising materials are displayed or posted on the exterior of any Dwelling Unit or anywhere else on the Real Estate;
  - (iii) the use or activity does not violate existing laws, including zoning laws;
  - (iv) the use or activity does not violate any of the other provisions of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, this Section 21;
  - (v) the Owner of the Dwelling Unit shall maintain all necessary casualty and public liability insurance; and
    - (vi) such use or activity is conducted during reasonable hours.
- (k) No tent, shack, basement, garage, barn, mini-barn, shed, other outbuilding or any structure of a temporary character shall be maintained on any Lot, nor shall any garage or other building, except a permanent residence, be used on any Lot at any time as a residence or sleeping quarters either temporarily or permanently.
- (l) All Owners and members of their families, their guests, tenants, or invitees, and all occupants of any Dwelling Unit or other persons entitled to use the same and to use and enjoy the Common Area or any part thereof, shall observe and be governed by such rules and regulations as may from time to time be promulgated and issued by the Board governing the operation, use and enjoyment of the Common Area.
- (m) No boat docks, decks, rafts or similar structures or improvements shall be permitted on or near the lakes ("lakes" shall include all ponds and all other bodies of water in the Common Area). No Owner of any Lot and none of their families, guests, tenants or invitees or occupants of any Dwelling Unit or other persons entitled to use the same shall do or permit to be done any action or activity which could result in the pollution of the lakes, diversion of water, change in elevation of the water 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 or otherwise impair or interfere with the use of the lake for drainage and related purposes. No Owner, members of their families, guests or invitees or occupants of any Dwelling Unit or other persons entitled to use the same, may swim, boat, ice skate or engage in similar activities on the lakes. No individual using a lake has the right to cross another Lot or trespass upon

shoreline not within a Common Area owned by the Corporation, subject to the rights of the Declarant, the Corporation, their employees, successors and assigns as set forth in the Declaration with respect to maintenance and repair of lakes and Common Area.

- (n) No boats, campers, trailers of any kind, buses, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, trailers, trucks (larger than 3/4 ton), semi-tractor trucks, semi-trucks, semi-tractors trailers, disabled vehicles and/or trailers, motorcycles, minibikes, mopeds or personal watercraft shall be permitted, parked or stored anywhere within the Real Estate, unless stored completely enclosed within a garage or necessary or incidental to Declarant's or the Corporation's business. No repair work shall be done on the Real Estate on any vehicles, including passenger automobiles, unless completely enclosed within a garage.
- (o) Except as required in Section 15(b) with respect to an Owner's maintenance of Trees, no Owner shall be allowed to plant trees, landscape or do any gardening in any of the Common Area or Easements, except with express prior written permission from the Architectural Review Board.
- (p) No Owner may rent or lease his Dwelling Unit for transient or hotel purposes. Any Owner who leases a Dwelling Unit shall lease the entire Dwelling Unit and shall have a written lease for a term of not less than six (6) months which shall provide that the lease is subject to the provisions of the Declaration and any failure of the lessee to comply with the terms of the Declaration, shall be a default under the lease.
- (q) There are designated building lines on the Plats. Except as required for utilities to serve the Real Estate or a Lot, no building or structure will be permitted within this no-build area.
- (r) Except for fences installed by Declarant as part of the construction of a model or sales office, any fences to be constructed on a Lot must be constructed in accordance with the Zoning and other applicable laws and must be approved by the Architectural Review Board. All fences must be no higher than five feet (5'), be black in color and be either wrought iron or aluminum, but wrought iron in appearance and an open picket style as shown on Exhibit E. All fences must be in the rear yard of a Lot (the fence shall adjoin the rear side of the dwelling). All fences must also comply with any rules and regulations adopted by the Architectural Review Board. All fences must be kept in good repair by the Owner.

Any Owner who receives approval of the Architectural Review Board to construct a fence or other improvement within an Easement constructs such fence or other improvement at such Owner's sole risk. In the event work is required in such Easement, Declarant, any third party so authorized in this Declaration and/or any authorized municipal body or utility provider may undertake such work without liability to repair or replace any damage to any fence or other improvement. Any fence or other improvement which impedes or restricts drainage may be modified or removed by the Corporation or applicable municipal entity or utility provider. The cost thereof shall be the Owner's expense and treated as an Additional Assessment against such Owner's Lot.

