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May 19, 2003

Melinda Abreo 3150 Nectar Drive Powder Springs, GA 30127

Re: The Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc.

Dear Melinda:

Enclosed is copy of the recorded Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Bylaws for Peach Plantation.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely

Shauna Walker

**Enclosures** 

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,

## **CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR**

#### PEACH PLANTATION

WHEREAS, Sycamore Investments, Inc. and Peach Communities, Inc., Georgia corporations, recorded a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Peach Plantation Subdivision, on April 12, 1990, in Deed Book 5696, Page 286, et seq., Cobb County, Georgia Records (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the Original Declaration has been previously amended by amendments recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records as follows:

THIS AMENDMENT SUBMITS THE PROPERTY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A. SECTION 44-3-220, ET SEQ.

CLOSING ATTORNEYS SHOULD CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION FOR ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATES REGARDING BOTH ASSESSMENTS/CHARGES DUE ON LOTS AND ANY UNCURED ARCHITECTURAL VIOLATIONS OR UNAUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS ON LOTS, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS HEREOF.

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5822/420 <u>et seq.</u> 6017/74 <u>et seq.</u> 7700/154 <u>et seq.</u>; and

WHEREAS, a plat entitled "Final Plat of Peach Plantation Phase 1" was prepared by Crusselle, Rakestraw & Associates and was filed in Plat Book 131, Page 30 on May 14, 1990 in the Cobb County, Georgia Records; and

WHEREAS, a plat entitled "Final Plat of Peach Plantation Phase 2" was prepared by Crusselle, Rakestraw & Associates was filed in Plat Book 139, Page 19 on May 12, 1992 in the Cobb County, Georgia Records; and

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Original Declaration provides for amendment of the Original Declaration by a resolution approving the amendment which is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Class A Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a Class B Member of the Association and, therefore, approval of the Class B Member is not needed for adoption of an amendment to the Original Declaration; and

WHEREAS, at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A Members at a duly called meeting desired to amend the Original Declaration and have approved this amendment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws of Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Original By-Laws"), the Original By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy; and

WHEREAS, at least a majority of a quorum of members present approved this amendment to the Original By-Laws at a meeting of the Association duly called for such purpose; and

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WHEREAS, these Amendments do not alter, modify, change or rescind any right, title, interest, or privilege held by any first Mortgage Holder; provided, however, in the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines that these Amendments do alter, modify, change, or rescind any right, title, interest, or privilege held by any first Mortgage Holder without such first Mortgage Holder's consent in writing to these Amendments, then these Amendments shall not be binding on the first Mortgage Holder so involved, unless such first Mortgage Holder consents to these Amendments; and if such consent is not forthcoming, then the provisions of the Original Declaration and Original By-Laws effective prior to these Amendments shall control with respect to the affected first Mortgage Holder;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Original By-Laws and the Original Declaration and all exhibits thereto are hereby stricken in their entirety and the following is simultaneously substituted therefor:

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THIS AMENDMENT SUBMITS THE PROPERTY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A. SECTION 44-3-220, ET SEQ.

# AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR PEACH PLANTATION

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## **LIST OF EXHIBITS**

EXHIBIT "A" - DESCRIPTION OF SUBMITTED PROPERTY

EXHIBIT "B" - BYLAWS

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,

# **CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR**

## PEACH PLANTATION

#### 1. NAME.

The name of the property is Peach Plantation, which is a residential property owners' development which hereby submits to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-220, et seq. (Michie 1982), as may be amended.

#### 2. <u>DEFINITIONS.</u>

Generally, terms used in this Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation shall have their normal, generally accepted meanings or the meanings given in the Act or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Unless the context otherwise requires, certain terms used in this Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Act means the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-220, et seq. (Michie 1982), as may be amended.
- (b) Architectural Control Committee or ACC means the committee established to exercise the architectural review powers set forth in Paragraph 10 hereof.
- (c) Area of Common Responsibility means the Common Property, together with any areas which become the Association's responsibility under this Declaration or by contract or agreement with any other Person. Any public rights-of-way within or adjacent to the Property, may be considered by the Board to be part of the Area of Common Responsibility.
- (d) Articles of Incorporation mean the Articles of Incorporation of Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.
- (e) <u>Association</u> means Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors or assigns.
- (f) <u>Association Legal Instruments</u> means this Declaration and all exhibits hereto, including the Association's Bylaws, and the plats, all as may be supplemented or amended.
- (g) <u>Board</u> or <u>Board of Directors</u> means the elected body responsible for management and operation of the Association.

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(h) Bylaws mean the Bylaws of Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference.

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- (i) <u>Common Property</u> means any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- (j) Common Expenses mean the expenses anticipated or actually incurred by the Association in maintaining, repairing, replacing, and operating the Common Property and otherwise for the benefit of all Lots.
- (k) Community-Wide Standard means the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Property. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board and the ACC.
- (l) Effective Date means the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.
- (m) Electronic Record means information created, transmitted, received, or stored by electronic means and retrievable in human perceivable form.
- (n) <u>Electronic Signature</u> means a signature created, transmitted received, or stored by electronic means and includes but is not limited to a secure electronic signature.
- (o) Eligible Mortgage Holder means a holder of a first mortgage secured by a Lot who has requested notice of certain items under Paragraph 16(c) hereof.
- (p) Lot means a portion of the Property intended for ownership and use as a single-family dwelling site as permitted in this Declaration and as shown on the plats for the Property, or amendments or supplements thereto, recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.
- (q) Majority means those eligible votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total eligible number.
- (r) Mortgage means any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, or other transfer or conveyance for the purpose of securing the performance of an obligation, including, but not limited to, a transfer or conveyance of fee title for such purpose.
  - (s) Mortgagee or Mortgage Holder means the holder of any Mortgage.
- (t) Occupant means any Person occupying all or any portion of a dwelling or other property located within the Property for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.
- (u) Officer means an individual who is elected by the Board to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or such other subordinate officers as the Board may determine necessary.
  - (v) Owner means the record titleholder of a Lot, but shall not include a Mortgage Holder.
  - (w) Person means any individual, corporation, firm, association, partnership, trust, or other legal entity.

