# Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions For The Grand Estates at NorthShore Unit 1

This Declaration is made this <u>1</u> day of <u>5eptember</u>, 2016, by Ocean View Development, Ltd. ("DECLARANT"), a Texas Limited Partnership, as the owner of the following property situated in San Patricio, County, Texas, to wit (the "SUBDIVISION"):

The Grand Estates at NorthShore Unit 1: A Subdivision in the City of Portland, San Patricio County, Texas, as shown by map or plat thereof, recorded under Envelope 1703-1704, Tube 34-4, Clerk's File No. 658635, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas (the "PLAT").

**DECLARANT** subdivided such property into **LOTS** (as hereinafter defined) and blocks, with intervening streets, avenues, drives, parks, parkways and easements for drainage and utility facilities, and has dedicated said streets, avenues, drives, parks, parkways and easements as set forth on the above mentioned **PLAT**.

#### I. SCOPE OF RESTRICTIONS

For the purpose of creating and carrying out a uniform plan for the improvement and sale of the SUBDIVISION and the LOTS and blocks contained therein, as a high quality, restricted residential subdivision, the following restrictions, conditions, and use limitations (the "RESTRICTIONS") are hereby established, adopted and imposed upon each LOT or parcel of land in the SUBDIVISION. The RESTRICTIONS shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the DECLARANT, its successors and assigns, and upon all persons owning any property in the SUBDIVISION, whether by purchase, descent, devise, gift or otherwise. By acceptance of any interest in title to any LOT, each owner of such interest does hereby agree and covenant to abide by the RESTRICTIONS. Each instrument conveying any interest in a LOT shall be conclusively held to have been executed, delivered and accepted subject to the RESTRICTIONS.

#### II. DEFINITIONS

- A. A "STREET" shall be deemed to include any road, street, avenue, drive, court, square, circle, terrace, plaza, parkway, or passageway shown as a thoroughfare on the recorded map of such SUBDIVISION.
- B. A "LOT" is a single-family residential building site in a subdivision, in which a home must face the street to which the lot is addressed identified by the building line set back on the recorded PLAT of said SUBDIVISION.
- C. A "CORNER LOT" is a LOT that abuts to more than one street. A CORNER LOT shall be deemed to front upon the street identified by the building line set back on the recorded PLAT of said SUBDIVISION.

- D. "ASSOCIATION" shall mean and refer to Grand Estates at NorthShore Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, established to administer these restrictions and shall govern the administration of the SUBDIVISION as Provided in Article X hereof.
- E. A "GOLF COURSE LOT" is any LOT in which any property line is a common property line with the golf course; specifically, Lots 24 through 37, Block 1 and Lots 1 and 2, Block 9 are golf course lots.

# III. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

There is hereby created an Architectural Control Committee (the "COMMITTEE" or "ACC") to administer the construction of homes according to these covenants. The COMMITTEE shall consist of the DECLARANT and two appointees by the DECLARANT. The DECLARANT shall maintain control and administer the ACC until 90% (ninety percent) of all lots in said SUBDIVISION have been sold.

- A. Upon 90% (ninety percent) of the Lots being sold by the DECLARANT, the COMMITTEE shall be assigned to the ASSOCIATION and must consist of MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION. Thenceforth, the COMMITTEE shall be appointed annually by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION. Any vacancies of the COMMITTEE shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION at the annual or special meeting thereof. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the COMMITTEE, the remaining members will have full power and authority to conduct the business of the COMMITTEE until a successor is appointed.
- B. Prior to the start of any construction on any LOT, a complete set of the final plans and specifications for each construction project shall be delivered to the COMMITTEE, and shall be retained by the COMMITTEE. No building or any other structure or improvement shall be erected, placed, or altered on any LOT until such plans and specifications, and a site plan showing the location of the structure, have been approved, in writing, by the COMMITTEE, in its sole and absolute discretion. The COMMITTEE may, but is not obligated to, consider factors such as harmony of external design with existing structures, location with respect to topography and finish grade elevation. As a condition precedent to approval of the plans and specifications, the COMMITTEE may require additional information, such as a landscaping plan, the proposed start and completion dates, a fence plan, all of which the COMMITTEE may, in its sole discretion, approve or disapprove.
- C. The COMMITTEE will approve or deny the plans and specifications in accordance with the terms of these covenants, and may, in its sole and absolute discretion, waive, modify, alter, change or approve any covenant, term, condition, or restriction, where, in the opinion of the Committee, such change is necessary or required for the benefit and best appearance of the Subdivision, especially when these covenants and restrictions conflict with building a single family residence, or in the case of irregularly shaped and unusually sized lots. The formal variance will be approved for future construction with similar circumstances. Final construction must still be remedied in compliance with the requirements of the COMMITTEE and the Approved Plans.
- D. The COMMITTEE may set such charges and fees, as it deems necessary, in its sole discretion, for performance of its functions. All charges shall be due and payable to the ASSOCIATION, and unpaid charges shall be secured by a lien upon the LOT owned by the party who incurred these charges, as set forth in Article X, Paragraph I. The initial charges for COMMITTEE approval of plans and specifications for any construction activities will be \$200.00, with a \$100.00 charge for any resubmission of the same plans and specifications for re-approval after receipt of comments from the COMMITTEE. In the event that the COMMITTEE fails to approve or disapprove such plans and specifications within thirty (30) days after they have been submitted, then approval is presumed.