- (s) No antenna, satellite dishes 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 Dwelling Unit or otherwise on any Lot without the written approval of the Architectural Review Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such device may be installed and maintained on any Lot without the written approval of the Architectural Review Board if (i) it is not visible from neighboring Lots, streets or Common Area; or (ii) 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 and presented such consents to the Architectural Review Board; or (iii) the device is virtually indistinguishable from structures, devices or improvements such as heat pumps, air conditioning units, barbeque grills, patio furniture and garden equipment which are allowed by this Declaration; or (iv) it is a satellite dish two (2) feet or less in diameter.
- (t) No above ground swimming pools shall be erected, constructed or installed on any Lot. The construction of any in ground pool, decks, hot tub or spa requires the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, temporary wading pools measuring no more than six feet (6') in diameter are permitted without approval of the Architectural Review Board. Such temporary wading pools must be drained and stored indoors on a nightly basis.
- (u) Any change to an exterior color of a Dwelling Unit must be approved by the Architectural Review Board and must satisfy the Zoning.
- (v) No clotheslines, equipment, garbage cans, woodpiles or storage piles shall be kept outside of a Dwelling Unit.
- (w) In order to maintain the standards of Sonora, no weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growths shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any Lot, and no refuse pile or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or allowed to remain anywhere on a Lot. An Owner's failure to comply with this requirement shall allow the Declarant or the Corporation to cut weeds or clear the refuse from such Lot at the expense of the Owner thereof, and there shall be a lien against said Lot for the expense thereof, which lien shall be due and payable immediately. If such lien is not promptly paid, the Corporation or the Declarant may file suit and recover such amount, together with reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of collection.
- (x) Notice is hereby given of the Zoning, which are certain requirements made in connection with the zoning of the Property by the applicable municipal authority.
- (y) Nothing contained in this Declaration, including but not limited to this Section 21, shall be construed or interpreted to restrict the activities of Declarant in connection with the development of the Real Estate and sale of Lots. For so long as Declarant owns any of the Real Estate, Declarant shall be entitled to engage in such activities and to construct, install, erect and maintain such facilities upon any portion of the Real Estate at any time owned or leased by Declarant, as in the sole opinion of

Declarant may be reasonably required, or convenient or incidental to the development of the Real Estate and sale of the Lots; such facilities may include, without limitation, storage areas, signs, parking areas, model residences, construction offices, sales offices and business offices, canopies, awnings and flag poles.

- (z) No playground or recreational equipment shall be placed or constructed upon a Lot until after such equipment and its location have been approved by the Architectural Review Board. All such playground or recreational equipment shall be constructed of wood and not metal and maintained by the Owner thereof in a safe and functional manner.
- (aa) Basketball goals are permitted subject to approval by the Architectural Review Board. Only permanent goals with black posts and glass or white/translucent fiberglass backboards may be considered for approval. No basketball goal positioned in a manner likely to result in the use of an adjoining public or private street in connection with the use of such goal may be approved.
  - (bb) Mini-barns and storage sheds are prohibited.
- (cc) Vegetable, wild flower and other gardens may be located only in the rear yard of a Lot, may not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in size, must not be visible from any street, must be entirely behind the Dwelling Unit and not visible from the sight lines, and may not be located within five feet (5') of a property line. Compost containers and/or compost piles are prohibited outside of a Dwelling Unit.
- (dd) Except for flag poles installed by Declarant, flag poles must be approved by the Architectural Review Board and there may be no more than one (1) flag pole on each Lot. No flag poles shall exceed twenty feet (20') in height. Flags exceeding thirty (30) square feet are prohibited. No more than two (2) flags may be flown from a single flag pole at any time.
- (ee) Each Owner of a Lot shall comply at all times with the provisions of any drainage plan as approved for the development of all or any part of the Real Estate. It shall be the duty of every Owner of a Lot to keep any storm drainage ditches and/or swales on such Lot open, unobstructed, and in good condition and repair. Water discharged from sump pumps, geo-thermo systems or other sources located on any Lot may be discharged only into underground drainage facilities located thereon. Under no circumstances shall such water be discharged above ground and/or into any adjoining street or onto any adjacent Lot or Common Area. No house footing drain or roof water drain shall be discharged into the sanitary sewers.
- (ff) Each Owner shall install and/or maintain the street address of the Lot on the front of the Dwelling Unit utilizing numbers not less than four inches (4") in height which are permanently attached to the Dwelling Unit.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in the Articles or Bylaws, Declarant shall have, for so long as Declarant owns any Lot or any of the Real Estate, the right to use and maintain any Lots and Dwelling Units owned by Declarant and other portions of the Real Estate (other than individual Dwelling Units and Lots owned by persons other than Declarant), as Declarant may deem advisable or necessary in its sole discretion to aid in (i) the construction of Dwelling Units; (ii) the sale of Lots and Dwelling Units; and (iii) the conducting of any business or activity attendant thereto. Such Declarant's rights shall include, but not be limited to, construction and use of model Dwelling Units, storage areas, construction yards, signs, construction offices, sales offices, management offices and business offices on the Real Estate. Declarant shall have the right to relocate any or all of the same from time to time as it desires. At no time shall any of such facilities so used or maintained by Declarant be or become part of the Common Area, unless so designated by Declarant, and Declarant shall have the right to remove the same from the Real Estate at any time.

