# Summary of East Lake View Estates Homeowners' Association's "Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions"

#### In General

- The Association is a New York Non-Profit Corporation;
- The requirements of the Covenants are in force in perpetuity unless changed by a vote in the affirmative of at least 80 percent of the owners.

# **Article II - Definitions**

- The "Common Area" is the property owned by the Association for the use and enjoyment of all owners;
- A "Fine", such as a penalty, may not exceed 10 percent of the annual assessment for a lot.

### **Article III – Property Rights**

- All owners have the right to access the common areas;
- The Association can adopt rules and regulations about the use of the common areas;
- The Association has the right to designate parts of the common areas for use by the owners as:
  - o Paths:
  - Community gardens;
  - Recreation areas:
  - Storage;
  - Parking;
  - o Sidewalks; and
  - o Trails.

# **Article IV - Easements**

All lots are subject to utility easements;

#### **Article V – Membership and Voting Rights**

- There is one class of Voting Membership:
  - O Class A- All owners. One vote per lot.

#### **Article VI - Assessments**

- All owners have agreed to pay annual common assessments and special assessments;
- Annual assessments are for maintenance, repair, improvements, maintenance of drainage swales and retention ponds, taxes and insurance for common areas;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is not a legal document and includes selected items only. For full details, see the actual Covenants. Author not responsible for any errors.

- Annual assessments can be set by Carmen until the homeowners take over the association;
- Annual assessments must be set at a uniform rate;
- The amount of the annual assessments must be sent in writing to each owner 30 days before they can take effect;
- Special assessments are for reconstruction of common areas that cannot be repaired and for emergencies;
- Special assessments require approval of 2/3 of the owners attending a meeting for the purpose of voting on the special assessment or voting by proxy.
- All assessment are a charge on the lot and a personal responsibility of the homeowners;
- Assessments that are not paid on time are subject to a late charge or legal action, including liens and potential foreclosure;
- The Association can contract with other entities to perform Association duties.

#### **Article VII - Maintenance**

Reiterates the use of assessments outlined above.

# **Article VIII – Use of Property**

- Compliance:
  - O If owners do not comply with the rules, the Board sends out a notice of violation. If the owner still does not comply, the Board can assess a fine. Unpaid fines can become liens against the lot.
- Unless approved by the Board of Directors, the following are prohibited:
  - O Adding extra buildings, structures or fences;
  - O Cutting trees that are 7 inches in diameter or 4 inches if they are within 10 feet of the property line;
  - O Changing the exterior of a house.
- The Board has to take the following into consideration if changes/additions to current house are requested:
  - O Siting must be done by professionals;
  - O Plans must be approved by professionals;
  - O Structure colors must be neutral.
- Rules applicable to homeowners:
  - O Houses and lots must be maintained in good repair;
  - O Cars and RVs must be stored in garages or on driveways, not on grass;
  - O Trailers, campers or boats must be in garages or in designated areas except as below;
  - O Trailers, campers or boats may not be parked for more than two consecutive days on any location on any lot, nor for more than five days in a given month;
  - O Large vehicles and trailers need to be stored as directed by the Board if the Board permits them;
  - O No permanent camping is permitted;
  - O No signs are allowed unless approved by the Board;

- O No garbage is allowed to accumulate on a lot;
- O No offensive or polluting activities are allowed;
- O No businesses are allowed without approval of the Board except for certain in-home offices;
- O No unlicensed or commercial vehicles over two tons are allowed to parked on a lot;
- O No hunting is allowed nor discharge of firearms or explosives of any kind;
- O Unless approved by the Board, no laundry poles or lines are allowed;
- O No TV antennas are allowed and Dishes must not exceed a diameter of 24 inches;
- O Unless approved by the Board, no exterior storage units are allowed;
- O No open fires are permitted, except for fire pits approved by the Board;
- O ATVs are prohibited.

## **Article IX – Insurance**

• The Association must have an insurance policy for the common areas that cover liability, casualty and as well as other categories of coverage as necessary.