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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF WESTBROOKE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, desiring to form a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 1702 of the Revised Code of Ohio, hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be Westbrooke Subdivision Homeowners'

Association, Inc.

SECOND: The place in Ohio where the principal office of the corporation is to be located

is the City of Columbus, Franklin County.

THIRD: The purposes for which the corporation is formed are generally, to serve as a

"homeowners' association" as that term is defined in Section 528 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time (the "Code") and to that end to hold title to, or easements over, land within the development for common purposes, including but not limited to detention areas and/or landscape entry areas, to maintain and administer such land and common areas in accordance with restrictions of record for Westbrooke Subdivision, including the restrictions of record in Official Records Vol. 32496, at p. B-15 the plats of record in Plat Book 83, pages 91-93, and Plat Book 84, pages 100-101, and all other property at any time added to the Westbrooke Subdivision and made subject to the foregoing restrictions, or this Association, with all references being to the records of the Recorder of Franklin County, Ohio.

In carrying out the foregoing purposes, the corporation may purchase, lease, exchange, acquire, own, hold, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, borrow money upon, sell and otherwise deal in and with real and personal property of every kind, character and description whatsoever and all estates and interests

therein, and otherwise may engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be formed under Chapter 1702 of the Revised Code of Ohio. The foregoing purposes shall be accomplished on a non-profit basis, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall enure to the benefit of any private person, firm, corporation, association or organization, except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services provided to or for the benefit of the corporation.

FOURTH:

The names and addresses of the three (3) initial trustees of the corporation who shall serve until the first annual or special meeting or until their successors are duly elected are as follows:

Robert A. Meyer, Jr. Richard R. Buechler

Terry E. George

5501 Frantz Road 5501 Frantz Road

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P.O. Box 7166 P.O. Box 7166

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FIFTH:

Each owner of a fee simple interest in a lot in the Development shall be a member of the corporation; provided that owner or owners of each lot in the Development shall be entitled to exercise one vote for each such lot that he or she owns or they own; provided further that one hundred percent (100%) of the voting power of the members of the corporation shall be entitled to be exercised by the Developer (as defined in the Code of Regulations) on each matter properly submitted to the members for their vote, consent, waiver, release or action until such time as the Developer elects to relinquish that voting right, which relinquishment shall take place not later than the date that the developer ceases to own the fee simple title to at least one of the lots in the Development. The membership of each owner shall terminate when the owner ceases to own an undivided fee simple interest[s], and upon the sale, transfer or other disposition of each undivided fee simple interest in a lot, the membership in the corporation which is appurtenant to that interest shall automatically be transferred to the new owner(s) of the interest. No member may otherwise terminate his membership in the Association or sever that membership interest.

SIXTH:

The obligation to pay the assessments imposed by the restrictions shall commence on January 1, 1997. Notwithstanding any term or condition in the restrictions to the contrary, a quorum for any meeting of the membership shall be that number of members who are entitled to vote who are present in person or by proxy at a meeting. Actions (except the amendment of the restrictions) can be taken upon a majority vote of the members present, in person or by proxy, at any duly noticed meeting.

SEVENTH: Upon the dissolution of the corporation and after the return, transfer or conveyance of assets held upon condition which shall have occurred by reason of the dissolution or otherwise, the trustees of the corporation shall distribute all of the remaining assets of the corporation in accordance with a plan of distribution adopted by the members of the corporation.

**EIGHTH:** 

A trustee, member or officer of the corporation shall not be disqualified by such office or membership from dealing or contracting with the corporation as vendor, purchaser, employee, agent, provider or otherwise. No contract or transaction shall be void or voidable with respect to the corporation for the reason that it is between the corporation and one or more of its trustees, members or officers, or between the corporation and any other entity in which one or more of the corporation's trustees, members or officers are directors, trustees or officers, or have financial or personal interests; or for the reason that one or more interested trustees or officers participated in or voted at the meeting of the trustees or a committee thereof which authorized such contract or transaction, if in any case (a) the material facts of any such relationship or interest and of the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the trustees or the committee and the trustees or committee, in good faith reasonably justified by said facts, authorize the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested trustees even though the disinterested trustees constitute less than a quorum; or (b) the material facts of any such relationship or interest and of the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the members entitled to vote thereon and the contract or transaction is specifically approved at a meeting of the members held for that purpose at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of members exercising a majority of the voting power of the members who are present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and are not interested in the contract or transaction; or (c) the contract or transaction is fair to the corporation at the time it is authorized or approved by the trustees. a committee thereof, or the members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 1996.

## ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF AGENT

The undersigned, being the sole incorporator of Westbrooke Subdivision Homeowners Association, Inc., does hereby appoint the following natural person (a resident in the county in which the corporation has its principal office) as the statutory agent of the corporation upon whom any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. His complete address is:

Robert A. Meyer, Jr. 5501 Frantz Road Dublin. Ohio 43017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I hereby accept appointment as agent of your corporation upon whom process, tax notices or demands may be served.

## **SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that KING FARM ASSOCIATES, an Ohio joint venture, with offices at 5501 Frantz Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017, the Grantor herein, for the consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) received to its full satisfaction of TERRY E. GEORGE, TRUSTEE, the Grantee, whose tax mailing address is 5501 Frantz Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017, does, this 1st day of July, 1996, give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Grantee, his successors and assigns forever, the following described premises:

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Columbus, and being more particularly described as follows.