#### 22. Amendment of Declaration.

- (a) <u>Generally</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, amendments to this Declaration shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:
  - (i) <u>Notice</u>. Notice of the subject matter of any proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of the meeting of the Members of the Corporation at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
  - (ii) <u>Resolution</u>. A resolution to adopt a proposed amendment may be proposed by the Board of Directors or Owners having in the aggregate at least a majority of the votes of all Owners.
  - (iii) <u>Meeting</u>. The resolution concerning a proposed amendment must be adopted by the designated vote at a meeting of the Members of the Corporation duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.
  - (iv) Adoption. Any proposed amendment to this Declaration must be approved by a vote of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) in the aggregate of the votes of all Owners; provided however, that prior to the Applicable Date all proposed amendments shall require the written consent of the Declarant. In the event any Lot or Dwelling Unit is subject to a first mortgage, the Mortgagee shall be notified of the meeting and the proposed amendment in the same manner as an Owner if the Mortgagee has given prior notice of its mortgage interest to the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions hereof.
  - (v) Special Amendments. No amendment to this Declaration shall be adopted which changes (1) the applicable share of an Owner's liability for the Common Expenses, or the method of determining the same, or (2) the provisions of this Declaration of Section 19 with respect to casualty insurance to be maintained by the Corporation, or (3) the provisions of Section 20 of this Declaration with respect to reconstruction or repair of the Common Area in the event of fire or any other casualty or disaster, or (4) the provisions of Section 16 of this Declaration establishing the Architectural Review and providing for its functions, or (5) the provisions of Section 17 of this Declaration with respect to the commencement of assessments on any Lot, or (6) the provisions of Section

- 22(b) of this Declaration with respect to amendments solely by Declarant without, in each and any of such circumstances, the unanimous approval of all Owners, including Declarant so long as Declarant owns any Lot, and of all Mortgagees whose mortgage interests have been made known to the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.
- (vi) <u>Recording</u>. Each amendment to the Declaration shall be executed by the President and Secretary of the Corporation and by Declarant if required herein. Each amendment shall be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana, and such amendment shall not become effective until so recorded.
- Amendment. Prior to the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, (b) Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration. After such conveyance, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration at any time and from time to time if such amendment is: (a) necessary to bring any provision thereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statutes, rules or regulations, or judicial determination: (b) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Lots and the Dwelling Units; (c) required by an institutional or governmental agency or lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to acquire or purchase mortgage loans on the Lots and the Dwelling Units; (d) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on the Lots; (e) to annex additional real estate to the Development; or (f) to correct clerical or typographical errors in this Declaration or any exhibit hereto, or any supplement or amendment thereto; provided, however, that any amendment permitted under subsections (a) through (f) above shall not adversely affect the title to any Lot unless the Owner shall consent thereto in writing. Additionally, prior to the Applicable Date, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any purpose, provided the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of the Owner.
- Acceptance and Ratification. All present and future Owners, Mortgagees, tenants 23. and occupants of the Lots shall be subject to and shall comply with the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, and the Bylaws incorporated herein by reference, and the rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors as each may be amended from time to time. The acceptance of a deed of conveyance or the act of occupancy of any Lot shall constitute an agreement that the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, and rules and regulations, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time, are accepted and ratified by such Owner, tenant or occupant, and all such provisions shall be covenants running with the land and shall be binding on any person having at any time any interest or estate in a Lot or the Real Estate as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length in each and every deed, conveyance, mortgage or lease thereof. All persons, corporations, partnerships, trusts, associations, or other legal entities who may occupy, use, enjoy or control a Lot or Lots or any part of the Real Estate in any manner shall be subject to the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and the rules and regulations applicable thereto as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