E. The COMMITTEE shall have such other duties as set forth herein.

# IV. GENERAL LAND USE

- A. All LOTS in the SUBDIVISION shall be used for single-family dwellings and for no other purpose.
- B. All improvements of any nature placed on any lot shall be newly erected on the LOT.
- C. No commercial activity of any nature shall be conducted upon any LOT, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
- D. No portable restrooms, or outdoor toilet, shall be placed on any LOT except during construction on a LOT.
- E. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any LOT, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations, or shafts be permitted upon or in any LOT. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil shall be permitted, maintained, or erected on any LOT.
- F. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view except one professional sign of not more than nine square feet advertising the property for sale, or signs used by a builder or realtor to advertise the property for sale during the construction and initial sales period. The right is reserved by the Declarant to construct and maintain such signs, billboards, or advertising devices in connection with the general sale of property in the SUBDIVISION. In no event shall any sign, billboard, poster or advertising device of any character, other than as specifically prescribed above, be erected, permitted, or maintained on any lot without the express prior consent of the Architectural Control Committee.
- G. No structure of a temporary nature, nor any trailer, tent, shack, garage or other outbuildings, or any part thereof, shall be used as a residence or dwelling, either temporarily or permanently. Garages and outbuildings that are appurtenant to a residence may be erected on each building site upon which a main dwelling has been erected. Detached garages, outbuildings, or storage buildings must be of similar construction, exterior finish and color, and finished product as the main dwelling. Any detached outbuilding must be approved by the **COMMITTEE** prior to construction of the improvements.
- H. Boat trailers, boats, buses, trucks, pop up travel or camper trailers, or similar vehicles, shall be parked only as and where approved by the COMMITTEE. Boat trailers, boats, buses, trucks, pop up travel or camper trailers, or similar vehicles may NOT be parked or stored in the public street right of way nor on driveways or parking areas, or on any part of said LOT, for more than three (3) days, except as and where approved by the COMMITTEE. One boat trailer, boat, pop up travel trailer, or pop up camper vehicle may be stored behind or beside a completed home, behind a 6'6" wooden picket fence and such placement is not found to be unsightly or a nuisance in any way. Such placement shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee on an individual basis prior to the placement of the vehicle.
- I. No repair work, dismantling or assembling of motor vehicles or any other machinery and equipment shall be done in any street, or front or side yards, of any LOT.
- J. No firearms or fireworks of any kind shall be discharged in the SUBDIVISION.
- K. No LOT shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste materials shall be kept in sanitary containers constructed of metal, plastic or masonry materials with sanitary covers or lids. Equipment for the storage or disposal of such waste materials shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition. No LOT shall be used for the open storage of any materials whatsoever, which storage is visible from the street, except that new building materials used in the construction of improvements erected upon any LOT at the time construction is commenced and may be maintained thereon for a reasonable time, so long as the construction progresses without undue delay, until the completion of the improvements, after which these materials shall either be removed from the LOT or stored in a suitable enclosure on the LOT. A suitable container for new construction shall be one designed or built in a substantial manner so as to enclose and contain all construction debris. The container shall be emptied on a regular basis and under no circumstances will it be allowed to be stored, or otherwise be placed on other

- LOTS, common areas, or public property. The property owner shall be responsible to insure that any debris is immediately removed from other property if it should be found there.
- L. Construction Time. Landowners will be encouraged, but not required, to commence construction of a new home in 18 months after LOT closing. A Building Department Certificate of Occupancy for any new construction project is required within twelve (12) months after issuance of the City Building Permit. Any failure to comply with this provision by not completing this structure within such time shall be construed as a violation hereof and shall entitle any party hereto, or any party in interest, to maintain an action by mandatory injunction or for damages, or for both.
- M. No garage or outbuilding apartments for rental purposes are permitted on any LOT.
- N. No radio or television receptive device or guy wires shall be maintained on any portion of any LOT forward of the front wall line of the main building. No satellite dish shall be over three feet by three feet in any outside measurement and shall be placed at the side or rear of the home. Any antenna or radio receiver shall be placed in an inconspicuous location and shall not be over three feet by three feet in any outside measurement. The COMMITTEE or Board shall have the full and sole authority to disapprove any antenna, which does not meet these requirements or its intent.

