# REVISED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CHARGES, SERVITUDES, LIENS, RESERVATIONS, AND EASEMENTS (SINGLE FAMILY) HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS MOCKINGBIRD PLACE

THIS DECLARATION of Covenants, Conditions, Assessments, Charges, Servitudes, Liens, Reservations, and Easements (herein called the "Declaration") is made as of the JUNE 22, 2021, by REH WHITEHOUSE ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., AND MOCKINGBIRD WHITEHOUSE LLC (Texas limited liability companies (herein called "Declarant").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant owns that certain real property described in the final plat of All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, a part of the Elizabeth Brown Survey A-87, Smith County, Texas also being a part of that certain called 66.85 acre tract of land described in a Warranty Deed dated June 15, 1995 from James W. Lilly to The James Lilly Family LP that is recorded in Volume 3672 Page 485 and is further described as being 110 acres, save and except 43-15/100 acres, in a deed dated January 2, 1958 from T.A. Wilson, et ux, Mary E. to James Lilly, et us, Dorothy that is recorded in Volume 899, Page 569 and both of the above mentioned instruments are recorded in the Deed Records of Smith County, Texas.

WHEREAS, in order to enable Declarant to implement a general plan of development and accomplish the development of such lands as a first-class residential development of high quality and standards in a consistent manner, with continuity, and to insure the creation of an architecturally harmonious subdivision, Declarant desires to subject the Property, as hereinafter defined, to the Covenants, conditions, assessments, charges, servitudes, liens, reservations, and easements hereinafter set forth (herein collectively called the "Covenants");

WHEREAS, Declarant plans to form a not-for-profit Texas corporation under a name to be determined (the" Association"), and to transfer certain Reserved Areas (hereinafter defined) within the subdivision to the corporation for the purpose of assuring the upkeep, maintenance, improvement and administration of the Reserved Areas, and for the purpose of enforcing the restrictions and Covenants set out herein in collecting and disbursing the Assessments and charges hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Declarant may create additional subdivision units which may/will be subjected to Covenants and Restrictions and portions of which may/will participate in the Association and enjoy the nonexclusive use of the Reserved Areas and Amenities (each term hereinafter defined);

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Property shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the Covenants.

### ARTICLE I

The following words, phrases, or terms used in this Declaration shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Amenities" shall mean the parts of the Reserved Areas that are designed for recreational or social activities, including without limitation the Reserved Area (hereinafter defined).
- B. "Assessment" shall mean any Assessment levied, charged or assessed against an Owner and/or his Lot in accordance with this Declaration.
- C. "Architectural Control Committee" and "ACC" shall mean the Declarant or, if applicable, a committee, corporation or association appointed by Declarant for the purposes of exercising architectural control as provided in this Declaration.
- D. "Articles of Incorporation" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association as the same may from time to time be amended.

- E. "Assessable Property" shall mean each of the Lots (hereinafter defined) and the remaining portions of the Property (hereinafter defined), except such part or parts thereof as may from time to time constitute Exempt Property (hereinafter defined).
- F. "Assessment Lien" shall mean the Lien created and imposed by Article VII.
- G. "Association" shall mean and refer to a not-for-profit Texas corporation under a name to be determined, its successors and assigns.
- H. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association. Any determinations or actions to be made or taken by the Board under this Declaration may be made or taken by a committee appointed by the Board pursuant to the Bylaws (hereinafter defined) and subject to any limitation imposed by Texas law.
- 1. "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the duly adopted Bylaws of the Association as the same may from time to time be amended.
- J. "Covenants" shall mean the covenants, conditions, assessments, charges, servitudes, liens, reservations, and easements set forth herein.
- K. "Declarant" shall mean REH WHITEHOUSE ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C. a Texas limited liability company, and any successor and assign of Declarant's rights and powers hereunder, but with respect to any such successor or assign (1) such successor or assign shall not be deemed to be a "Declarant: unless such successor or assign is designated as such pursuant to a written instrument signed by Declarant (which written instrument shall be riled of record in the Real Estate Records of Smith County, Texas, designating that part of the Property to which it relates) and (2) such successor or assign shall only have those rights and powers of Declarant that are specifically assigned by such written instrument.
- L. "Declarant Land" shall mean such part or parts of the Property, including but not limited to the Lots owned by Declarant, together with the buildings, structures and improvements thereon, if any, as may be owned now or at any time hereafter by the Declarant, for as long as the Declarant is the Owner thereof. Declarant Land shall include any Lot or parcel of the Property that is reacquired by Declarant through foreclosure and re-conveyance or assignment in lieu of foreclosure or in cancellation of any purchase money indebtedness owed to Declarant.
- M. "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Assessments, Charges, Servitudes, Liens, Reservation, and Easements, as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- N. "Deed" shall mean a deed or other instrument conveying the fee simple title to all or any portion of the Property, including but not limited to a Lot.
- O. "Dwelling Unit" shall mean any portion of a building situated on a Lot designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family.
- P. "Exempt Property" shall mean the following parts of the Property:
  - a. All land and Permanent Improvements owned by or dedicated to and accepted by the United States, the State of Texas, The County of Smith or any political subdivision thereof, for as long as such entity or political subdivision is The Owner thereof, or for so long as said dedication remains effective.
  - b. All Declarant Land as defined in Article I, Paragraph Above.
  - c. For a period of twelve (12) months after the date of sale by Declarant, any Lot, the Owner of which is a person who is regularly engaged in the business of residential construction.

- d. All land and buildings, structures and improvements thereon, if any, conveyed by Declarant to the Association, including the Reserved Areas.
- Q. "Institutional Mortgage" shall mean and refer to a mortgage, the record holder of or beneficiary under which is on the public record a federally or state charted bank, a federal or state savings bank or savings and loan institution, a real estate investment trust, any corporation whose primary business is the making, purchasing or placing of mortgage loans, any similar lending institutions, or any other Person approved by Declarant.
- R. "Lot shall mean any Lot described in the Final Plat of Mockingbird Place, as recorded the final plat of All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, a part of the Elizabeth Brown Survey A-87, Smith County, Texas also being a part of that certain called 66.85 acre tract of land described in a Warranty Deed dated June 15, 1995 from James W. Lilly to The James Lilly Family LP that is recorded in Volume 3672 Page 485 and is further described as being 110 acres, save and except 43-15/100 acres, in a deed dated January 2, 1958 from T.A. Wilson, et ux, Mary E. to James Lilly, et us, Dorothy that is recorded in Volume 899, Page 569 and both of the above mentioned instruments are recorded in the Deed Records of Smith County, Texas, Mockingbird Place, an Addition to the City of Whitehouse, Smith County, Texas, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Cabinet E, Slide 394-C, of the Plat Records of Smith County, Texas, together with any Lots which may, from time to time, result from the re-subdivision, combination or division of any such Lots, as may be shown upon a plat or plats of the Property or any part thereof now or hereafter filed for record in the Map and Plat Records of Smith County, Texas (as such plat or plats may be amended from time to time). The term "Lot" shall also include any other portion of the Property which may, from time to time, be shown upon the aforementioned plat or plats (as same may be amended from time to time) and which is designated on such plat or plats to be a Lot by a separate written instrument executed by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, filed of record in the Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas.
- S. "Maintenance Charges" shall mean any and all costs assessed pursuant to Article V or Section 14.02.
- T. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. For all purposes of this Declaration, the Owner of more than one (I) Lot shall have one (1) vote for each Lot owned. The term Owner shall not include the Owner or Owner of any lesser estate or interest. At the time of transfer of any Lot notice of such transfer shall be given to the Association by the transferor. Any transferor who fails to give such notice shall be personally liable for all Assessments accruing after such failure and until such notice is given, but shall have none of the rights or privileges accruing to Owners hereunder.
- U. "Permanent Improvements" shall mean with respect to any Lot or any other portion or parcel of the Property, any and all improvements, structures, and other materials and things (including, but without limitation, trees, berms, shrubs, hedges, and fences) which, at the time of each Assessment, are located thereon.
- V. "Plat" shall mean the subdivision plat of any portion of the Property presently on file in the map and Plat Records of Smith County, Texas, and any other plat or plats of all or any portion of the Property now or hereafter filed for record in the Map and Plat Records of Smith County, Texas (as such plat or plats may be amended from time to time). The streets shown on the Plat, unless otherwise stated on the Plat, have been as private.
- W. "Person" shall mean and refer to an individual, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other legal entity or any combination thereof.
- X. "Property" shall mean:
- a. The land described in the Final Plat of Mockingbird Place, as recorded the final plat of All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, a part of the Elizabeth Brown Survey A-87, Smith County, Texas also being a part of that certain called 66.85 acre tract of land described in a Warranty Deed dated June 15, 1995

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- b. Additional land subjected to this Declaration, if any.
- Y. "Reserved Areas" shall mean those areas, if any, of the Property (including without limitation streets, greenbelts, and common use areas including decorative or fencing in common areas), which are not now or hereafter designated on the Plat and intended by Declarant's execution of the Plat as single family residential Lots. The Ownership of such areas is to be transferred and assigned to the Association. The term "Reserved Areas" shall specifically include the Amenities.
- Z. "Subdivision" shall mean the residential subdivision located in Smith County, Texas, and known as Mockingbird Place, according to the Plat of said subdivision recorded under file the final plat of All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, a part of the Elizabeth Brown Survey A-87, Smith County, Texas also being a part of that certain called 66.85 acre tract of land described in a Warranty Deed dated June 15, 1995 from James W. Lilly to The James Lilly Family LP that is recorded in Volume 3672 Page 485 and is further described as being 110 acres, save and except 43-15/100 acres, in a deed dated January 2, 1958 from T.A. Wilson, et ux, Mary E. to James Lilly, et us, Dorothy that is recorded in Volume 899, Page 569 and both of the above mentioned instruments are recorded in the Deed Records of Smith County, Texas, Mockingbird Place, an Addition to the City of Whitehouse, Smith County, Texas, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Cabinet E, Slide 394-C, of the Plat Records of Smith County, Texas, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time, and where the context requires, any other subdivision within the Propelly as shown by a plat filed for record by Declarant in the Plat Records of Smith County, Texas.
  - AA. "Subsidiary Declaration" shall mean any Declaration of Covenants conditions, Assessments, or restrictions applicable to any portion of the Property which is recorded after the effective date hereof or which is otherwise subject hereto.
  - BB. "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean a supplement to this Declaration recorded as provided herein.