- 24. <u>Negligence</u>. Each Owner shall be liable for the expense of any maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by his negligence or by that of any member of his family or his or their guests, employees, agents or lessees to the extent that such expense is not covered by the proceeds of insurance carried by the Corporation.
- 25. <u>Costs and Attorneys' Fees</u>. In any proceeding arising because of failure of an Owner to make any payments required or to comply with any provision of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto as each may be amended from time to time, the Corporation shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with such default or failure.
- 26. <u>Waiver</u>. No Owner may exempt himself from liability for his contribution toward the Common Expenses by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any of the Common Area or by abandonment of his Lot.
- 27. <u>Severability Clause</u>. The invalidity of any covenant, restriction, condition, limitation or other provision of this Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws, shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability or effect of the rest of this Declaration, the Articles, or the Bylaws, and each shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law.
- 28. <u>Pronouns</u>. Any reference to the masculine, feminine or neuter gender herein shall, unless the context clearly requires to the contrary, be deemed to refer to and include all genders. And the singular shall include and refer to the plural and vice versa as appropriate.
- 29. <u>Interpretation</u>. The captions and titles of the various articles, sections and subsections of this Declaration are inserted herein for ease and convenience of reference only and shall not be used as an aid in interpreting or construing this Declaration or any provision hereof.
- 30. <u>Controlling Document</u>. In the event there is a conflict between the provisions of this Declaration and the Plats, Articles of Incorporation or Code of Bylaws, the terms of this Declaration shall be controlling. Conflict, as used herein, shall mean a situation where the application of the language in one document contradicts the language in another document. Conflict does not occur where language in one document is simply more restrictive than language in another document.
- 31. Expanding the Real Estate that is Subject to the Declaration. The Real Estate being subjected to this Declaration is part of the general plan of the development of the Real Estate. The Expansion Real Estate is the additional real estate located in Hendricks County, Indiana, being approximately 67.125 acres that Declarant has the right to subject to the terms and provisions of this Declaration. The maximum number of Lots which may be developed on the Real Estate and on the Expansion Real Estate is two hundred seventy-four (274). Subject to said limit as to the maximum number of Lots to be developed on the Real Estate, the Expansion Real Estate and the obligations and restrictions contained in this Declaration, Sonora may be expanded by Declarant to include additional portions of the Expansion Real Estate in one or more additional sections by the execution and recording of one or more amendments or supplements to this Declaration and one or more Plats; provided, however, that no single

exercise of such right and option of expansion as to any part or parts of the Expansion Real Estate shall preclude Declarant from time to time further expanding Sonora to include other portions of the Expansion Real Estate and such right and option of expansion may be exercised by Declarant from time to time as to all or any portions of the Expansion Real Estate so long as such expansion is done on or before July 31, 2026. All or any part of the Expansion Real Estate that is subjected to this Declaration shall have the use and benefit of the Common Areas subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration. Such expansion is entirely at the discretion of Declarant and nothing contained in this original Declaration or otherwise shall require Declarant to expand Sonora beyond the Real Estate which Declarant may voluntarily in its sole discretion, from time to time, subject to this Declaration by amendments or supplements to this Declaration as provided above. Simultaneously with the recording of the amendments or supplements to this Declaration expanding Sonora, Declarant shall record an additional Plat encompassing the portion of the Expansion Real Estate to be subjected to this Declaration. To the extent allowed under applicable law, Declarant reserves the right to add additional real estate to the Real Estate, which additional real estate may, in Declarant's discretion, have the use and benefit of the Commons Areas provided herein. On the filing of a supplement to this Declaration, the portion of the Expansion Real Estate, or other real estate described in such amendment or supplement to this Declaration shall be governed in all respects by the provisions of this Declaration. To the extent that there are any inconsistencies or discrepancies between any Plat and this Declaration or any amendment or supplements thereto, the terms of this Declaration shall control.

[Signature page follows]

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

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	M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P., an Indiana limited partnership	
	By: M/I Homes of First Indiana, LLC its general partner By:	
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STATE OF INDIANA ) SS COUNTY OF MARION )		
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Keith Blais, by me known and by me known to be the VP of Land of M/I Homes of First Indiana, LLC, the general partner of M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P., an Indiana limited partnership, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing "Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of Sonora" on behalf of said entity.		
Witness my hand and Notarial Seal	this $\frac{28^{+}}{28}$ day of August, 2019.	
DAVID KEITH FUNKHOUSER Notary Public, State of Indiana Hamilton County Commission # 666781 My Commission Expires April 19, 2023	Notary Public - Signature  David Funkhouser  Notary Public - Printed	
My Commission Expires: 4/19/23		
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This instrument prepared by Tammy K. Ha Meridian Street, Suite 300, Carmel, Indiana 46	ney, Attorney-at-Law, Krieg DeVault LLP, 12800 North 6032.	
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I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each and every Social Security number from this document, unless it is required by law. Tammy K. Haney.