# V. SIZE, DESIGN AND PLACEMENTS OF IMPROVEMENTS

- A. <u>FACING</u>: The main building on each **LOT** shall be constructed to face the street upon which such **LOT** fronts, as described in Article II above, except that the **COMMITTEE** may authorize the construction of improvements on **CORNER LOTS** facing diagonally across such **LOT**.
- B. <u>HEIGHT AND FLOOR AREA LIMITATIONS:</u> No building shall be permitted on any **LOT** unless it complies with the following:
  - (1) Maximum Height. The greater of two (2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height to the eave from the grade at the front/street facing side of the home.
  - (2) Floor Area Limitations.
    - (a) As to LOTS 1 through 15, Block 1; Lots 1 through 6, Block 3; Lots 1 through 8, Block 4; and Lots 1 through 11, Block 5; in said SUBDIVISION the enclosed living floor area of the main dwelling of any residence, exclusive of porches, garages (whether attached or detached), patios, breezeways or other appendages shall contain a minimum of 1,600 square feet as measured from exterior dimensions.
    - (b) As to LOTS 16 through 22, Block 1; in said SUBDIVISION the enclosed living floor area of the main dwelling of any residence, exclusive of porches, garages (whether attached or detached), patios, breezeways or other appendages shall contain a minimum of 1,800 square feet as measured from exterior dimensions.
    - (c) As to LOTS 23 through 37, Block 1; Lots 1 through 15, Block 2; and Lots 1 and 2, Block 9; in said SUBDIVISION the enclosed living floor area of the main dwelling of any residence, exclusive of porches, garages (whether attached or detached), patios, breezeways or other appendages shall contain a minimum of 2,300 square feet as measured from exterior dimensions.

- (d) Two Story Floor Area Limitations. As to all LOTS in the SUBDIVISION, the enclosed living floor area of the main dwelling of any two-story residence, exclusive of porches, garages (whether attached or detached), patios, breezeways or other appendages shall contain a minimum total square footage, as measured from exterior dimensions, apportioned between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by a Licensed Professional Architect or Engineer, as defined in items (a) and (b) above.
- C. EXTERIOR WALLS: The exterior walls of any improvement or structure placed or erected on any Lot or tract shall follow the City of Portland Building Code. No dwelling shall be constructed or permitted to exist on any Lot unless at least eighty percent (80%) of the total exterior, as measured from the outermost dimensions, consist of brick, stone, or stucco or a veneer of any of them. One Hundred percent (100%) of the front face of any home must consist of brick, stone, or stucco or a veneer of any of them. Masonry based lap siding or sheeting, exposed block masonry, Hardie lap siding or sheeting, or split face block shall not be considered as an acceptable masonry in calculating the 80% requirement. In non-masonry areas the following items are acceptable: Hardie lap siding or sheeting, natural wood, 5/8" wood sheeting or plywood, lap siding, simulated wood type vinyl or aluminum siding, fascia, or soffit material. In non-masonry areas composite shingles or paper based building materials are unacceptable.
- D. ROOF: The pitch of the roof of each main building and all other buildings, either attached or detached, is subject to approval of the COMMITTEE, and in no event will flat roofs be permitted without COMMITTEE approval. Thirty-year warranty composition roofs are the minimum standard and in no event will main roof pitches of less than six (6) and twelve (12) be permitted nor will flat roofs be permitted without COMMITTEE approval. Architectural gables or accent roof pitches of less than six (6) and twelve (12) may be permitted with COMMITTEE approval when the design standard allows for such deviation; however no pitch of less than four (4) and twelve (12) would be approved. The following roofs will also be acceptable: wood shake, simulated wood shake aluminum roofing, slate, simulated slate, masonry based simulated shake or tile, cement or terra cotta tile, or standing seam copper that meets the requirements of the Construction Specification Institute. The following roofs are unacceptable: less than thirty year (30 year) composition shingles, ribbed lap metal roof sheeting, or standing seam metal. The Architectural Control Committee may expand the list of approved roofing materials as new architecturally compatible products become available. Metal roofing may be employed in specific limited areas when approved by the COMMITTEE and only when used for dormer, bay window, or similar minor roof areas. No metal roof porches will be permitted.
- E. <u>FOUNDATIONS</u>: On all main buildings and all outbuildings, either attached or detached, all foundations must be of concrete and must be fully enclosed at the perimeter and designed and certified by a Registered Texas Professional Engineer. All outbuildings or storage buildings must be on a foundation and approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
- F. FENCES OR WALLS: No fence or wall shall be erected, placed, altered, or maintained on any building site nearer to the front LOT line than the minimum building setback line shown on the recorded plat of the SUBDIVISION, or in any event, forward of the front wall line of the main building. No fence shall be constructed higher than six feet, six inches (6'6"); and shall be subject to the approval of the COMMITTEE. No chain link fences shall be permitted. Privacy walls or fences shall be installed on new homes for the purpose of screening a view of the equipment installed when the home is built. Equipment includes A/C units, pool pumps and filters, or any other accessory equipment installed that is visible from the street upon which the home faces. These privacy walls or fences shall be only high enough to completely screen the equipment, must be permanent, and of the same material as the wall or gable of the

home. Retaining walls, if required, will be of substantial and permanent nature of treated wood, masonry, or poured concrete. Metal sheet piling retaining walls are unacceptable if visible above grade. Retaining walls may not be visible more than two (2) feet above the grade at the highest point of elevation at the rear of the LOT. ALL FENCE PLANS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