- (x) <u>Property</u> means that real estate which is submitted to the Act and the provisions of this Declaration, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Property is a residential property owners development which hereby submits to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-220, et seq. (Michie 1982), as may be amended.
- (y) Secure Electronic Signature means an electronic or digital method executed or adopted by a party with the intent to be bound by our to authenticate a record, which is unique to the person using it, is capable of verification, is under the sole control of the person using it, and is linked to data in such a manner that if the data are changed, the electronic signature is invalidated.

# LOCATION, PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, AND PLATS.

The Property subject to this Declaration and the Act is located in Land Lots 656, 677 and 678 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia, City of Powder Springs, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Declaration, which exhibit is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. The plats of survey relating to the Property have been filed in Plat Book 131, Page 30, and Plat Book 139, Page 19, of the Cobb County, Georgia records. The plats of survey are incorporated herein by reference as fully as if the same were set forth in their entirety herein.

#### 4. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS.

- (a) Membership. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. This is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot owned. In the event of multiple Owners of a Lot, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the Bylaws. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast or more than one (1) office held for each Lot owned.
- (b) Voting. Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners determine among themselves and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

## 5. ALLOCATION OF LIABILITY FOR COMMON EXPENSES.

- (a) Except as provided below, or elsewhere in the Act or the Association Legal Instruments, the amount of all Common Expenses shall be assessed against all the Lots equally.
- (b) Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Directors shall have the power to levy specific special assessments pursuant to this Paragraph and to Section 44-3-225(a) of the Act as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to do so shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to do so in the future.
- (i) Except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the Association's maintenance responsibility hereunder, any Common Expenses benefiting less than all of the Lots or significantly disproportionately benefiting all Lots may be specially assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received.

(ii) Any Common Expenses occasioned by the conduct of less than all of those entitled to occupy all of the Lots or by the licensees or invitees of any such Lot or Lots may be specially assessed against such Lot(s), including attorney's fees incurred by the Association in enforcing the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules.

For purposes of this subparagraph, nonuse shall constitute a benefit to less than all Lots or a significant disproportionate benefit among all Lots only when such nonuse results in an identifiable, calculable reduction in cost to the Association.

# 6. ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS.

The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the right and authority, in addition to and not in limitation of all other rights it may have:

- (a) to make and to enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Property, including the Lots and the Common Property;
- (b) to enforce use restrictions, other Declaration and Bylaws provisions, and rules and regulations by imposing reasonable monetary fines, exercising self-help powers, suspending use and voting privileges, and suspending services paid for as a Common Expense, as provided herein and in Section 44-3-223 of the Act. These powers, however, shall not limit any other legal means of enforcing such documents or provisions by either the Association or, in an appropriate case, by an aggrieved Owner;
- (c) to grant permits, licenses, utility easements, and other easements, permits or licenses necessary for the proper maintenance or operation of the Property under, through or over the Common Property, as may be reasonably necessary to or desirable for the ongoing development and operation of the Property;
- (d) to control, manage, operate, maintain, replace and, in the Board's discretion, alter or improve all portions of the Property for which the Association is assigned maintenance responsibility under this Declaration;
- (e) to deal with the Common Property in the event of damage or destruction as a result of casualty loss, condemnation or eminent domain, in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration;
- (f) to represent the Owners in dealing with governmental entities on matters related to the Common Property;
- (g) to permanently or temporarily close access to any portion of the Common Property with, except in emergency situations, thirty (30) days prior notice to all Owners. However, except for seasonal closing of the pool, the Owners may re-open the closed Common Property by a majority vote of the total Association vote, cast at a duly called special or annual meeting;
- (h) to enter into Lots for maintenance, emergency, security, or safety purposes, or otherwise to discharge or exercise its powers or responsibilities hereunder, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all police officers, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Lot. For purposes hereof, any water or other utility leak, fire, strong foul odor, obvious insect infestation or sounds indicating that a person or animal might be injured or sick and require immediate medical attention shall be considered emergencies justifying immediate entry into a dwelling. No Person exercising the rights granted in this subparagraph shall be liable for trespass, damages, or in any other manner by virtue of exercising such rights,

and failure to exercise any such rights or to exercise such rights in a timely manner shall not create liability to any such Person, it being agreed that no such duty exists; and

(i) to acquire, lease, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property.

## 7. ASSESSMENTS.

- (a) <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The Association shall have the power to levy assessments as provided herein and in the Act. The assessments for Common Expenses provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots, as may be authorized by the Board.
- (b) Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation For Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (i) annual assessments or charges; (ii) special assessments, to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; (iii) a one time initial transfer fee as hereinafter provided; and (iv) specific special assessments levied by the Board hereunder against any particular Lot, including, but not limited to, reasonable fines imposed hereunder and assessments levied under Paragraph 5(b) hereunder.

All such assessments, together with charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and if the Board so elects, rents, in the maximum amount permitted under the Act, shall be a charge on the Lot and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Such amounts shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the assessment fell due. Each Owner and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for all assessments and charges due and payable at the time of any conveyance. The Association, in the Board's discretion, may, but shall not be obligated to, record a notice of such lien in the Cobb County, Georgia records evidencing the lien created under the Act and this Declaration.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. No Owner may exempt himself or herself from liability, or otherwise withhold payment of assessments, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, nonuse of the Common Property, the Association's failure to provide services or perform its obligations required hereunder, or inconvenience or discomfort arising from the Association's performance of its duties.

The lien provided for herein shall have priority as provided in the Act.

- (c) Delinquent Assessments. All assessments and related charges not paid on or before the due date shall be delinquent, and the Owner shall be in default.
- (i) If the annual assessment or any part thereof is not paid in full within ten (10) days of the due date, or such later date as may be provided by the Board, a late charge equal to the greater of ten (\$10.00) dollars or ten (10%) percent of the amount not paid, or such higher amounts as may be authorized by the Act, may be imposed without further notice or warning to the delinquent Owner, and interest at the rate of ten (10%) percent per anum or such higher rate as permitted by the Act shall accrue from the due date.
- (ii) If part payment of assessments and related charges is made, the amount received may be applied by the Board, in respective order, to costs and attorney's fees, interest, late charges, delinquent assessments, and current assessments. Late charges may be assessed on delinquencies which are created by the application of current payments to outstanding delinquent assessments or charges.