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### Real Estate

#### Tract I:

Part of the North Half of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East in Hendricks County, Indiana being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5 (railroad spike found at corner, stone found 2.8 feet North and 8.0 feet East of corner); thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds East (Assumed Bearing) along the South line of said East Half Quarter Section a distance of 10.50 feet to the Southeast Corner of a tract of land described in Book 284, Page 553 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana (railroad spike with cut "x"); thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds West along the East line of said tract of land a distance of 596.18 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 55.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 1385.59 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 600.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Schneider Eng. Firm #0001" on the North line of tract of land described in Book 309, page 46 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along the North line of said tract of land a distance of 1681.76 feet to the Beginning Point; thence continue North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along the North line of said tract of land a distance of 826.58 feet to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 5 (railroad spike with cut "x"); thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds West along said East line a distance of 1249.08 feet to the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 5 (small PK nail per Marion County Surveyor's reference ties); thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 22 seconds West along the South line of the said Northeast Quarter Section a distance of 759.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of a tract of land described in Book 183, page 427 (railroad spike with cut "x"); thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds East along the East line of said tract, being parallel with the East line of the Said Northeast Quarter Section, a distance of 388.23 feet to the Northeast Corner of said tract (5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Schneider Eng Firm #0001"); thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 22 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the said Northeast Quarter Section, a distance of 67.59 feet; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds East, parallel with the East line of the said Northeast Quarter Section, a distance of 860.93 feet to the BEGINNING POINT, containing 23.101 acres, more or less.

#### Tract II:

Part of the North Half of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East in Hendricks County, Indiana being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5 (railroad spike found at corner, stone found 2.8 feet North and 8.0 feet East of corner); thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds East (Assumed Bearing) along the South line of said East Half Quarter Section a distance of 10.50 feet to the Southeast Corner of a tract of land described in Book 284, page 553 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana (railroad spike with cut "x"); thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds West along the East line of said tract of land a distance of 596.18 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 55.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 1385.59 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 600.00 feet

to a 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Schneider Eng Firm #0001" on the North line of a tract of land described in Book 309, Page 46 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along the North line of said tract of land a distance of 1164.62 feet to the Southwest corner of a tract of land described in Book 313, Page 194 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana the BEGINNING POINT; thence continuing North 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along the South line of said tract a distance of 517.14 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds West, parallel with the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 5, a distance of 860.93 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 22 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the said Northeast Quarter Section, a distance of 517.14 feet to the Northwest Corner of a tract of land described in Book 309, Page 47 (mag nail set in granite stone); thence North parallel with the East line of the Northeast quarter of said Section 5, a distance of 860.93 feet to the BEGINNING POINT, containing 10.22 acres, more or less.

#### Tract III:

A part of the North half of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a stone found marking the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5, thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 12 seconds East along the North line of the North half of said Section 5 a distance of 2693.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 89 degrees 58 minutes 12 seconds East along the last described course 1320.90 feet to the Northeast corner of said half section; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West along the East line of said half section 1249.08 feet to a point, said point being North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 1249.08 feet from a metal post buried found marking the Southeast corner of the North half of said section; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds West 1334.70 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 57 seconds East 1249.86 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 38.09 acres, more or less and subject to all legal highways, rights-of-way and easements of record.

EXCEPT Therefrom the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon or belonging thereto, located in Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows:

A part of the North half of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said half section; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West along the East line of said half section 720 feet to a point; thence West parallel with the North line of said half section 605 feet to a point, thence North parallel with the East line of said half section 720 feet to a point on the North line of said half section thence East on the North line of said half section 605 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 10.0 acres more or less and subject to all legal highways, rights-of-way and easements of record.

Containing in all after the exception 28.09 acres, more or less, and subject to all legal highways, rights-of-way and easements of record.

#### Tract IV:

A part of the North half of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana, and more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the North half of said Section 5; thence along the approximate center line of County Road 700 North and the Section line, South 89 degrees 48 minutes 57 seconds West 1320.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along the West described line of the Windchase, LLC Property recorded as Instrument No. 200400031074 in Order Book 540, Pages 1243-1244, Hendricks County Recorder's Office, South 00 degrees 42 minutes 15 seconds West 1251.58 feet; thence along the North described line of the Windchase, LLC Property recorded as Instrument No. 200400029380 in Order Book 537, Pages 2170-2171, South 89 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West 9.04 feet; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds East 1251.45 feet; thence along the approximate center line of County Road 700 North and the Section line, North 89 degrees 48 minutes 57 seconds East 22.82 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.4576 acre, more or less.