### ARTICLE II COVENANTS BINDING ON PROPERTY AND OWNERS

- 2.01 <u>Property Bound</u>. From and after the date of recordation of the Declaration, the Property shall be subject to the Covenants, and the Covenants shall run with, be for the benefit of, bind, and burden the Property.
- Owners Bound. From and after the date of recordation of the Declaration, the Covenants shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each Owner and his heirs, executors, administrators, personal representative, successors and assigns, whether or not so provided or otherwise mentioned in the Deed. Except with respect to the Exempt Property, each Owner of a Lot for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, expressly agrees to pay, and be personally liable for, the Assessments provided for hereunder, and to be bound by all of the Covenants herein set forth. Except with respect to Exempt Property, each Lot Owner shall be and remain personally liable, regardless whether he has transferred title to his Lot, for the amount of any Assessment (together with interest, cost, attorneys' fees as provided in Section 6.01) which fell due while he was an Owner. No Owner of a Lot shall escape personal liability for the Assessments herein provided by transfer or abandonment of his Lot.

### ARTICLE III GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 3.01 <u>Single-Family Residential Purposes.</u> All Lots in the Property shall be used for only single-family residential purposes. Noxious or offensive activity of any sort shall be permitted, nor shall anything be done on any lot that may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. No Lot in the Property shall be used for any commercial, business or any other professional purposes, even though such business, professional, or commercial use be subordinate or incident to the use of the premises as a residence. The renting or leasing of any improvements thereon or portion thereof without the prior written consent of the Declarant, is prohibited. All home plans must be submitted to the Declarant or Architectural Control Committee (ACC), as the case may be, for approval prior to construction. This submission must include a full set of building and site plans as well as descriptions and/or pictures of construction materials and colors to be used or the exterior of the home. Material and color samples (brick, rock, stucco, shingle and exterior paint) may be submitted with the home plan in lieu of pictures and descriptions for use and review during the approval process. Once approved, any material and color samples will be returned to the submitter.
- 3.02 <u>Types of Structures</u>. No building shall be erected, altered, or permitted to remain on any Lot in the Property other than one (I) detached single-family residential dwelling not to exceed two and one-half (2 1/2) stories in height. Each such Dwelling Unit shall have a private garage, which shall be fully enclosed and covered.
- 3.03 <u>Minimum Square Footage</u>. The living area of each residence (heated and cooled area,) exclusive of porches, patios, garage, terraces, or driveways on each Lot shall not be less than One Thousand seven hundred and fifty (1750) square feet.
- 3.04 <u>Setbacks</u>. No dwelling shall violate the city ordinance regarding setbacks in the City of Whitehouse. Any variances shall be sought in writing and approved by the Architectural committee and the City of Whitehouse, in writing, for such variance to be valid.
- 3.05 Garages shall be attached to the main unit, fully enclosed and covered, under the same roof as the main Unit or shall be attached to the main unit by a breezeway or porte-cochere, and shall be built for a minimum of two (2) automobiles and must be front, side or rear entry. The garage area of a home on any lot may not be enclosed or used for any purpose that prohibits the parking of operable automobiles therein. All mechanical and operational aspects of the garage door are to be maintained by its Owner. Any detached garage, workshop or storage building must match the architectural design and be constructed of the same materials as the primary residence, including shingles, exterior wall materials and roof design and pitch. All such buildings must be built on a concrete slab. If constructed at a date later than the construction of the Main Dwelling, a new and separate building plan must be submitted to the ACC for review and approval as described in 3.01. Any detached garage, workshop or storage building is subject to the same construction requirements as that of the Originally submitted Dwelling Unit or home. No overhead garage door of any detached garage, workshop or storage building may face any street regardless of whether or not the garage is behind a privacy fence. The ACC must approve any detached garage, workshop or storage building prior to the commencement of construction. No portable buildings or storage sheds are allowed to be brought onto or constructed on any part of a lot.
- 3.06 Walls, Fences, Boundary Plantings. No fence, wall or hedge shall be placed on any Lot nearer to any street than that portion of the house where such fence, wall, or hedge is to be placed. Fence, wall or hedge shall be placed on any portion of the site with a greater height than six feet (6'). Should a hedge, shrub, or other planting be placed, or afterwards grown, so as to encroach upon adjoining property, such encroachment shall be removed upon request of the Owner of the adjoining property. Wrought iron fences are permitted. Fence may be made of wood. Privacy fences, if installed, must have, as a minimum, brick, stone, stucco or rock corner columns at all corners and at access gate attach and closure points that face any street. Columns shall be constructed of the same brick, stone, stucco or rock or other masonry material approved for use in the construction of the home. Additionally, where privacy fences span more than thirty (30) linear feet, additional columns shall be incorporated to break up the span and aid in ensuring greater fence integrity over time. This requirement typically applies to any side lot line and any rear lot line that abuts a public road or thoroughfare. If additional columns are incorporated in a fence span, they must be constructed with equivalent spacing between the columns. All fence designs must be submitted to the ACC for review and approval prior to construction. Submission shall include pictures or samples as is required in the Main Dwelling

submission as described in 3.01.

- 3.07 <u>Driveways</u>. On each Lot there shall be constructed and the Owner shall maintain at his expense a driveway from the garage or garages to the abutting street, including the portion of the driveway in the street casement, and the Owner shall repair at his expense any damage to the street occasioned by connecting the driveway thereto. Unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee, no driveway shall be wider than twenty (20) feet in width or less than twelve (12) feet in width. All driveways shall be constructed with concrete material and shall not be less than four (4) inches thick (except however, some other material may be used with the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee) and shall be paved before any Dwelling Unit may be occupied. No driveway or other roadway may be constructed on any Lot in such a manner as to furnish access to any adjoining Lots or other Property without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. No driveway may enter any lot from any county road.
- 3.08 <u>Walks</u>. Any walk from the street curb to the Dwelling Unit shall have a minimum width of three (3) feet and shall be constructed entirely of concrete (except however, some other material may be used with the prior consent of the Architectural Control Committee).
- 3.09 Construction Materials. No dwelling shall be erected on a Lot of any exterior material other than brick, stone, brick veneer, stucco or other masonry material and the above named materials must constitute at least eighty (80) percent of the exterior wall area, excluding window and door areas, below gable or roof areas. Where siding materials are used, they must be composed of "Hardy" concrete board or industry compatible product, but no greater that twenty (20) percent of the total exterior wall area may he constructed of siding materials. All materials used in the construction of the exterior of any Dwelling Unit or other structure must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee before commencement of construction. All solar collectors and panels to be incorporated into the design of any Dwelling Unit must receive specific approval from the Architectural Control Committee prior to the commencement of construction. Only new construction materials shall he used (except for used brick if and as approved by the Architectural Control Committee on a case by case basis). No concrete blocks shall be used in construction unless the blocks are covered by the final exterior finish material. Home designs that incorporate siding as their primary or predominate exterior material will not be approved for construction. The intent is to create a consistent, harmonious and seamless flow of style and materials used for the exterior of all homes comprised primarily of brick, stone, brick veneer, stucco or other masonry material. The Architectural Control Committee has the right to deny approval of any home plan submission that does not meet these criteria. All Dwelling Units shall be built on a slab foundation approved by the Architectural Control Committee. In no event shall any used building be moved onto any Lot.
- 3.10 <u>Roof Materials</u>. Roofs must be covered with minimum twenty-five (25) year composition shingles, "standing seam" metal roof, slate, ceramic or concrete tiles. Each roof shall provide a minimum of 10 and 12 pitch. No wood shingles are allowed. The ACC may permit other roofing materials and pitch design with prior written authorization. The request for this variance and along with rationale for the exception must be submitted to the ACC at the time the building plan is submitted.

#### 3.11 Prosecution of Construction.

- A. Commencement. There is no deadline for construction to begin once a lot is purchased.
- B. Completion. Any Dwelling Unit or other structure commenced upon and Lot shall be completed within twelve (12) months from the commencement of construction, unless completion is prevented by war, labor strike or an act of God. All temporary structures, used during the construction of the Dwelling Unit shall be removed prior to or before this period of time.
- 3.12 <u>Air Conditioners and Heaters</u>. No window or wall type air conditioners or heater shall be permitted on any Lot.
- 3.13 <u>Utilities</u>. Each and every Dwelling Unit shall be required to be connected to the water distribution system in the subdivision as soon as such utilities are available in the easements adjacent to or within the respective Lot upon which the Dwelling Unit is located. Individual underground electrical service drops and

natural gas drops must be installed to each Dwelling Unit. Each Owner shall comply with the requirements of the applicable utility company regarding such underground service installations, including without limitation the payment of any lawful charges which might be incurred for the installation of the underground service as set forth in applicable utility company rules, regulations and terms and conditions of service, as the same may be amended from time to time without notice.