Being Lot Numbers One (1) through Seventy-four (74), inclusive, of WESTBROOKE SECTION 1, as the same are numbered and delineated upon the recorded plat thereof, of record In Plat Book 83, pages 91, 92 and 93, Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio.

Subject to all conditions, easements, liens, encumbrances, and restrictions of record, if any, which Grantee herein assumes and agrees to as part consideration for this conveyance.

The Grantor hereby covenants with the Grantee and his successors and assigns that the premises are free and clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever created by or under the Grantor except (a) real estate taxes and assessments, if any, not presently due and payable, (b) zoning and building laws, ordinances, and regulations, (c) legal highways, (d) restrictions, conditions, and easements of record. and all other liens and encumbrances of record or otherwise affecting such premises; and that the Grantor will forever warrant and defend the premises, with the appurtenances, unto the Grantee and his Successors and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons claiming through the Grantor except as above noted. In pursuance of a general plan for the protection, benefit, and mutual advantage of all lots described above and of all persons who now are or may hereafter become owners of any of said lots or parts thereof, and as part of the consideration for this conveyance, the Grantor executes and delivers this deed, and the Grantee accepts the same, subject to each and all of the following reservations, restrictions, conditions, easements, covenants, obligations, and charges (hereinafter called "Restrictions") which are for the mutual benefit and protection of and shall be enforceable by any of the present or future owners of said lots. It is intended and be conveyed back to the Grantor. Such re-conveyance or any transfer or conveyance which may result in the same person acquiring all of the premises or more than one lot shall not result in a merger of the interest so as to result in the extinguishment of the Restrictions, it being the intent of the Grantor that the Restrictions remain at all times in full force and effect notwithstanding any such event.

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## I. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Annual Assessment" -- amount to be paid to the Association by each Owner annually.
- B. "Assessments" -- collectively referring to Annual Assessments, Lot Assessments and Special Assessments.
- C. "Association" -- Westbrooke Association, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation to be formed by Grantor before the Turnover Date, its successors and assigns.
- D. "Association Governing Documents" -- these Restrictions, the articles of incorporation, code of regulations, by-laws and any and all procedures, rules, regulations or policies adopted by the Association or its Board.
- E. "Board" -- the board of trustees of the Association.
- F. "Common Expenses" -- expenses incurred in owning, maintaining, or improving the common Property, or in operating the Association pursuant to the Association Governing Documents.

- G. "Common Property" -- all real and personal property now or hereafter acquired, pursuant to these Restrictions or otherwise, and owned by the Association for the common use and the enjoyment of the Owners, or for the operation of the Association.
- H. "Entrance Feature Area" -- the entrance features described in Article IX, Paragraph E of these Restrictions.
- "Grantor" -- King Farm Associates and any manager, general partner, shareholder, successor or assign thereof to which Grantor specifically assigns any of its rights under these Restrictions by a written instrument.
- J. "Improvements" -- all buildings, outbuildings, garages and structures; overhead, aboveground and underground installations, including without limitation, utility facilities and Systems, lines, pipes, wires, towers, cables, conduits, poles, antennae and satellite dishes; flagpoles; swimming pools; tennis and all other types of permanently installed recreational courts, fixtures and facilities; slope and drainage alterations; roads, driveways, uncovered parking areas and other paved areas; fences, trellises, walls, retaining walls, exterior stairs, decks, patios and porches; planted trees, hedges, shrubs and other forms of landscaping that are more than thirty (30) feet high when fully grown; and all other structures of every type.
- K. "Lot" -- a discrete parcel of real property identified upon the recorded subdivision plat of the Property, or recorded re-subdivision thereof and any other discrete parcel of real property designated as a Lot by Grantor, excluding the Common Property and any portion of the Property dedicated for public use.
- L. "Lot Assessment" -- an assessment that the Board may levy against one or more Lots to reimburse the Association for costs incurred on behalf of those Lot(s), or the owners or occupants thereof, including without limitation, costs associated with making repairs that are the responsibility of the Owner of those Lots; costs of additional insurance premiums reasonably allocable to an Owner; costs of any utility expenses chargeable to an Owner but not separately billed by the utility company; and all other charges reasonably determined to be a Lot Assessment by the Board.
- M. "Manager" -- the person or entity retained by the Board to assist in the management of the Association as set forth in Article IV, Paragraph F.
- N. "Member" -- any person or entity entitled to membership in the Association, as provided for in Article III.
- O. "Owner" -- the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, including contract sellers, but excluding those having an interest merely as security for performance of an obligation, and also excluding the Grantor.

- P. "Property" -- all of the real property described in <a href="Exhibit "A" attached hereto and such additional property as may be annexed by amendment to these Restrictions, or that is owned in fee simple by the Association, together with all easements and appurtenances.
- Q. "Reserve Fund" -- the fund that may be established pursuant to Article V.
- R. "Rules" -- the rules and regulations governing use of the Property and the Common Property, as may be established by the Board from time to time pursuant to Article IV.
- S. "Special Assessment" -- an assessment levied by the Association through its Board, against all Lots pursuant to Article V, to pay for capital expenditures, interest expense on indebtedness incurred for the purpose of making capital expenditures, unanticipated operating deficiencies, or any other purpose determined appropriate by the Board in furtherance of its functions hereunder.
- T. "State" -- the State of Ohio.
- U. "Turnover Date" -- the date on which Grantor relinquishes its exclusive right to appoint all members of the Board, which date shall be no later than the date Grantor closes on the sale of the last Lot it owns in the subdivision, as it may be ultimately enlarged by the annexation of additional phases.

