

**COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
OF  
FORMAN FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

THESE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS (“Covenants”) are made as of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006 by Birnum Development, Inc., an Alabama corporation (“Developer”).

**RECITALS:**

A. Developer is the owner of the Property; as described in Section 1.18 below, and desires to own, develop, improve, lease and sell the Property for a planned community of approved Residential Use as defined in Section 1.19 below, subject to these Covenants in order to protect the value and desirability of the Property and to have a flexible and reasonable method for the administration and maintenance of the Property.

B. Developer has heretofore caused the Association, as defined in Section 1.03 below, to be formed as an Alabama nonprofit corporation for the purpose of making Assessments, as defined in Section 1.02 below, and otherwise taking all action which the Association is authorized to undertake hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, subject to the conditions and limitations described below, Developer does hereby proclaim that all of the Property shall be held, developed, improved, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, occupied and used subject to these Covenants which shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all parties acquiring or having any right, title or interest in any portion of the Property and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

As used throughout these Covenants, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, which meanings shall be applicable to both the singular and plural forms and tenses of such terms:

1.01 **Articles of Incorporation.** The term “Articles of Incorporation” shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and all amendments thereto.

1.02 **Assessment.** The term “Assessment” shall mean the annual and special assessments and any other charges assessed against any Lot or Owner by the Association pursuant to Sections 8.01, 8.03, 8.04, 8.05 and 8.06 hereof.

1.03 **Association.** The term “Association” shall mean Forman Farms Homeowners Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation.

1.04 **Board.** The term “Board” shall mean and refer to the members of the Board of Directors of the Association and their duly elected successors as may be provided in the Articles

of Incorporation and Bylaws, as the same may exist from time to time.

1.05 **Bylaws.** The term “Bylaws” shall mean and refer to the bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

1.06 **Common Areas.** The term “Common Areas” shall mean and refer to all real and personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association for the nonexclusive, common use and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants. The Common Areas shall include (a) all signage, streetlights, lighting, walkways, paths, bicycle and jogging paths or lanes, if any, improvements, landscaped or other areas of common use, (b) all storm drains and sewers, drainage and/or watershed protection areas located within the Development (other than such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot), (c) all utility lines, pipes, ducts, conduits, equipment, machinery and other apparatus and appurtenances which are located in or serve any portion of the Common Areas on more than one Lot, and (d) all easements and easement areas within the Development (other than such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot), and any other areas or Improvements on or within the Development which are designated as Common Areas by Developer or the Board from time to time. The designation of any land and/or Improvements as Common Areas shall not mean or imply that the public at large acquires any easement of use or enjoyment thereof or any other rights, licenses or benefits therein.

1.07 **Common Expenses.** The term “Common Expenses” shall mean and refer to all expenditures made or incurred by or on behalf of the Association, including, without limitation, those expenses described in Section 8.04(c) below and all funds assessed for the creation or maintenance of reserves pursuant to the provisions of these Covenants.

1.08 **Covenants.** The term “Covenants” shall mean and refer to these Forman Farms Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as set forth herein, and all amendments thereto.

1.09 **Developer.** The term “Developer” shall mean Birnum Development, Inc., an Alabama corporation, its successors and assigns.

1.10 **Development.** The term “Development” shall mean and refer to that certain real property being more particularly described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all Improvements thereon which may be submitted thereto by Developer.

1.11 **Governmental Authority.** The term “Governmental Authority” shall mean any and all city, county, state and federal governmental or quasi-governmental agencies, bureaus, departments, divisions, or regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over any portion of the Property:

1.12 **Improvement.** The term “Improvement” shall mean and refer to all dwellings, any building, structure, planting or device, constructed, erected or placed upon any Lot or Common Area which in any way affects the exterior appearance of any Lot or Common Area. Improvements shall include, by way of illustration and not limitation, buildings, sheds, foundations, covered patios, underground utilities, septic tanks, roads, driveways, walkways, paving, curbing, parking areas, trees, shrubbery, landscaping, fences, screening, walls, signs, and

other artificial or man-made changes or alterations to the natural condition of any Lot.

1.13 **Lot.** The term “Lot” shall mean and refer to any portion of the Property which will be owned in fee simple by an Owner. Upon the recordation of any subdivision plat for the Property, each lot indicated thereon shall be deemed a Lot for purposes of these Covenants.

1.14 **Mortgage.** The term “Mortgage” shall mean and refer to any mortgage, deed of trust or other security device encumbering a Lot or any interest therein and which shall have been duly and properly recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama.

1.15 **Mortgagee.** The term “Mortgagee” shall mean and refer to any mortgage, deed of trust or other security device encumbering a Lot or any interest therein and which shall have been duly and properly recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County.

1.16 **Occupant.** The term “Occupant” shall mean and include any Owner and the family members, guests, tenants, agents, servants, employees and invitees of any Owner and their respective family members, guests, tenants, agents, servants, employees, invitees and any other person who occupies or uses any Lot within the Property. All actions or omission of any Occupant is and shall be deemed the action or omission of the Owner of such Lot.

1.17 **Owner.** The term “Owner” shall mean and refer to the record owner, including Developer, of fee simple title to any Lot, whether a corporation, partnership, Proprietorship, association or other entity of any nature, including natural persons, but shall not include (i) any Mortgagee unless and until such Mortgagee has foreclosed on its Mortgage and purchased such Lot or (ii) any lessee, purchaser, contractor purchaser or vendor who has an interest in any Lot solely by virtue of a lease, contract, installment contract or other agreement.

1.18 **Property.** The term “Property” shall mean and refer to that certain real property situated in St. Clair County, Alabama which is more particularly described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

1.19 **Residential Use.** The term “Residential Use” shall mean and refer to the occupancy of any Lot for single-family residential housing purposes.

## **ARTICLE II PROPERTY SUBJECT TO COVENANTS**

2.01 **General.** Developer hereby proclaims that the Property is and shall be subject to the easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens and regulations of these Covenants and the Property, any part thereof, including each Lot and Common Area thereon, shall be held, owned, sold, transferred, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, occupied, built upon and otherwise used, improved and maintained subject to the terms of these Covenants, which easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens and regulations shall run with the title to the land and the Property and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Developer, all Owners and all Occupants of the Property, and any Lot and Common Area thereof. These Covenants shall not apply to or affect any real property owned by Developer

other than the Property, unless the same is subjected specifically by written amendment or supplement to these Covenants.

**2.02 Right of Developer to Modify Restrictions to Lots Owned by Developer.**

With respect to any Lot owned by Developer, Developer may, by deed, contract or other instruments filed for the record in the manner specified by law, modify the provisions of these Covenants as the same apply to any such Lot, including but not limited to, the withdrawal of any such Lot from the operation and effect of these Covenants.

**2.03 Mutuality of Benefit and Obligation.** The provisions of these Covenants are made (a) for the mutual and reciprocal benefit of each Lot and Common Area within the Property and are intended to create mutual, equitable servitudes upon and in favor of each Lot, (b) to create reciprocal rights and obligations between the respective Owners and all future and subsequent Owners of any Lot within the Property, and (c) to create a privity of contract and estate between the Owners, their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

**2.04 Development of Property.** Subject to the approval of any Governmental Authority with appropriate jurisdiction, Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, for so long as Developer owns any portion of the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer elects in its sole discretion to relinquish such right, to make improvements and changes to all Common Areas and to all Lots owned by Developer, including without limitation (i) installation and maintenance of any Improvements in or to the Common Areas, (ii) changes in the location of the boundaries of any Lot owned by Developer or of the Common Areas, (iii) installation of any water, sewer and any other utility systems and facilities within the Common Areas, or (iv) any other change or Improvement to any portion of the Common' Areas or to the Lots owned by Developer.

**2.05 Subdivision Plat.** Developer reserves the right to record, modify, amend, revise and otherwise add to, at any time and from time to time, a subdivision plat setting forth such information as Developer may deem necessary with regard to the Property, including without limitation, the locations and dimensions of all Lots, Common Areas, public or private roads, utility systems, drainage systems, utility easements, drainage easements, access easements, set-back line restrictions, retention ponds and drainage basins. Any such subdivision plats or any amendments thereto shall be binding on the portions of the Property indicated thereon as if such subdivision plat were specifically incorporated into these Covenants. Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in these Covenants, Developer may at any time or from time to time divide and redivide, combine and resubdivide any Lots owned by Developer and change any easement description or relocate any roads affected thereby, subject to approval of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction thereof.

### **ARTICLE III EASEMENTS**

**3.01 Grant of Nonexclusive Easements to Owners.** Subject to the terms and conditions of these Covenants and the rules, regulations, fees and charges from time to time established by the Board, Developer does hereby grant to each Owner and Occupant the

nonexclusive right, privilege and easement of access to and the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas in common with Developer, its successors and assigns, and all other Owners and Occupants. The easement and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01 are and shall be permanent and perpetual, are nonexclusive, are appurtenant to, and shall pass and run with title to each Lot.

**3.02 Benefit of Easements.** The easements, rights and privileges granted in Section 3.01 shall pass with each Lot as an appurtenance thereto and may not be severed, transferred, assigned or otherwise alienated separate or apart from a Lot.

**3.03 Reservation of General Access Easement.** Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, the ARC and the Association, their respective agents, employees, representatives, invitees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement over, across, through and upon each Lot for the purpose of providing ingress to and egress from each Lot for (a) inspecting each Lot and any Improvements thereon in order to determine compliance with the provisions of these Covenants, and (b) the performance of the respective duties of Developer, the ARC and the Association hereunder, including, without limitation taking any action required or permitted to be taken by Developer, the ARC or the Association pursuant to any of the terms or provisions of these Covenants; provided, however, that upon completion and occupancy of any Lot, then except in the event of emergencies, the foregoing easement shall be utilized only during normal business hours and then, whenever practicable, only upon advance notice to the Owner or Occupant of such Lot directly affected thereby.

**3.04 Reservation of Easements With Respect to Common Areas.**

(a) Easement Upon Common Areas. Developer does hereby establish and reserve, for itself, the ARC, the Association, and their respective agents, employees, representatives, invitees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon all of the Common Areas for the purpose of (i) constructing, installing, repairing and replacing any Improvements to the Property or to the Common Areas, and (ii) doing all other things reasonably necessary and proper in connection therewith; provided, however, that nothing in this sentence shall obligate Developer to undertake any of the foregoing. In addition to the other rights and easements established and reserved herein and regardless of whether Developer continues to own any portion of the Property, Developer hereby establishes and reserves for itself and its successor and assigns, a permanent and perpetual, nonexclusive easement to have access, ingress to and egress from and the right and privilege to use and enjoy the Common Areas and all Improvements thereon for such purposes as Developer deems appropriate; provided, however, that Developer should not exercise such rights so as to unreasonably interfere with the rights of the Owners to use the Common Areas.

(b) Changes in Common Areas. Developer does hereby establish and reserve unto itself and its successors and assigns the permanent right to change, modify and realign the boundaries of any of the Common Areas, any Lots, or other portions of the Property or of the Development owned by Developer. Developer further reserves the right, but shall not have any obligation, to convey by quitclaim deed to the Association at any time and from time to time any

portion of the Development, the Property, of any Improvements thereto to be utilized as Common Areas, as Developer, in its sole discretion, may determine.

**3.05 Reservation of Easement for Utilities.** Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself and the Association, and their respective successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon all portions of the Common Areas and all Lots which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, erecting, replacing, relocating, maintaining and operating all utilities necessary or convenient for the use of any portion of the Development including, without limitation, publicly or privately owned and operated electrical, gas, telephone, television or cable system, water and sewer services, storm drains and sewers, drainage systems, retention ponds, basins and facilities, lines, pipes, conduits, equipment, machinery and other apparatus and appurtenances necessary or other reasonably required in order to provide any utility service to any portion of the Development. The easements established and reserved herein shall include the right to cut and remove trees, underbrush and shrubbery, to grade, excavate or fill and to otherwise take any other action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe installation, maintenance, repair, operation and replacement of all such utility services and the systems, equipment and machinery used to provide the same. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 3.05 to the contrary, (i) the utilization of any of the easements and rights established and reserved pursuant to this Section 3.05 shall not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any Improvements situated on any Lot, and (ii) Developer shall use good faith efforts to attempt to cause any utility company or other supplier or provider of any utility service which may utilize any of the easements and right reserved and established pursuant to this Section 3.05 to take reasonable action to repair any damage to any Lot caused by such utility company or other supplier or provider of such utility service during the exercise of any rights established and reserved herein.