- 3.14 <u>Outdoor Clothes Drying</u>. The drying of clothes in public view is prohibited. No clothes drying lines may be erected on Lot for the purpose of drying clothes.
- 3.15 <u>Retaining Walls</u>. If incorporated, all retaining walls shall be constructed of brick, stone or other masonry material that matches or compliments the materials used in the construction of the Dwelling Unit. The construction of a retaining wall must be submitted to the ACC prior to construction. Keystone is an acceptable material with approval from the ACC.
- 3.16 Lawns and Landscaping. The Owner of each lot shall be required to plant a minimum of one live oak tree in good condition during the term of his or her ownership of the lot. The Owner of each Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit is constructed shall landscape, as a minimum, the lawn area between the front of the Dwelling Unit and the curb line of the abutting street(s) with solid sod. The sod shall be of a type that is native to or thrives in this part of the state. Varieties like Bermuda, St. Augustine, Centipede and Zoysia are acceptable. On all areas of each Lot, grass and weeds shall be kept mowed and edged to prevent unsightly appearance. If not mowed and edged by the Owner after written request to do so is made by the Declarant or Association, then the Declarant or Association shall have the right to cause the mowing and edging to be performed at the Owner's expense. Dead or damaged trees, which might create a hazard to Property or persons within the Subdivision shall be promptly repaired or removed. If not repaired or removed by Owner upon request, then the Declarant or Association may repair or remove or cause to be removed such trees at the Owner's expense. The Declarant or Association shall not be liable for damage caused by such repair or removal. Vacant Lots shall be mowed and maintained in appearance by the Owner and shall not be used as dumping grounds for rubbish, trash, rubble or soil, except that Declarant may designate fill areas into which materials specified by Declarant may be placed. All landscaping shall be completed within two weeks after completion of the house.
- Garage, Workshop and Accessory Buildings. No garage workshop or accessory building otherwise permitted by this Declaration shall exceed in height the dwelling to which it is appurtenant without the written consent of the Declarant or ACC. Every garage or permitted accessory building shall correspond in style and architecture with the dwelling to which it is appurtenant. All garage doors incorporated into an accessory garage workshop or accessory building shall be constructed using metal doors. Setbacks for the construction of any garage workshop or accessory building shall be no closer to a rear lot line than ten (10) feet and not nearer to a side lot line than ten (10) feet and not in violation of any city ordinance for the City of Whitehouse. This setback distance is inclusive of caves, porches and overhangs. Additionally, no garage workshop or accessory building will be permitted to be built in any easement or right of way. If a garage door is incorporated into any garage workshop or accessory building the garage docs may face a street providing the building and door are behind an approved wood privacy fence. If no privacy fence is installed then an open garage door must not be visible from any street. No portable buildings or sheds such as those that can be purchased at home improvement stores or by independent dealers or vendors arc allowed at any time, and if installed, shall be promptly removed upon demand by Declarant or the ACC. All garage, workshop and accessory building foundations shall be constructed of concrete. Any garage workshop or accessory building must be submitted to the Declarant or ACC for approval prior to construction. The requirements for submission are the same as those for the main structure as cited in 3.01.
- 3.18 <u>Storage of Vehicles</u>. It is the intention of this Declaration that all vehicles be parked in the garage to be included within the Dwelling Unit and that door of the garage shall remain closed except for ingress and egress of the vehicle and during periods of maintenance to the residence.
- 3.19 <u>Curb Ramps</u>. If required by applicable federal, state or local law, curbs with accompanying sidewalks shall have curb ramps (depressions in the sidewalk or curb) at all crosswalks to provide safe and convenient movement of physically handicapped persons confined to wheelchairs. Such curb ramps will be provided at the time of construction of any sidewalks and shall be constructed in accordance with specifications provided by the applicable governmental authority.

- 3.20 <u>Disposal Units</u>. Each kitchen in each Dwelling Unit shall be equipped with a garbage disposal unit in a serviceable condition.
- 3.21 Exterior Paint. The exterior surfaces of Dwelling Units shall not be painted unless the Architectural Control Committee gives its prior written approval of the color of paint to be used. The purpose of this covenant is to maintain consistency of the exterior paint colors of the Dwelling Units throughout the Subdivision. Accordingly, the Committee shall not be obligated to approve the color of exterior paint that is different from the original paint applied to the exterior of the Dwelling Unit.
- 3.22 <u>Sprinkler System.</u> Upon construction of a Dwelling Unit, the Owner shall also install an underground sprinkler system adequate to provide water to all lawns, flowerbeds, and other landscaping planted on the Lot.
- 3.23 <u>Drainage</u>. The Owner of each Lot shall construct adequate drainage controls on said Lot to prevent erosion of said Lot and adjoining Lots. Said controls shall be controls common to the industry such as silt fencing, erosion control blankets, geotextile turf reinforcement mats, etc. If any Owner fails to comply with this Section 3.28, such failure to comply shall be deemed improper maintenance under provisions herein, and Declarant or the Association, shall have the remedies provided for herein to cure such default. As a minimum during construction, silt fencing shall be installed on the roadside of any lot to prevent erosion and washout onto streets and adjacent lots. Silt fencing shall also be installed between adjacent lots if the topography of the lot is such that the possibility of erosion may cause drainage issues onto any adjacent lot.
- 3.24 <u>Fireplaces</u>. All exterior chimneys shall be enclosed with brick, stone, or other masonry veneer construction that matches or compliments the materials used in the construction of the home.
- 3.25 <u>Flowerbeds</u>. All flowerbed edging or border shall be of brick or stone for those flowerbeds adjacent to the Dwelling Unit and shall match or compliment the materials used in the construction of the home.
- 3.26 <u>Exterior Ornaments</u>. All exterior yard or landscape ornaments, sculptures, etc. shall be approved by the Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee, as the case may be, prior to installation or placement if same.
- 3.27 <u>Trash Receptacles</u>. All exterior trash receptacles shall be screened from street view except when left by the curb for weekly scheduled refuse removal.
- 3.28 <u>Basketball Goals</u>. All basketball goals (or similar goals) shall be approved by the Declarant or Architectural Control Committee, as the case may be, prior to installation of the same. No goal shall be permanently mounted to the Dwelling Unit. No goal shall be installed which faces a street, nor may such equipment be installed permanently or temporarily in such a way as to utilize a street, or other public right-of-way. Temporary goals shall be stored out of view after use.

### ARTICLE IV SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.01 <u>Reserved Areas</u>. In addition to the General Restrictions set forth in Article ITT, the following restrictions shall apply to Lots adjacent to Reserved Areas:
  - A. No wall, fence, planter, hedge or other screening device shall be constructed or permitted which obstructs the view of any other Lot to the area within the Reserved Area.
  - B. Nothing in this Article IV shall alter or affect the obligation of any Owner to obtain the prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee for any improvements placed on any Lot.
  - C. Nothing in these covenants shall be construed to contravene any minimum requirements of city ordinances set forth by the City of Whitehouse.

### ARTICLE V IMPROPER MAINTENANCE BY OWNER

- 5.01 <u>General</u>. Each Owner shall, at his expense, keep any Dwelling Unit and other improvements in good repair and condition and in a clean and sanitary condition and shall do all redecorating, painting and varnishing which may from time to time be necessary to maintain the good appearance and condition thereof. Each Owner shall maintain and care for all trees, plants or foliage on his Lot and otherwise keep his/her Lot in conformity to its condition when new.
- Improper Maintenance by Owner. In the event any portion of the Property (other than the Declarant Land) or any Dwelling Unit thereon is, in the judgment of the Declarant or the Association, so maintained by the Owner thereof (i) as to present a public or private nuisance, (ii) as to substantially detract from the appearance of quality of the surrounding Lots or other areas of the Property or any adjacent land owned by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, not presently included in the Property but which is substantially affected thereby or related thereto, or (iii) as to not comply with these Covenants, the Declarant or Association may make a binding notice to such effect, specifying the particular condition or conditions which exist, and pursuant thereto deliver notice thereof to the offending Owner that unless corrective action is taken within ten (10) days, the Declarant or Association may cause such action to be taken at such Owner's cost. If after the expiration of said ten (10) day period of time the requisite corrective action has not been taken, the Declarant or Association shall be authorized and empowered to cause such action to be taken and the costs thereof, including but not limited to the costs of collection, court costs and attorney's fees (such costs being herein collectively called the "Maintenance Charge"), together with interest accruing thereon from the expiration of such ten (10) day period at the rate specified in Section 6.07 hereof, shall be assessed against the Lot and the Dwelling Unit of the offending Owner. The Maintenance charge, together with all interest accruing thereon, shall be secured by the Extraordinary Assessment Lien as provided in Section 6.04 hereof. If the corrective action is taken by Declarant or the Association, then it shall hold the Assessment Lien for all purposes. Written notice of such Assessment shall be delivered to the offending Owner which notice shall specify the amount of such Maintenance Charges and shall demand payment thereof within ten (10) days after the date of said notice.

#### ARTICLE VI ASSESSMENTS

- 6.01 General. The Association (and in this Article meaning "Declarant" if the authority has not yet been delegated) shall have the power to levy Assessments against each Lot (except Exempt Property) and the Owner thereof, and each Owner, and if more than one Person, all such Persons, jointly and severally, by acceptance of the deed to a Lot, whether or not it shall be expressed in any such deed, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay all such Assessments in the manner and for the purposes provided herein. Subject to the provisions hereof, the Association shall have the power and authority to determine all mailers in connection with Assessments, including the power and authority to determine where, when and how Assessments shall be paid, and each Owner shall comply with such determinations. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration or in Bylaws to the contrary, neither Declarant nor the Declarant Land shall be liable for any Annual, Supplementary, Special or Extraordinary Assessment except that if Declarant shall lease any Dwelling Unit owned by it, it shall pay Annual, Supplementary, Special and Extraordinary Assessments with respect to such leased Dwelling Unit during the period of such tenancy.
- 6.02 Annual Assessments. In order to provide funds for the purposes and uses specified in Article IX hereof, the Association in each year, commencing with the year in which these Declarations are recorded, shall assess against the Assessable Property an Annual Assessment. Commencing in 2017, the Annual Assessment by the Association shall be TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$ 250.00) per Lot. Such amounts will be prorated by the Association or the first Assessment Period (hereinafter defined) is less than twelve (12) months. The Annual Assessments may be increased by the Association following January 1 of each calendar year, subsequent to first Assessment Period. Annual Assessments may be made for the purposes of providing funds for the normal operations of the Association, including but not limited to, maintaining and improving the amenities and facilities thereon and of promoting the use and enjoyment thereof by the Owners and the Lots. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association may perform or cause to be performed the

following duties as applicable to or appropriate or the Association:

- A. Effecting repairs, replacements and additions to the Reserved Areas and facilities thereon, including but not limited to all private streets, roadways and security gates;
- B. Paying ad valorem and other Property taxes and Assessments levied thereon on any property owned by the Association.
- C. Contracting for such employees and other management necessary or appropriate to the operation and maintenance of the Reserved Areas and supervision thereof;
- D. Pay monthly charges by Utility companies for water and electrical service to the amenities, if any; and
- E. Obtaining general public liability insurance in the amount deemed necessary by the Association and sufficient Property damage insurance such that the proceeds would be sufficient to replace any permanent facilities constructed on the Reserved Areas.