- (1) Golf Course Frontage Lot Fencing: As to LOTS 24 through 37, Block 1; Lots 1 and 2, Block 9; any and all fencing along the rear lot line and rear 20 feet of the side lot line will be no higher that (4) four feet above ground, black in color, and wrought iron or aluminum fencing. All fencing is subject to the approval of the COMMITTEE in its sole and absolute discretion.
- (2) Broadway Boulevard/Drainage Right-of-way Frontage Lots: As to LOTS 1 through 5, Block 1; Lots 1 and 2, Block 2; the Declarant has installed Simtek Composite (Brown) 6' Fencing along the rear property line and a portion of the adjacent property lines on Lot 5 Block 1 and Lot 2 Block 2. Owners of these lots must maintain, replace, or repair the Simtek Composite (Brown) 6' Fencing at all times. In the event of damaged, broken, lost or stolen fencing along these property lines, each lot owner will be responsible for replacement and installation of the damage fence with the same exact type of Simtek Composite (Brown) 6' Fencing. As to Lot 1 Block 1 and Lot 1 Block 2, the side lot lines parallel to Vishal Avenue may consist of Simtek Composite (Brown) 6' Fencing or black wrought iron or aluminum fencing only.
- (3) All Lots Not Specifically Listed in Item (1) or Item (2) Above: Masonry, treated picket, cedar picket, vinyl, wrought iron or aluminum fencing is permitted in accordance with the City of Portland Building Codes. Maximum fence height for residential fences is 6'6".
- G. <u>BUILDING LINES</u>: No building shall be constructed on any **LOT** or **LOTS** in the **SUBDIVISION** nearer the front **LOT** line than the setback line shown on the **PLAT** of the **SUBDIVISION**, nor farther away from the front **LOT** line than the **COMMITTEE** determines to be in harmony with the existing buildings in the immediate vicinity. No portion of any main building shall be constructed nearer than five (5) feet to any interior **LOT** line. The side building lines for all **CORNER LOTS** shall be as indicated on the **PLAT** of said **SUBDIVISION**. No building shall be constructed on any **LOT** nearer to the side **LOT** line than the distance herein specified or referred to, except that, in the case of any unusual or irregularly shaped **LOT**, buildings and other improvements may be constructed thereon as approved by the **COMMITTEE**. Notwithstanding the above, the location of any improvement is subject to all appropriate governmental regulations.
- H. <u>GARAGES</u>: For all LOTS in said SUBDIVISION, front facing, front wrap, rear wrap, side loading and detached garages are acceptable. Detached garages must comply with all building setbacks as shown on the recorded PLAT and may not be placed upon the rear property line or within fifteen feet (15') of the rear property line of golf course lots. Every home must have a minimum of a 2 car garage.
- I. <u>UPKEP</u>: The owner of each LOT shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and upkeep of such LOTS at all times. The owner shall keep any grass, weeds or vegetation on such LOT neatly mowed and shall not permit the accumulation of trash, rubbish or other unsightly articles on said LOT or the abutting easements or streets. The area between the pavement and the LOT line shall also be kept and maintained by the owner of the abutting LOT. If any LOT owner does not comply with the terms of this subparagraph, then the ASSOCIATION is authorized to have such LOT cleaned and maintained for the account of the

- owner of the LOT, and the charges so incurred shall be added to the Owner's Account and may constitute a lien upon the LOT in favor of the ASSOCIATION.
- J. <u>SIGHT DISTANCES AT INTERSECTIONS</u>: No fence, wall, hedge or shrub which obstructs sight line at elevation shall be placed or permitted to remain on any **CORNER LOT** area within the triangular area formed by the street, property lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of a street line or in the case of a rounded corner, from the intersection of the street property line extended to intersect. The same sight line limitations shall apply on any building site within ten (10) feet from the intersection of a street property line with the edge of a driveway pavement. No trees shall be permitted to remain within the above sight line of such intersection unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent the obstruction of the above sight line.
- K. <u>EXTERIOR HOME LIGHTING:</u> Exterior home lighting shall not be installed so as to shine directly into a contiguous **LOT**.
- L <u>SOD AND LANDSCAPING</u>: Upon completion of the dwelling, each homeowner will install and properly maintain sod in the front yard from the curb back to the front face of the home for the full width of the home site, and a minimum of one (1) Medjool Sylvester Date Palm trees not less than eight (8') trunk feet in height in the front yard. The Medjool Sylvester Date Palm tree must have landscape uplighting installed at the base of the tree to illuminate it at night. Upon completion of the dwelling, the entire rear and side yards are to be sodded, seeded or sprigged. Landscaping and grass at occupied homes, as well as those unoccupied (including those constructed by builders and offered for sale), shall be regularly and properly cut, watered, fertilized, and maintained. Any landscaping installed along the rear property line, and within the rear ten feet (10') of the lot from the rear property line, of golf course frontage LOTS must be trimmed at no higher than four (4) feet above grade. Palm trees of any variety may be installed along the rear property line and within the rear ten feet (10') of the lot from the rear property line, of golf course frontage LOTS.
- M. <u>EXTERIOR COLOR PLAN</u>: The Architectural Control Committee shall have final approval of the exterior color plan and upon initial construction or change, each homeowner shall submit a color plan with an exact sample of the color of the roof, exterior walls, shutters, trim, etc.
- N. <u>STORAGE BUILDINGS & SCREEN ENCLOSURES</u>: Screen enclosures are permitted as an accessory to porches, pools, or similar applications. They may not be visible from the front of the home or street and may not extend beyond the side of the home. Flat roof enclosures must be approved by the Committee, on an individual basis, prior to construction of such enclosures. Storage buildings must be constructed upon a concrete foundation and the exterior finish, color, and roofing must be consistent with the main dwelling.
- O. <u>UTILITY CONNECTIONS:</u> All connections for all utilities including, but not limited to water, sewer, electricity, gas, telephone, and cable television shall be run underground from proper connecting points to the improvement in such a manner acceptable to the governing authority. The only exception shall be when a particular utility is not physically available underground such as cable television service supplies by antenna.
- P. <u>SWIMMING POOLS AND TENNIS COURTS</u>: Any swimming pool or tennis court to be constructed on any **LOT** shall be subject to approval of the **COMMITTEE**, in its sole discretion. The following standards shall apply to this paragraph, but shall not be inclusive of all considerations to be made by the **COMMITTEE**.