**3.06 Reservation of Maintenance Easement.** Subject to the terms and provisions of Section 7.02(b) below, Developer does hereby establish and reserve for the Association, and each of their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual right and easement to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of mowing, removing, clearing, cutting or pruning underbrush, weeds, stumps or other unsightly growth and removing trash so as to maintain reasonable standards of health, fire, safety and appearance within the Property; provided, however, that such easement shall not impose any duty or obligation upon Developer or the Association to perform any of the foregoing actions.

**3.07 Landscaping by Owners on Easement Areas.** The Developer, the Association, any Governmental Authority, any utility company, and each of their respective successors and assigns, shall not be liable to any Owner, Occupant or any other party for and on account of damage to any landscaping or plantings placed on any easement area or road right-of-way within the Property by any Owner, Occupant or any other party. All easements of record shall remain open, maintained and free of any structures so that the same may be used for their intended purpose.

**3.08 Easements for Lake and Pond Maintenance and Flood Water.** The Developer reserves for itself and its successors, assigns, and designees the nonexclusive right and easement, but not the obligation, to enter upon the lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands located within the

Common Area to (a) install, keep, maintain, and replace pumps in order to provide water for the irrigation of any of the Common Area; (b) construct, maintain, and repair any bulkhead, wall, dam, or other structure retaining water; and (c) remove trash and other debris therefrom and fulfill their maintenance responsibilities as provided in these Covenants. The Developer's rights and easements provided in this Section shall automatically be transferred to the Association at such time as the Developer shall cease to own any property subject to these Covenants, or such earlier time as Developer may elect, in its sole discretion, to transfer such rights by a written instrument. The Developer, the Association, and their designees shall have an access easement over and across any of the Lots abutting or containing any portion of any lake, pond, stream, or wetland to the extent reasonably necessary to exercise their rights under this Section.

There is further reserved herein for the benefit of Developer, the Association, and their successors, assigns and designees, a perpetual, nonexclusive right and easement of access and encroachment over the Common Area and Lots (but not the dwellings thereon) adjacent to or within 50 feet of lake beds, ponds, streams and wetlands in order to (a) temporarily flood and back water upon and maintain water over such portion of the Property; (b) fill, drain, dredge, deepen, clean, fertilize, dye, and generally maintain the lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands within the Common Area; (c) maintain and landscape the slopes and banks pertaining to such

#### **ARTICLE IV ASSOCIATION**

4.01 **Membership.** The Owner of each Lot shall be a member of the Association. Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot; provided, however, that (a) Developer shall be deemed a member of the Association for so long as Developer owns any portion of the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer elects, in Developer's sole discretion, to terminate Developer's membership in the Association, and (b) in the event any Lot is owned by more than one (1) person, then the Owners of such Lot shall be entitled to only one vote in the Association and only one of the Owners shall be entitled to hold a position in the Association at any given time. The transfer or conveyance of fee title to any Lot (other than by a Mortgage as security for the payment of an obligation), shall automatically include the transfer of all membership rights of such Owner in the Association with respect to the Lot transferred and conveyed, notwithstanding any failure of the transferor to endorse to his transferee any certificates, assignments or other evidence of such membership. Membership or the rights and benefits in the Association may not be transferred, assigned, conveyed or otherwise alienated in any manner separate and apart from the ownership of a Lot. Each member of the Association shall at all times comply with the provisions of these Covenants, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and all rules and regulations which may from time to time be adopted by the Board of the Association.

4.02 **Board.** The Board shall have the rights and duties set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Developer hereby retains and shall have the right to appoint or remove, with or without cause, any member or members of the Board and any officer or officers of the Association until such time as Developer no longer owns any Lot in the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer elects, in Developer's sole discretion, to relinquish such right. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in Developer such

authority to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association as provided by this Section 4.02.

**4.03 Voting Rights.** Subject to the rights reserved to Developer in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (which, among other things, provided that only Developer, for so long as Developer owns any Lot in the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer may elect, in Developer's sole discretion, shall be exclusively entitled to take various actions and vote on all matters to be voted on by the members of the Association) and the rights of the, Association, as the case may be, to suspend any Owner's voting rights or privileges in the Association pursuant to Section 8.01 below, the Owner of each Lot shall be entitled to one (1) vote in any matters submitted to the members of the Association for approval. No Owner, whether one or more persons, shall have more than one membership and one vote per Lot. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot, consents and agrees to the dilution of his or her voting interest in the Association by virtue of the resubdivision of any Lot by Developer pursuant to Section 2.05 above. In no event, whether as a result of there being multiple ownership interests in any Lot or otherwise, shall more than one vote be allowed for any one Lot Fractional voting shall not be permitted. For purposes of this Section 4.03, Developer shall be deemed to be the Owner of and entitled to all voting rights attributable to any Lots owned by Developer.

**4.04 Duties and Powers of Association.** In addition to the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations of the Association otherwise set forth in these Covenants, the Association shall have the power to perform or cause to be performed any of the duties and powers set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege granted to it expressly by these Covenants or by law, together with every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege. Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or in the Bylaws, the powers and authority granted to the Association may be exercised by the Board, acting through the officers of the Association, without further consent or action on the part of the Owners. Nothing herein shall be construed as a restriction of the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations of the Association set forth in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws.

**4.05 Agreements.** Subject to the conditions, restrictions and other provisions of these Covenants, all agreements, actions and determinations lawfully authorized by the Board with respect to the Property shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns and all others having any interest in the Property. In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association, through the Board, shall have the right and authority to delegate to such persons of its choice such duties of the Association hereunder as may be determined by the Board. In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation thereof, the Association may obtain and pay for the services of any person or entity to manage its affairs or any part thereof, to the extent it deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Association shall deem necessary or desirable for the proper operation of any portion of the Property, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by independent contract with the Association. During the term of any such management agreement entered into by the Association with a third party, such manager may, if authorized by the Board, exercise all the powers and shall be responsible for the performance of

all of the duties of the Association hereunder, excepting any of such powers or duties specifically and exclusively reserved to the Board or the officers of the Association by these Covenants, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. Such manager may be an individual, corporation or other legal entity and may be bonded in such manner as the Board may require, with the costs of such bond to be a Common Expense. In addition to the foregoing, the Association may pay for and the Board may hire and contract for such legal and accounting services as are necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Property, or the enforcement of these Covenants, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations of the Association.

**4.05 Management by Developer or its Affiliates.** In addition to the rights and authority granted to the Association in Section 4.05, Developer may, but shall not be obligated to, be employed as the manager of the Association and the Property for so long as Developer owns any Lot in the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer elects, in Developer's sole discretion, to relinquish such right, at such compensation and on such terms as would be usual, customary and obtainable in an arms-length transaction with any third party providing comparable services for any real estate development in the southeastern United States of the size, quality and nature of the Property. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot shall be deemed to ratify the provisions of this Section 4.06 and specifically be deemed to have approved any management agreement entered into by the Association or Developer.

**4.06 Rules and Regulations.** The Board may establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of all Lots and Common Areas. Each such rule and regulation shall be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless any such rule or regulation is specifically overruled, canceled or modified by the Board, the Developer or by the majority vote of the total votes of the Association at any regular or special meeting of the Association; provided, however, that no such rule or regulation may be overruled, canceled or modified unless such action is also approved by Developer, for so long as Developer owns any Lot in the Property or until such earlier date as Developer elects in Developer's sole discretion, to relinquish such right.

**4.07 Indemnification.** The Association shall and does hereby agree to indemnify, defend and agree to hold each and every officer, agent, representative and member of the Board harmless from and against any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, suffered, paid or incurred in any action, suit or other proceedings (including the settlement may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, agent, representative or member of the Board. The officers, agents, representatives and members of the Board shall not be liable for any mistake in judgment, negligence or otherwise except for their own willful misconduct or reckless disregard of duty, as finally, determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. The officers, agents, representatives and members of the Board shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association, and the Association shall and does hereby indemnify, defend and agree to forever hold each such officer, agent, representative and member of the Board harmless from any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. The indemnification, obligations and rights provided for herein shall not be exclusive, of any other rights to which any officer, agent, representative or member of the Board may be entitled,

including anything provided to the contrary contained in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. The Association may maintain general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance in order to fulfill its obligations under this Section 4.08 and the costs of such insurance shall constitute a Common Expense.

## **ARTICLE V ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

5.01 **Scope.** Any changes of any kind, modification or additions to the Improvements on any Lot must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (the "ARC"). The ARC shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) persons whom shall be appointed or elected as provided in Section 5.02 below. The members of the ARC may, but shall not be required to be, members of the Association or Owners of any Lot. The term of office for each member of the ARC shall be three years, except as provided in Section 5.02(d) below. Any member appointed or elected as provided in Section 5.02 below may be removed with or without cause in the manner provided in Section 5.02 below.

### 5.02 **Appointment and Removal of ARC Members.**

(a) For so long as Developer owns any Lot in the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer may elect, in Developer's sole discretion, Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint and remove all of the members of the ARC.

(b) At such time as Developer no longer owns any Lot in the Property, or, upon Developer's written notice to the Association that it no longer desires to exercise the right to appoint and remove members of the ARC as provided in Section 5.02(a) above, then the members of the ARC shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association.

(c) Any member of the ARC may be removed, with or without cause, by (i) Developer, in its sole discretion, during the period of time that the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are in effect, or (ii) the Board of Directors of the Association, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are in effect. In the event of death or resignation of a member of the ARC, then Developer, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are applicable, or the Board of Directors of the Association, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are applicable; as the case may be, shall appoint a substitute member of the ARC to fill the vacancy of such deceased or resigning member for the remainder of the term of such former member.

(d) The Developer shall appoint the members of the initial ARC for terms ranging from one (1) to three (3) years each, in Developer's sole discretion. At the expiration of the term of office of each respective member of the initial ARC, Developer, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are applicable, or the Board of Directors of the Association, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are applicable, shall appoint a successor of such member for a period of three (3) years.

5.03 **Procedure and Meetings.** The ARC shall elect a chairman and he or she, or in his or her absence, the vice-chairman, shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the ARC. The ARC shall meet as necessary as well as upon call of the chairman or vice-chairman, and all

such meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated by the chairman or vice-chairman. A majority of the total number of members of the ARC shall constitute a quorum of the ARC for the transaction of business and the affirmative vote of a majority of those present in person or by proxy at a meeting of the ARC shall constitute the action of the ARC on any matter which comes before it. The ARC is authorized to retain the services of consulting architects, landscape architects, designers, engineers, inspectors and/or attorneys in order to advise and assist the ARC in performing its functions set forth herein. Each member of the ARC may be paid a stipend or honorarium as may from time to time be determined by the Developer, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are applicable, or the Board of Directors of the Association, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are applicable, and shall otherwise be entitled to a reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the ARC, subject to the approval of such expenses by the Developer, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are applicable, or by the Board of Directors of the Association, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are applicable. The ARC shall have the right from time to time to adopt and establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary concerning the procedure, notice of meetings and all other matters concerning the conduct of the business of the ARC.

**5.04 Architectural Standards.** The ARC is hereby authorized to promulgate and amend or modify from time to time written rules and regulations governing policies, guidelines and minimum requirements to be satisfied with respect to the construction, location, landscaping and design of all Improvements on any Lot, the content and manner in which plans and specifications and other documentation and information concerning the construction of any dwelling or other Improvements on a Lot are to be submitted to and approved by the ARC, and any other matters affecting the construction, repair or maintenance of any Improvements on any Lot. The rules and regulations adopted by the ARC shall be in addition to the provisions and requirements set forth in these Covenants and shall be binding upon and enforceable against all Owners.

**5.05 Preliminary Approval of Plans and Specifications.**

**Note: Final Approval Required after Improvements Completed.**

**(a) IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC APPEARANCE AND TILE NATURAL SETTING AND BEAUTY OF THE PROPERTY, TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A HARMONIOUS DESIGN FOR THE PROPERTY AND TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, THE LOTS AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, NO IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY NATURE SHALL BE COMMENCED, ERECTED, INSTALLED, PLACED, MOVED ONTO, ALTERED, REPLACED, RELOCATED, PERMITTED TO REMAIN ON OR MAINTAINED ON ANY LOT BY ANY OWNER, OTHER THAN DEVELOPER, WHICH AFFECT THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE OF ANY LOT UNLESS PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREFOR HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE ARC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.05(b) BELOW. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF ANY FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LOT SHALL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN, NOR SHALL ANY EXTERIOR ADDITION TO OR CHANGE OR ALTERATION BE MADE (INCLUDING, WITHOUT**

**LIMITATION, PAINTING OR STAINING OF ANY EXTERIOR SURFACE) TO ANY IMPROVEMENTS, UNLESS THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SAME HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND PRELIMINARILY APPROVED BY THE ARC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.05(b) BELOW.**

(b) The ARC is hereby authorized and empowered to approve all plans and specifications and the construction of all Improvements on any part of the Property. Prior to the commencement of construction of any Improvements on any Lot, the Owner thereof shall submit to the ARC plans and specification and related data for all such Improvements which shall include two copies of each of the following, if applicable

- (i) Plans and specifications at a scale of  $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'$  or larger
- (ii) Color samples and specifications of all changes to exterior materials and finishes
- (iii) Site development plan prepared by a licensed surveyor at a scale of  $1'' = 20'$  as required by the ARC.
- (iv) An exterior lighting plan, including specification for any change to exterior lighting
- (v) A landscaping plan prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.06 below
- (vi) Such other plans, specifications or other information or documentation as may be required by the rules and regulations of the ARC.