The total amount of money required to be raised by Annual Assessments for each fiscal year shall be the amount, as determined by the Association necessary to satisfy the costs and expenses of fulfilling such functions and obligations of the Association in such fiscal year, including the payment of deficits from prior fiscal years and providing a reasonable reserve for the following fiscal year. The Board of Directors of the Association shall determine the amount of the Annual Assessments per Lot for such fiscal period as provided in Section 6.06 of this Article VI.

- 6.03 <u>Supplementary Assessments</u>. In the event that the Board of the Association shall determine, at any time or from time to time, that the amount of the Annual Assessments are not adequate to pay for the cost and expenses of fulfilling the Association's obligations hereunder, one or more Supplementary Assessments may be made for the purpose of providing the additional funds required; provided that any such Assessment shall have the assent of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding Owners pursuant to votes cast at a meeting, duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be delivered to all Owners not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the purpose which may be assessed against any Member in any year shall not exceed an amount equal to twice the annual Assessment against said Member for the same year. The Board of the Association shall determine the amount required to be raised by each Supplementary Assessment. Based on such revised determination, said Board may make a per Lot Supplementary Assessment for such fiscal year, the amount of which shall be determined by said Board as provided in Section 6.06 of this Article VI.
- 6.04 Extraordinary Assessments. In the event the Association shall maintain or repair any Dwelling Unit pursuant to Article V, the Association may make an Extraordinary Assessment against such Lot, and the Owner thereof, to recover the actual amounts expended by the Association in making, or causing to be made, such repair and/or in maintaining such Dwelling Unit plus an amount, to be determined by the Association not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount thereof to cover overhead and administrative costs or the Association. The Association may also make an Extraordinary Assessment against and Owner and his/her Lot to recover any amounts paid by the Association for which and Extraordinary Assessment may be levied as provided in this Declaration or the Bylaws. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the Owners of all Lots and their Property shall be obligated to pay the Extraordinary Assessment of this Section 6.04 when assessed.
- 6.05 <u>Special Assessments</u>. Special Assessments may be made for the purposes of raising funds for capital improvements and for any other Association purposes for which Annual Assessments may not or have not been made. Whether to make a Special Assessment and the amount thereof per Lot shall be determined by the Boards of the Association; provided that no Special Assessment shall be valid unless approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Association.
- 6.06 <u>Assessments in Equal Amounts</u>; Exceptions. All Annual, Supplementary and Special Assessments shall be allocated equally among all the Lots within the Subdivision excluding (i) all Declarant Land other than

Lots leased by it to others and (ii) for a period of twelve (12) months after the sale to such builder Lots sold by Declarant to any person who is regularly engaged in the construction of single family residences. Anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration notwithstanding, the amount of the Assessments payable with respect to a Lot in any fiscal year of the Association shall not include any installments accruing during the period such Lot was owned by Declarant (unless a Dwelling Unit located thereon was then leased by Declarant to others) it being intended as above provided that Declarant shall pay no Assessment for any Lot owned by it.

- Time for Payments; Expenses. The Annual Assessment for each Lot shall be payable, subject to Section 6.06 of this Article VI, in twelve (12) equal monthly installments due on the first day of each month, unless the Boards of the Association shall adopt some other payment schedule. The Association shall prepare and forward to each Owner a statement setting forth the amount of the Annual Assessment assessed against each Lot, stated in terms of the total sum now due and owing, and the amounts payable if paid in installments; provided that the dates of any installment payments shall be set forth, and no installment shall be due less than thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of such statement. Special and Supplementary Assessments shall be payable as provided in the resolutions and authorizing the same. All installments of Annual Supplementary and Special Assessments shall be due and payable without notice or demand and all Assessments shall be paid without any set-off or diminution of any kind. All payments on account shall be first applied to interest and late charges and then to the Assessment payment first due. All delinquent payments of Assessments shall bear interest at the lesser of (i) ten (10%) percent per annum on such due date until paid (or at such a lesser rate as may be determined by the Association in its sole discretion on a case by case basis from time to time), or (ii) the highest non-usurious rate allowed by law, and the Owner shall be deemed to have agreed in writing to the payment of such interest and all costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees which may be incurred in collecting same.
- 6.08 <u>Estoppel Certificate</u>. Upon payment of a reasonable fee and upon written request of any Owner of a Lot or any person with any right, title or interest in a Lot or intending to acquire any right, title or interest in the Lot, the Association shall furnish a written statement setting forth the amount of any Assessments, if any, due or accrued and then unpaid with respect to such Lot and the amount of the Assessments for the current fiscal period of the Association payable with respect to the Lot, which statement shall, with respect to the party whom it was issued, be conclusive against the Association, for all purposes, that no greater or other amounts were then due or accrued and unpaid.
- 6.09 <u>No Abatement</u>. No diminution or abatement or Assessments shall be allowed or claimed for any reason including without limitation for the making of repairs or improvements to the Reserved Areas or Lots for any action taken to comply with any law, ordinance or order of a governmental authority.
- 6.10 <u>Assessment Period</u>. The Association shall establish either a calendar or fiscal year (herein called the "Assessment Period") for which the Annual Assessment is to be levied. The Association in its sole discretion may from time to time change the Assessment Period.
- 6.11 <u>Rules Regarding Billing and Collection Procedures</u>. The Association shall have the right to adopt rules and regulations setting forth procedures for the purpose of making the Assessments provided herein and for the billing and collection of the Assessments and the Maintenance Charges, provided that said procedures are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

### ARTICLE VII IMPOSITION OF LIEN; EXEMPTION; OWNERS' AGREEMENT

7.01 Imposition of Assessment Lien and Priority of the Lien. Except with respect to Exempt Property, each Lot shall be charged with and subject to a continuing servitude and lien from the date of recordation of this Declaration for the amount of the Assessments assessed and levied against each such Lot, for Maintenance Charges, for any interest accrued on any Assessments or Maintenance Charges provided for herein and for any and all costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees included in collecting same. Each Lot shall be charged with and subject to a continuing servitude and lien from the date of recordation of this Declaration for the amount of the Extraordinary Assessments (Section 6.04) and for Maintenance Charges (Section 6.02) provided for herein and for any and all costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees incurred in collecting same. Except as provided in Section 8.03 hereof; the lien (the "Assessment Lien") against each such Lot shall be

superior to any and all other charges, liens, or encumbrances which hereafter in any manner may arise or be imposed upon each such Lot, except that such Assessment Lien shall be subject and subordinate to liens for taxes and other public charges which by applicable law are expressly made superior.

- 7.02 Owners' Promises. Each Owner, owning a portion of the Assessable Property, for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, Covenants and agrees:
  - A. That he will pay the Declarant or, if authority has been delegated, the Association, when due the Assessment assessed in each year against his Lot, together with any Maintenance Charges imposed;
  - B. That he acquires his Lot subject to the Assessments and Maintenance Charges and the Assessment Lien, as they may exist from time to time; and
  - C. That by accepting a Deed to his Lot, he shall be, and remain, personally liable for any and all Assessments and Maintenance Charges assessed against his Lot while he is (or was) the Owner thereof, regardless of whether such Covenants or agreements are expressed in such Deed and regardless of whether he signed the Deed.

## ARTICLE VIII ENFORCEMENT OF PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND OF ASSESSMENT LIEN

- 8.01 <u>Enforcing Body</u>. The Declarant or Association shall have the exclusive right to enforce the provisions of this Declaration regarding Assessments. If, however, (i) the Declarant or Association shall fail or refuse to enforce this Declaration tor an unreasonable period of time, after written request from an Owner to do so, then any Owner may enforce this Declaration at his sole cost and expense by any appropriate action, whether at law or in equity, and (ii) Declarant or Association may enforce the Assessment Lien for any sums expended by it for Maintenance Charges as provided in Article V and Section 6.04 of Article VI.
- 8.02 <u>Declarant's or Association's Enforcement Remedies.</u> If (i) the Owner of any Lot constituting a portion of the Assessable Property fails to pay any of the Assessments or installments when due (ii) the Owner of any Lot fails to pay any Extraordinary Assessment when due, or (iii) the Owner of any Lot (except exempt Property) fails to pay Maintenance Charges assessed, or to pay any interest accrued on any Assessments or Maintenance Charges, and all costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees) incurred by the Declarant or Association in collecting same; the Declarant or Association, may enforce the payment of the Assessments, Maintenance Charges, and all interest accrued thereon and costs incurred by the Declarant or Association in collecting same, and/or enforce the Assessment Lien by taking either or both of the following actions, concurrently or separately (and, by exercising either of the remedies hereinafter set forth, the Declarant or Association does not prejudice its exercise of any other remedy):
  - A. Bring an action at law and recover judgment against the Owner personally obligated to pay the Assessments or the Maintenance Charges;
  - B. Enforce the Assessment Lien against the Lot by any means, available at law or in equity, including without limitation a non-judicial foreclosure sales of the Lot, such sale to be conducted in the manner set forth in §51.002 of the Texas Property Code, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time. The Association, Declarant or any other Owner may be the purchaser at any such foreclosure sale.
- 8.03 <u>Subordination of the Lien to First Mortgage or Deed of Trust.</u> The Assessment Lien provided tor herein shall be subordinate to any Institutional Mortgage. The sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the Assessment Lien; provided, however, that if the sale or transfer is pursuant to foreclosure of such a mortgage or deed of trust, or pursuant to any sale or proceeding in lieu thereof, the purchaser at the mortgage foreclosure or deed of trust sale, or any grantee taking by deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall take the Lot free of the Assessment Lien for all Assessments and Maintenance Charges, that have accrued up to the date of issuance of a sheriff's or trustee's deed or deed in lieu of foreclosure; but upon the date or issuance of a sheriff's or trustee's deed or deed in lieu of foreclosure, the Assessment Lien immediately shall become and remain

superior to any and all other charges, liens, or encumbrances (except liens for taxes or other public charges which by applicable law are expressly made superior and except to the extent stated herein with respect to any subsequent first lien financing), and such mortgage or deed of trust foreclosure sale purchaser or grantee shall (i) take subject to all Assessments, Maintenance Charges, and the Assessment Lien therefore accruing subsequent to the date of issuance of a sheriff's or trustee's deed or deed given in lieu of foreclosure and (ii) be and remain personally liable for all Assessments (together with interest, costs and attorneys' fees as provided in Section 6.01 hereof) which fall due while he is an Owner.