- (iii) If the Board permits payment of the annual assessments in installments, and assessments, fines or other charges, or any part thereof, due from an Owner remain delinquent and unpaid for more than fifteen (15) days from the date due, then the Board may accelerate and declare immediately due all of that Owner's unpaid installments of the annual assessment with ten (10) days written notice.
- (iv) If assessments, fines or other charges, or any part thereof, remain unpaid more than thirty (30) days after the assessment payments first become delinquent, the Association, acting through the Board, may institute suit to collect all amounts due pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Act and Georgia law, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and suspend the Owner's and Occupant's right to use the Common Property (provided, however, the Board may not deny ingress or egress to or from the Lot).
- (d) Computation of Operating Budget and Assessment. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Property during the coming year, and the Board shall establish the annual assessment or installments for the coming year. The Board shall cause the budget and notice of the assessment(s) to be delivered to each member at least twenty (21) days prior to the Association's annual meeting. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a duly called Association annual meeting by a vote of a majority of the total Association membership; provided, however, if a quorum is not obtained at the annual meeting, the budget shall become effective even though a vote to disapprove the budget could not be called at this meeting.

If the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for the succeeding year, then, until a budget is determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the current year shall continue for the succeeding year. However, the Board may propose a new or adjusted budget at any time during the year by causing the proposed budget and assessment to be delivered to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date thereof. Unless a special meeting is requested by the members, as provided in the Bylaws for special meetings, the new or adjusted budget and assessment shall take effect without a meeting of the members.

The budget shall not operate as a limitation on expenditures by the Board, but, rather, the budget is merely an estimate of Common Expenses on which the Board may base the annual assessments.

- (e) Special Assessments. In addition to the annual assessment provided for in subparagraph (b) above and assessments authorized under Paragraphs 5(b) and 9(b) hereof, the Board may at any time levy a special assessment against all Owners, with notice thereof sent to all Owners. However, any special assessment which would cause the total of special assessments levied against any Lot in one calendar year to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) dollars first must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Owners either voting by ballot or written consent under Article II, Section 8 of the Bylaws, or present or represented by proxy at a duly called special or annual meeting of the members, notice of which shall specify that purpose.
- (f) Transfer Fee. Effective on the date of the recording of this Declaration, upon the purchase and sale or voluntary conveyance of a Lot by an Owner, except by an Owner to a lender by mortgage, deed to secure debt, or deed in lieu of foreclosure or where a spouse or joint owner acquires title from another spouse or joint owner or where the Lot passes to an heir through a will or probate of an estate, there shall be an assessment in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The assessment shall be known as the "Peach Plantation Transfer Fee." This transfer fee shall be payable to the Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc. by the new Owner obtaining title to said Lot by such purchase or other conveyance and shall be due and payable upon the closing of the sale or conveyance of the Lot.
- (g) Capital Budget and Contribution. The Board may prepare an annual or multi-year capital budget which shall take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the

expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital budget, with respect both to amount and timing by equal annual assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within the budget and assessment as provided in subparagraph (d) above.

- (h) Statement of Account. Any Owner, Mortgagee, or a Person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Lot, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Lot, shall be entitled, upon written request, to a statement from the Association setting forth the amount of assessments due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines, or other charges against such Lot. The Association shall respond in writing within five (5) business days of receipt of the request for a statement; provided, however, the Association may require the payment of a fee, not exceeding ten (\$10.00) dollars or such higher amount as may be authorized under the Act, as a prerequisite to the issuance of such a statement. Such written statement shall be binding on the Association as to the amount of assessments due on the Lot as of the date specified therein. The Association may require an additional fee not to exceed twenty five (\$25.00) dollars if the Association provides a copy of the Declaration and Bylaws to any such Person in connection with a closing or otherwise upon request.
- (i) <u>Surplus Funds and Common Profits</u>. Common profits from whatever source shall be applied to the payment of Common Expenses. Any surplus funds remaining after the application of such common profits to the payment of Common Expenses shall, at the Board's option, either be distributed equally to the Owners or credited to the next assessment chargeable to the Owners, or added to the Association's reserve account.

#### 8. INSURANCE.

- (a) Hazard Insurance on Common Property. The Association's Board or its duly authorized agent shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements on the Common Property. This insurance shall include fire and extended coverage, including coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.
- (b) Association Liability and Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance. The Board shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents in their capacities as such, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars.
- (c) <u>Premiums and Deductible on Association Policies</u>. Premiums for all insurance obtained by the Association shall be a Common Expense of the Association. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost.
- (d) Policy Terms. All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee, for the respective benefited parties, as further identified in subparagraph (ii) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:
  - (i) All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in Georgia.
- (ii) All policies on the Common Property shall be for the benefit of the Association and its members.

- (iii) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Board; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (iv) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Board hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.
- (v) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the county where the Property is located.
- (vi) The Board shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (1) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Board, the Association's manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
  - (2) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
- (3) a provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended or subjected to nonrenewal on account of any one or more individual Owners;
- (4) a provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended, or subjected to nonrenewal on account of any defect or the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;
- (5) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
- (6) that no policy may be canceled or substantially modified or subjected to nonrenewal without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association.
- (e) Additional Association Insurance. In addition to the other insurance required by this Paragraph, the Board shall obtain worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, and a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds or dishonesty insurance. The amount of fidelity coverage or dishonesty insurance shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment, but if reasonably available, shall not be less than three (3) months assessments plus a reasonable amount to cover all or a reasonable portion of reserve funds in the custody of the Association at any time during the term of the bond; provided, however, fidelity coverage herein required may be reduced based on financial controls which take one or more of the following forms: (a) the Association or management company, if any, maintains a separate bank account for the working account and the reserve account, each with appropriate access controls and the bank in which funds are deposited sends copies of the monthly bank statements directly to the Association; (b) the management company, if any, maintains separate records and bank accounts for each association that uses its services and the management company does not have the authority to draw checks on, or to transfer funds from, the Association's reserve account; or (c) two Board members must sign any checks written on the reserve account. Bonds shall contain a

waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be canceled, substantially modified, or subjected to nonrenewal without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, steam boiler coverage, and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of The Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

- (f) Individual Lot Owner Insurance. Each Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, or if not reasonably available, fire and extended coverage, on his or her Lot and structures constructed thereon meeting the same requirements as set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of this Paragraph for insurance on the Common Property. Each Owner further covenants and agrees that, in the event of damage and destruction of structures on his Lot, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is made in accordance with Paragraph 9 hereof. The Owner shall pay any costs of repair or reconstruction which are not covered by insurance proceeds. If the structure is totally destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction, and thereafter the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.
- (g) Insurance Deductibles. In the event of an insured loss under the Association's casualty policy, any required deductible shall be considered a maintenance expense to be paid by the Association or the Person or Persons who would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance in the same proportion for which they otherwise would be responsible bears to the total damage incurred. If any Owner fails to pay the deductible when required hereunder, then the Association can pay the deductible and assess the cost to the Owner or Owners pursuant to Paragraphs 5(b) and 7 hereof.