(c) The ARC shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether the Improvements submitted by an Owner for approval are acceptable. One copy of all plans, specifications and related data so submitted to the ARC shall be retained in the records of the ARC and the other copy shall be returned to the Owner submitting the same marked 'Preliminary Approval', "Preliminary Approval with conditions", or "disapproved". The ARC shall establish a fee to be charged to and paid by each Owner for final approval, which fee shall be sufficient to cover the expense of reviewing plans, related data and Improvements and to compensate any consulting architects, landscape architects, designers, engineers, inspectors and/or attorneys retained in order to approve such plans and specifications and to monitor and otherwise enforce the terms hereof. The ARC shall have the right to disapprove any Improvements for any failure to comply with any of the provisions of these Covenants or the rules and regulations of the ARC, or failure to construct Improvements in accordance with plans and specifications which had been given preliminary approval. Approval by the ARC for Improvements or to one particular Lot shall not be deemed an approval or otherwise obligate the ARC to approve similar Improvements or any of the features or elements for the Improvements for any other Lot within the Property. In the event the ARC fails to give "Final Approval" in writing of any such Improvements within thirty (30) days after such application for Final Approval has been submitted, then the Improvements will be deemed to have been disapproved. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the

contrary, an Owner may, without the necessity or requirement that ARC approval or consent be obtained, make interior improvements and alterations within his dwelling that do not affect exterior appearance of the dwelling in any way.

(d) The ARC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications upon any ground which is consistent with the objectives and purposes of these Covenants, including purely aesthetic considerations, any failure to comply with any of the provisions of these Covenants or the rules and regulations of the ARC, failure to provide requested information, objection to exterior design, appearance or materials, objection on the ground of incompatibility of any such proposed improvement with the scheme of development proposed for the Development or the Property, objection to the location of any proposed Improvements on any such Lot, objection to the landscaping plan for such Lot, objection to the color scheme, finish, proportions style of architecture height, bulk or appropriateness of any Improvement or any other matter which, in the sole judgment of the ARC, would render the proposed Improvement inharmonious with the general plan of development contemplated for the Property. The ARC shall have the right to approve any submitted plans and specifications with conditions or stipulations by which the Owner of such Lot shall be obligated to comply and must be incorporated into the plans and specifications for such Improvements. Approval of plans and specifications by the ARC for Improvements to one particular Lot shall not be deemed an approval or otherwise obligate the ARC to approve similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements for the Improvements for any other Lot within the Property.

(e) Any revisions, modifications or changes in any plans and specifications previously approved by the ARC must be approved by the ARC in the same manner specified above.

(f) If construction of any Improvements has not substantially commenced by clearing and grading, pouring of footing and otherwise commencing framing and other related construction work) within one (1) year of approval by the ARC of the plans and specifications for such Improvements, then no construction may be commenced (or continued) on such Lot and the Owner of such Lot shall be required to resubmit all plans and specifications for any such Improvements to the ARC for approval in the same manner specified above.

(g) Any approval of plans and specifications by the ARC pursuant to this Section 5.05 shall not be construed in any respect as a representation or warranty of the ARC, the Developer, or the Association that such plans are in conformity with any applicable rules, regulations, and requirements of any Governmental Authorities or that any such plan or the dwelling based thereon is architecturally sound or meets any standards of engineering compliance or is properly designed. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner who submits any such plans to the ARC to satisfy himself as to such conformity and proper design.

**5.06 Landscaping Approval.** In order to preserve, to the extent practicable, the natural landscaping and plant life currently situated on the Property, and in order to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Property, no landscaping, grading, excavation or fill work of any nature shall be changed, implemented or installed by any Owner, other than Developer, on any Lot unless and until landscaping plans therefor have been submitted to and approved by the ARC. The provisions of Section 5.06 above regarding the method that such plans are to be

submitted to the ARC, the time for approval or disapproval of the same and the method of approving modifications or changes thereto shall be applicable to such landscaping plans.

**5.07 Construction Without Approval.** If (a) any Improvements are initiated, installed, maintained, altered, replaced or relocated on any Lot without ARC approval of the plans and specifications for the same, or (b) the ARC shall determine that any approved plans and specifications for any Improvements or the approved landscaping plans for any Lot are not being complied with, then, in either event, the Owner of such Lot shall be deemed to have violated these Covenants and the ARC shall have the right to exercise any of the rights and remedies set forth in Section 5.13 below.

**5.08 Inspection.** The ARC or any agent, employee or representative thereof may at any reasonable time and from time to time enter upon and inspect any Lot or any Improvements being constructed thereon in order to determine whether the approved plans and specifications therefor are being complied with. Any such entry shall not be deemed to be a trespass or any other wrongful act by the ARC.

**5.09 Subsurface Conditions.**

(a) The Property may be located in an area which includes underground mines or other geological formations or conditions which may result in surface subsidence. Approval of the submitted plans and specifications by the ARC as herein provided shall not be construed in any respect as a representation or warranty of the ARC and/or the Developer and/or the Association to the Owner submitting such plans and specifications. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner to determine the suitability and adequacy of the surface and subsurface conditions of the Lot for the construction of any and all Improvements thereon.

(b) Neither the ARC and its individual members, nor the Association and its members, nor the Developer and its partners, agents and employees and the officers, directors, agents and employees of its partners (both in its capacity as a Developer as herein defined and as the owner or prior owner of any minerals subjacent to the Property), shall be liable to any Owner or Occupant, or the successors, assigns, licensees, lessees, employees and agents of any Owner or Occupant, for loss or damage on account of injuries to any parcel of the Property, to any buildings, Improvements or other structures now or hereafter located upon any parcel of the Property, or on account of any past or future injuries to any Owner, Occupant, or any other person in or upon any parcel of the Property, which are caused by, or arise as a result of soil and/or subsurface conditions, known or unknown (including, without limitation, underground mines or other geological formations or conditions) under or on the Property.

**5.10 Limitation of Liability.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, neither Developer, the ARC, the Association, nor any agent, employee, representative, member, shareholder, partner, joint venturer, officer or director thereof, shall have any liability of any nature whatsoever for any damage, loss or prejudice suffered, claimed, paid or incurred by any Owner on account of (a) any defects in any plans and specifications submitted, reviewed or approved in accordance with the provisions of this Article V; (b) any defects, structural or otherwise, in any work done according to such plans and specifications; (c) any failure to

approve or disapprove any plans, drawings, specifications or other data submitted by any Owner for approval pursuant to the provisions of this Article V; (d) any construction or performance of any work related to such plans, drawings and specifications; (e) any bodily injuries (including death) to any Owner, Occupant or the respective family members, guests, employees, servants, agents, invitees or licensees of any such Owner or Occupant, or any damage to any Improvements or the personal property of any Owner, Occupant or the respective family members, guests, employees, servants, agents, invitees or licensees of such Owner or Occupant, which may be caused by, or arise as a result of any defect, structural or otherwise, in any Improvements or the plans and specifications therefore or any past, present or future soil and/or subsurface conditions, known or unknown (including, without limitation, underground mines, tunnels or other geological formations or conditions on or under any Lot); and (f) any other loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, including court costs and attorneys' fees, suffered, paid or incurred by any Owner arising out of or in connection with the use and occupancy of any Lot or any Improvements situated thereon.

**5.11 Sales and Construction Activities.** Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions contained in these covenants to the contrary, Developer, its successors and assigns, shall have the right and option to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities as may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the completion, improvement, and sale of Lots or the development of Lots and Common Areas, including, without limitation, the installation and operation of sales and construction trailers and offices, signs and model dwellings, all as may be approved by Developer from time to time; provided, however, that the location of any construction trailers of any assignees of Developer's rights under this Section shall be subject to Developer's approval. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include, without limitation, the right to use dwellings as model residences and as offices for the sale of Lots and for any related activities.

**5.12 Enforcement and Remedies.** In the event any of the provisions of this Article V are breached or are not otherwise being complied with in all respects by any Owner or Occupant or the respective family members, guest, invitees, agents, employees or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, then the ARC and the Association shall each have the right but not the obligation at their option to (a) enjoin any further construction on any Lot and require the removal or correction of any work in place which does not comply with the plans and specifications approved by the ARC for such Improvements, and/or (b) through their designated agents, employees, representatives and independent contractors, enter upon such Lot and take all action necessary to extinguish such violation or breach. All costs and expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in enforcing any of the provisions of this Article V, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, court costs, costs and expenses of witnesses, engineers, architects, designers, land planners and any other persons involved in the correction of nonconforming work, the completion of uncompleted work or in any judicial proceeding, together with any other costs or expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in causing any Owner or such Owner's contractors, agents or invitees to comply with the terms and provision of this Article V, shall be paid by such Owner, shall constitute an individual Assessment to such Owner pursuant to Section 8.06 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to the lien provided for in Section 8.09 below and be subject to foreclosure as provided for therein. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the right and remedies of the ARC and the Association

set forth herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights and remedies which the ARC or the Association may exercise at law or in equity or any of the enforcement rights specified in Section 6.31, 8.09, 11.01, 11.02 and 11.03 below.

5.13 **Compliance Certification.** The ARC or any authorized representative thereof shall, upon request and at such reasonable charges as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, furnish to an Owner a certificate in writing setting forth whether all necessary ARC approvals have been obtained and whether any Improvement has been constructed in accordance with the provisions of these Covenants. Any such approval shall not be construed in any respect as a representation or warranty of the ARC and/or Developer and/or the Association that all applicable rules, regulations and requirements of all Governmental Authorities with respect to any such Lot or Improvement have been fulfilled.

## **ARTICLE VI USE AND DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS**

6.01 **Use Restrictions.** Except as otherwise provided to the contrary in Section 5.11 above and in this Section 6.01, each Lot shall be used for Residential Use only and no trade or business of any kind may be carried on in or from any Lot. The use of any portion of a dwelling as an office by an Owner shall not be considered a violation of this covenant, provided such use does not create regular customer, client or employee traffic, and further provided any such use is in compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and ordinances of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction thereof. The leasing or rental of any Lot shall be allowed only with the prior written approval of the ARC and Developer; provided, however, that Developer shall have the perpetual right to designate from time to time any dwellings owned by Developer, its successors and assigns, which may be leased for such periods of time as Developer may determine, including daily or weekly rentals. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 6.01 to the contrary, the Property or any portion thereof, including specifically, any Lots constituting any portion of the Property, may be used and developed for (i) any of the uses included in the definition of Common Areas and (ii) any uses permitted under applicable zoning ordinances affecting the Property; provided, however, that in the event any portion of the Property is to be developed or used for any purpose other than Common Areas or single-family residential purposes, then such use must first be approved in writing by the ARC and Developer. Unless approved in writing by the ARC, no Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed after a subdivision plat including such Lot has been approved and filed with the public records. Developer, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any lot or lots which any Owner owns, with the written prior consent of the Owner of the Lot effected. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations, if any. No dwelling shall be used where the primary use is investment or rental property. No person shall reside on any dwelling who shall have been convicted of a criminal sex offense as defined by Section 15-2-21(4), Code of Alabama, 1975 as the same may be amended.

6.02 **ARC Approval.** No Improvements of any nature whatsoever shall be constructed on any Lot unless such Improvements have been approved by the ARC in the manner set forth in Article V above.

**6.03 Underground Utilities and Sanitary Sewer System.** All utility lines, pipes, conduits and wiring for electrical, gas, telephone, water, sewer, cable television, security and any other utility, service for any portion of the Property shall be installed and maintained below ground.

**6.04 Building Setbacks.**

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 6.05 below, the minimum building setback lines for all lots shall be 25 feet from the front property line and 15 feet from the back and side property lines unless a variance has been obtained from the Developer.