8.04 <u>Costs to be Borne by Owner in Connection with Enforcement</u>. In any action taken pursuant to Section 8.02 of this Article, the Owner shall be personally liable for, and the Assessment Lien shall be deemed to secure the amount of, the Assessments and Maintenance Charges together with interest and the Declarant's or Association's cost and attorneys' fees.

### ARTICLE IX USE OF FUNDS

- 9.01 <u>Purpose For Which Funds May Be Used.</u> The Declarant or Association shall apply all funds collected and received by them through imposition of the Assessments (except Extraordinary Assessments) for the benefit of the Amenities and Reserved Areas and the Owners of Lots by devoting said funds, among other things, to the acquisition, construction, alteration, maintenance, provision, and operation by any manner or method whatsoever, of any and all land, amenities, properties, improvements, facilities, services, projects, programs, studies, and systems, within or without the Reserved Areas, which may be necessary, desirable, or beneficial, in the Declarant's or Association's sole judgment, to the interests of the Amenities and Reserved Areas and the Owners. Any funds expended for the acquisition, construction, alteration, maintenance, provision and operation of the Amenities (including and without limitation common use areas, insurance, maintenance costs), shall be conclusively deemed for all purposes to he beneficial to the interests of the Owners of the Lots.
- 9.02 <u>Declarant's and Association's Rights in Spending Funds from Year to Year</u>. The Declarant or Association shall not be obligated to spend in any year all the sums received by in such year, and they may carry forward as surplus and balance remaining. The Declarant or Association shall not be obligated to apply any such surpluses to the reduction of the amount of the Assessments in the succeeding year, but may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Declarant or Association in their discretion may determine to be desirable for the effectuation of the purposes set forth in this Article.

### ARTICLE X RIGHTS AND POWERS

- 10.01 <u>Enforcement</u>. The Declarant and the Association and any Owner shall have the right to enforce the Covenants set forth in this Declaration. Only the Declarant or Association shall have the right to enforce the portions of the Covenants regarding charges, servitudes, Assessments, and liens provided for in the Declaration.
- 10.02 <u>Right to Inspect</u>. The Declarant or Association shall have the right to enter all Lots for the purpose of inspecting whether or not the Owner thereof is in compliance with the Covenants. If during the course of construction of a Dwelling Unit upon a Lot, Declarant or Association determines that there is a violation of the Covenants, the Declarant or Association may order a discontinuance of the construction of the Dwelling Unit until such time as corrective measures have been taken to assure full compliance with the Covenants, and an Owner's failure to immediately discontinue or cause the discontinuance of construction of the Dwelling Unit, upon demand by Declarant or Association, shall constitute a further violation of this Declaration by that Owner.

## ARTICLE XI EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF ENJOYMENT IN RESERVED AREAS; RESERVATIONS OF DECLARANT

11.01 <u>Rights of Enjoyment in Reserved Areas</u>. Every Owner of a Lot, his immediate family, tenants and guests shall have a nonexclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Reserved Areas which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title on every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

- A. The right of the Declarant in its sole discretion to grant easements and rights of way on, across, under and over the Reserved Areas to any district or other entity providing water, sewer, gas, electricity, telephone, cable television or other similar service to the Subdivision or any part thereof.
- B. The right of the Declarant and Association to make such reasonable rules and regulations regarding the use of the Reserved Areas and facilities located thereon by the Owners of Lots and other Persons entitled to such use.
- C. The right of the Declarant to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Reserved Areas to any board, agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Owners of Lots. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members has been recorded.
- D. The right of the Association in accordance with Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving Reserved Areas and facilities and constructing new facilities thereon and in connection therewith to mortgage the Reserved Areas or portions thereof, by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of said Association.
- E. The right of the Association to suspend a Member's voting rights and rights to use the Reserved Areas and facilities thereon (I) for any period during which an Assessment against his Lot remains unpaid, or (2) for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days because of an infraction of the Association's published rules and regulations by a Member of his family or guest.
- F. The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreation facility situated on the Reserved Areas, if any.
- G. All rights reserved to the Declarant, other Owners and the Association in this Declaration.
- 11.02 <u>Development and Conveyance of Reserved Areas</u>. To the extent applicable, any Recreation Area conveyed to the Association shall be subject to the Covenants, restrictions, casements and encumbrances set forth herein, and/or of record at the date of said conveyance with the following covenant which shall be binding upon the Association, successor and assigns: "In order to preserve and enhance the Property value and amenities of Mockingbird Place, and subdivisions abutting the Recreation Area, the Recreation Area shall at all times be maintained in good repair and condition and shall be operated in accordance with high standards." The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Recreation Area. Declarant retains in such deed a right of re-entry in the event the Association fails to properly maintain or operate the Property.
  - 11.03 Reservations of Declarant. The following reservations are hereby made by Declarant:
    - A. The utility easements shown on any Plat are dedicated with the reservation that such utility easements are for the use and benefit of any public utility operating in Smith County, Texas, as well as for the benefit of Declarant to allow for the construction, repair, maintenance and operation of a system or systems of electric light and power, telephone lines, television cable lines, security, gas, water, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and other utility or service which Declarant may find necessary or proper.
    - B. Declarant reserves the right from time to time to make changes in the location, shape, and size of, and additions to, the easements described in Section 11.03 (A) for the purpose of more efficiently or desirably installing utilities therein and thereon.
    - C. The title conveyed to any part or the Property shall not he held or construed to include the title to the water, gas, electricity, telephone, storm sewer or sanitary sewer lines, poles, pipes, conduits, cable television lines or other appurtenances or facilities constructed by Declarant or

public utility companies upon, under, along, across or through such utility easements; and the right (but not the obligation) to construct, maintain, repair and operate such systems, utilities, appurtenances and facilities is reserved to Declarant, its successors and assigns.

- D. The right to sell or lease the lines, utilities, appurtenances and other facilities described in Section 11.03 (C) to any municipality, governmental agency (including any water control or utility district covering the Property as well as other lands), public service corporation or other party is hereby expressly reserved to Declarant.
- E. Neither Declarant nor its successors or assigns shall be liable for any damage done by any of such parties or any of their agents or employees to shrubbery, trees, flowers or other Property of an Owner situated on the Lots covered by the above described utility easements.
- F. The right to enter upon any Lot or Lots during installation of streets for the purpose of performing street excavation, construction, and paving is hereby reserved to Declarant, its successors and assigns, and neither Declarant, nor its successors or assigns, shall be liable for any damage done by any such parties or any of their agents or employees to shrubbery, trees, flowers or other Property of the Owner which is necessitated by such street construction.

## ARTICLE XII FURTHER CONVEYANCES OF AND NOTIFICATIONS TO DECLARANT LAND

The Declarant shall have the absolute, exclusive and unrestricted right, exercisable in its sole discretion, without consent from any Owner, to (i) sell, transfer, convey, lease, dedicate, encumber or in any manner alienate to ally public or private entity the Declarant Land or any part thereof on such terms and in such manner as Declarant in its sole discretion may determine, or (ii) modify the nature, scope, location, configuration, construction, design or other characteristics of the Declarant Land, or any part thereof.

### ARTICLE XIII ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

- 13.01 <u>Architectural Control Committee</u>. The Declarant or a committee appointed by Declarant shall be the sole architectural committee of the original construction on any Lot and have approval over any improvements to be made on any Lot. After original construction is completed, the Association shall be the sole architectural committee and any alterations or additions, including but not limited to the change of color or additional exterior construction, shall first have the approval of the Architectural Control Committee appointed by the Board.
- 13.02 Prior Approval of Plans and Builder/Contractor. No building, fence, wall, sign, exterior light, or other structure or apparatus, either permanent or temporary shall be commenced, erected, placed, or maintained upon any Lot constituting a portion of the Property, nor shall any exterior addition thereto, change therein or alteration, excavation, subdivision or re-subdivision thereof, including without limitation changes in or alteration of grade, landscaping, roadways, and walkways, be made until the proposed builder/contractor and the plans and specifications (showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color, location, and other material attributes of the same) shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by Declarant or by an Architectural Control Committee appointed by Declarant (or the Association). Such approval as to the builder/contractor shall take into consideration, but such is not necessarily limited to, the reputation and experience of the builder/contractor. Such approval as to the plans and specifications shall take into consideration (i) compliance with the Covenants herein contained, and (ii) harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography which are now or hereafter existing or proposed, including, but not by way of limitation, as to architectural designs, setbacks, landscaping, color schemes and construction materials. In the event Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee, fails to approve or disapprove such builder/contractor, design and location within thirty (30) days after such have been submitted to it, approval will not be required, and such Applicant shall be deemed to have fully complied with this Article XIII. Non-exercise of the powers hereby reserved by Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee in one or more instances shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to exercise such power in other or

different instances. Likewise, approval of anyone set of plans and specifications shall not be deemed to constitute approval or any other or different plans or specifications. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct attributable to Declarant or an architectural committee appointed by Declarant or the Association, neither Declarant nor such architectural committee pursuant to the terms of this Article, be deemed to be a representation or any nature regarding the structural safety or engineering soundness of the structure or other item for which such approval was obtained; nor shall such approval represent in any manner compliance with any building or safety codes, ordinances or regulations; nor shall such approval be construed as a representation or warranty as to any matter which is the subject of such approval.