#### 9. REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION.

In the event of damage to or destruction of all or any part of the Property insured by the Association as a result of fire or other casualty, unless eighty (80%) percent of the Lot Owners, including the Owner(s) of any damaged Lot(s), vote not to proceed with the reconstruction and repair of the structure, the Board or its duly authorized agent shall arrange for and supervise the prompt repair and restoration of the structure. In the event of substantial damage or destruction, each institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to written notice of the damage, and nothing in these documents shall be construed to afford a priority to any Lot Owner with respect to the distribution of proceeds to any such Lot.

- (a) <u>Cost Estimates</u>. Immediately after a fire or other casualty causing damage to the Property, the Board shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repairing and restoring the structures (including any damaged Lot) to substantially the condition which existed before such casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Such costs may also include professional fees and premiums for such bonds as the Board determines to be necessary.
- (b) Source and Allocation of Proceeds. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Board, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair or upon completion of reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, a special assessment shall be made against all of the Lot Owners without the necessity of a vote of the members or compliance with Paragraph 7(e) above. If, after repair and reconstruction is completed, there is a surplus of funds, such funds shall be common funds of the Association to be used as directed by the Board.

- (c) <u>Plans and Specifications</u>. Any such reconstruction or repair shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications under which the Property was originally constructed, except where changes are necessary to comply with current applicable building codes or where improvements not in accordance with the original plans and specifications are approved by the Board. To the extent insurance proceeds are available, the Association may reconstruct or repair owner improvements damaged as a result of fire or other casualty.
- (d) Encroachments. Encroachments upon or in favor of Lots which may be created as a result of such reconstruction or repair shall not constitute a claim or basis for any proceeding or action by the Lot Owner upon whose property such encroachment exists, provided that such reconstruction was substantially in accordance with the architectural plans under which the Property was originally constructed. Such encroachments shall be allowed to continue in existence for so long as the reconstructed building shall stand.
- (e) Construction Fund. The net proceeds of the insurance collected on account of a casualty and the funds collected by the Association from assessments against Lot Owners on account of such casualty shall constitute a construction fund which shall be disbursed in payment of the cost of reconstruction and repair in the manner set forth in this Paragraph, to be disbursed by the Association in appropriate progress payments to such contractor(s), supplier(s), Owners and/or personnel performing the work or supplying materials or services for the repair and reconstruction of the buildings as are designated by the Board.
- (f) Damage to or Destruction of Dwellings on Lots. In the event of damage to or destruction of structures on a Lot, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Paragraph 10 of this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is made by the Lot Owner in cases of substantial damage or destruction. If the structure is substantially destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction, and, thereafter, the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

# 10. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS.

- (a) Architectural Standards. Except as otherwise provided herein, no Owner, Occupant, or any other person may, without first obtaining written approval of the Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"):
  - (i) make any encroachment onto the Common Property,
  - (ii) construct any dwelling or other improvement on a Lot,
- (iii) make any exterior change, alteration or construction on a Lot (including painting, regrading or significant landscaping modifications), or any alteration of the Lot which affects the exterior appearance of the Lot, or
- (iv) erect, place or post any object, sign, clothesline, playground equipment, light, storm door or window, artificial vegetation, exterior sculpture, fountains, flags or other thing on the exterior of the Lot, on the dwelling on the Lot, in any windows of the dwelling (other than appropriate window treatments permitted under Paragraph 11 hereof), or on any Common Property.

The standard for approval of such improvements shall include, but not be limited to: (1) aesthetic consideration, (2) materials to be used, (3) compliance with the Community-Wide Standard, this Declaration, or the design standards which may be adopted by the Board or ACC, (4) harmony with the external design of the

existing buildings, Lots and structures, and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography, and (5) any other matter deemed to be relevant or appropriate by the Board or ACC.

Applications for approval of any such architectural modification shall be in writing and shall provide such information as the ACC may reasonably require. The ACC or its designated representative shall be the sole arbiter of such application and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations, and the Association, acting through the Board, shall be entitled to stop any construction which is not in conformance with approved plans. The Board or the ACC may publish written architectural standards for exterior and Common Property alterations or additions.

The ACC or the Board, subject to this subparagraph (a), may allow such encroachments on the Common Property as it deems acceptable.

If the ACC or its designated representative fails to approve or to disapprove such application within forty-five (45) days after the application and such information as the ACC may reasonably require shall have been submitted, its approval will not be required and this subparagraph will be deemed complied with, unless such structure or improvement otherwise is in violation of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the design standards, the Association's rules and regulations, or applicable zoning ordinances.

- (b) Architectural Control Committee. The Architectural Control Committee shall constitute a standing committee of the Association. The ACC shall consist of the Board unless the Board delegates to other Persons the authority to serve on the ACC. At all times, however, the chairperson of the ACC shall be a Board member. The ACC shall have the authority to select and employ professional consultants to assist it in discharging its duties, the cost of such consultants to be paid by the Owner of any Lot for which plans and specifications have been submitted for approval. The Owner of any such Lot shall be responsible for paying the full costs of each review, whether or not submitted plans and specifications are approved by the ACC, and the ACC may require payment of all such costs prior to approval of plans and specifications. The ACC also may charge reasonable fees to cover the cost of review or inspections performed hereunder, and any such fees shall be published in the design standards.
- (d) Appeal. In the event that the ACC or its designated representative disapproves any application or part thereof, an Owner shall have the right to appeal the ACC's decision to the Board of Directors. The Board shall rule on the appeal within forty-five (45) days of receiving written notice requesting an appeal from the Owner. In ruling on the appeal, the Board shall consider all relevant materials presented to it by either the Owner or the ACC, the decision of the ACC, and the application of the Owner to the ACC. The Board of Directors shall have the final authority to approve, disapprove, or conditionally approve or disapprove the application of the Owner. If the Board does not receive written notice from the Owner by certified mail requesting an appeal within fourteen (14) days from the date of the ACC's notice to the Owner of its decision, the decision of the ACC shall become final and all rights of appeal shall terminate and thereafter be void.
- (c) Condition of Approval. As a condition of approval for a requested architectural change, modification, addition or alteration, an Owner, on behalf of himself or herself and his or her successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance to and on such change, modification, addition or alteration. In the discretion of the Board or the ACC, an Owner may be made to verify such condition of approval by written instrument in recordable form acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of himself or herself and all successors-in-interest.
- (d) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Paragraph may be made on any basis, including solely the basis of aesthetic considerations, and neither the Board nor the ACC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the design, quality, structural integrity or soundness of approved construction

or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes, zoning regulations and other governmental requirements. Neither the Association, the Board, the ACC, or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages or loss arising out of the manner, design or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot, nor may any action be brought against the Association, the Board, the ACC, or any member thereof, for any such injury, damage or loss.