(b) No dwelling or Improvement shall be built within the setback areas established in Section 6.04(a), unless the Owner obtains a variance from the Developer or the ARC or any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction thereof, if necessary. All eaves, steps, porches, terraces, decks, and patios shall be deemed a part of the dwelling for the purposes of determining building setback areas pursuant to this Section 6.04.

**6.05 Siting of Improvements.** Prior to commencing any construction-related activities on any Lot (including any grading or clearing), the location of any Improvement to be constructed thereon shall be set forth on the site development plan for such Lot which must be approved by the ARC pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.05 above. Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 6.04 above to the contrary, the ARC may require building setback requirements different from those described in Section 6.04, including building setbacks which are greater than those specified in Section 6.04 above.

**6.06 Trees.** No Owner, other than Developer, shall cut, remove or mutilate any tree, shrub bush or other vegetation having a trunk diameter of eight (8) inches or more, and located on any Lot without first obtaining the approval of the ARC; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit the cutting and removal of any dead or diseased trees certified as such by the ARC nor shall the foregoing be deemed to release any Owner from the provisions of Section 6.08 and 7.01 below.

**6.07 Height Limitations; Minimum Size of Dwellings.** The height of all Improvements shall be compatible with all other Improvements adjacent to such Lot. No dwelling shall be erected, constructed, or altered in excess of two (2) and one-half stories in height. Each dwelling must contain at least the minimum climate controlled area indicated as follows: (a) 1,200 square feet for a one level home; (b) 1,600 square feet for a multi-level home where the main level has a minimum of 900 square feet. Living area shall not include basements (finished or unfinished), porches, decks, or garages.

**6.08 Landscaping.**

(a) Any change in the existing landscaping plan for each Lot within the Property shall be submitted to the ARC for approval pursuant to the provision of Section 5.06 above. Each Owner shall, to the extent practicable, otherwise take such steps which would, to the extent practicable, preserve the existing trees, plant life, wild flowers and natural environment, including natural drainage channels, which exist on such Lot.

(b) All front and side yards of each Lot shall be sodded with grass unless approved by the ARC as a natural area or unless the same is landscaped with shrubbery and other approved plant life. All backyards may be seeded and covered with hay in a manner to insure solid and complete coverage. All sodding and seeding must be completed prior to the occupancy of any dwelling.

(c) No tree, hedge, or shrubbery planting which obstructs sight-lines of streets and roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any Lot where such hedge or shrubbery interferes with traffic sight-lines for roadways within the Property. The determination of whether any such obstruction exists shall be made by the ARC, whose determination shall be final, conclusive and binding on all Owners.

(d) No rocks or other substances shall be placed on any Lot as a front or side yard border or for the purpose of preventing vehicles from parking on or pedestrians from walking on any portion of such Lot or to otherwise impede or limit access to the same. No bird baths, fountains, waterfalls, pools, ponds, reflectors, flag poles, statues, lawn sculptures, lawn furnishings, artificial plants, rock gardens, rock walls, bird houses or other fixtures and accessories shall be placed or installed within the front or side yards of any Lot.

(e) No vegetable, herb, or similar gardens or plants shall be planted or maintained in the front or side yards of any Lot. If planted in rear (back) yard of any Lot, the owner must first obtain ARC approval and install a wood fence to prevent visibility from any street.

(f) The ARC may from time to time promulgate rules and regulations adopting an approved list of plant life which may be utilized on any Lot, which rules and regulations may require that either a minimum dollar amount be established and utilized as the landscaping budget for each Lot, or that a minimum number of plantings of certain sizes, types and specifications be used on any Lot.

(g) No Owner shall allow the lawn grass on his or her Lot to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches, measured from the surface of the ground.

(h) Seasonal or holiday decorations (e.g., Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) shall be installed no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the holiday and shall be promptly removed from each Lot within fifteen (15) days after such holiday.

6.09 **Roofing.** The roof of the Improvements on the Lot may not be changed in any manner, except by the Association with the approval of the ARC.

6.10 **Exterior Lighting.** All exterior lighting for Improvements, including, without limitation, free standing lighting and utility (e.g., flood) lights attached to a dwelling, must be of a design and in a location approved by the ARC.

6.11 **Exterior Materials and Finishes.**

(a) No exterior materials and finishes may be changed except with approval of the ARC. All wood surfaces utilized on the exterior of any dwelling, including windows and

doors, shall be painted or stained at all times. All dwellings must be of conventional type construction with stone, brick, vinyl, stucco/drivit, or masonite exterior. All dwellings shall have brick, rock, or stone foundation. Prohibited exterior finish materials shall include exposed concrete block, particle board, plywood and any other materials as the ARC may from time to time determine.

(b) No wooden steps shall be allowed on the front or sides of any dwelling. Concrete steps must be finished in tile, brick or stone.

#### **6.12 Garages.**

(a) Each dwelling shall, at a minimum, have an attached two car garage or a two car basement garage. Garage doors shall be subject to the approval of the ARC. Garage doors shall be constructed of such materials as are approved by the ARC. Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times except when in use. No garage shall be converted to any use other than for the parking of vehicles therein without the approval of the ARC.

(b) All automobiles or other passenger vehicles owned or used by the Owner or Occupant of any dwelling and their respective family members shall be parked in garages to the extent garage space is available. Garages shall not be used for storage or for any other purposes or uses which would result in the garage being unavailable for the parking of vehicles therein.

(c) The ARC, at its discretion, may approve an application for a detached storage building on a Lot.

**6.13 Fences.** No fence of any kind will be allowed in front of the dwelling. Plans for all fences shall be presented to the ARC for approval prior to construction. Fences shall begin at the rear of a dwelling, run parallel to the street, and continue toward the rear of the property line. Fences may be constructed from wood, brick, stone, green or black chain link fencing with the exception that all fencing facing the street shall be constructed from wood. No galvanized or uncolored chain link fencing or wire fences are allowed except with regard to maintenance areas within Common Areas and those fences erected by the Developer. All wood fences shall be constructed as shadowbox fencing or with the rail facing the interior of the backyard. The maximum height for fencing is 5 feet and except for wood fencing which is 6 feet.

#### **6.14 Windows, Window Treatments and Doors.**

(a) Reflective glass shall not be permitted on the exterior of any dwelling. No foil or other reflective materials shall be installed on any windows or used for sun screens, blinds, shades or other purposes.

(b) The ARC may adopt guidelines for the types of windows and materials from which windows may be allowed on any dwelling. Burglar bars or doors (including wrought iron doors) shall not be permitted. Screen doors shall not be used on the front or side of any dwelling. No aluminum or metal doors with glass fronts (e.g., storm doors) shall be allowed on the front of any dwelling. Appropriate window treatments shall be used on all windows. Sheets, bed linens, blankets and paper or plastic bags are not appropriate window treatments.

6.15 **Mailboxes.** All mailboxes and paper boxes shall be of the type, design, color, and location as may be approved by the ARC. Mailboxes shall contain only the name and address of the Owner or Lot. No further inscription, paintings, ornaments or artistry shall be allowed. All mailboxes shall be purchased through a vendor approved by the Developer or ARC.

6.16 **Satellite Dishes and Antennae.** No satellite dishes shall be allowed on any Lot more than two (2) feet in diameter. The satellite dish must not be visible from any street within the Property and the location of such satellite dish must be approved by the ARC. No radio antenna, radio receiver or other similar device or aerial shall be attached to or installed on any Lot or dwelling unless the same is (i) contained entirely within the interior of a building or other structure, (ii) not visible from any street within the Property or adjacent Lot or dwelling, and (iii) approved by the ARC. No radio or television signals or other form of electromagnetic radiation or transmission shall be permitted to originate from any Lot or dwelling which may interfere with the reception of radio or television signals within the Property or any other real property situated in close proximity to the Property.

6.17 **Driveways.** All driveways for each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or asphalt. Other materials (e.g., brick ) may be used but only if approved in writing by the ARC. Chert, gravel and loose stone driveways are prohibited. Any driveway pipes utilized on any Lot must be approved by the ARC and either the St. Clair County Engineer or the Town of Branchville representative as designated. The Developer and the Town of Branchville shall be notified when installing any driveway pipes. Only metal driveway pipes shall be used; plastic pipes are not acceptable. All pipes shall have sloped concrete headwalls on both ends unless otherwise approved by the ARC and shall be constructed deep enough in the ground to collect water and prevent redirection of water onto the street. To the extent any Owner or Occupant or any of their respective builders, contractors, subcontractors, agents, employees, guests or invitees damage or destroy any curbing or gutters within the Property which constitutes part of the Common Areas, then the Owner of such Lot shall promptly cause, at his, her or its sole cost and expense, such damaged curbing or gutters to be repaired and replaced in accordance with any and all requirements of the Association, and all Governmental Authorities.

6.18 **Outdoor Furniture, Recreational Facilities and Clotheslines.**

(a) No furniture shall be placed, kept, installed, maintained or located in or on the front or side yards or areas of a Lot. Any furniture placed, kept, installed, maintained or located at the rear of or behind a dwelling shall, to the greatest extent practicable, be located so that the same shall not be visible from any street.

(b) Wood, leaf, and rubbish piles shall be located only at the rear of a dwelling and shall be screened by appropriate landscaping from view from streets and, to the extent practicable, from adjacent Lots.

(c) Any children's toys, swing sets, jungle gyms, trampolines, and other outdoor and recreational equipment and appurtenances shall be allowed only at the rear or behind a dwelling and shall, to the extent practicable, be located so that the same are not visible from any street.

(d) Free-standing playhouses and treehouses may be permitted in the rear yard of a dwelling, but only upon ARC approval of same.

(e) Basketball backboards shall be located so as not to be visible from any street and shall otherwise be located on such Lot in a location approved by the ARC.

(f) Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes shall be prohibited on any Lot. No clothing, rugs or other items shall be hung, placed or allowed to remain on any railing, fence or wall.

(g) Barbecue grills or other types of outdoor cooking equipment and apparatus shall be located only at the rear of a dwelling and, to the extent practicable, shall not be visible from any street.

(h) Bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques and other types of homecrafts shall not be permitted in the front yards of any Lot nor shall any of the foregoing items be attached to the front or side of any dwelling. All bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques and other types of homecrafts shall be located only in the rear yard of a dwelling and shall not be visible from any street.

(i) To the extent that any of the items listed in this section are maintained at the rear or behind the dwelling in accordance with this section, wood fencing as described in Section 6.13 shall be erected to prevent visibility of such items from the street.

**6.19 Pets and Animals.** No animals, livestock, birds or poultry of any kind shall be kept, raised or bred by any Owner upon any Lot or other portion of the Property; provided, however, that no more than two (2) domesticated animals, except in the case of any new-born litter of any such animal, may be kept on a Lot so long as they are not kept for breeding or commercial purposes. No pet shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or become a nuisance. No structure or area for the care, housing or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained except at the rear of a dwelling, shall not be visible from any street, and shall be constructed of materials and of a size approved by the ARC. Dogs and cats shall not be allowed to roam unattended within the Property; all dogs shall be kept and maintained within the dwelling or fenced or walled areas on a Lot, as approved by the ARC, or otherwise under leash. Pets shall not be permitted to leave excrement on the Lot of any other Owner or within any street or any portion of the Common Areas and the Owner of such pet shall immediately remove the same. Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for the costs of repairing any damage to the Common Areas caused by the pet of such Owner or Occupant. The Board shall have the right from time to time to promulgate rules and regulations governing keeping the pets within the Property, including the right to assess fine for violations of such rules and regulations.

**6.20 Trash, Rubbish and Nuisances.**

(a) No trash, garbage, rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Property nor shall any nuisance or odors be permitted to exist or operate upon or arise from any Lot which would render any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to persons using, occupying or owning any other

Lots. Noxious or offensive activities shall not be carried on in or from any Lot or in any part of the Common Areas, and each Owner and Occupant shall refrain from any act or use of a Lot which could cause disorderly, unsightly or unkempt conditions, result in the cancellation of or increase in insurance coverage or premiums for any portion of the Property or be in violation of any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or requirement of any Governmental Authority. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no horns, whistles, bells, speakers or other sound devices, other than reasonable security and fire alarm devices used exclusively for such purposes, shall be located, used or placed upon any Lot. Any Owner or Occupant or any of the respective family members, guests, invitees, servants, agents, employees or contractors of such Owner or Occupant who dumps, places or allows trash or debris to accumulate on his or her Lot or on any other portion of the Property shall be liable to the Association for all costs incurred by the Association to remove the same.