- (1) There shall be no lights on a tennis court(s) of the type that would be normally used for tennis play after dark installed in a manner such that they shine directly on a neighboring home or provide a nuisance to such neighbor. At no time will tennis court lights be illuminated after 10:30 P.M.
- (2) No above ground pools shall be permitted. The outside edge of any in ground pool wall may not be closer than four (4) feet to a line extended and aligned with the side walls for improvements unless approved by the COMMITTEE. All City of Portland codes and ordinances governing swimming pools must be followed and approved by the City of Portland prior to submittal to the COMMITTEE for approval.
- (3) Location and construction material of tennis court(s) to be approved by the **COMMITTEE**.
- O. DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION: All dwellings shall have a concrete driveway at least sixteen (16) feet in width at the entrance to the garage, and a minimum of at least twelve (12) feet in width from the street to the garage apron. Unless prior approval is obtained from the COMMITTEE, all driveways must be constructed of concrete. When curbs are required to be broken for driveway entrances, the curb shall be repaired in a neat and orderly fashion and in such a way to be acceptable to the COMMITTEE.
- P. MAILBOXES: In the event that Cluster Boxes are installed by the Declarant, all mail will be delivered to the Cluster Boxes. Boxes will be assigned by the United States Postal Service.

If a Cluster Boxes are not installed, the United States Postal Service will be utilizing curbside delivery service to all LOTS in the SUBDIVISION, on a dual box lot line system. The USPS will determine placement of the mailboxes and all mailboxes must be constructed according to the locations established by the USPS. All Mailboxes will be of similar quality, construction, and finish as the main dwelling to create harmony and visual appeal throughout the SUBDIVISION, and must be approved by the COMMITTEE.

# VI. DURATION OF RESTRICTIONS

The restrictions, conditions, use limitations and covenants herein set forth shall continue and be binding upon all owners of any interest in a **LOT** for a period of thirty-five (35) years from the date hereof, unless terminated or amended as hereinafter provided. At the expiration of said term of thirty-five (35) years above set out, such restrictions, conditions, use limitations and covenants shall automatically be extended for additional, successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless same are nullified or revised as hereinafter provided.

#### VII. RIGHTS TO ENFORCE

The RESTRICTIONS shall be binding upon the DECLARANT, its successors and assigns, and all parties claiming by, through, or under them and all subsequent owners of any interest in a LOT, each of whom shall be obligated and bound to observe the terms of this instrument; provided, however, that no such persons shall be liable except with respect to breaches or violations committed during his or their ownership of a LOT OR LOTS. The violations of any term or provision of this instrument shall not operate to invalidate any mortgage, deed of trust, or other lien acquired and held in good faith against any LOT or any part thereof, but such liens may be enforced as against any and all LOTS covered thereby, subject, nevertheless, to the terms of this instrument. If any person violates or attempts to violate any term or provision of this instrument, it shall be lawful for any person owning any LOT to prosecute or institute proceedings at law or in equity against the person violating or attempting to violate any term or provision of

this instrument, in order to accomplish one or more of the following: to prevent him or them from so doing; to correct such violation; to recover damages; or, to obtain such other relief for such violation as then may be legally available. The Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION will administer violations of any of these RESTRICTIONS. A RESTRICTIONS VIOLATION NOTICE will be sent to the LOT owner of record explaining the violation and the corrective action required. The LOT owners' failure to remedy the situation in a timely manner as described in the NOTICE will result in a penalty of \$250 assessed against the LOT, with additional penalties of \$25 per month until the Violation is corrected, as determined by the Board of Directors.

#### VIII. SEVERABILITY

Invalidation of any of the terms, provisions or covenants contained in this instrument by judgment or court order shall not in any way affect any of the other terms, provisions, or covenants set forth in this instrument, which shall remain in full force and effect. The DECLARANT and any DECLARANT RELATED PARTIES shall be expressly released of all liability and indemnified, by the ASSOCIATION, Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION, of any claims, demands, causes of actions, losses, damages, costs or liabilities resulting from any invalidation by judgment or court order of any of the terms, provisions, or covenants contained in this instrument.