## II. GOALS

The covenants, easements, conditions and restrictions contained in these Restrictions are declared to be in furtherance of the following purposes:

- A. Compliance with all zoning and similar governmental regulations;
- B. Promotion of the health, safety and welfare of all Owners and residents of the Property;
- C. Preservation, beautification and maintenance of the Property and all Improvements; and
- D. Establishment of requirements for the development and use of the Property.

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## III. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- A. Membership. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. Membership is a right appurtenant to and inseparable from an Owner's fee simple title in a Lot, and such right of membership shall automatically transfer to any transferee of fee simple title to a Lot at the time such title is conveyed or at such time as a land installment contract is entered and recorded for the conveyance of fee simple title. The foregoing is not intended to include persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest or mortgage shall not terminate an Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more persons, shall have more than one membership per Lot owned. In the event an Owner consists of more than one person, such persons shall have one membership in the Association as tenants in common.
- B. <u>Governance</u>. Voting and all other matters regarding the governance and operation of the Association shall be set forth in the Association Governing Documents.

## IV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

# A. Common Property

- 1. Grantor may, from time to time, at Grantor's option, convey to the Association for the use and benefit of the Association and the Members real or personal property, or any interest therein, as part of the Common Property in the nature of an easement appurtenant to the Property. The Association shall accept title to any interest in any real or personal property transferred to it by Grantor The Association, subject to the rights of the Owners set forth in these Restrictions and the Association Governing Documents, and subject also to budget limitations and the business judgment rule, shall be responsible for the exclusive management and control of the Common Property, if any, and all improvements thereon, and shall keep that property in good, clean, attractive, and sanitary condition, order and repair.
- 2. Subject only to budgetary limitations and the Board's right to exercise its reasonable judgment, the Association shall operate, maintain, repair and replace entry feature(s) in the Entrance Feature Area and on all other Common Property and shall keep the Entrance Feature Area in good, clean and attractive condition, order and repair. The Association by its Board shall have the right to establish and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the operation, maintenance and use of the Entrance Feature Area.
- B. <u>Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use</u>. The Association may acquire, hold, manage, operate, maintain, improve, mortgage and dispose of

- tangible and intangible personal property and real property in addition to that property conveyed to it by Grantor.
- C. <u>Cost Sharing Agreements</u>. The Association may enter into cost-sharing agreements with other home owners' associations pursuant to which the Association agrees to share in the cost of maintaining, repairing and replacing entranceway features, landscaping, storm water retention facilities, mounding, fencing and any other improvements that benefit the Property or the members of the Association.
- D. Rules and Regulations. The Association may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Property, which shall be consistent with these Restrictions and the Association Governing Documents. The Association shall have the power to impose sanctions on Owners, including without limitation: (i) reasonable monetary fines which shall be considered Lot Assessments; (ii) suspension of the right to vote as a Member of the Association; and (iii) suspension of the right to use the Common Property. In addition, the Board shall have the power to seek relief in any court for violations or to abate unreasonable disturbances. If the Board expends funds for attorneys' fees or litigation expenses in connection with enforcing any provision of these Restrictions, any other Association Document, or any Rules, against any Owner, tenant, guest or invitee of any Owner, the amount so expended shall be due and payable by such Owner, and shall be a Lot Assessment against such Owner's Lot.
- E. <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by the laws of the State and these Restrictions, and every other right or privilege reasonably implied from the existence of any right or privilege granted in these Restrictions, or reasonably necessary to effect any such right or privilege.
- F. Managing Agent. The Board may retain and employ on behalf of the Association a Manager, which may be Grantor, and may delegate to the Manager such duties as the Board might otherwise be authorized or obligated to perform. The compensation of the Manager shall be a Common Expense. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed three years and shall allow for termination by either party, without cause, and without penalty, upon no more than 90 days' prior written notice.

# G. Insurance.

- 1. The Association shall obtain and maintain a comprehensive policy of public liability insurance insuring the Association, the trustees, and the Owners and occupants, with such coverage and limits as the trustees may determine, covering claims for personal injury and/or property damage arising by reason of acts by or on behalf of the Association or otherwise.
- 2. The Association may, in the Board's discretion, obtain and maintain the following insurance: (a) fidelity bond coverage and workers' compensation insurance for all officers, directors, board members and employees of the

Association and all other persons handling or responsible for handling funds of the Association, (b) adequate comprehensive general liability insurance, (c) officers' and trustees' liability insurance to fund the obligations of the Association under Section X.D, (d) additional insurance against such other hazards and casualties as is required by law, and (e) any other insurance the Association deems necessary.