(b) Trash, garbage and any other refuse or waste shall not be kept on any Lot except in sanitary containers or garbage compactor units. Trash cans and containers shall at all times be kept at the rear of or inside a dwelling and shall be screened from view from streets and adjacent Lots and dwellings by appropriate landscaping or fencing approved by the ARC; provided, however, that trash cans and containers may be moved to the side yard or curb of the street in front of any dwelling on trash collection days for such Lot. Owners shall not use any garbage disposal containers of the Developer for trash disposal.

(c) With the exception of burning occurring during the initial construction of a dwelling, common areas or roadways, no outdoor burning of trash, garbage, leaves, wood, shrubbery or other materials shall be permitted on any Lot or other portion of the Property.

#### **6.21 Recreational Vehicles and Machinery and Equipment.**

(a) Motor homes, trailers of any kind, campers, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, motorized carts and all-terrain vehicles, lawnmowers, tractors, tools, construction machinery and equipment of any nature, golf carts, boats and any other type of water craft, including boat trailers, and any other similar types of vehicles, machinery or equipment shall be maintained behind the rear of the dwelling in an enclosed structure approved by the ARC where it is not visible from the street. No Mobile Homes shall be allowed or used at any time. No structure or related item other than the home shall be used as a temporary or permanent residence at any time. The Common Areas shall not be utilized for the parking or storage of any of the foregoing vehicles, recreational vehicles, machinery or equipment. No HVAC equipment shall be located in the front of any dwelling.

(b) Each Lot shall provide for adequate off-street parking (i.e., parking areas located solely within the property lines of such Lot). Vehicles shall be parked only in driveways constructed in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.17 above or in garages. Vehicles shall not be parked on any landscaped or natural areas of a Lot.

(c) Any vehicle which is inoperable shall be immediately removed from the Property. No Owner or Occupant shall repair or restore any vehicle, machinery or equipment of any kind upon or within any Lot or on any portion of the Common Areas, except (i) within enclosed garages, or (ii) for emergency repairs and then only to the extent necessary to enable

the immediate movement thereof to a proper repair facility located outside of the Property.

(d) Subject to the prior written approval of the Association which may be withheld in the sole discretion of the Association, the Board shall have the right at any time and from time to time to adopt rules and regulations with respect to the keeping, storage, parking, operation, use or maintenance of mobile homes, tractors, equipment, machinery, trailers (with or without wheels), motorhomes, trucks (other than pick-up trucks), commercial vehicles of any type, campers, motorized campers or trailers, boats or other water craft, boat trailers, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized go-carts and other forms of transportation.

(e) No motorcycles, motorized carts, all-terrain or motorized bicycles shall be ridden on unimproved Lots, Common Area or streets where such activity would violate local laws relating to trespassing, noise and nuisance.

**6.22 Signage.** No signs or advertising posters of any kind shall be maintained or permitted within any windows or on the exterior of any Lot or elsewhere on any portion of the Property without the express written permission of the ARC, and except as permitted by applicable rules, regulations and ordinances of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction thereof. The ARC may promulgate rules, regulations and standards for the use and design of any sign to be posted within the Property, including but not limited to, name and address signs and the signs referred to in Section 6.25(c). Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the restrictions set forth in this Section 6.22 shall not be applicable to Developer, Lovejoy Realty, or Moody Realty or to any signs erected pursuant to Section 6.25(c) below and (b) Developer and the Association shall the right, but not the obligation, to erect and maintain reasonable and appropriate signs on any portions of the Common Areas and within those easement areas established in Section 3.06 above and (c) one identification sign not exceeding 18 x 24 inches may be displayed on a Lot advertising that Lot or home for sale.

**6.23 Tanks and Wells; Oil and Mining Operations.** No exposed above-ground tanks or underground storage tanks for the storage of fuel, water or any other substances shall be located on any Lot or within any of the Common Areas. No private water wells may be drilled or maintained on any Lot. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarry or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon any Lot; nor shall oil wells, tanks, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon any Lot. No derrick or other structures designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Lot.

**6.24 Temporary Structures.** No temporary house, trailer, shack, tent, barn, shed, stable, poultry house or yard, rabbit hut, temporary or portable toilet (except as provided in Section 6.25(d) below), treehouse or other outbuilding or structure of any kind shall be permitted, constructed, installed or allowed to remain on any Lot; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit (a) temporary structures for social functions as may be permitted by the rules and regulations of the Board of the Association, (b) dog houses for not more than two (2) dogs so long as such dog houses are visibly screened from view from all streets and adjacent Lots, and (c) construction trailers and/or sales offices erected or placed on any part of the Property by Developer pursuant to Section 5.11 above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any outbuildings permitted by the ARC shall compliment the architect and design of

the dwelling and shall be placed to the rear of the dwelling. All such outbuildings shall be maintained in good condition, kept free and clear of all exterior debris, and have an enclosed foundation.

#### **6.25 Construction of Improvements.**

(a) During the construction of any Improvements, (i) all Lots subject to such construction shall be maintained in a clean condition free of debris and waste material, (ii) all unused construction materials shall be stored, to the extent practicable, out of view from any street, (iii) all construction trash, debris and rubbish on each Lot shall be properly disposed of outside the Property at least weekly, and (iv) any temporary or portable toilet will be placed out of view from any street. Used construction materials shall not be burned on-site. In no event shall any used construction materials be buried on or beneath any Lot or any other portion of the Property. Each Owner and each Owner's contractor, subcontractors, laborers and suppliers shall cause all such dirt, mud, concrete, gravel and other substances to be removed from the treads, wheels and concrete unloading chutes of all vehicles used in or related to the construction of Improvements on a Lot prior to such vehicles traveling on any streets within the Property.

(b) During the construction of any Improvements, construction equipment and the vehicles of all contractors, subcontractors, laborers, materialmen and suppliers shall (i) utilize off- street parking only, (ii) enter the Lot on which such Improvements are being constructed from the driveway for such Lot, and (iii) not damage trees or other vegetation on such Lot which, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.06 above, are to be preserved.

(c) Only one (1) sign, in size and color to be approved by the ARC, may be posted on a Lot upon a single sign stake approved by the ARC, of not more than twelve (12) square feet and at a height not to exceed five (5) feet from the ground level advertising the Lot or the dwelling thereon for sale, or during the construction of such dwelling, containing information identifying the builder of such dwelling. No other signage, banners, flags, or advertising posters shall be allowed without obtaining ARC approval. The location of such signage shall be established by the ARC but in no event shall any signage authorized by this Section 6.25 or which may be approved by the ARC be attached, nailed or otherwise adhered to any tree or other plant life on a Lot.

(d) No construction trucks, equipment or machinery, including any trailers used for the transportation of construction equipment or machinery, shall be parked on any streets or roads within the Property. Upon completion of construction of any Improvements, any construction machinery, tools and equipment, all unused construction materials and all trash, debris and rubbish shall be immediately removed from the Lot and such Lot shall be kept and maintained in a clean and uncluttered condition.

(e) All Improvements shall be constructed in compliance with any rules established by the ARC, all applicable federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and zoning and building code requirements. Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining from the appropriate Governmental Authorities all necessary permits and licenses and otherwise paying all required fees for the construction of any Improvements on such Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall also be responsible for strict compliance with any rules

established by the ARC and all applicable watershed protection, soil erosion and other governmental requirements, both during and after completion of construction of any Improvements on such Owners Lot. Once construction of a dwelling has commenced, construction of the dwelling, driveway, and landscaping shall be completed within six months from the date of commencement. Construction of all other structures shall be completed within three (3) months from the Commencement Date unless otherwise requested and approved by the ARC.

(f) When any Owner submits to the ARC plans and specifications for construction of Improvements in accordance with Section 5.05 above, the name of the building contractor selected by such Owner for construction of such Improvement shall also then be submitted to the ARC; however, if the identity of the building contractor is not known at that time, then the name of the building contractor will be submitted when determined prior to construction. The ARC shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or disapprove of any building contractor so selected by such Owner. Each building contractor approved by the ARC in accordance with this Section 6.25(f) will be required to remit to the ARC a refundable damage/clean up deposit (the "Deposit") in an amount established by the Association or the ARC. Should such building contractor damage or fail to properly clean up the Property or Common Areas as required herein, or any supplemental rules or regulations promulgated by the ARC, the ARC may, in its sole discretion, initiate appropriate action to remediate any such condition at such building contractor's expense. The cost of any such remediation shall be deducted from the Deposit and any amount expended by the ARC in excess of the Deposit in remediating such condition shall be billed to such building contractor. Within thirty (30) days of the completion of such dwelling and final approval by the ARC as evidenced by the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (or if Certificates of Occupancy are not awarded by City or County, then notification by Owner of completion), the ARC shall refund to such building contractor any unexpended portion of the deposit.

(g) During Lot preparation and construction, all necessary measures shall be taken to prevent the discharge of mud, storm water, construction material, etc. on to or into any street or ditch. When construction has been completed, a sufficient ground cover must be maintained to prevent excessive water flow on to streets or other adjacent lots. All builders and property owners must comply with ADEM regulations during any construction or renovation in order to prevent erosion. Silt fencing and erosion control measures shall be completed and maintained prior to the commencement and until the completion of any excavation.

(h) If any builder or owner fails to comply with the requirements of this Section 6.25, the Developer and/or the Association may but is not obligated to take such acts as to bring the Lot in compliance with ADEM. Such costs incurred by Developer and/or the Association toward these measures shall be charged to the builder and/or owner charged as an assessment along with an administration fee equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total assessment.

(i) All builders and Owners must adhere to the following requirements: (i) maintaining at least fifty (50) feet of gravel at construction entrance; (ii) install and maintain silt fencing in down hill grade areas near streets; (iii) appropriately vegetate the Lot when clearing and construction in order to prevent erosion; (iv) comply with ADEM regulations, and all local and state building codes and practices.

6.26 **Swimming Pools and Tennis Courts.** Swimming pools outdoor hot tubs, reflecting ponds, saunas whirlpools, lap pools and tennis courts may not be constructed, installed and maintained on any Lot, subject to the prior written approval of the plans for the same by the ARC unless and to the extent the ARC gives its prior written approval of the plans for the same. Above-ground pools shall not be permitted. All pools must be concealed from view from the street by a wood fence as described in Section 6.13.

6.27 **Traffic Regulations.** All vehicular traffic on the streets and roads in the Property shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama and any city or county having jurisdiction thereof concerning operation of motor vehicles on public streets. The Association is hereby authorized to promulgate, administer, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including adopting reasonable safety measures and speed limits for any of the roads within any portion of the Property to the extent not inconsistent with the laws of the local government. The Association shall be entitled to enforce such rules and regulations by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying fines for the violation thereof. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama and the traffic rules and regulations promulgated by the Association the more restrictive shall govern.

6.28 **Compliance with Governmental Regulations.** Each Owner and Occupant shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, requirements, and code provisions of the Governmental Authorities.

6.29 **Additional Regulations.** In addition to the restrictions set forth in these Covenants, the (i) ARC shall have the right, in its sole discretion, from time to time and at any time to adopt, modify and amend the rules and regulations in order to impose such other, farther or different requirements or restrictions which shall be binding on all Owners and Lots, including the adoption of additional or different requirements or restrictions which shall be binding on all Owners and Lots, including the adoption of additional or more specific requirements and restrictions governing the improvement and use of any Lot, and (ii) the Association shall have the right from time to time and at any time to adopt, modify and amend such rules and regulations as the Association, in its sole discretion, determines to be in the best interests of all Owners, which rules and regulations shall be binding on all Owners and Lots.

6.30 **Variances.** The ARC, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the exclusive right to grant variances and exceptions with respect to the provisions of Article V above and this Article VI with respect to any Lot. Any request for a variance or exception submitted to the ARC shall be in writing and, upon approval of the same by the ARC, shall be evidenced by a written document executed by either the chairman or vice chairman of the ARC. The provisions of Section 5.03 above concerning meetings, a quorum of members, and the number of votes necessary to approve action taken by the ARC shall be binding upon the ARC in any matters regarding the granting of variances.

6.31 **Enforcement and Remedies.** In the event any of the provisions of this Article VI above breached or are not otherwise being complied with in all aspects by any Owner, Occupant or the respective family members, guests, invitees, agents, employees or contractors of

any Owner or Occupant, then the Association or the ARC shall each have the right, but not the obligation, at their option to (a) enjoin such violation or noncompliance, and/or through their designated agents, employees, representatives and independent contractors, enter upon such Lot and take all action necessary to extinguish or correct such violation or breach. All costs or expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in enforcing any of the provisions of this Article VI, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, court costs, costs and expenses of witnesses, engineers, architects, designers, land planners and any other persons involved in the correction of any noncompliance or the removal of such violation or in any judicial proceeding, together with any other costs or expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in connection therewith, shall be paid by such Owner who has violated or breached any of the provisions of this Article VI, shall constitute an individual Assessment to such Owner pursuant to Section 8.06 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to the lien provided for in Section 8.09 below and be subject to foreclosure as provided for therein. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the rights and remedies of the ARC and the Association set forth herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights and remedies which the ARC or the Association may exercise at law or in equity or any of the enforcement rights specified in Article V above, and this Article VI, and 7.02(b), 8.06, 8.09 and 11.01 below.