#### IX. EASEMENTS

All LOTS are subject to certain easements, as shown by the PLAT of said SUBDIVISION, such easements being deemed appropriate or necessary for the purpose of installing, using, repairing and maintaining public utilities, including water line, sewer lines, electric lighting and telephone poles or cables, pipelines and drainage ditches or drainage structures, television cable and/or equipment necessary for the performance of any public or quasi-public utility service and function, with the right of access thereto for the purpose of further construction, maintenance and repairs. Such right of access shall include the right, without liability, on the part of any or all of the owners or operators of such utilities, to remove any obstructions in, on or under any easement which may interfere in any way with the installation or operation of circuits, lines, pipes, or drainage ditches or drainage structures. Such easements shall be for the general benefit of the SUBDIVISION and the property owners thereof and are reserved and created in favor of any sand all utility companies entering into and upon the SUBDIVISION. All drainage easements, both within the boundaries of the SUBDIVISION, must be kept clear of any and all improvements and structures so that such drainage easements can perform their intended functions. Any owner of any LOT, which violates this restriction, shall be liable to all owners of any LOTS, which are adversely affected by such violation.

#### X. THE ASSOCIATION

A. MEMBERSHIP: Every person or entity who is the owner of record of fee simple title to a LOT is a member of the ASSOCIATION. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities that hold an interest merely as security for the performance of any obligation or those having only an interest in mineral estate. Each owner of fee simple title to a LOT is granted one vote in the ASSOCIATION for each LOT owned. Each member of the ASSOCIATION hereby grants an irrevocable proxy to the DECLARANT for the DECLARANT to vote such member's vote in the conduct of all business of the ASSOCIATION for the period of time specified in subsection F of this Article X. No owner shall have more than one vote unless such owner owns more than one LOT. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of the LOT. Ownership of a LOT shall be the sole qualification of membership.

- B. <u>NON-PROFIT CORPORATION</u>: The **ASSOCIATION** is a non-profit corporation, and all duties, obligations, benefits, liens and rights hereunder shall vest in said corporation.
- C. <u>BY-LAWS</u>: The **ASSOCIATION** may adopt whatever rules or by-laws it may choose to govern the organization provided that the same are not in conflict with the provisions hereof.
- D. <u>INSPECTIONS OF RECORDS:</u> The members of the **ASSOCIATION** shall have the right to inspect the books and records of the **ASSOCIATION** at reasonable times during normal business hours.
- E. ASSESSMENTS AND FEES: Each LOT is hereby subject to a quarterly maintenance assessment (the "ASSESSMENT") for the purpose of creating a fund to operate the business of the ASSOCIATION. It is expressly agreed and understood that LOTS owned by the DECLARANT, OR HIS HEIRS, ASSIGNS OR SUCCESSORS are exempt from the ASSESSMENT. The obligation to pay the ASSESSMENT will accrue from the date of recording of the deed to a LOT executed by the DECLARANT. DECLARANT'S transferee shall owe the ASSESSMENT for the remainder of any calendar quarter accruing after the date on which the deed to the transferee is recorded, and such prorated ASSESSMENT shall be due on the next occurring calendar quarter. The ASSESSMENT will be paid by the owner or owners of each LOT to the ASSOCIATION on or before the first day of each calendar quarter, in advance, or on dates to be established by the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION. The rate at which each LOT will be assessed will be determined annually and may be adjusted from year to year by the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, in its sole and absolute discretion. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the DECLARANT, nor its successors or assigns of its rights under this instrument, shall be liable for the payment of the ASSESSMENT against LOTS owned by the DECLARANT. However, when such LOT or LOTS are sold by the DECLARANT, the purchaser thereof shall be liable to pay such ASSESSMENT, prorated from the date of such purchase to the end of the calendar quarter. The ASSOCIATION may expend the fund, and any and all other amounts paid to the ASSOCIATION, for such expenses, fees and charges as the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION deems reasonable and necessary, in its sole and absolute judgment, including, but not limited to, legal, accounting, engineering and other professional fees and expenses. The acceptance of any interest in a LOT or LOTS constitutes the agreement of such interest owner to be bound by all terms and conditions of these RESTRICTIONS, including, but not limited to, the payment of the ASSESSMENT. The ASSESSMENT is initially established to be \$150.00 per LOT per calendar quarter.
- F. <u>VOTING RIGHTS OF DECLARANT</u>: Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the **DECLARANT** shall retain all voting rights in the **ASSOCIATION** for each and every lot owned by the **DECLARANT**. For the purpose of this paragraph, a transfer by **DECLARANT** of all **LOTS** then owned by **DECLARANT** to another developer, who accepts, by written instrument recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of San Patricio County, Texas, the rights and duties of **DECLARANT** as set forth herein, shall not be considered a sale to "builders or individuals".
- G. <u>THE LIEN</u>: Each owner of any interest in a **LOT** hereby creates for the benefit of the **ASSOCIATION**, a lien ("**LIEN**") thereon to secure the payment of any and all amounts due and payable by any owner of a **LOT** to either the **ASSOCIATION** or the **COMMITTEE**. The **LIEN** may be foreclosed judicially or non-judicially. Each owner of any interest in a **LOT** hereby grants to the **ASSOCIATION** a power of sale in order for the **ASSOCIATION** to foreclose upon the **LIEN** by non-judicial means in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Texas, including, but not limited to, Tex. Prop. Code 51.002, as amended (and any successor statutes thereto). Accordingly, each owner of an interest in any **LOT** expressly

irrevocably grants and conveys to the President of the ASSOCIATION (or any successor thereof or substitute therefore as selected by the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION) the LOT, in trust, with power of sale to be exercised in the event such LOT interest owner is in default on any of such owner's monetary obligations to either the ASSOCIATION, or the COMMITTEE. At any foreclosure, the ASSOCIATION may bid for the interest in the LOT so foreclosed, and apply any amount so bid first against the indebtedness owed to either the ASSOCIATION or the COMMITTEE by any owner of any interest in the foreclosed LOT. From and after the date of any foreclosure, the owner of any interest in the foreclosed LOT shall immediately surrendered possession to the party purchasing such interests at the foreclosure sale.