- 3. In the event of damage or destruction of any portion of the Common Property, the Association shall promptly repair or replace the same, to the extent that insurance proceeds are available. Each Owner hereby appoints the Association as its attorney-in-fact for such purpose. If such proceeds are insufficient to cover the cost of the repair or replacement, then the Board may levy a Special Assessment pursuant to Section V to cover the additional costs.
- H. <u>Condemnation</u> The Association shall represent the Owners in any condemnation proceedings or in negotiations, settlements and agreements with the condemning authority for acquisition of the Common Property, or any portion thereof. Each Owner hereby irrevocably appoints the Association as its attorney-in-fact for such purpose. The awards or proceeds of any condemnation action shall be payable to the Association, to be held and used for the benefit of the Owners, as determined by the Board.
- I. <u>Books; Records</u>. Upon reasonable request of any Member, the Association shall be required to make reasonably available for inspection by any Member all books, records and financial statements of the Association.

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## V. ASSESSMENTS

- A. <u>Reserve Fund</u>. The Board, at is discretion, may establish and maintain a Reserve Fund for financing the operation of the Association, for paying necessary costs and expenses of operating the Association, and/or repairing and maintaining Common Property or components thereof.
- B. <u>Types of Assessments</u>. Subject to the option described in paragraph (c) of this section, the Grantor, for each Lot owned, covenants and agrees, and each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Lot, is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association the following assessments; (i) Annual Assessments; (ii) Special Assessments; and (iii) Lot Assessments. No Owner may gain exemption from liability for any Assessment by waiving or foregoing the use or enjoyment of any of the Common Property or by abandoning his/her Lot. Annual and Special Assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots.

- C. Annual Assessment. The Board shall annually estimate the Common Expenses and the expenses, if any, it expects the Association to incur in the Association's next ensuing fiscal year for the maintenance, operation and management of the Association, (which may include amounts, if any, for the Reserve Fund -- as may be determined by the Board) and shall assess each Owner of a Lot an Annual Assessment equal to such estimated expenses divided by the total number of Lots. The Annual Assessments shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Association Governing Documents and the Rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary; (i) prior to January 1,1997, in no event shall the Annual Assessments for each Lot exceed \$\_\_\_\_ and (ii) prior to the date that Grantor relinquishes its right to appoint members of the Board as set forth in the Association Governing Documents (the "Turnover Date"), Grantor may elect to pay the Annual, Special or Lot Assessments applicable to Lots owned by Grantor or in lieu thereof, not pay such Annual Assessments, and to instead pay any deficit incurred in operating the Association, determined annually.
- D. <u>Special Assessments</u>. The Board may levy against all Lot(s) and Owners a Special Assessment to pay for capital expenditures, interest expense on indebtedness incurred for the purpose of making capital expenditures and not to be paid out of the Reserve Fund; unanticipated operating deficiencies or any other purpose determined appropriate by the Board in furtherance of its functions hereunder.
- E. Lot Assessments. The Board may levy a Lot Assessment against any Lot(s) and the Owner(s) thereof to reimburse the Association for costs incurred on behalf of the Lot(s), or as a consequence of any act or omission by any Owner, occupant, or invitee, including without limitation, costs associated with making repairs that are the responsibility of the Owner; costs of additional insurance premiums specifically allocable to an Owner; costs of any utility expenses chargeable to an Owner but not separately billed by the utility company; and all other fines and charges reasonably determined to be a Lot Assessment by the Board. Upon its determination to levy a Lot Assessment, the Board shall give the affected Owner(s) written notice and the right to be heard by the Board or a duly appointed committee thereof in connection with such Lot Assessment, 10 days prior to the effective date of the levy of any Lot The Board may levy a Lot Assessment in the nature of a fine reasonably determined by the Board against the Lot of any Owner who violates the Rules, or any provision of the Association Governing Documents, or who suffers or permits his/her family members, guests, invitees or tenants to violate such Rules or any provision of the Association Governing Documents, including these Restrictions.

# F. Remedies.

1. <u>Late Charge</u>. If any Assessment remains unpaid for ten (10) days after all or any part thereof shall become due and payable, the Board may charge interest from and after that date at the lesser of the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the highest rate permitted by law, together with an administrative collection charge of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

- 2. Liability for Unpaid Assessments. Each Assessment or installment of an Assessment, together with interest thereon and any costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees shall become the personal obligation of the Owner(s) beginning on the date the Assessment or installment thereof becomes due and payable. The Board may authorize the Association to institute an action at law on behalf of the Association against the Owner(s) personally obligated to pay any delinquent assessment. Except upon the commencement of a foreclosure by a bona fide first-mortgage lender, an Owner's personal obligation for a Lot's delinquent Assessments shall also be the personal obligation of his/her successors in title who acquire an interest after any Assessment becomes due and payable and both such Owner and his/her successor in title shall be jointly and severally liable therefor. Except as otherwise provided herein, the transfer of an interest in a Lot other than by foreclosure by a holder of a bona fide first-mortgage lender shall neither impair the Association's lien against that Lot for any delinquent Assessment nor prohibit the Association from foreclosing that lien.
- 3. <u>Liens</u>. All unpaid Assessments, together with any interest and charges thereon or costs of collection, shall constitute a continuing charge in favor of the Association and a lien on the Lot against which the Assessment was levied. If any Assessment remains unpaid for 10 days after it is due, then the Board may authorize any officer or appointed agent of the Association to file a certificate of lien for all or any part of the unpaid balance of that Assessment, together with interest and collection costs, including attorneys' fees, with the appropriate governmental office.