- (e) No Waiver of Future Approvals. Each Owner acknowledges that the members of the Board and the ACC will change from time to time and that interpretation, application and enforcement of the architectural standards may vary accordingly. The approval of either the Board or the ACC of any proposals, plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval of the Board or the ACC, shall not constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- (f) Enforcement. Any construction, alteration or other work done in violation of this Paragraph, the Declaration, the Bylaws, the design standards or any applicable zoning regulations shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from the Board, a violating Owner shall, at his or her own cost and expense, remove such nonconforming construction, alteration or other work and restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to such construction, alteration or work. Should the Owner fail to do so, the Board or its designees shall have the right, in addition to all other available remedies, to enter the property, remove the violation and restore the property, or obtain a court order compelling the violating Owner to do so. All costs thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against such Lot.

In addition to the above, the Board shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to impose reasonable fines and to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Paragraph and its decisions or those of the ACC. All costs of any such action, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against such Lot. Furthermore, the Board shall have the authority to record in the Cobb County land records notices of violation of the provisions of this Paragraph.

If any Owner or Occupant makes any exterior change, alteration, or construction, including landscaping, upon the Common Property in violation of this Paragraph, he or she does so at his or her sole risk and expense. The Board may require that the change, alteration or construction remains on the Common Property without reimbursement to the Owner or Occupant for any expense he or she may have incurred in making the change, alteration or construction.

(g) Commencement and Completion of Construction. All improvements approved by the ACC hereunder must be commenced within one year from the date of approval. If not commenced within such time, then such approval shall be deemed revoked by the ACC, unless the ACC gives a written extension for commencing the work. Additionally, except with written ACC approval otherwise, and except for delays caused by strikes, fires, national emergencies, critical materials shortages or other intervening forces beyond the control of the Owner, all work approved by the ACC hereunder shall be completed within 90 days of commencement.

### 11. USE RESTRICTIONS.

Each Owner of a Lot shall be responsible for ensuring that the Owner's family, guests, tenants and Occupants comply with all provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and the rules and regulations of the Association. Furthermore, each Owner and Occupant shall always endeavor to observe and promote the cooperative purposes for which the Association was established. In addition to any rights the Association may have against the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants, the Association may take action under this

Declaration against the Owner as if the Owner committed the violation in conjunction with the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants.

Use restrictions regarding use of Lots and the Common Property are as follows and also as may be adopted by the Board in accordance with the terms hereof and as specified in the Bylaws.

#### (a) Use of Lots.

- (i) Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only, and no trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot, except that the Owner or Occupant residing in a dwelling on a Lot may conduct such ancillary business activities within the dwelling so long as:
- (1) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside of the dwelling;
- (2) the business activity does not involve visitation of the dwelling by employees, clients, customers, suppliers or other business invitees in greater volume than would normally be expected for guest visitation to a residential dwelling without business activity;
  - (3) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Property;
- (4) the business activity does not increase traffic in the Property in excess of what would normally be expected for residential dwellings in the Property without business activity (other than by deliveries by couriers, express mail carriers, parcel delivery services and other such similar delivery services);
- (5) the business activity does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the Association's ability to obtain insurance coverage;
- (6) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Property and does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Property, as determined in Board's discretion; and
- (7) the business activity does not result in a materially greater use of common area facilities or Association services.

The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefor. Notwithstanding the above, the use of a Lot by an on-site management company operating on behalf of the Association shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this subparagraph.

(ii) Number of Occupants. The maximum number of occupants in a dwelling on a Lot shall be limited to two (2) people per bedroom in the dwelling. "Occupancy," for purposes hereof, shall be defined as staying overnight in a dwelling for a total of more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year. This occupancy restriction shall not apply to require the removal of any person lawfully occupying a dwelling on the Effective Date hereof. Upon written application, the Board shall grant variances to

this restriction to comply with provisions of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 or any amendments thereto.

If an Owner of a Lot is a corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity not being a natural person, the entity shall designate in writing to the Board the name(s) of the person(s) who will occupy the dwelling on the Lot. The designated person(s) to occupy the dwelling may not be changed more frequently than once every six (6) months.

- (b) <u>Subdivision of Lots and Outbuildings</u>. No Lot may be subdivided into a smaller Lot and no structure of a temporary character, house trailer, mobile home or any other type of trailer, tent, shack, barn or other outbuilding shall be erected or used by any Owner or Occupant on any portion of the Property, at any time, either temporarily or permanently.
- (c) <u>Dwelling Size</u>. No single family dwelling containing less than 1,350 square feet of heated space shall be erected on any lot. All houses shall also have an enclosed garage that will accommodate at least two cars, but which need not be heated.
- (d) Masonry. Any masonry construction used above ground level shall be either brick or dyed stucco. There shall be no exposed concrete block.
- (e) <u>Use of Common Property</u>. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Property, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Property without prior written Board consent, except as specifically provided herein.

With prior written Board approval, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board, an Owner or Owners may reserve portions of the Common Property for use for a period of time as set by the Board. Any such Owner or Owners who reserve a portion of the Common Property hereunder shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their guests, Occupants and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Property and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. The Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

(f) Prohibition of Damage, Nuisance and Noise. Without prior written Board consent, nothing shall be done or kept on the Property or any part thereof which would increase the rate of insurance on the Property, which would be in violation of any statute, rule, ordinance, regulation, permit or other validly imposed requirements of any governmental body, or which would increase the Common Expenses.