13.03 <u>Reservation of Architectural Control</u>. Nothing contained in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant reserves to itself the right and power to approve and control all construction in the Subdivision, including the right to delegate the powers hereby and thereby reserved to (i) a committee appointed, empowered and constituted by Declarant, (ii) a corporation or association, profit or non-profit, whose directors and officers may be elected and designated by Declarant, or (iii) the Association.

### MAINTENANCE

- 14.01 <u>Declarant Land</u>. The Declarant or its duly delegated representative, shall maintain and otherwise manage all Declarant Land, including but not limited to, the landscaping, walkways, riding paths, parking areas, drives, streets, and recreational facilities, roofs, interiors and exteriors of the buildings and structures located upon said properties. The Declarant shall use a reasonable standard of care in providing for the repair, management, and maintenance of the Declarant Land.
- 14.02 <u>Assessment of Costs of Maintenance and Repair of Declarant Lands</u>. In the event that the need for maintenance or repair of Declarant Land is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner, his family, guests or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to any become part of the Maintenance Charge to which such Owner's Lot is subject, payable and subject to interest as set forth in Article V hereof, and shall be secured by the Assessment Lien.
- 14.03 <u>Powers of the Association Generally</u>. In addition to the powers of Assessment, collection and enforcement set forth in Articles VI, VII and VIII, the Association may exercise any and all rights and powers set forth in Articles of Incorporation or hereinafter enumerated together with any and all additional rights and powers which are necessary, useful or desirable in connection with the management and/or operation of Subdivision and the maintenance of Subdivision in a first class condition, or in connection with the enforcement and effectuation of any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaw or the rules and regulations adopted by the Board.
- 14.04 <u>Reserved Area Maintenance</u>. The Declarant or, if the authority has been delegated, the Association, shall provide and pay for the care, operation, management and repair of the appropriate Reserved Areas. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and by way of illustration, said obligations shall include the keeping of the Reserved Areas in good, clean, attractive and sanitary order and repair; renewing and replacing all or any position of the landscaping, gardens and green areas within the Reserved Areas. Nothing herein shall be construed as waiving any right to recover for any damage or expense incurred as the result of the willful or negligent action or lack of action of any person.
- 14.05 Other Functions. The Declarant or, if the authority has been delegated, the Association, may undertake any activity, function or service or to the benefit or to further the interest of all, some or any Lot Owners on a self-supporting, special Assessment or common Assessment basis. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such activities, functions or services may include the providing of police or some other security service. An Extraordinary Assessment may be made to obtain payment therefore.
- 14.06 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. The Declarant or, if the authority has been delegated, the Association, may make and enforce reasonable and uniformly applied rules and regulations governing the use, occupancy and maintenance of all Reserved Areas within the Subdivision. Such Rules and Regulations may without limitation regulate the use of Reservation Areas to assure equitable use and enjoyment by all persons entitled thereto. The Declarant or the Association shall furnish to each Owner of a Lot and record holder of an

Institutional Mortgage which affects a Lot a copy of the Rules and Regulations upon written request therefore and shall so furnish a copy of all proposed changes to such Rules and Regulations prior to the adoption of such changes. A written copy of such Rules and Regulations shall be available for inspection by the Owners of a Lot and record holders of Institutional Mortgages which affects a Lot at reasonable hours at the office located at or at any other location designated by Declarant or Association. The Association may suspend any Owner's voting rights in the Association during any period or periods that such Owner fails to comply with such Rules and Regulations or the Bylaws. Such Rules and Regulations shall be binding upon each Owner of a Lot and the Members of his family, his tenants, guests, employees, servants, invitees and all other persons having access to any part of the Subdivision. The Declarant or the Association may also take judicial action against any Owner to enforce compliance with such Rules and Regulations or other obligations, rights or privileges under this Declaration of the Bylaws.

- 14.07 <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Declarant or the Association shall have an may exercise any right or privilege granted to it expressly by this Declaration or Bylaws or reasonably to be implied from this Declaration or Bylaws or given or implied by law or which may be desirable, necessary or useful to fulfill its duties, responsibilities, obligations, rights or privileges under this Declaration or the Bylaws.
- 14.08 <u>Right of Maintenance</u>. In the event any Owner of a Lot shall fail to keep and maintain to exterior of his Home as provided in this Declaration, the Declarant or the Association shall have the right and power to enter upon the Owner's Lot to place said Home in the condition required pursuant to this Declaration. The cost of so doing together with overhead and administrative costs shall be paid for by the Owner of such Home and may be assessed by the Association as an Extraordinary Assessment as herein provided.
- 14.09 <u>Willful or Negligent Acts</u>. In the event that any maintenance, repair or other work is required because of the willful or negligent action or lack of action of any Owner, his family, guests, tenants, or invitees, the Association may perform such work or cause the same to be performed at such Owner's cost and expense and may make an Extraordinary Assessment to recover payment thereof provided, except in the event of an emergency, such Owner shall be given ten (10) days' prior notice within which to perform the required maintenance, repair or work.

### ARTICLE XV USE RESTRICTIONS

All Properties. Except with respect to Exempt Property, including the Declarant Land, all Lots. Within the Property are hereby restricted as Follows:

- A. Antennas. No exterior television, radio, or other antenna or satellite dish or any type shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any Lot or Dwelling Unit without prior written approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee. There shall be no free standing antennas or satellite dishes. Antennae located upon a Dwelling Unit shall be located behind, and not higher than, the center ridge line of the roof of the Dwelling Unit and shall not be located on that portion of the roof of a Dwelling Unit fronting on a street, and shall be placed so that same are not visible from any street.
- B. Storage, Parking and Repair of Vehicles.
  - (1) Prohibited Vehicles. None of the following vehicles may be at any time parked or stored on any Lot or street within the subdivision:
    - (a) Any truck larger than a one (1) ton pickup;
    - (b) Bus;
    - (c) Unused or inoperable automobile;
    - (d) Recreational vehicles in excess of twenty (20) feet in length; and
    - (e) Mobile home.
  - (2) Vehicles Stored Only in Garage or Screened Area. None of the following vehicles may be stored on any Lot or any street within the Subdivision unless stored in the garage of the Dwelling Unit or stored in accordance with the subsection C of this Article XV, to wit:

- (a) Boat or boat rigging;
- (b) Trailer:
- (c) Recreational vehicle twenty (20) feet or less in length; or
- (d) Unmounted pickup camper unit.
- (3) Storage of Operable Vehicles and use of Garage. Each Dwelling Unit shall provide garage storage for not less than two (2) vehicles. No garage shall be used to store any material that would prohibit the use of the garage for the storage of not less than two (2) vehicles. All vehicles shall be stored in the garage unless the Owner or his families Members utilize vehicles in excess of the garage storage available (in no event less than storage for two (2) vehicles). Garage doors must remain closed except for ingress and earess of vehicles and during periods of maintenance and at other reasonable and necessary times. (4) Repair of Vehicles and Temporary Parking, No. vehicle, including but not limited to the vehicles described above, shall be parked in the grass portion of the yard of any Lot. No vehicle may be parked within any part of any street in the Subdivision for more than twenty-four (24) hours at a time and vehicles shall not be moved from place to place in the Subdivision to avoid the intent of this prohibition. No Owner of any Lot in the Subdivision or any visitor, tenant or guest of any Owner shall be permitted to perform work on automobiles or other vehicles in driveways or streets other than work of a temporary nature. For the purposes of the foregoing term, "temporary" shall mean that the vehicle shall not be worked on in driveways or streets or parked on any Lot (except in the garage of the Dwelling Unit) in excess of twenty-four (24) hours. On-street parking is restricted to approved deliveries, pick-up or short-time guests and invitees and shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as shall be adopted by the Declarant or the Association.
- C. Storage. No exterior storage or any items of any kind shall be permitted, except with prior written approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee. Any such storage as is approved and authorized shall be in areas attractively screened or concealed (subject to all required approvals as to architectural control) from view from neighboring Property, Dwelling Units, pathways, and streets. This provision shall apply, without limitation, to woodpiles, camping trailers, boat trailers, travel trailers, recreation vehicles, boats, mobile homes, and unmounted pick-up camper units. Also, without limitation, no automobile, truck or other vehicle, regardless of Ownership, age, condition or appearance, shall remain on any Lot in any manner which could be construed as being stored, neglected, abandoned or otherwise not in frequent use, except pursuant to written approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee.
- D. Building Material Storage. No Lot shall be used for the storage of any material whatsoever, except that material used in the construction of the improvements erected upon any Lot may be placed upon such Lot at the time construction is commenced. Building material may remain on Lots for a reasonable time, so long as the construction progresses without undue delay, after which time these materials shall either be removed from the Lot or stored in a suitable enclosure on the Lot. Under no circumstances shall building material be placed or stored on the street paving.
- E. Garbage. No garbage or trash shall be placed at the exterior of any building, except in containers meeting the specifications of the Architectural Control Committee, and the placement, maintenance, and appearance of all such containers shall be subject to reasonable rules and regulations of such Committee. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from each Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon.
- F. Outside Lighting. No outside lighting, other than indirect lighting, shall be placed, allowed, or maintained on any Lot without prior written approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee.
- G. Animals. No animals, livestock, poultry, reptiles, fish, or birds of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot except domestic household pets, all of which are to be maintained within the dwelling and not raised for breeding or other commercial purposes. No animal shall be kept on any Lot if it becomes a nuisance or causes a danger or hazard to other residences or interfere with the quietude, health or

safety of the community. Unless fenced within the Lot of the Owner, any household pet shall be kept on a leash at all times that they are within the Subdivision and outside of the Dwelling Unit.