The certificate shall contain a description of the Lot which the lien encumbers, the name(s) of the Owner(s) of that Lot, and the amount of the unpaid portion of the Assessment. The certificate may be signed by any officer, authorized agent or Manager of the Association. Upon the filing of the certificate, the subject Lot shall be encumbered by a continuing lien in favor of the Association. The Assessment lien shall remain valid for a period of five years from the date such certificate is duly filed, unless the lien is released earlier or satisfied in the same manner provided by the law of the State for the release and satisfaction of mortgages on real property, or until the lien is discharged by the final judgment or order of any court having jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the lien for Assessments provided for in this Section shall be subordinate to the lien of any bona fide first mortgage on a Lot, that is recorded before the recording of a certificate of lien by the Association.

4. <u>Vote on Association Matters: Use of Common Property</u>. If any Assessment remains unpaid for thirty (30) days after it becomes due, then the delinquent Owner's voting rights upon Association matters and privileges to use the Common Property, except for necessary ingress and egress to his/her Lot, shall be suspended until such Assessment is paid.

## VI. MAINTENANCE

- A. <u>Maintenance by Association</u>. Subject only to budgetary limitations and the right of the Board to exercise reasonable business judgments, the Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of all landscaping and other flora, structures, and improvements situated upon the Common Property and all personal property used in connection with the operation of the Common Property.
- B. Maintenance by Owner. Each Owner or occupant shall repair, replace, and maintain in good order and condition, at his/her expense, portions of, improvements to, structures on, and, equipment and components used in connection with, his/her Lot. This maintenance responsibility includes, without limitation, promptly furnishing all necessary materials and performing or causing to be performed at his/her own expense all maintenance, repairs and replacements within such Lot that, if omitted, would adversely affect the safety and usefulness of the Common Property. Each Owner shall maintain those portions of his/her Lot that are adjacent to any portion of the Common Property in accordance with the Rules and the requirements set forth in these Restrictions.
- C. Right of Association to Repair Lot. If any Owner fails to maintain his/her Lot in the manner required herein, and if the Board determines that any maintenance of that Lot is necessary to ensure public safety, to permit reasonable use or enjoyment of the Common Property by Owners, to prevent damage to or destruction of any other part of the Common Property or to comply with the Rules or the terms of these Restrictions, then the Board may authorize its employees or agents to enter the Lot at any reasonable time to complete the necessary maintenance and the Board may levy a Lot Assessment for all reasonable expenses incurred.
- Damage to Common Property By Owner or Occupant. If the Common Property is damaged by any Owner or occupant, his/her family, guests, or invitees, then the Board may levy a Lot Assessment against such Owner for the cost of repairing or replacing the damaged property. The Association shall be entitled to enter a Lot to repair or maintain any Common Property adjacent to such Lot.

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VII. ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

All Property at any time subject to these Restrictions shall be governed and controlled by the provision of this article.

- A. Design Review Board. The Design Review Board shall be a board consisting of three (3) persons. Until the Turnover Date, Grantor shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint and remove all three members of the Design Review Board at will. After the Turnover Date, the Board shall have the right to appoint all three members to the Design Review Board at will. The Design Review Board shall have the exclusive authority, by action of two or more of the members thereof, at a private or public meeting to determine the architectural standards which shall govern the construction of Improvements on the Property. Each Owner covenants and agrees by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, to comply with, and to cause his/her Lot and any occupant thereof to comply with the standards adopted by the Design No Improvement shall be placed, erected or installed on the Review Board. Property, and no construction (which term shall include in its definition staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work) shall be commenced or continued until and unless the Owner first obtains the written approval thereof of the Design Review Board and otherwise complies with all provisions of these Restrictions.
- B. Modifications. Except as otherwise provided in these Restrictions, the Design Review Board shall have jurisdiction over all construction, modifications, additions or alterations of Improvements on or to the Property. No person shall construct any Improvement on any Lot, including without limitation, alter surfaces of existing Improvements, change paint colors or roofing materials, construct or modify fencing, or install any recreational device, without the prior written consent of the Design Review Board. Owners shall submit plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials and location of Improvements and alterations to the Design Review Board for its approval. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the right of an Owner to remodel or decorate the interior of his/her residence.
- C. <u>Variances</u>. To avoid unnecessary hardship and/or to overcome practical difficulties in the application of the provisions of these Restrictions, the Design Review Board shall have the authority to grant reasonable variances from the provisions of Article VIII, provided that the activity or condition is not prohibited by applicable law; and provided further that, in their judgment, the variance is in the best interest of the community and is within the spirit of the standards of the Design Review Board. No variance granted pursuant to this Section shall constitute a waiver of any provision of these Restrictions as applied to any other person or any other part of the Property.
- D. <u>Improvements by Grantor</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, all Improvements and landscaping constructed by the Grantor or its partners, members or shareholders shall be deemed to comply in all respects with the requirements of the Design Review Board.

## VIII. USE RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions and covenants concerning the use and occupancy of the Property shall run with the land and be binding upon the Grantor and every Owner or occupant, their heirs, successors and assigns, as well as their family members, guests, and invitees.