Noxious, destructive, offensive or unsanitary activity shall not be carried on upon the Property. No Owner or Occupant may use or allow the use of the Lot or any portion of the Property at any time, in any way, which may endanger the health or property of other Occupants, unreasonably annoy, disturb or cause embarrassment or discomfort to other Owners or Occupants, or, in the Board's discretion, constitute a nuisance. The intention of this provision is to grant the Association and aggrieved Owners and Occupants a right of redress for actions, activities or conduct which unreasonably disturbs or impairs the peaceful and safe enjoyment of the Property. In this regard, specific unauthorized and unreasonable annoyances or disturbances shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) Any screaming, shouting, excessively loud talking, whistling, or playing of music or television either outside of a Lot at any time or within a Lot if such conduct can be heard in the normal course of activities in any other unit(s);

- (ii) Any fighting, raucous behavior or insobriety either outside of a Lot at any time or within a Lot if such conduct can be heard in the normal course of activities in any other Lot(s);
- (iii) The use of any alarm, equipment, or devise, mechanical or otherwise, which creates or produces excessively loud sounds or any vibrations either outside of a Lot at any time or within a Lot if such sounds can be heard or vibrations felt in the normal course of activities in any other Lot(s);
- (iv) Any threatening or intimidating conduct towards any resident, guest or pet at the Property;
- (v) Any conduct which, in the Board's reasonable discretion, creates any danger or risk of injury to others or damage to property at the Property or which creates any threat to health or safety of any other resident or pet;
- (vi) Any excessively loud play or playground activities either outside of a Lot at any time or within a Lot if such conduct can be heard in the normal course of activities in any other Lot (s);
- (vii) Any conduct which creates any noxious or offensive odor either outside of a Lot at any time or within a Lot if such odors can be detected in the normal course of activities in any other Lot (s);
- (viii) Any similar action or activity outside of a Lot on the Property, or which occurs inside a Lot but which interferes with the peaceful use and enjoyment of other Lots or the Common Area by any other Owner, members of his or her family, guests, invitees, or Occupants of his or her Lot; or
- (ix) Any construction or similar activities in a Lot which can be heard in other Lots between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

However, nothing herein shall be construed to affect the rights of an aggrieved Owner or Occupant to proceed individually against a violator hereof for relief from interference with his or her property or personal rights, and the Board may, in its discretion, require aggrieved individuals to seek redress personally for interference with their personal property rights before the Association intervenes and commences enforcement action hereunder. No claim for any loss, damage or otherwise shall exist by an aggrieved Owner or Occupant against the Association for failure to enforce the provisions hereof if the aggrieved Owner or Occupant has not personally pursued all available remedies against the violator for redress provided under Georgia law.

No Unit Owner or Occupant may use or allow the use of the Lot or the Common Areas in any manner which creates noises between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. which can be heard by persons in another Lot that will, in the Board's sole discretion, unreasonably interfere with the rights, comfort or convenience of any other Owner, members of his or her family, guests, invitees, or Occupants of his or her Lot.

No Owner, Occupant or agent of such Owner or Occupant shall do any work which, in the Board's reasonable opinion, would jeopardize the soundness or safety of the Property or any structure thereon, would reduce the value thereof, or would impair any easement or other interest in the Property, without prior written consent of all Association members and their Mortgagees.

No damage to or waste of the Common Areas, or any part thereof, shall be permitted by any Owner or any Occupant, guest or invitee of any Owner. Each Owner and Occupant shall indemnify and hold the Association and the other Owners harmless against all loss to the Association or other Owners resulting from any such damage or waste caused by such Owner or Occupant, or the Owner's or Occupant's guest or invitee.

- (g) <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The display or discharge of firearms or fireworks on the Common Property is prohibited; provided, however, that that the display of lawful firearms on the Common Property is permitted by law enforcement officers and also is permitted for the limited purpose of transporting the firearms across the Common Property to or from the Owner's Lot. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. The term "fireworks" shall include those items as listed in O.C.G.A. Section 25-10-1.
- (h) Pets. No Owner or Occupant may keep any pets other than a reasonable number of generally recognized household pets on any portion of the Property, as determined in the Board's discretion.

No Owner or Occupant may keep, breed or maintain any pet for any commercial purpose. Pets may not be left unattended outdoors. Dogs must be kept on a leash and be under the physical control of a responsible person at all times while outdoors in unfenced areas. No structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the Property without prior written Board approval as provided in Paragraph 10 hereof. Feces left by pets upon the Common Property, on any Lot or in any dwelling, including the pet owner's Lot or dwelling, must be removed promptly by the owner of the pet or the person responsible for the pet.

No potbellied pigs may be brought onto or kept at the Property at any time. No pit bulldogs or other dogs determined in the sole discretion of the Board to be dangerous dogs may be brought onto or kept on the Property at any time by any Lot Owner, Occupant, or guest of an Owner or Occupant. Any pet which endangers the health of any Owner or Occupant of any Lot or which creates a nuisance or unreasonable disturbance, as may be determined in the Board's sole discretion, must be permanently removed from the Property upon seven (7) days' written notice by the Board. If the Owner or Occupant fails to comply with such notice, the Board may remove the pet and/or obtain a court order requiring the Owner or Occupant to do so. Any pet which, in the Board's sole discretion, presents an immediate danger to the health, safety or property of any member of the community may be removed by the Board without prior notice to the pet's owner.

Any Owner or Occupant who keeps or maintains any pet on any portion of the Properties shall be deemed to have indemnified and agreed to hold the Association, its directors, officers, and agents free and harmless from any loss, claim or liability of any kind or character whatever arising by reason of keeping or maintaining such pet within the Properties.

(g) Parking. No Owner or Occupant may keep or bring onto the Property more than a reasonable number of vehicles per Lot at any time, as determined by the Board; provided, however, the Board may adopt reasonable rules limiting the number of vehicles which may be parked at the Property. Vehicles only may be parked in garages, designated parking spaces or other areas authorized in writing by the Board.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the Property, except in garages. For purposes of this subparagraph, a vehicle shall be considered "disabled" if it does not have a current license tag or is obviously inoperable. A vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it remains on the Property, other than in a garage, for fourteen (14) consecutive days or longer without prior written Board permission.