- H. Re-subdivision. No Lot shall be further subdivided and no portion less than all of any such Lot, or any easement or other interest therein, shall be conveyed by any Owner without the prior written authorization and approval of the Declarant or Association.
- I. Diseases and Insects. No Owner shall permit any thing or condition to exist upon any Lot, which shall induce, breed, or harbor plant disease or noxious insects.
- J. Machinery, Fixtures, and Equipment. No machinery, fixtures, or equipment of any type, including clothes lines, shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon the ground on any Lot, except with prior written approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee in areas attractively screened or concealed (subject to all required approvals as to architectural control) from view of neighboring Property, dwelling units, pathways, and streets, and no such machinery, fixtures, or equipment shall be placed, allowed, or maintained anywhere other than on the ground (such as the roof) except if screened or concealed (subject to all required approvals as to architectural control) in such manner that the screening or concealment thereof appears to be part of the integrated architectural design of the building and docs not have the appearance of a separate piece or pieces of machinery, fixtures, or equipment.
- K. Utility and Service Lines. No gas, electric, power, telephone, water, sewer, cable television, or other utility or service lines of all nature or kind shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon or above the ground on any Lot, except to the extent, if any, underground placement thereof may be prohibited by law or would prevent the subject line from being functional. The foregoing shall not prohibit service pedestals and above ground switch cabinets and transformers where required.
- L. Burning and Incinerators. No open fires shall be permitted on any Lot at any time, and no incinerators or like equipment shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any Lot. The foregoing shall not be deemed to preclude the use, in customary fashion, of outdoor residential barbecues or grills.
- M. Signs. No exterior signs or advertisements of any kind may be placed, allowed, or maintained on any Lot without prior approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee, except that mailboxes, residential nameplates, "for sale" and "for rent" signs, and signs designating the contractor of the Dwelling Unit upon such Lot may be placed and maintained in conformity with such common specifications, including without limitation, reasonable restrictions as to size, as may be adopted by the Declarant or the Association. Signs of this nature shall not exceed 5 square feet in size. The right is reserved by Declarant to construct and maintain, or to allow builders within the Subdivision to construct and maintain signs, billboards and advertising devices as is customary in connection with the sale of newly constructed residential dwellings. The Declarant shall have the right to erect identifying signs at each entrance to the Subdivision. Temporary school spirit signs are allowed and may only be displayed during school years. Signs of this nature shall not exceed 5 square feet in size.
- N. Repairs. No repairs of any detached machinery, equipment, or fixtures, including without limitation motor vehicles, shall be made upon any portion of any Lot within view of neighboring Property, dwelling units, pathways, and streets, without prior written approval and authorization of the Architectural Control Committee.
- O. Oil, Gas, and Mineral Activity. With respect to the Property as defined herein, it is expressly provided that no oil or gas exploration, drilling, development, or refining operations and no quarrying or mining operations of any kind, including oil wells, surface tanks, tunnels, or mineral excavations or shafts shall be permitted or pursued by an Owner other than Declarant upon or under any Lot; and no derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained, or permitted on any Lot, provided, however, that with respect to any outstanding mineral interest owned by any person or entity as of the date hereof such restrictions on exploration, drilling, development, refining, mining, and quarrying shall not be effective. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein however, as to any mineral interest which Declarant owns with respect to the Property, Declarant, reserves the

right to explore, drill, develop, refine, mine, and quarry any minerals in, on or under the Property or such additional land provided however any such activities shall be subject to (i) Declarant's obtaining whatever permits or licenses are required form the City of Whitehouse Texas, and (ii) Declarant's pursuing such activities in such a manner so as to not disrupt the surface lights of any Owner and the Lot(s) owned by such Owner.

- P. Septic Tanks and Sewage Disposal. Except for any Lot served by a municipal waste water treatment system, prior to occupancy of any Lot, the Owner shall obtain a permit for, and shall install, a private onsite waste water treatment system, which shall be installed, operated and maintained in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. No outside toilets of any kind are permitted, except during the period of construction of a Dwelling Unit, during which time chemically treated outside toilets shall be maintained in a manner subject to Declarant's approval; and no installation of any type of devise for disposal of sewage shall be allowed which would result in raw or untreated or unsanitary sewage being carried into any body of water or water source. there is no septic tanks allowed on the property.
- Q. Water Wells. At no time shall the drilling, usage or operation of any water well be permitted on any Lot.
- R. Firearms and Weapons. No Lot or any other portion of the Property shall be used or permitted for hunting or for the discharge of any pistol, rifle, shotgun, or any other firearm, or any bow and arrow or any other devise capable of killing or injuring.
- S. Motor Vehicles. The operation of any and all motorized vehicles as well as golf cars, recreational utility vehicles, four wheelers, etc. within the Property shall be subject to such rules and regulations as are required to operate a motorized vehicle on a state, or public highway.
- T. Permitted Hours for Construction Activity. Except in an emergency or when other unusual circumstances exist, as determined by the Architectural Control Committee, outside construction work or noisy interior construction work shall be permitted only between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
- U. Storage Building. No storage building of any type may be constructed or maintained on any Lot within the Subdivision. Temporary buildings or structures of any nature shall not be permitted on any Lot. Declarant may permit temporary toilet facilities, sales and construction offices and storage areas to be used in connection with the construction and the sale of residences. Builders in the Subdivision may use garages as sales offices for the time during which such builders are marketing homes within the Subdivision. At the time of the sale of a residence by a builder, any garage appurtenant to such residence used for sales purposes must have been reconverted to a garage. No garage may be utilized as a storage facility, which prohibits or impedes its use for the storage of vehicles.
- V. Change in Intended Use. No portion of the Property may be developed or redeveloped otherwise than in accordance with its intended use, without the prior written authorization of the Declarant.
- W. Misuse and Mismanagement. No Lot shall be maintained or utilized in such manner as to present an unsightly appearance (including but not limited to clothes drying within public view) or as to unreasonably offend the morale of or as to constitute a nuisance or unreasonable annoyance to, or as to endanger the health of, other Owners or residents of the Property; and no noxious or otherwise offensive condition or activity shall be allowed to exist or be conducted thereon.
- X. Violation of Statutes, Ordinances, and Regulations. No Lot shall be maintained or utilized in such a manner as to violate any applicable statute, ordinance, or regulation of the United States of America, the State of Texas, the County of Smith or any other governmental agency or subdivision having jurisdiction over the Property.
- Y. Violation of Rules or of Covenants, Conditions, or Restrictions. No Lot shall be maintained or utilized in violation of this Declaration or of the rules and regulations of the Declarant or Association or of any Covenants, conditions, or restrictions applicable to and binding upon said Lot.

### ARTICLE XVI TERM, AMENDMENTS, TERMINATIONS

- 16.01 Term; Method of Termination. This Declaration shall be effective upon the date of recordation hereof and, as amended from time to time, shall continue in full force and effect to and including December 31st, 2050. From and after said date, this Declaration, as amended, shall be automatically extended for successive. Often (10) years each, unless there is an affirmative vote to terminate this Declaration by the then Owners casting seventy-five percent (75%) of the total votes (each Owner other than Declarant having one vote per Lot owned with Declarant having three votes per Lot owned), present at the meeting held for such purpose within six (6) months prior to the expiration of the initial effective period hereof any ten (10) year extension.
- 16.02 Amendments. This Declaration may be amended or changed in whole or in part at any time by obtaining i) the affirmative vote of fifty-one percent (51%) of the total votes each Owner other than Declarant having one (1) vote per Lot owned with the Declarant having three (3) votes per Lot owned present at a special meeting called pursuant to Section 16.03, and (ii) if Declarant owns any Property within the Recorded Plat, the written approval of the Declarant. If Declarant own any Property within the Recorded Plat, then no amendment of this Declaration may be effected without first obtaining the written consent of Declarant or its successors or assigns.
- 16.03 Election Procedures for Amendments and Termination. The affirmative votes required under Section 16.01 or 16.02 shall be obtained and evidenced by the requisite vote by the Owners (including Declarant) present at a meeting of Owners duly called by at least ten (10) Owners or by the Declarant pursuant to notice to all of the Owners on or prior to ten (10) days before the date of the meeting at which meeting the requisite percentage of Owners, in person or by proxy, vote to so amend or eliminate this Declaration (and the Covenants herein). The notice of the meeting must set forth the proposal as to amendment of this Declaration (and/or the Covenants contained herein) and such a formative vote of the requisite percentage of Owners must be evidenced by minutes of the meeting duly certified by the Owners who called the meeting or the Declarant. In any event, a copy of the minutes must be delivered to the Declarant. There shall be no quorum requirements for any meetings held pursuant to this Section.
- Recording of Amendments. Upon the requisite percentage of Owners duly voting to amend this Declaration (and/or the Covenants contained herein) and upon the other conditions set forth in Section 16.0 I and 16.02 to (as the case may be) and Section 16.03 of this Article being satisfied, then this amendment shall be executed by the Declarant, placed in recordable form, and tiled of record in the Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas, accompanied by a statement that the requisite percentage of Owners have voted to make such amendment to this Declaration.
- 16.05 Effect. Upon the filing of an amendment in accordance with Section 16.04, this Declaration and the Covenants, as amended shall remain in full force and effect.
- Institutions. Anything in this Article to the contrary notwithstanding, Declarant reserves, on the Declarant's and the Board's behalf, the right to amend all or any part of this Declaration to such an extent and with such language as may be requested by any federal, state, or local agency which request such an amendment as a condition precedent to such agency's approval of this Declaration, or by any federally chartered lending institution as a condition precedent to lending funds upon the security of the Property or any portion thereof. Any such amendment shall be affected by the recordation, by Declarant or Board, of a certificate of Amendment signed by a duly authorized agent of Declarant or Board, with signature acknowledged, specifying the federal, state, or local governmental agency or the federally chartered lending institution requesting the amendment and setting forth the amendatory language requested by such agency or institution. Recordation of such a certificate shall be deemed conclusive proof of the agency's or institution's request for such an amendment, and such Certificate, when recorded shall be binding upon the Property and all persons having an interest in the Property. Except as provided in this Section 16.06, Declarant or Board shall not have any right to amend this Declaration otherwise than in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.02 to hereof.