A MORE MODERNIZED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE LAND (Tracts I, II, III & IV) HAS BEEN CREATED BY JONATHAN D. POLSON OF BANNING ENGINEERING CERTIFIED OCTOBER 18, 2018 AS JOB NO. 17060, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Hendricks County, Indiana, being that 61.930 acre tract shown on the plat of an ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey of said tract certified by Jonathan D. Polson, PS#21500011, on October 18, 2018 as Banning Engineering's project number 17060 (all references to monuments and courses herein are as shown on said plat of survey) described as follows:

BEGINNING at a Hendricks County Surveyor's disk marking the southeast corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds West along the south line thereof 758.69 feet to a railroad spike with cut "X"; thence North 01 degree 05 minutes 43 seconds West 388.23 feet to a 5/8" rebar on the easterly prolongation of the north line of the land of Miller as described in Instrument Number 200822974 in the Office of the Recorder of Hendricks County Indiana; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds West along said easterly prolongation of said north line, said north line and the westerly prolongation thereof 584.44 feet to a mag nail in a stone at the northwest corner of the land of Hodde as described in Instrument Number 199620883 in said Recorder's Office; thence North 01 degree 00 minutes 21 seconds West parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter 861.41 feet to a 5/8" rebar with cap stamped "Banning Engineering Firm #0060" (hereinafter referred to as a "capped rebar"); thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 51 seconds East 1.91 feet to a capped rebar; thence North 01 degree 05 minutes 35 seconds West 1,254.48 feet to a mag nail with washer stamped "Banning Engineering Firm #0060" (hereinafter referred to as a "mag nail with washer") set on the north line of said Northeast Ouarter: thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 28 seconds East 738.72 feet to a mag nail with washer at the northwest corner of the land of Starkey as described in Instrument Number 201618747 in said Recorder's Office (the following two (2) calls are along the west and south lines thereof; 1) thence South 01 degree 00 minutes 21 seconds East 720.07 feet to a point witnessed by two (2) 5/8" rebars with caps stamped "Offset Corner Firm #0060", the first being North 01 degree 00 minutes 21 seconds West 5.00 feet and the second being North 88 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds East 5.00 feet of said point; 2) thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds East 605.00 feet to a mag nail with washer set on the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 01 degree 00 minutes 21 seconds East along said east line 1,779.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 61.930 acres, more or less.

#### **EXHIBIT B**

#### **Expansion Real Estate**

That portion of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 2 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Hendricks County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at a railroad spike with cut "X" marking the southeast corner of said Half Section; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 41 seconds West along the south line thereof 1,158.75 feet to a railroad spike at the southerly extension of the east line of the Branches, Section 1 as per plat thereof recorded in Instrument Number 2004030553 in the Office of the Recorder of said County; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 11 seconds West along said east line 2,507.28 feet to a mag nail with washer stamped "Banning Engineering Firm #0060" (hereafter referred to as "mag nail") on the north line of said Half Section, also marking the northeast corner of the Branches, Section 6, as per plat thereof recorded in Instrument Number 200538366 in said Recorder's Office; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 15 seconds East along said north line 452.49 feet to a railroad spike marking the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 2 East; thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 28 seconds East 721.42 feet to a mag nail at the northwest corner of the land of Windchase, LLC, as recorded in Instrument Number 20055047 in said Recorder's Office; thence South 01 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds East along the west line thereof 1,254.48 feet to the north line of the land of Windchase, LLC, as recorded in Instrument Number 200429380 in said Recorder's Office (the following two (2) calls are along the north and west lines thereof); 1) thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 51 seconds West 1.91 feet; 2) thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 21 seconds East 1,249.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 67.125 acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT C
Lights



## EXHIBIT D

## Mailboxes

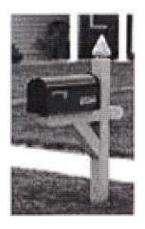
# Mail Box & Post Installation

Mailbox: Standard Medium T2 - Black

Post: 4 x 4 Oxford - TAN

Lettering: 3" Numbers only - Cream/Tan

Installation: Included



# **EXHIBIT** E

# Fences



Single Family Style Fence
5' tall
Black wrought iron or aluminum
Open picket style