Boats, trailers, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, full-size vans (excluding mini-vans or utility vehicles used as passenger vehicles), recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes and containing visible evidence of commercial use (such as tool boxes or tool racks), and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors are also prohibited from being parked on the Property, except in garages or other areas designated by the Board as parking areas for particular types of vehicles. Notwithstanding the above, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Common Property during normal business hours for the purpose of

serving any Lot or the Common Property; provided, that, without the written consent of the Board, no such vehicle shall be authorized to remain on the Common Property overnight or for any purpose except serving a Lot or the Common Property.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Property in violation of this subparagraph or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. A notice also shall be conspicuously placed at the Property stating the name and telephone number of the person or entity which will do the towing and/or booting hereunder. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6) months of such notice, the vehicle may be towed or booted in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the vehicle owner or user.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicle or access to another Owner's or Occupant's Lot or dwelling, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked on any grassy area, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed or booted in accordance with this subparagraph, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing or booting activity. The Association's right to tow or boot is in addition to, and not in limitation of all other rights of the Association, including the right to assess fines. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow or boot.

(i) Abandoned Personal Property. Personal property, other than an automobile as provided for in subparagraph (g) of this Paragraph, is prohibited from being stored, kept, or allowed to remain for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours upon any portion of the Common Property without prior written Board permission. If the Board determines that a violation exists, then, not less than two (2) days after written notice is placed on the personal property and/or on the front door of the property owner's dwelling, if known, the Board may remove and either discard or store the personal property in a location which the Board may determine. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity which will remove the property and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation.

The Board, in its discretion, may determine that an emergency situation exists and may exercise its removal rights hereunder without prior notice to the property owner; provided, however, in such case, the Board shall give the property owner, if known, notice of the removal of the property and the location of the property within three (3) days after the property is removed.

Neither the Association nor any officer or agent thereof shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal activity in accordance herewith. The Board may elect to impose fines or use other available remedies, rather than exercise its authority to remove property hereunder.

(j) Signs. Except as may be required by legal proceedings, no signs, advertising posters or billboards of any kind shall be erected, placed, or permitted to remain on the Property without the prior written consent of the Board or its designee, except that two (2) professional security signs not to exceed four (4") inches by four (4") inches each in size may be displayed from within a dwelling on a Lot and one (1) professionally lettered "For Rent" or "For Sale" sign not to exceed two (2') feet by two (2') feet in size may be displayed on a Lot being offered for sale or for lease. The Board shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs on behalf of the Association. The Board also shall have the authority to adopt regulations permitting temporary signs on Lots announcing open houses, births, birthdays or other events for limited periods of time.

- (k) Rubbish, Trash, and Garbage. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate therein. No garbage or trash shall be placed on the Common Property, temporarily or otherwise, except as provided herein. Rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be disposed of in appropriate sealed bags and placed in proper receptacles for collection. The Board may establish regulations regarding placement of trash cans for pick-up.
- (l) <u>Impairment of Dwellings and Easements</u>. An Owner shall do no act nor any work that will impair the structural soundness or integrity of another dwelling or impair any easement or hereditaments, nor do any act nor allow any condition to exist which will adversely affect the other Lots or their Owners or Occupants.
- (m) Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including, but not limited to the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken on any part of the Property, except within a dwelling. Clothing, bedding, rugs, mops, appliances, indoor furniture, and other household items shall not be placed or stored outside the dwelling. Only appropriate outdoor items, such as neatly stacked firewood, patio furniture, grills, and similar items may be kept outside of a dwelling.
- (n) Garage Sales. Garage sales, carport sales, yard sales, flea markets, or similar activity shall be subject to all reasonable conditions that the Board may impose.
- (o) Antennas and Satellite Dishes. No transmission antenna, of any kind, may be erected anywhere on the Property without written approval of the Board of Directors or the Architectural Control Committee. No direct broadcast satellite (DBS) antenna or multi-channel multi-point distribution service (MMDS) larger than one meter in diameter shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Property, including a Lot. DBS and MMDS antennas one meter or less in diameter and television broadcast service antennas may only be installed in accordance with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules and the rules and regulations of the Association authorized by the FCC, both as may be amended from time to time. Such items shall be installed in the least conspicuous location available on the Lot which permits reception of an acceptable signal. Except as provided by this Section, no antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of television signals, radio signals or any form of electromagnetic wave or radiation shall be erected, used or maintained outdoors on any portion of the Property, whether attached to a home or structure or otherwise; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain such devices.
- (p) Recreational Equipment. Subject to the requirements of Paragraph 10 of this Declaration, all types of recreational and play equipment (including, but not limited to, basketball goals) shall be placed or installed between the rear dwelling line and the rear Lot line.
- (q) Fences. All fences must be pre-approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with Paragraph 10 of this Declaration. No fence shall extend closer to the street than the rear of any house. The following types of fences are strictly prohibited in any form within the Property: chain link, barbed wire, hog wire and any other type of wire fences; electrified fences; fences made from ply wood or other materials not suitable for exterior permanent fencing; and fences made of masonry materials such as brick, concrete block or similar materials, except as may have been originally constructed by the original builder.
- (r) Mail Box Posts. Erection or alteration of any mail box posts must be pre-approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with Paragraph 10 of this Declaration. No mailbox post may be painted or stained a different color from that on the dwelling.
  - (s) Clotheslines. No outside clothesline shall be placed or maintained on any Lot.

- (t) Fuel or Water Tanks. No exposed aboveground tanks will be permitted on the Property for the storage of fuel or water or any other substance.
- (u) <u>Sight Obstruction</u>. No house, garage, carport, playhouse, fence, wall or any other above-ground structure, or shrubs, flowers or other vegetation which obstruct horizontal sight lines at elevations between two and six feet above the street shall be erected, placed, planted or permitted to remain on any portion of any corner Lot within any triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five feet from the intersection of the street lines. In the case of any rounded Lot corner, the twenty-five feet shall be measured from the point formed by the intersection of the street, if extended to form an angle instead of a curve. The same sight line limitations shall apply to that area of every Lot within a ten-foot radius emanating from the intersection of any boundary line of any Lot with the edge of a driveway pavement. Trees may be planted and maintained within any of such areas if the foliage line is maintained at a sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sight lines. The provisions of this covenant may be varied only with the written consent of the Architectural Control Committee.
- (v) <u>Trees</u>. No tree having a diameter of three (3) inches or more (measured from a point two (2) feet above ground level) shall be removed from any Lot unless such removal is in conformity with approved landscaping plans and specifications submitted and approved by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with Paragraph 10 of this Declaration. Guidelines relating to the preservation of trees and other natural resources and wildlife on the Property may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC. No healthy tree with a diameter of three (3) inches or more "measured from a point two (2) feet above ground level shall be removed within fifty feet of the northern boundary of the Property, unless a substitute form of vegetation is planted to maintain an equal or better buffer.
- (w) Roads and Driveways. No road or driveway shall be constructed or altered on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with Paragraph 10 of this Declaration of the plans and specifications for such roads and driveways. Guidelines relating to the design and location of roads and driveways may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