## ARTICLE XVII RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO RE-SUBDIVIDE AND REPLAT RESERVED AREA AND LOTS

Subject to the approval of any and all appropriate government agencies having jurisdiction, Declarant hereby reserves the right at any time while it is the Owner thereof to subdivide or re-subdivide, as the case may be, and/or plat or replat, as the case may be, all or any portion of Declarant Land, the Reserved Areas and any Lot or Lots without the consent of any Owner.

### ARTICLE XVIII SUBJECTING ADDITIONAL LANDS TO THE DECLARATION

From time to time the size of the Property may be increased, in the manner provided in this Article, by recording in the Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas, a supplement to this Declaration (hereinafter called "Supplemental Declaration"). The Supplemental Declaration shall be signed and acknowledged by or on behalf of the Declarant and by the Owner of record of the additional and to be included within the Property and subjected to the Covenants set forth in this Declaration. Each set supplemental Declarations shall:

- A. Describe the land to be included as a part of the Property; and
- B. State that such land in the Permanent Improvements thereon are expressly subjected to all the Covenants set forth in this Declaration. The Owners of Lots in the additional Property shall become Members of the Association. The Association shall automatically include the Owner of any Lot located within the Recorded Plat upon the filing of a Supplemental Declaration.

### ARTICLE XIX OWNERSHIP OF UTILITIES AMENITIES IN RESERVED AREAS

All utilities, if any, constructed by Declarant (including without limitation all such water gas electricity telephone, television, storm sewer or sanitary sewer lines, security systems, polls, pipes, conduit or other appurtenances or facilities) shall be owned by Declarant and, as to all or any part thereof, may be sold, transfers, conveyed, least, dedicated, encumbered or in any manner alienated by declaring any time to any private or public entity on such terms and in such manner as Declarant in its sole discretion may determine.

### ARTICLE XX ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- 20.01 <u>Membership in Association</u>. Each Owner of a Lot, including the Declarant, shall be a Member of the Association, but if the Owner of a Lot shall be more than one person, all such persons, collectively, shall be the Member with respect to that Lot. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from record ownership of a Lot and such Membership shall be automatically transferred to the new Owner upon any sale, transfer or other disposition of a Lot subject to the provisions hereof There shall not be more than one Member for each Lot within the addition. Upon any such transfer, sale or other disposition of all or some of the fee interest in a Lot, the then Owner shall automatically become a Member with respect to such a Lot. Ownership of a Lot shall be the sole qualification for being a Member of the Association.
- 20.02 <u>Voting</u>. Each Member other than Declarant shall be entitled to one (I) vote for each Lot as to which he is the Member in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Article XX and the Bylaws; Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot as to which it is the Member. No Member other than Declarant shall have the right to vote until it shall deliver to the Secretary of the Association (i) a certified copy of the recorded Deed or other recorded instrument establishing record title to the Lot and (ii) if the Member shall be more than one Person or a corporation, a written notice subscribed to by all of such persons or by such corporation, as the case may be, designating one of such Persons or officer of such corporation as the Person entitled to cast a vote with respect to such a Lot; but all other obligations of the Owner of such Lot hereunder shall be unaffected, including without limitation, the right to use Reserved Area and obligation to pay Assessments. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Articles to the contrary, no action

may be taken by the Association without the written consent of the Declarant having first been obtained if the Declarant then owns any Property within the Recorded Plat.

- 20.03 <u>Suspension of Voting Rights</u>. In the event any Assessment against a Lot remains unpaid for a period of sixty (60) days beyond the due date thereof, the voting rights of the Owner of said Lot shall be suspended until such Assessment together with all interest and late charges has been paid.
- 20.04 Notices. Unless a greater period shall be specified in this Declaration, each Member shall be entitled to at least fifteen (15) days' notice of any meeting at which Members have the right to vote (except shorter notice may be given in the event of an emergency). Notices of meeting shall be in writing and shall state the date, time and place of the meeting and shall indicate each matter to be voted on at the meeting which is known to the Association at the time notice of the meeting is given. Any notice shall be deemed given and any budget or other information or material should be deemed furnished or delivered to any Member when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid addressed 'To the Owner', at the address of the Lot of such a Member or personally delivered to the Member, whichever is earlier.

### ARTICLE XXI INSURANCE

- 21.01 <u>Insurance</u>. All insurance, other than title insurance, carried in connection with the Reserved Area and the improvements located thereof shall be governed by the provisions of this Article XXII.
- 21.02 <u>Insurance to be Carried by the Association</u>. Association may obtain and maintain, to the extent obtainable, liability and other insurance deemed necessary by the Board in an amount deemed adequate by them. Each Owner shall be responsible for acquiring insurance on his Lot, as he deems advisable against fire and other hazards in an amount that adequately provides for the reconstruction of the premises in case of destruction.

### ARTICLE XXII DEVIATIONS

The Declarant may grant approval for deviations from the restrictions provided herein. So long as such deviations are, in the Declarant's opinion, generally consistent and harmonious with the remainder of the surrounding community. Such actions shall not require the approval of the Association or any Owner, but no such approval shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by Declarant.

### ARTICLE XXIII MISCELLANEOUS

- 23.01 <u>Interpretation of the Covenants</u>. Except for judicial construction, the Declarant shall have the exclusive right to construe and interpret the provisions of this Declaration. In the absence of any adjudication to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Declarant's construction or interpretation of the provisions hereof shall be final, conclusive, and binding as to all persons and Property benefited are bound by the Covenants and provisions hereof. If any provisions conflict, Declarant shall determine which provision controls.
- 23.02 <u>Severability</u>. Any determination by any court of competent jurisdiction that any provision of this Declaration is invalid or unenforceable shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any of the other provisions hereof.
- 23.03 <u>Rule Against Perpetuities</u>. If any interest purported to be created by this Declaration is challenged under the Rule against Perpetuities or any related to rule, the interest shall be construed as becoming void and of no effect as of the end of the applicable period of perpetuities computed from the date when the period of perpetuities starts to run on the challenge interest; the "lives in being" for computing the period of perpetuities shall be (a) those which would be used in determining the validity of the challenged interest, plus (b) if applicable, those of the issue of the Declarant who are living at the time the period of perpetuities starts to run on the challenged interest.

- 23.04 <u>Change of Circumstance</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration, no change of conditions or circumstance shall operate to extinguish, terminate, or modify any of the provisions of this Declaration.
- 23.05 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. In addition to the right to adopt rules and regulations on the matters expressly mentioned elsewhere in this Declaration, the Declarant still have the right to adopt rules and regulations with respect to all other aspects of the Declarant's rights, activities, and duties, provided so the rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration.
- 23.06 <u>Declarant's Disclaimer of Representations</u>. Anything to the contrary in this Declaration notwithstanding, and except as otherwise maybe expressly set forth on a recorded plat or other instrument recorded in the Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas, Declarant makes no warranties are representations whatsoever that the plans presently in vision for the complete development of the Property can or will be carried out, or that any land now owned or hereafter acquired by it is or will be subjected to this Declaration, or that any such land (whether or not it has been subjected to this Declaration) is or will be committed to or developed for a particular (or any) use, or that if such a land is once used fix a particular use, such use will continue in effect, and Declarant shall have no obligation to construct, maintain or repair any improvements.
- 23.07 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct attributable to Declarant or its successors and assigns, neither Declarant nor its successors or assigns shall have any liability arising out of the performance or nonperformance of the rights and powers reserved unto Declarant, its successors or assigns pursuant to this Declaration.
- 23.08 <u>Successors and Assigns of Declarant</u>. Any reference in this Declaration to Declarant shall include any successors or assigns of any of the Declarant's rights and powers hereunder; provided, no rights of Declarant hereunder shall be deemed to be assigned unless an instrument expressly assigning such rights is signed by Declarant and recorded in Smith County. Texas
- 23.09 <u>Gender and Number</u>. Wherever the context of this Declaration so requires, words used in the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders; words used in the neuter gender shall include the masculine and female genders; words in the singular shall include the plural; and words in the plural shall include the singular.
- 23.10 <u>Caption and Titles</u>. All captions, titles, or headings of the Articles in Sections in this Declaration are for the purpose of reference and convenience only, and are not to be deemed to limit, modify, or otherwise affect any of the provisions hereof, or to be used in determining the intent or context thereof.
- 23.11. Notices. Any notice required or permitted to be delivered as provided herein may be delivered either personally or by mail. If delivery is made by mail, delivery shall be deemed to have been made twenty-four (24) hours after a copy of a notice has been deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, addressed to each such person at the address given by such person to the party sending a notice or to the address of the Dwelling Unit of such person if no address has been given. Such address maybe be changed from time to time by notice in writing.
- 23.12 Prior Recorded Instruments. This Declaration and all the provisions hereof are expressly subject to all prior recorded documents affecting the Property, including without limitation, the Reservation of Architectural Control as defined herein.
- 23.13 Enforcement of the Covenants. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event of any violation or attempted violation of any other provisions hereof, including any of the Covenants, enforcement shall be authorized by any proceedings at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any of such provisions, including proceedings to restrain or prevent such violation or attempted violation by injunction, whether prohibitive in nature or mandatory in commanding compliance with such provisions; and it shall not be a prerequisite to the granting of any such injunction to show inadequacy of legal remedy or irreparable harm. Likewise any person entitled to enforce the provisions hereof may recover such damages as such person has sustained by reason of the violation of such provisions.

23.14 <u>Suspension of the Covenants</u>. The Declarant shall have the right during the period of construction, development, and sale, to grant reasonable and specifically limited exemptions from the Covenants to the Declarant and any other developer or contractor. Any such exemptions shall be granted only upon specific written request and upon written approval signed by Declarant, itemizing the exemption requested, the location thereof, the need therefore, and the anticipated duration thereof; and any authorization and approval thereof shall be similarly itemized. No such exemption shall be broader in terms of activity, location, or time then is reasonably required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto caused their names to be signed by the signature of the duly authorized official as of the day and year first above written.

> REH WHITEHOUSE ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C AND MOCKINGBIRD WHITEHOUSE LLC

Name, Title Thomas Variator, PLESIDENT

State of Texas

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County of SMITH

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