- A. <u>Use of Lots</u>. No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes. No building shall be erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one single-family dwelling not to exceed two and one-half stories in height, and each such dwelling shall have a two-car attached garage. No bi-level homes shall be permitted in the subdivision. As used herein, "bi-level home" shall mean a home having two levels with an integral garage on the lower level. No home shall be constructed on any Lot having a garage with a lower elevation than the street elevation such that the garage and/or driveway are depressed below the finished grade of the Lot. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, or other outbuilding shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently.
- B. <u>Use of Common Property</u>. The Common Property may be used only in accordance with the purposes for which they are intended and for any reasonable purposes incidental to the residential use of the Property. All uses of the Common Property shall benefit or promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, comfort, recreation, and enjoyment of the Owners and occupants, and shall comply with the provisions of these Restrictions, all other Association Governing Documents, the laws of the State, and the Rules.
- C. <u>Hazardous Actions or Materials</u>. Nothing shall be done or kept in any Lot or in or on any portion of the Common Property that is unlawful or hazardous, that might reasonably be expected to increase the cost of casualty or public utility insurance covering the Common Property, or that might or that does unreasonably disturb the quiet occupancy of any person residing on any other Lot. This paragraph shall not be construed so as to prohibit the Grantor or any other builder in the subdivision from construction activities consistent with reasonable residential construction practices.
- D. <u>Signs</u>. No signs of any character shall be erected, posted or displayed upon the Property, except (i) marketing signs installed by the Grantor while marketing the Lots and residences for sale; (ii) street and identification signs installed by the Association or the Grantor; and (iii) one temporary real estate sign not to exceed six square feet in area advertising that such Lot is for sale.
- E. <u>Animals</u>. No person may keep, breed, board or raise any animal, livestock, reptile, or poultry of any kind for breeding or other commercial purpose on any Lot, or in or upon any part of the Common Property, unless expressly permitted by the Rules.

- F. <u>Nuisances</u>. No noxious or offensive trade shall be permitted on the Property or within any dwelling located on the Property. No soil shall be removed for any commercial purpose.
- G. <u>Business</u>. No industry, business, trade, occupation or profession of any kind may be conducted, operated or established on the Property, without the prior written approval of the Board.
- H. <u>Storage</u>. No open storage of any kind is permitted. Not more than one storage building may be located on a Lot in addition to the dwelling; provided that any such storage building must be constructed of wood and must not exceed 12 feet in height or 100 square feet in floor area. No storage building shall be located closer than 25 feet to any building line on the recorded plat, except if a Lot has a building line along both the front and rear of the lot, this provision does not apply to the building line along the rear of the Lot. In no event shall any storage building be located closer to any street than the building line shown on the recorded plat
- I. <u>Hotel/Transient Uses; Leases</u>. No Lot may be used for hotel or transient uses, including without limitation, uses in which the occupant is provided customary hotel services such as room service for food and beverage, maid service, furnishing laundry and linen, or similar services, or leases to roomers or boarders. All leases shall be in writing and shall be subject to these Restrictions, the other Association Governing Documents, and the Rules.
- J. <u>Vehicles</u>. The Board shall be entitled to create and enforce reasonable rules concerning placement and the parking of any vehicle permitted on the Property. In addition to its authority to levy Lot Assessments as penalties for the violation of such rules, the Board shall be authorized to cause the removal of any vehicle violating such rules. No trucks, commercial vehicles, boats, trailers, vans, campers or mobile homes shall be parked or stored on the street or on any Lot (except in an enclosed structure shielded from view) for any time period longer than forty-eight (48) hours in any thirty (30) day period, provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall prohibit the reasonable use of such vehicles as may be necessary during construction of residences on the Lots.

The word "trailer" shall include trailer coach, house trailer, mobile home, automobile trailer, camp car, camper or any other vehicle, whether or not self-propelled, constructed or existing in such a manner as would permit use and occupancy thereof, or for storage or the conveyance of personal property, whether resting on wheels, jacks, tires or other foundation. The work "truck" shall include and mean every type of motor vehicle other than a passenger car, so licensed by the State of Ohio, and other than any light pickup truck or van which is used exclusively as an automobile by an Owner or a member of an Owners family.

K. <u>Trash</u>. Except for the reasonably necessary activities of the Grantor during the original development of the Property, no burning or storage of trash of any kind shall

- be permitted on the Property. All trash shall be deposited in covered, sanitary containers, and screened from view.
- L. <u>Antennae</u>. No outside television or radio aerial or antenna, or other aerial or antenna, including satellite receiving dishes, for reception or transmission, shall be installed or maintained on the Property except for satellite receiving dishes 24" in diameter or smaller which cannot be seen from any street.
- M. <u>Utility Lines</u>. All utility lines on the Property shall be underground, subject only to the requirements of governmental authorities having jurisdiction and utility companies.
- N. <u>Tanks</u>. No tanks for the storage of propane gas, fuel oil or any other combustible substance shall be permitted to be located above or beneath the ground of any Lot except that propane gas grills are permitted.
- O. <u>Street Tree</u>. Grantor may designate one (1) or more trees as deemed necessary by Grantor along the street in front of each Lot. If Grantor determines to designate street tree(s) then the Owners agree to install and maintain such uniform street trees. Each Owner shall care for, and, if necessary, replace such tree or trees at the owner's expense with a like type of tree.
- P. <u>Mailbox</u>. Grantor may designate and require a curb side mailbox for each design and composition that will provide uniformity to the subdivision. Each mailbox shall have the street numbers for the Lot on each side of such mailbox. If the mailbox is damaged, destroyed or deteriorates, then each Owner, at such Owner's expense, shall repair or replace such mailbox with another of a like kind, design, pattern and color as the initial mailbox.
- Q. <u>Yard Lights and Lamp Posts</u>. All yard lights and lamp posts shall conform to the standards set forth by the Architectural Review Committee.
- R. <u>Fencing</u>. Fences or walls are permitted in accordance with the following requirements:
  - 1. Fences or walls shall be constructed of wood, stone or brick only, and in no event shall chain link or other metal or wire fencing be permitted.
  - 2. No fence or wall shall be constructed in excess of sixty (60) inches above finished grade.
  - 3. Fences or walls shall not be located closer to the street than a line parallel to the street and extending from the rear corner of the home, and in no event shall fences be located closer to any street than the building line shown on the recorded plat, except for ornamental railings, walls or fences not exceeding three (3) feet in height located on or adjacent to entrance platforms or steps.