- H. SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: The LIEN shall be subject, subordinate, inferior and secondary to all liens, mortgages and encumbrances, whether now or hereafter existing, that are created to secure the payment of (i) the purchase price of all or any part of any LOT and (ii) the purchase price or cost of construction of any improvements thereon. The sale or transfer of any LOT shall not affect the LIEN provided for herein. However, the sale or transfer of any LOT pursuant to the foreclosure of any lien superior to the LIEN herein reserved and created, shall extinguish the LIEN as to any payments that have become due and payable prior to such foreclosure. The purchaser at foreclosure shall have liability for any assessments due and payable after the date of foreclosure, and the LOT so foreclosed shall be subject to a lien in favor of the ASSOCIATION for payment of all post-foreclosure charged, dues, and /or assessments owed to either the
- I. <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>. The **DECLARANT** shall have the power to appoint and remove all of the members of the Board of Directors of the **ASSOCIATION** until the 120<sup>th</sup> day after the date seventy-five percent (75%) of the **LOTS** that may be created and made subject to the Declaration (including any property that may be annexed by the **DECLARANT** or made subject to governance by the **ASSOCIATION**) are conveyed to owners other than the **DECLARANT** or a builder in the business of constructing homes who purchased the **LOTS** from the Declarant for the purpose of selling completed homes built on the **LOTS**. Then, until ninety percent (90%) of the **LOTS** that may be created and made subject to governance by the **ASSOCIATION**) are conveyed to owners other than the **DECLARANT** or a builder in the business of constructing homes who purchased the **LOTS** from the **DECLARANT** for the purpose of selling completed homes built on the **LOTS**, at least one-third of the directors of the **ASSOCIATION** must be elected by owners other than the **DECLARANT**. Thereafter, directors of the **ASSOCIATION** shall be elected annually by the members at the annual meeting of the members as provided in the bylaws of the **ASSOCIATION**.

#### XI. AMENDMENT

A. MATERIAL AMENDMENTS. The consent of the Owners of LOTS to which at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes in the ASSOCIATION are allocated and the approval of a majority of any eligible mortgage holders (those holders of a first mortgage on a LOT which have requested in writing that the ASSOCIATION to notify them of any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of eligible mortgage holders) shall be required to add or amend any material provisions to this Declaration or to the bylaws including those provisions which provide for, govern or regulate any of the following:

- (1) Voting;
- (2) Assessments, assessment liens or subordinations of such liens;
- (3) Reserves for maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Area;
- (4) Insurance or fidelity bonds;
- (5) Rights to use of the Common Area;
- (6) Responsibility for maintenance and repair of the Common Area;
- (7) Boundaries of any LOT;
- (8) Convertibility of Homes into Common Area or Common Area into LOTS;
- (9) Leasing of Homes;
- (10) Imposition of any right of first refusal or similar restriction on the right of an Owner to sell, transfer, or otherwise convey his **LOT**;
- (11) Restoration or repair of the improvements on the Common Area (after a hazard damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than that specified in the Declaration;
- (12) Any action to terminate the legal status of the Property, in a manner other than that specified in this Declaration, after substantial destruction or condemnation occurs; and
- (13) By act or omission, seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, or transfer the Common Area, other than the granting of easements or conveyances for public utilities or other public uses.
- B. <u>TIME LIMIT FOR MORTGAGEE DISAPPROVAL</u>. Any eligible mortgage holder which receives a written request to approve additions or amendments to the Declaration or bylaws, and which does not deliver or post to the requesting party a response within thirty (30) days after the written proposal was mailed via certified mail-return receipt requested, shall be deemed to have approved such request.
- C. <u>GENERAL AMENDMENTS</u>. Except as provided in Article XI.B. above, this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by Owners representing fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of the **ASSOCIATION**. Any amendment must be recorded. The Owners shall have and reserve the right at any time, and from time to time, without the joinder or consent of any other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing, duly signed, acknowledged, and filed for record for the purpose of correcting any typographical or grammatical error, ambiguity, or inconsistency appearing herein, provided that any such amendment shall be consistent with and in conformity with the general plan of development as evidenced by this Declaration and shall not impair or affect the vested Property or other rights of any Owner or his mortgagee..
- D. <u>DECLARANT AMENDMENTS.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the **DECLARANT** reserves the right to amend this Declaration without the consent of any Owners, or any other persons claiming an interest in the Property or the **ASSOCIATION** if such amendment is necessary to