## **ARTICLE VII MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **7.01 Responsibilities of Owners.**

(a) Unless specifically identified herein as being the responsibility of the Association, the maintenance and repair of all Lots, all other Improvements situated thereon or therein and all lawns, landscaping and grounds on or within a Lot shall be the responsibility of the Owner of such Lot. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining his, her or its Lot, as the case may be, in a neat, clean and sanitary condition, both inside and outside of any dwellings or Improvements thereto. Such responsibilities shall include, without limitation, maintaining at all times appropriate paint and stain finishes on all dwellings and other Improvements and reroofing or replacing roofing shingles when the same become worn or would be replaced by a prudent Owner. No exterior changes, alterations or Improvements shall be made to any Lot or dwelling without first obtaining the prior written approval of the same from the ARC.

(b) Each Lot shall be landscaped in accordance with plans and specifications submitted to and approved by the ARC pursuant to Section 5.06 above. All areas of any Lot which are not improved by the construction of a dwelling thereon shall at all times be maintained by the owner in a fully and well kept landscaped condition utilizing ground cover and/or shrubbery and trees. The maintenance obligations set forth in this Section 7.01(b) shall apply to all portions of a Lot up to the edge of the pavement of any roadway abutting such Lot at all times, either prior to or after the construction of any Improvements thereon. Grass, hedges, shrubs, vines and any other vegetation of any type on any Lot shall be cut and trimmed at irregular intervals at all times in order to maintain the same in a neat, safe and attractive condition. Trees, shrubs, vines, plants and other vegetation which die shall be promptly removed and replaced with living plants of like kind and quantity. Dead vegetation, stumps, weeds, rubbish, debris, garbage and waste material shall be promptly removed from any Lot and properly disposed of outside of the Development.

(c) No Owner shall (i) modify, change or otherwise alter the appearance of any portion of the exterior of a dwelling or the landscaping, grounds or other Improvements within a Lot unless such modification, change or alteration is first approved, in writing, by the ARC as provided in Sections 5.05 and 5.06 above, or (ii) do any work which, in the reasonable opinion of the ARC, would jeopardize the soundness and safety of the Property, reduce the value thereof or impair any easement or hereditament thereto, without in every such case obtaining the prior written approval of the ARC.

#### **7.02 Responsibilities of Association.**

(a) Except as may be otherwise provided herein to the contrary, the Association shall maintain and keep in good repair and condition (i) all portions of the Common Areas, which responsibility shall include the maintenance, repair, upgrade, improvement and replacement of any private roads, walks, trails, paths, walkways and lanes, street lights, landscaped areas, and other Improvements made by Developer or the Association within any of the Common Areas or within any of the easements encumbering the Lots, (ii) such utility lines, pipes, plumbing, wires, conduits and related systems, sanitary sewage disposal system installed by Developer, in Developer's sole discretion, appurtenances, equipment and machinery which are a part of the Common Areas and which are not maintained by a public authority, public serve district, public or private utility, or other person, (iii) all lawn, trees, shrubs, hedges, grass and other landscaping and all ponds situated within or upon the Common Areas and (iv) all retention lakes, ponds and other water areas and facilities constructed by Developer or the Association. The Association shall not be liable for injuries or damage to any person or property (1) caused by the elements, acts of God, or any Owner or other person, (2) resulting from any surface or subsurface conditions which may at any time affect any portion of the Property caused by rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Area onto a Lot or dwelling, or (3) resulting from theft, burglary or other illegal entry into the Property, any Lot or dwelling. No diminution or abatement of Assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken by or performed by the Association hereunder, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of Improvements or repairs which are the responsibility of the Association.

(b) In the event that the Board of the Association determines that (i) any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his, her or its obligations with regard to the maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement of items for which he, she or it is responsible hereunder, or (ii) any maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement for which the Association is responsible hereunder is caused by the willful or negligent act of an Owner or Occupant, or their respective family members, guests, servants, employees, invitees or contractors, and the costs of such maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement are not paid in full from insurance proceeds, if any, received by the Association. with respect thereto then, in either event, the Association, in addition to the exercise of any of its rights and remedies set forth in these Covenants, may give such Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement, at the sole cost and expense of such Owner and setting forth in reasonable detail what action is deemed necessary. Except in the event of emergency situations, such Owner shall have fifteen (15) days within which to complete the same in a good and

workmanlike manner or, if the same is not capable of completion within such fifteen (15) day period, to commence such maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement and to proceed diligently with the completion of the same in a good and workmanlike manner. In the event of emergency situations or the failure by any Owner to comply with the provisions hereof after such notice, the Association may provide (but shall not be obligated to provide) any such maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement at the sole cost and expense of such Owner and said cost shall be a personal obligation of such Owner, shall constitute an individual Assessment to such Owner, and shall be subject to the lien and foreclosure rights granted pursuant to Section 8.09 below.

## **ARTICLE VIII COMMON AREA ASSESSMENTS**

**8.01 Assessments and Creation of Lien.** Each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest therein, regardless of whether such deed or instrument contains a reference to these Covenants, is hereby deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (a) annual Assessments, as established and to be collected as provided in Section 8.04 below, (b) special Assessments, to be established and collected as provided in Section 8.05 below, and (c) individual Assessments against any particular Lot which are established or assessed pursuant to the terms of these Covenants, including, but not limited to any fines as may be levied or imposed against such Lot in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.09 and 8.01 hereof All Assessments, together with late charges and interest as provided in Section 8.09(a) below, and all court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Association to enforce or collect such Assessments, shall be an equitable charge and a continuing lien upon each Lot for which the Owner thereof is responsible for the payment of the same, which lien may be enforced in the manner provided in Section 8.09(c) below. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Assessments coming due while he, she or it is the Owner of any Lot and such Owner's grantee shall take title to such Lot subject to the equitable charge and continuing lien therefor, but without prejudice to the rights of such grantee to recover from his, her or its grantor any amounts paid by such grantee to the Association which were the legal obligations of such grantor. All Assessments, together with late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate, as specified in Section 8.09(a) below, court costs and attorneys' fees incurred with respect thereto by the Association, shall also be a personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Lot at the time such Assessments and other costs and charges were assessed or incurred. In the event of co-ownership of any Lot, all of the co-Owners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire amount of such Assessments. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Association. All assessments shall be payable in all events without offset, diminution or abatement by reason of fire or other casualty or any taking as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation or by private purchase of lieu thereof with respect to any Lot or Common Area or any other portion of the Property or any other cause or reason of any nature.

**8.02 Purpose of Assessments.** The annual and special Assessments provided for herein shall be used for the payment of Common Expenses and for the general purposes of promoting the recreational, health, education, safety, welfare, common benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of the Property, and otherwise for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Property.

**8.03 Uniform Rate of Assessments.** Both annual and special Assessments, as described in Section 8.04 and 8.05 below, shall be assessed against each Lot in the Property at a uniform rate, with the Owner of each Lot or dwelling being required to pay his or her pro rata portion of such annual and/or special Assessments, as determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be one and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Lots in the Property. Each Lot shall be subject to equal annual and special Assessments.

**8.04 Computation of Annual Assessments.**

(a) The Association shall determine and adopt annually an annual budget covering the estimated Common Expenses for the Property for the upcoming year, such budget to include a capital contribution or reserve account if the Board deems it necessary for the capital needs of the Association. The amount set forth in such budget shall constitute the aggregate amount of annual Assessments for the then applicable year and each Owner shall pay his or her pro rata share of the same as provided in Section 8.03 above. A copy of the budget setting forth the amount of annual Assessments to be levied against the Lots for the following year shall be delivered by the Association to each Owner.

(b) If any budget or the amount of annual Assessments collected by the Association at any time proves to be inadequate or insufficient for any reason to fully pay all costs and expenses of the Association and all Common Expenses, then the Board may assess special Assessments as provided in Section 8.05 below. If the actual amount of annual Assessments collected in any one year exceeds the actual costs incurred for Common Expenses for such year, the excess shall be retained by the Association for subsequent years' Common Expenses.

(c) The Common Expenses to be funded by the annual and special Assessments may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(i) Salaries, fringe benefits and other compensation paid and out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed by the Association for its employees, agents, officers, and any third party contractors;

(ii) Management fees and expenses of administration, including legal and accounting fees, incurred by the Association;

(iii) The costs of any insurance policies purchased for the benefit of the Association as required or permitted by these Covenants, if any, including, without limitation, public liability coverage and such other insurance coverage as the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Association, including errors and omissions insurance, directors and officers liability insurance and any other liability insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association, the members of the Board, any officers, employees, agents or representatives of the Association or for any member of the ARC.

(iv) The expenses of maintaining, operating and repairing any other amenities and facilities serving the Property which the Association or the Board determines from

time to time would be in the best interest of the Owners and the Property to so maintain, operate and/or repair.

(v) The expenses of the ARC attributable to the Property which are not defrayed by applicable plan review charges;

(vi) The costs and expenses for conducting recreational, culture or other related programs for the benefit of the Owners and Occupants of the Property;

(vii) All other fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of these Covenants or which the Board' determines to be appropriate to be paid by the Association, including, without limitation, taxes and governmental charges not separately assessed against Lots; and

(viii) If the Board deems it economically prudent, the establishment and maintenance of a reasonable reserve fund or funds (1) to cover major repair, replacement or maintenance, expenditures, (2) to cover emergencies and repairs required as a result of casualties which are not funded by insurance proceeds, or (3) to cover unforeseen operating contingencies or deficiencies arising from unpaid Assessments as well as from emergency expenditures and other matters, all as may be authorized from time to time by the Board;

**8.05 Special Assessments.** In addition to the annual Assessments authorized in Section 8.04 above and the special Assessments authorized in Section 9.01(b) and 9.02(a)(i) below, the Board of the Association may levy in any year special Assessments for Common Expenses or any extraordinary costs incurred by the Association. The Board may make such special Assessments payable in one lump sum or in installments over a period of time which may, in the Board's discretion, extend beyond the then fiscal year in which said special Assessments are levied and assessed. Special Assessments shall be levied against and payable by each Owner in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.03 above.

**8.06 Individual Assessments.** Any expenses of the Association which, in the opinion of the Board of the Association, is occasioned by the conduct of less than all of the Owners or by an Owner or Occupant, or the respective family members, agents, guest, servants, employees, invitees or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, shall be specially assessed against such Owners and their respective Lots. The individual Assessments provided for in this Section 8.06 shall be levied by the Board and the amount and due date of such Assessment shall be specified by the Board in a notice to such Owner. The provisions of this Section 8.06 shall apply, without limitation, to any individual Assessment levied pursuant to Sections 5.12, 6.22, 6.23(a), 6.25, 6.31, 7.02(b) and 11.01 hereof.

**8.07 Notice of Meetings and Quorum.**

(a) Written notice of each annual meeting of the Association shall be sent to all Owners not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days in advance of such meeting. With respect to annual meetings, the presence in person or by proxy of Owners entitled to cast 50% of all the votes of the Association shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, except as

hereinafter provided, but the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be the presence in person or by proxy of Owners entitled to cast at least one-third (1/3) of the total vote of the Association. Any notice for any such subsequent meeting shall state that the necessary quorum therefor shall be one-third (1/3) of the total votes of the Association present in person or by proxy. At such time as a quorum is obtained, the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at such meeting shall be required to approve any matter in which all of the members of the Association are entitled to vote.

(b) Written notice of any meeting of the Association other than an annual meeting shall be sent to all Owners not less than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting. With respect to any such other meeting of the Association, there shall be no specific requirement establishing a quorum and the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at any such special meeting shall be binding on all the members of the Association.