- 4. Notwithstanding any provision of subparagraphs 19 2 and 3 above, any fence or wall located on Lots adjacent to the Roberts Road right of way, and constructed at the platted building line along Roberts Road, shall be constructed and maintained by the owner of any such Lot in accordance with the following additional requirements:
  - (a). Said fence shall be of board-on-board construction, shall be constructed of rough-sawn cedar, shall be neither more nor less than sixty (60) inches in height from grade and shall be located at the platted building line along the Roberts Road right of way.
  - (b). Said fence shall be maintained by the Owner, with such maintenance including the application, as necessary of Olympic Solid Stain, Beachwood color, or should such product be discontinued, by such stain as reasonably approximates the Beachwood color.

The foregoing requirements apply only to the fencing that faces the Roberts Road right of way; other fencing on lots adjacent to said right of way shall meet the requirements of subparagraphs 1, 2 and 3, above.

- S. <u>Swimming Pools</u>. No above ground swimming pool extending twelve (12) inches or more above the finished grade of the Lot shall be permitted upon any Lot except that this Article VIII, Paragraph S shall not be intended to prohibit the installation of a hot tub or sauna.
- T. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. The following structures and improvements shall not be permitted on any Lot in the subdivision: (i) outdoor clotheslines; and (ii) window air conditioning units on any window facing the street.

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## IX. EASEMENTS AND LICENSES

- A. <u>Easement of Access and Enjoyment Over Common Property</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and easement (in common with all other Owners) of enjoyment in, over, and upon the Common Property, and a right of access to and from his/her Lot, which rights shall be appurtenant to, and shall pass with the title to, his/her Lot, subject to the terms and limitations set forth in these Restrictions, subject to the Rules. An Owner may delegate his/her rights of access and enjoyment to family members, occupants, guests and invitees.
- B. <u>Right of Entry for Repair</u>. The duly authorized agents, officers, contractors, and employees of the Association shall have a right of entry and access to the Property,

including without limitation the Lots, for the purpose of performing the Association's rights or obligations set forth in these Restrictions. The Association may enter any Lot to remove or correct any violation of these Restrictions or the Rules, or to maintain, repair, and replace the Common Property, but only during reasonable hours and after providing seventy-two (72) hours advance notice to the Owner, except in cases of emergency.

- C. Easement for Utilities and Other Purposes. The Board or Grantor may convey easements over the Common Property to any entity for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, and operating poles, pipes, conduit, wires, ducts, cables, and other equipment necessary to furnish electrical, gas, sewer, water, telephone, cable television, and other similar utility or security services, whether of public or private nature, to the Property and to any entity for such other purposes as the Board or Grantor deems appropriate; provided that such equipment or the exercise of such easement rights shall not unreasonably interfere with the Owners' use and enjoyment of the Property. The Board or Grantor may grant such easements over all portions of the Property for the benefit of adjacent properties as the Board or Grantor deems appropriate; provided that the grant of such easements imposes no undue, unreasonable, or material burden or cost upon the Property; and further provided that the Board or Grantor may not convey any easement over a Lot without the prior written consent of the Owner of such Lot (which consent shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld).
- D. <u>Easement for Services</u>. A non-exclusive easement is hereby granted to all police, firemen, ambulance operators, mailmen, deliverymen, garbage removal personnel, and all similar persons, and to the local governmental authorities and the Association (but not to the public in general) to enter upon the Common Property to perform their duties.
- E. <u>Entry Feature</u>. An easement is hereby reserved in favor of the Grantor and the Association over, under and upon the cross-hatched area shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, being a portion of Lots I and 74 of the Property (the "Entrance Feature Area"), to construct, repair, reconstruct and maintain an entry feature(s) and other improvements. The easement shall run with the land and shall be binding on all future Owners of Lots Encumbered by the Entrance Feature Area except as hereinafter set forth.

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## X. MISCELLANEOUS

A. <u>Term</u>. These Restrictions shall bind and run with the land for a term of 30 years from and after the date that these Restrictions are filed for recording with the Recorder of Franklin County, Ohio and thereafter shall automatically renew forever for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless earlier terminated by the vote

of a majority of all of the Members, at a meeting scheduled and conducted for that purpose.