- (i) bring this Declaration into compliance with any-rule, regulation or requirement of the Federal Housing Administration, The Federal National Mortgage Association, The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or San Patricio County, Texas; (ii) make corrective changes; (iii) reflect the relocation of boundary lines between the Common Area and any LOTS or among any LOTS, provided however that an approved resubdivision of the affected property is properly recorded; (iv) waive, modify, alter, change or approve any covenant, term, condition, or restriction, where such change is necessary or required for the benefit and best appearance of the SUBDIVISION, especially when these covenants and restrictions conflict with building a single family residence, or in the case of irregularly shaped and unusually sized lots.
- E. <u>RECORDATION OF AMENDMENTS</u>. Any and all amendments, if any, shall be recorded in the office of the County Clerk of San Patricio County, Texas.
- F. ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS. No Owner of any interest of any Property in the SUBDIVISION subject to this Declaration will engage in, or permit any other party to engage in, any activity on the Owner's Property which will violate, or create liability of either the Owner or the Property, under any environmental law, statute, regulation, ordinance or ruling, including, but not limited to, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §6901, et seq., as amended, the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act ("TSWDA"), Chapter 361 Texas Health and Safety Code (Vernon's) as amended, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq., as amended, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251, et seq., or the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §7401, et seq. In the event the Property subject to this Declaration is used in any way which is in violation of the terms and conditions of any applicable environmental law, statute, regulation, ordinance or ruling, the Owner of the Property which engaged in, or permitted, such activity shall indemnify and hold harmless all other owners of Property in the SUBDIVISION from any loss, drainage, or liability arising as a consequence of such improper use.

# XII. INDEMNIFICATION

A. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OR AGENTS. The ASSOCIATION shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending, or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a member of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, employee, officer or agent of the ASSOCIATION, or any person who is or was a member of the COMMITTEE, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the ASSOCIATION; and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duty to the ASSOCIATION unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in and of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the ASSOCIATION; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

- (1) To the extent that a member of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, officer, employee or agent of the ASSOCIATION or a member of the COMMITTEE is entitled to indemnification by the ASSOCIATION in accordance with this Article XII, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the ASSOCIATION in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the member of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, officer, employee or agent of the ASSOCIATION or a member of the COMMITTEE to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the ASSOCIATION as authorized in this Article.
- (3) The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the laws of the State of Texas, any by-law, agreement, vote of members or otherwise. As to action taken in an official capacity while holding office, the indemnification provided by this Article shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a member of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, officer, employee or agent of the ASSOCIATION or a member of the COMMITTEE and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.
- (4) The ASSOCIATION shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, officer, employee or agent of the ASSOCIATION or a member of the COMMITTEE, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, as arising out of his status as such, whether or not the ASSOCIATION would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.
- The ASSOCIATION, Board of Directors of the B. INDEMNIFICATION OF DECLARANT. ASSOCIATION, and members of the ASSOCIATION shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the DECLARANT and any DECLARANT RELATED PARTIES from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses suffered or incurred arising out of or relating to the LOT ownership, use, operation, or maintenance thereof, or any occurring after the transfer No partner, member, shareholder or agent of the of title from the DECLARANT to the OWNER. DECLARANT, nor any DECLARANT RELATED PARTIES, shall have any personal liability, directly or indirectly, under or in connection with this Instrument or any agreements made or entered into under or pursuant to the provisions of this Instrument, or any amendment or amendments to any of the foregoing made at any time or times, heretofore or hereafter. The DECLARANT shall be held harmless and indemnified of any and all claims of misrepresentation, negligence, or misconduct relating to all LOTS within the The Grand Estates at NorthShore Unit 1 subdivision upon acceptance of the final plat by the City or Portland, Texas, defined by the filing of the recorded plat with the San Patricio Country Courthouse, providing evidence that all terms and conditions of the City or Portland Unified Development Ordinance have been satisfied and that the DECLARANT has fulfilled his obligations in providing a residential subdivision within the City of Portland.

DATED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2016.

**DECLARANT:** 

OCEAN VIEW DEVELOPMENT, LTD.

By: Port Shore Investments, Inc.

It's General Partner

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Raju Bhagat, President

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 15th day of GEPTEMBER 2016, by Raju Bhagat, the President of Port Shore Investments, Inc., a Texas corporation, acting as General Partner of Ocean View Development, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, on behalf of said partnership.



Notary Public, State of Texas

Meronica S. Inevino

# JOINDER OF LIENHOLDER

EXPRESS NAVIGATION, LP, being holder of a lien and mortgage on certain LOTS in the SUBDIVISION, hereby joins and consents to the foregoing to Declaration.

EXPRESS NAVIGATION, LP By: Express Navigation GP, Inc. Its General Partner

By: Raju Bhagat, President

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the Aday of SEPTEMBER, 2016, by Raju Bhagat, President of Express Navigation GP, Inc., a Texas corporation, acting as the General Partner of Express Navigation, LP, a Texas limited partnership, on behalf of such partnership.



Wronica S. Mevino Notary Public, State of Texas

# JOINDER OF LIENHOLDER

RAJU BHAGAT, being holder of a lien and mortgage on certain LOTS in the SUBDIVISION, hereby joins and consents to the foregoing to Declaration.

Raju Bhagat

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the SEPTEMBER, 2016, by Raju Bhagat.



Wronga S. Juvino Notary Public, State of Texas

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