**8.08 Date of Commencement of Assessments.** The annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot on the day on which such Lot is conveyed to a person other than Developer and shall be due and payable in such manner and on such schedule as may be established from time to time by the Board of the Association. Annual Assessments and any outstanding special Assessments shall be adjusted for each Lot according to the number of months then remaining in the then fiscal year of the Association and the number of days then remaining in the month in which such Lot is conveyed. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, Developer shall not be responsible for the payment of annual or special Assessments on any Lot which it owns in the Property. Furthermore, for so long as Developer is the owner of any Lot in the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer may elect, in Developer's sole discretion, Developer shall have the option to either pay annual Assessments on unsold Lots in the Property or advance any deficits which may exist between the total amount of annual Assessments assessed to all other Owners and the actual costs incurred by the Association for Common Expenses for the Property. At such time as Developer no longer has any interest in any Lot in the Property, Developer shall have no further obligation of any nature to pay any Assessments or otherwise fund any deficits relating to the Common Expenses.

**8.09 Effect of Non-Payment; Remedies of the Association.**

(a) Each Owner of a Lot is and shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association all Assessments provided for herein. In the event any Assessments or any portion thereof are not paid when due, the same shall be subject to a late charge in an amount determined and uniformly applied by the Board from time to time and the Owner of such Lot shall be deemed in default herewith. In the event any Assessments or any portion thereof are not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date of the same, then the unpaid portion of the Assessment shall accrue simple interest at the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the highest rate which may be charged to said Owner by law (the "Applicable Rate") from and after the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day from the due date until the same is paid in full. In the event the Association employs an attorney or otherwise takes any legal action in attempting to collect any amounts due from any Owner, such Owner agrees to pay all attorneys' fees, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association. The lien and equitable charge upon each Lot for Assessments as provided above shall also include all late charges, interest at the Applicable

Rate and all attorneys' fees, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in attempting to collect any unpaid Assessments.

(b) In the event any Assessments or other amounts due to the Association are not paid by any Owner when the same becomes due, then in addition to all other rights and remedies provided at law or in equity, the Association, acting through its Board or through any of its officers or authorized representatives, may undertake any or all of the following remedies:

(i) The Association may commence and maintain a suit at law against an Owner to enforce such charges and obligations for Assessments and any such judgment rendered in any such action shall include the late charge and interest at the Applicable Rate, as specified in Section 8.09(a) above, together with attorneys' fees, court costs and all other expenses paid and incurred by the Association in collecting such unpaid Assessments; and/or

(ii) The Association may enforce the lien pursuant to Section 8.01 above in the manner hereinafter provided.

(c) There is hereby created a continuing lien on each Lot, with power of sale, which secures the payment to the Association of any and all Assessments levied against or upon such Lot, all late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate assessed pursuant to Section 8.09(a) above and all attorneys' fees, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in collecting any Assessments. If any Assessments remain unpaid for more than sixty (60) days, then the Association, through its Board or any officer or authorized representative thereof may, but shall not be obligated to, make written demand on such defaulting Owner, which demand shall state the date and amount of delinquency. Each default shall constitute a separate basis for a demand and claim of lien, but any number of defaults may be included in a single demand. If such delinquency is not paid in full within ten (10) days after the giving of such demand or, even without giving demand, the Association may file a claim which shall be executed by any member of the Board of the Association or any officer of the Association, contain the following information and be recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama:

(i) The name of the delinquent Owner;

(ii) The legal description and street address of the Lot upon which the lien claim is made;

(iii) The total amount claimed to be due including late charges, interest at the Applicable Rate, collection costs and attorneys' fees incurred to date and a statement, if applicable, that such charges and costs shall continue to accrue and be charged until full payment has been received; and

(iv) A statement that the claim of lien is made by the Association pursuant to these Covenants and its claimed against such Lot in an amount equal to that stated therein. The lien provided for herein shall be in favor of the Association, shall be for the benefit of all other Owners (other than those Owners in default) and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a foreclosure of a mortgage on real property under the laws of the State of Alabama, as the same may be modified or amended from time to time. The Association shall have the right and power

to bid at any such foreclosure sale and to purchase, acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey and sell any such Lot. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot, shall be deemed to (1) grant to and vest in the Association and/or its agents the right and power to exercise the power of sale granted herein and foreclose the lien created herein, (2) grant to and vest in the Association and/or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of all amounts due from such Owner, (3) expressly waive any objection to the enforcement and foreclosure of the lien created herein, and (4) expressly waive the defense of the statute of limitations which may be applicable to the commencement of any such suit or action for foreclosure.

**8.10 Subordination of Lien.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the lien for Assessments and other charges authorized herein with respect to any Lot in the Property is and shall be subordinate to the lien of any Mortgage held by a Mortgagee, but only to the extent that the Mortgage held by such Mortgagee is recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.09(c) above. When a Mortgagee exercises its foreclosure rights provided in its Mortgage and acquires title to or sells to a third party its interest in any Lot or dwelling, then such Institutional Mortgagee was recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama prior to the filing of claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.09(c) above. When a Mortgagee exercises its foreclosure rights provided in its Mortgage and acquires title to or sells to a third party its interest in any Lot, then such Mortgagee or its purchaser or transferee at such foreclosure sale shall (a) not be liable for any Assessments or other charges incurred prior to the date of transfer or acquisition of title by foreclosure so long as the Mortgage held by such Mortgagee was recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.09(c) above, but (b) be liable for all Assessments other charges levied, assessed or incurred with respect to such Lot from and after the date of such foreclosure sale. The foregoing shall not relieve any Owner whose Lot has been foreclosed from the personal obligation to pay all Assessments and any other charges levied, assessed or incurred by the Association and the Association shall have the right to pursue all rights and remedies against a defaulting Owner notwithstanding the foreclosure of a Mortgage by a Mortgagee on such Owner's Lot.

**8.11 Certificates.** The Association or any officer or authorized representative thereof shall, upon request and at such reasonable charges as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, furnish to any Owner a certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments for which such Owner is responsible have been paid and, if not paid, the outstanding amount due and other costs and expenses due from such Owner. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any Assessments stated therein.

## **ARTICLE IX CASUALTY, CONDEMNATION AND INSURANCE**

### **9.01 Damage or Destruction to Common Areas.**

(a) In the event of any damage or destruction to any of the Common Areas by fire or other casualty, then, subject to the terms and provisions of this Article VI, the Association shall promptly repair, replace and restore the damaged portions of the Common Areas to the

condition to which they existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty.

(b) Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 9.01(a) above, in the event the amount of insurance proceeds, if any, recovered as a result of such damage or destruction is insufficient to fully repair, replace and restore the damaged portions of the Common Areas, and such deficiency cannot be appropriated from a reserve fund as may have been established for such purpose, then the Board of the Association, if it deems it economically feasible and prudent, may levy a special Assessment against all Owners, which such special Assessments shall be in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay a proportionate share of the remaining costs necessary to repair, replace or restore the Common Areas to the condition as existed immediately prior to such casualty. Such Special Assessments shall be levied against each Lot equally as provided in Section 8.03 above. Any and all insurance proceeds received by the Association on account of any damage to or destruction of any of the Common Areas and any amounts collected as special Assessments shall be disbursed by the Association in payment for the costs of such repair or restoration in such manner as may be determined by the Board of the Association. In no event shall the Association or the Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot be entitled to any portion of any special Assessments or proceeds of insurance payable as a result of the damage to or destruction of any portion of the Common Areas.

**9.02 Damage or Destruction to Lots.** In the event of any fire or other casualty which damages or destroys any portion of any Lot, then the Owner of such damaged Lot shall promptly repair and otherwise restore such Lot to the condition to which the same existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty; provided, however, that any such restoration or repair shall be subject to compliance with all of the terms and provisions set forth in Article VIII above and all then applicable rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the Governmental Authorities. Any such restoration or repair shall be commenced within one hundred twenty (120) days following the occurrence of such fire or other casualty. The Owner of any such damaged Lot shall proceed diligently and complete all such restoration and repair no later than one (1) year following the occurrence of such fire or other casualty. In the event the restoration or repair of such Lot is impracticable or would otherwise violate any of the terms and provisions of these Covenants, then such Owner shall promptly clear away any remaining Improvements damaged or destroyed by such fire or other casualty and shall leave such Lot and any remaining Improvements thereon in a clean, orderly, safe and sightly manner.

**9.03 Condemnation of Common Areas.**

(a) In the event of the taking of all or any portion of any of the Common Areas as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation or by private purchase in lieu thereof, the award from such taking or sale in lieu thereof shall be paid to the Association and shall be disbursed or held as follows:

(i) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking can either be restored or replaced, then to the extent practicable, the Association shall take such action, including the utilization of any other Common Areas within the Property, to restore, rebuild or replace, as the case may be, those portions of the Common Areas subject to such taking. If the award is insufficient to fully defray the cost of such repair or replacement and such deficiency cannot be appropriated from a reserve fund as may have been established for such purpose, the

Board of the Association may levy a special Assessment against all Owners, which such special Assessments shall be in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay a proportionate share of the remaining costs of repair, restoration or reconstruction. Such special Assessments shall be levied against each Owner as provided in Section 8.03 above.

(ii) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking cannot be restored or replaced or if the Association shall determine that the portions of the Common Areas so taken should not be replaced or restored, then in any such event, the net award from such taking shall be retained by and used for the benefit of the Association.

(b) If any portion of the award from any taking remains after restoration or replacement of any of the Common Areas, the remainder of such award shall be retained by and used for the benefit of the Association, without any claim thereto by any Owner. Except as specifically provided in Section 9.03(c) below, no Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot shall be entitled to any portion of the award made to the Association as a result of the taking of any portion of the Common Areas.

(c) If any such taking or sale in lieu thereof includes all or any part of a Lot and also includes any part of the Common Areas, then the award from such taking shall be equitably apportioned in accordance with the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction and such award shall be disbursed separately to the association and to the Owners so affected by such taking; provided, however, that the Owners of any Lot which is subject to any such taking and the Association may mutually agree on the amount of such apportionment, which mutual agreement shall be binding on all Owners.

**9.03 Condemnation of Lots.** In the event that all or any portion of a Lot is taken as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation or by private purchase in lieu thereof, then, to the extent practicable, the Owner of such Lot shall promptly repair, reconstruct, rebuild and otherwise restore the remaining portions of the Lot as nearly as practicable to the condition to which the same existed immediately prior to such taking; provided, however, that any such restoration shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in Article VIII above and all then applicable rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the Governmental Authorities. In the event the restoration of such Lot is impracticable or would otherwise violate any of the terms and provisions of these Covenants, then such Owner shall promptly clear away any remaining Improvements damaged or destroyed by such taking and shall leave such Lot and any remaining Improvements thereon in a clean, orderly safe and sightly condition.

#### **9.04 Insurance.**

(a) The Association may, at the discretion of the Board, obtain and maintain property and casualty insurance in such form as the Association deems appropriate for the benefit of the Association insuring all insurable Improvements in and on the Common Areas against loss or damage by fire or other hazards, including, without limitation, extended coverage, flood, vandalism and malicious mischief, which coverage should be in an amount, with such insurance carriers, at such costs and with such deductibles as the Board of the Association, in its sole discretion, may determine.

(b) The Board of the Association shall have the right and authority to obtain and maintain in effect at all times such public liability insurance coverage covering all of the Common Areas in such amounts, with such insurance carriers, at such costs and with such deductibles as the Board of the Association, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary or desirable.

(c) The Board of the Association shall have the right to obtain workman's compensation insurance, employer's liability insurance, and all other types of insurance required by law, including, without limitation, errors and omissions and directors and officers liability insurance coverage, in such amounts, with such insurance carriers, at such costs and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine.

(d) All insurance coverage authorized in this Section 9.05 shall be written in the name of the Association and all costs thereof shall be a Common Expense. To the extent the same may be obtained at a nominal cost, all such policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation clause pursuant to which the insurer waives any claims against the Developer, the Association, the members of the Board and all officers, agents and employees of the Association, including the manager for the Development, the Association, the Owners and the family members, servants, agents, tenants and guests of the Owners and shall also name Developer as an additional insured.

(e) Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining public liability, property damage, title and all other types of insurance with respect to his, her or its respective Lots and to furnish copies or certificates thereof to the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in any Lot, does hereby waive and release Developer, the Association, the manager of the Property and their respective agents, employees, representatives, partners, shareholders, members, officers and directors, from any and all liabilities or damage covered by (or which should be covered by) fire and casualty (e.g., homeowner's and/or builder's risk) insurance and general liability insurance which any Owner maintains, even if such loss or damage has been caused by the fault or negligence of any of the foregoing persons or parties.

## **ARTICLE X TERMS AND AMENDMENTS**

10.01 **Term.** The terms, covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in these Covenants shall run with and bind all of the Property, shall inure to the benefit of all Owners and Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, and shall be and remain in effect for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from and after the date hereof, after which time these Covenants shall be automatically renewed and extended for successive and continuous periods ten (10) years each, unless, at any time after twenty (20) years from the date hereof, an agreement executed by the Owners of at least seventy five percent (75%) or more of the Lots within the Property agreeing to terminate or modify these Covenants has been recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama; provided, however, that the rights of way and easements established, granted and reserved in Article III hereof shall continue and remain in full force and effect for the time periods and duration

specified therein.