- B. <u>Enforcement</u>. These Restrictions may be enforced by any proceeding at law or in equity by the Grantor, any Owner, the Association, the Design Review Board, and each of their respective heirs, successors and assigns, against any person(s) violating, or attempting to violate, any covenant, restriction, or rule to restrain and/or to enjoin violation, to obtain a decree for specific performance as to removal of any nonconforming Improvement, and to recover all damages, costs of enforcement and any other costs incurred (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees) in connection with any violation. The failure or forbearance to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of these rights.
- C. Until the Turnover Date, Grantor may, in its sole and absolute Amendments. discretion, unilaterally amend these Restrictions at any time and from time to time, without the consent of any other Owners. Any such amendment may impose covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements upon the Property in addition to those set forth herein including, without limitation, restrictions on use and covenants to pay additional charges with respect to the maintenance and improvement of the After the Turnover Date, Grantor may unilaterally amend these Property. Restrictions, without the consent of any other Owners, if such amendment is: (a) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation or Judicial order; (b) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Lots; (c) necessary to conform to the requirements of United States Federal Housing Administration, or (d) necessary to correct errors; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the title to any Lot unless the Owner thereof has consented to such amendment in writing. No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of Grantor without the written consent of Grantor or the assignee of such right or privilege. Grantor shall have the right and power, but neither the duty nor the obligation, in its sole and absolute discretion and by its sole act, to subject additional property to these Restrictions at any time and from time to time by executing and recording in the appropriate governmental office an amendment to these Restrictions specifying that such additional property is part of the Property. An amendment to these Restrictions made by Grantor shall not require the joinder or consent of the Association, other Owners, mortgagees or any other person. In addition, such amendments to the Declaration may contain such supplementary, additional, different, new, varied, revised or amended provisions and memberships as may be necessary or appropriate, as determined by Grantor, to reflect and address the different character or intended development of any such additional property.

In addition, these Restrictions may be amended or modified after the Turnover Date with the approval of Owners holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of all Owners in the Association, provided that the consent of all owners shall be required for any amendment which effects a change in the voting power of any Owner, the method of allocating Common Expenses among Owners, or the

fundamental purpose for which the Association is organized. Any amendment to these Restrictions adopted with the aforesaid consent shall be executed with the same formalities as to execution as observed in these Restrictions by the president and the secretary of the Association, and shall contain their certifications that the amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph. Any amendment so adopted and executed shall be effective upon the filing of the same with the Recorder of Franklin County, Ohio.

- D. Grantors Rights to Complete Development. Grantor shall have the right to: (a) complete the development, construction, promotion, marketing, sale, resale and leasing of properties; (b) construct or alter Improvements on any property owned by Grantor; (c) construct and maintain model homes, offices for construction, sales or leasing purposes, storage areas, construction yards or similar facilities on any property owned by Grantor or the Association; or (d) post signs incidental to the development, construction, promotion, marketing, sale and leasing of property within the Property. Further, Grantor shall have the right of ingress and egress through the streets, paths and walkways located in the Property for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to, purposes related to the construction, maintenance and operation of Improvements. Nothing contained in these Restrictions shall limit the rights of Grantor or require Grantor to obtain approval to: (i) excavate, cut, fill or grade any property owned by Grantor or to construct, alter, remodel, demolish or replace any Improvements on any Common Property or any property owned by Grantor as a construction office, model home or real estate sales or leasing office in connection with the sale of any property; or (ii) require Grantor to seek or obtain the approval of the Association or the Design Review Board for any such activity or Improvement on any Common Property or any property owned by Grantor. Nothing in this Section shall limit or impair the reserved rights of Grantor as elsewhere provided in these Restrictions.
- E. <u>Mortgage Rights</u>. A holder or insurer of a first mortgage upon any Lot, upon written request to the Association (which request shall state the name and address of such holder or insurer and a description of the Lot) shall be entitled to timely written notice of:
  - 1. Any proposed amendment of these Restrictions;
  - 2. Any proposed termination of the Association; and
  - 3. Any default under these Restrictions which gives rise to a cause of action by the Association against the Owner of the Lot subject to the mortgage of such holder or insurer, where the default has not been cured in sixty (60) days.

Each holder and insurer of a first mortgage on any Lot shall be entitled, upon request and at such mortgagee's expense, to inspect the books and records of the Association during normal business hours.

- F. Indemnification The Association shall indemnify every officer and trustee of the Association against any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon any officer or trustee in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the Board) to which he/she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or trustee. The officers and trustees shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence. The officers and trustees of the Association shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or trustees may also be Members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and trustee free from and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or trustee, or former officer or trustee, may be entitled.
- G. <u>Severability</u>. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or word in these Restrictions is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in conflict with any law, or unenforceable, then the requirements of such law shall prevail and the conflicting provision or language shall be deemed void in such circumstance; provided that the remaining provisions or language of these Restrictions shall continue in full force and effect.
- H. <u>Enforcement; Waiver</u>. Failure of the Grantor, the Association or any Owner to enforce any provision of these Restrictions or the Rules in any manner shall not constitute a waiver of any right to enforce any violation of such provision. By accepting a deed to a Lot, each Owner is deemed to waive the defenses of laches and statute of limitations in connection with the enforcement by the Association of these Restrictions or the Rules.
- I. <u>Captions</u>. The caption of each article, section and paragraph of these Restrictions is inserted only as a matter of reference and does not define, limit or describe the scope or intent of the provisions of these Restrictions.
- J. <u>Notices</u>. Notices to an Owner shall be given in writing, by personal delivery, at the Lot, if a residence has been constructed on such Lot, or by depositing such notice in the United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of the Owner of the Lot as shown by the records of the Association, or as otherwise designated in writing by the Owner.