**10.02 Amendment by Developer.** For so long as Developer owns any Lot within the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer elects, in Developer's sole discretion, Developer may amend these Covenants by a written instrument filed and recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama, without obtaining the approval of any Owner or Mortgagee; provided, however, that except as otherwise provided in Section 10.04 below, (a) in the event any amendment proposed by Developer materially and adversely alters or changes any Owner's rights to the use and enjoyment of his or her Lot or materially or adversely affects the title to any Lot, then such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto by the affected Owner, or, alternatively, by fifty percent (50%) of all of the Owners (including Developer who shall have the voting rights attributable to any Lots owned by Developer), or (b) in the event any such proposed amendment by Developer would materially and adversely affect the title and interest of any Mortgagee, such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto of all such Mortgagees affected thereby. Any amendment made pursuant to this Section 10.02 shall be certified by Developer and shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage on any Lot, agrees to be bound by all amendments permitted by this Section 10.02 and further agrees that, if requested to do so by Developer, such Owner and Mortgagee will consent to the amendment of these Covenants or any other instruments relating to the Property or the Association if such amendment is (i) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance or conformity with the provision of any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any applicable Governmental Authority or the judicial decision of any state or federal court, (ii) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to any Lot, (iii) required by any Mortgagee in order to enable such Mortgagee to make a Mortgage loan on any Lot, or (iv) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure Mortgages on any Lot within the Property.

**10.03 Amendments by Association.** Amendments to these Covenants, other than those authorized by Section 10.02 above, shall be proposed and adopted by the Association in the following manner:

(a) At any annual or special meeting of the members of the Association, upon proper notice an amendment to these Covenants may be proposed by either the Board of the Association or by any Owners present in person at such meeting. Any such proposed amendment must be approved by the Owners holding at least seventy five percent (75%) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, that (i) for so long as Developer owns a Lot within the Property, or until such earlier date as Developer elects in Developer's sole discretion, Developer must approve such proposed amendment, and (ii) to the extent the proposed amendment affects any of the matters described in Section 10.04 below, then the provisions of Section 10.04 below shall be applicable to such proposed amendment.

(b) Any and all amendments which have been approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.03(a) above shall be executed by all parties whose consent to the same is required, including the Owners holding at least seventy five percent (75%) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, that in the alternative, the sworn statement of the

President of the Association stating unequivocally that the agreement of the requisite number of Owners was lawfully obtained may be attached to and incorporated into such amendment without obtaining the signatures of all Owners or Mortgagees. Any such amendment shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office of St. Clair County, Alabama.

**10.04 Restrictions on Amendment.** Notwithstanding anything provided in the Declaration to the contrary, so long as Developer owns any Lot in the Property no amendment shall be effective unless Developer consents in writing to any such amendment. The consent of Developer to any such proposed amendment may be withheld in the sole discretion of Developer with or without any reason.

## **ARTICLE XI ENFORCEMENT**

**11.01 Authority and Enforcement.** In addition to the provisions of Article V, Article VII, 7.02(b) and Section 8.09 above, in the event any Owner or Occupant or their respective agents, contractors or invitees, violates any of the provisions of these Covenants, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any rules or regulations adopted by the Board of the Association from time to time, the Board shall have the power to (i) impose reasonable monetary fines which shall constitute an equitable charge and continuing lien upon the Lot and shall be a personal obligation of such Owner or Occupant who is guilty of such violation, (ii) suspend an Owner's right to vote in the Association, or (iii) suspend an Owner's or Occupant's right (and the right of such Owner's or Occupant's family members, guests and tenants) to use any of the facilities located in or upon the Common Areas, and the Board shall have the power to impose all or any combination of any of the foregoing sanctions. Any such suspension of rights may be for the duration of the infraction.

**11.02 Procedure.** In the event any of the terms or provisions of these Covenants, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations of the Association are violated by an Owner or occupant, or the respective agents, contractors or invitees of any Owner or Occupant, the Board shall not impose a fine, suspend voting rights or infringe upon or suspend any other rights pursuant to Section 8.01 above unless written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the Owner responsible for such violations which demand shall specify:

- (i) The alleged violation;
- (ii) The action required to abate such violation; and

(iii) A time period of not less than ten (10) days during which the violation may be abated without further sanction, if such violation is a continuing one or if the violation is not a continuing one, a statement that any further violation of the same provision of these Covenants, the rules and regulations of the ARC, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any of the rules and regulations of the Association may result in the imposition of sanctions. The foregoing procedure shall only be applicable to the enforcement rights specified in Section 11.01 above and shall not apply to the exercise of any of the rights and remedies specified in any other section or provisions of these Covenants.

11.03 **Nonexclusive Remedies.** Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in these Covenants, the authority, enforcement and procedural rights set forth in this Article VIII are in addition to and shall not be deemed to limit the other rights and remedies set forth in these Covenants or which the Association, acting through the Board, would have the right to exercise at law or in equity.

## **ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

12.01 **Control by Developer.** NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN THESE COVENANTS, THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE BYLAWS OR IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OR INSTRUMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY, DEVELOPER HEREBY RETAINS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT AND REMOVE ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ANY OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS PROVIDED BY AND FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME SET FORTH IN SECTION .02 ABOVE. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of any interest in a Lot, agrees that Developer shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Section 12.01 and the provisions of Section 4.02 above. At such time as Developer no longer owns any interest in any portion of the Property, or at such earlier date as Developer elects, in Developer's sole discretion, a special meeting of the Association shall be called within a reasonable time thereafter at which time the Owners shall elect a new Board which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board and Developer shall deliver all books, accounts and records of the Association, if any, which Developer has in its possession.

12.02 **Legal Expenses.** In addition to the rights and remedies set forth in Section 5.12, 7.02(b), 8.09, Article VI and Article XI above, in the event either the Board or its agents and representatives, undertake any legal or equitable action which they deem necessary to abate, enjoin, remove or extinguish any violation or breach of these Covenants, then all costs and expenses incurred by them, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs, in enforcing any of the terms, provisions, covenants or conditions in these Covenants shall be paid for by the Owner against whom such action was initiated. The ARC, its agents and representatives, the Board, its agents and representatives are each hereby authorized to take any and all legal or equitable action as may be necessary under the circumstances to restrain or enjoin any such violation or breach or to otherwise seek monetary damages as a result of any expenses incurred by either the ARC or the Board of the Association to cure such violation of breach.

12.03 **Severability.** If any provision of these Covenants or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of these Covenants or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall remain valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12.04 **Captions and Headings.** The, captions and headings contained in these Covenants are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in the construction or interpretation of any provisions of these Covenants. The table of contents, cover page and any

index to these Covenants are for convenience of reference only and shall not define or limit any of the terms and provisions hereof.

12.05 **Pronouns and Plurals.** All personal pronouns used in these Covenants, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders. The use of the singular tense shall include the plural and use of the plural shall include the singular.

12.06 **Binding Effect.** The terms and provisions of these Covenants shall be binding upon each Owner, Occupant, and Mortgagee and the respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns of each Owner, Occupant and Mortgagee, and shall inure to the benefit of Developer, the ARC, the Association, all of the Owners and their respective Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

12.07 **Conflict or Ambiguity.** In the event of any conflict or ambiguity in the terms and provisions of these Covenants, the general rules of construction against one party as a result of that party having drafted these Covenants are hereby waived by each Owner and, to the fullest extent provided by law, no conflicts or ambiguity shall be resolved in favor or to the advantage of one party as opposed to another in interpreting any ambiguity or conflict contained herein.

12.08 **No Reverter.** No restriction or provision hereof is intended to be or shall be construed as a condition subsequent or a possibility of reverter in favor of Developer nor shall any provision be deemed to vest any reversionary interest in Developer.

12.09 **Interpretation.** In all cases, the provisions set forth and provided for in these Covenants shall be construed together and given that interpretation or construction which, in the opinion of Developer, the Association or the Board, as the case may be, will best effect the intent of the general plan of development for the Property. The provisions hereof shall be liberally interpreted and, if necessary, they shall be so extended or enlarged by implication so as to make them fully effective. The provisions of these Covenants shall be given full force and effect notwithstanding the existence of any zoning ordinance or building codes which are less restrictive. The effective date of these Covenants shall be the date hereof. These Covenants shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.

12.10 **Right of Third Parties.** These Covenants shall be recorded for the benefit of Developer, the Association, the Owners and their respective Mortgagees and by such recording, no other adjoining property owner or third party shall have any right, title or interest whatsoever in the Property or, the Development or the operation and continuation of either, in the enforcement of any of the provisions of these Covenants or the right to consent to or approve any amendment or modification to these Covenants.

12.11 **No Trespass.** Whenever the Association, the ARC, the Developer or their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, are permitted by these Covenants to enter upon and correct, repair, clean, maintain or preserve or do any other action within any portion of a Lot, the entering thereon and the taking of such action shall not be deemed a trespass.

12.12 **No Partition.** Each Owner hereby waives any right to seek or obtain judicial partition of any portion of the Property or the Development.

12.13 **Reservation of Rights.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, no sale, transfer, conveyance, lease, pledge, encumbrance or other hypothecation of any Lot by Developer to a third party shall constitute or be deemed a transfer of any of the rights reserved herein to Developer unless reference is made in such instrument of conveyance to the specific rights created in these Covenants which Developer is transferring to any such third party.

12.14 **Standards for Review.** Whenever in these Covenants Developer or the Association has the right to approve, consent to, or require any action be taken pursuant to the terms hereof, such approval, consent or required action shall, except as otherwise specifically provided herein to the contrary, be given or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of Developer, the ARC, or the Association as the case may be.

12.15 **Oral Statements.** Oral statements or representations by Developer, the Association or any of their respective employees, agents, representatives, successors or assigns, shall not be binding on Developer, the ARC, or the Association.

12.16 **Notices.** Notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand, by overnight courier, telecopier, or sent by registered or certified United States Mail, postage prepaid return receipt requested. Any notice so addressed and mailed shall be deemed to be given five (5) days after deposit in the United States Mail, and if delivered by hand, shall be deemed to be given when delivered, and if telecopier or delivered by overnight courier, shall be deemed to be given on the business day immediately following the day on which it was sent or delivered. All notices to Owners shall be delivered or sent to such addresses as have been designated in writing to the Association or, if no such address has been so designated, at the address of such Owner's respective Lot or dwelling within the Property. All notices to the Association or the ARC shall be delivered or sent in care of Developer to the following address:

Birnum Development, Inc.  
11520 US Highway 411  
Odenville, AL 35120

or to such other address as the Association or the ARC may from time to time specify in a notice to the Owners. All notices to Developer shall be sent or delivered to Developer at the above address or to such other addresses as Developer may notify the Association.

12.17 **Assignment.** Subject to the provisions of Section 12.13 above, Developer shall have the right to assign any and all of the rights, powers, reservations and duties contained herein to any person or entity who shall thereupon have the same rights, power, reservations and duties as Developer and the Association and the ARC respectively.

12.18 **Further Assurances.** Each Owner covenants and agrees to execute, sign and deliver, or cause to be executed, signed and delivered and to otherwise do or make or cause to be

done and made, any and all agreements, instruments, papers, deeds, acts or things, supplemental, conformity or otherwise, which may be reasonably requested by Developer, the ARC or the Association for the purpose of or in connection with the clarifying, amending or other consummating any of the transactions and matters herein.

12.19 **No Waiver.** All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Developer and the Association pursuant to the terms and provisions of these Covenants shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more of such rights, remedies or privileges shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same, or any other party, from pursuing such other and/or additional rights, remedies or privileges as may be available to such party at law or in equity. The failure at any time to enforce any covenant or restriction set forth herein shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right thereafter to enforce such covenant or restriction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer has caused these Covenants to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

BIRNUM DEVELOPMENT, INC.,  
an Alabama corporation

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By: Brian Camp  
Its: President

**SIGNED AND RECORDED IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON  
February 21, 2006 IN MAP BOOK 2006 PAGE 2031.**

STATE OF ALABAMA)  
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Brian Camp whose name as President of Birnum Development, Inc., an Alabama corporation, is signed to the foregoing and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation on behalf of said corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

## **Exhibit A**

Forman Farms Subdivision as recorded in Map Book 2006 Page 7 in the office of the Judge of Probate for St. Clair County in Ashville, AL.