#### 12. LEASING.

In order to protect the equity of the individual Lot Owners at the Property, to carry out the purpose for which the Property was formed by preserving the character of the Property as a homogeneous residential community of predominantly owner-occupied homes and by preventing the Property from assuming the character of a renter-occupied apartment complex, and to comply with the eligibility requirements for financing in the secondary mortgage market insofar as such criteria provide that the project be substantially owner-occupied, leasing of Lots shall be governed by the restrictions imposed by this Paragraph. Except as provided herein, the leasing of Lots shall be prohibited.

(a) <u>Definition</u>. "Leasing," for purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a Lot by any person or persons other than the Owner; provided, however, leasing shall not include exclusive occupancy by the child or parent of an Owner. For purposes hereof, occupancy by a roommate of an Owner who occupies the Lot as such Owner's primary residence shall not constitute leasing hereunder. If an Owner is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, manager or member of such limited liability company, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of such trust, or agent of such other legal entity shall be deemed an Owner of such Unit for purposes of this Paragraph 12. Such person's designation as an Owner of such Unit pursuant to this Paragraph 12 shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity holding record title of the Unit.

(b) Undue Hardship. The Board shall be empowered to allow reasonable leasing of Lots, upon written application, to avoid undue hardship upon an Owner. By way of illustration, and not by limitation, examples of circumstances which would constitute "undue hardship" are those in which (1) an Owner must relocate his or her residence for employment purposes and cannot, within ninety (90) days from the date the Lot was placed on the market, sell the Lot for a price no greater than the current appraised market value, after having made reasonable efforts to do so; (2) where the Owner dies and the Lot is being administered by his or her estate; and (3) where the Owner takes a leave of absence or temporarily relocates and intends to return to reside in the Lot, in which case the Lot Owner must reapply every year for renewal of the hardship exception. Those Owners who have demonstrated that the inability to lease their Lot would result in undue hardship and have obtained the requisite approval of the Board may lease their Lots for such duration as the Board reasonably determines is necessary to prevent undue hardship.

Any Owner who believes that he or she must lease his or her Lot to avoid undue hardship shall submit a written application to the Board setting forth the circumstances necessitating the leasing, a copy of the proposed lease, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Leasing in the case of undue hardship shall be permitted only upon the Board's written approval of the Owner's application. When leasing is approved, a copy of the lease, signed by the lessee and lessor, shall be submitted to the Board within ten (10) days after it has been signed by both parties.

The Board shall have the power to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations and to fine, in accordance with the Declaration and Bylaws, in order to enforce the provisions of this subparagraph. Any transaction which does not comply with this subparagraph shall be voidable at the option of the Board of Directors.

- (c) <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Such leasing as is permitted at Peach Plantation shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (i) Notice. At least seven (7) days prior to entering into the lease of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board of Directors with a copy of the proposed lease, the name, address, and home and business telephone numbers of the proposed lessee and the names of all other people occupying the Lot, the Owner's address other than at the Lot, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. The Board shall approve or disapprove the form of said lease. In the event a lease is disapproved, the Board shall notify the Owner of the requisite action to be taken in order to bring the lease in compliance with the Declaration and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Within ten (10) days from the execution of the approved lease by both parties, the Owner shall provide the Board with a copy of the executed lease.
- (ii) General. Lots may be leased only in their entirety; no fraction or portion may be rented. There shall be no subleasing of Lots or assignment of leases unless approved in writing by the Board. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Lot. All leases shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the lease. All leases shall be for a period of at least six (6) months, except with written Board approval. The Lot Owner must provide the tenant copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and Association rules and regulations, and the lease form shall provide that the Owner has done so.
- (iii) <u>Liability for Assessments and Compliance With Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations</u>. Any lease of a Lot in the Property shall be deemed to contain the following provisions, whether or not expressly therein stated, and each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of a Lot shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into a lease by existence of this covenant on the Lot. Any lessee, by occupancy of a Lot, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and incorporation of the following language into the lease:

(1) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. Lessee agrees to be personally obligated for the payment of all annual and special assessments and all other charges against the Owner which become due during the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by the lessee or which become due as a consequence of lessee's activities, including, but not limited to, activities which violate provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Lot Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.

When a Lot Owner who is leasing his or her Lot fails to pay any annual or special assessment or any other charge for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the delinquent Lot Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board of Directors, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual and special assessments and other charges, as lawfully determined and made payable during the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee; provided, however, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply with the Board's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all late charges, fines, interest, and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, to the same extent lessee would be required to make such payments to the Association if lessee were the owner of the premises during the term of the agreement and any other period of occupancy by lessee.

(2) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. Lessee shall abide by and comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and shall control the conduct of all other Occupants and guests in order to insure compliance with the foregoing. Lessee acknowledges that the violation by lessee or any Occupant living with lessee of any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall constitute a default under this lease. Owner shall cause all Occupants of his or her Lot to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and is responsible for all violations and losses caused by such Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants of the Lot are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. If the lessee, or a person living with the lessee, violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule and regulation for which a fine is imposed, such fine may be assessed against the lessee and/or the Owner; provided, however, if a fine is not paid by the lessee within the time period set by the Board of Directors, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Board of the lessee's failure to do so. Unpaid fines constitute a lien against the Lot as provided for herein. Any lessee charged with a violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto is entitled to the same procedure to which an Owner is entitled prior to the imposition of a fine or other sanction.

Any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by lessee, any Occupant, or any person living with lessee is deemed to be a violation of the terms of the lease and authorizes the Owner to terminate the lease without liability and to evict the lessee in accordance with Georgia law. The Owner hereby delegates and assigns to Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., acting through the Board, the power and authority of enforcement against the lessee for breaches resulting from the violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including the power and authority to evict the lessee on behalf and for the benefit of the Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof, or to require the Owner to do so. In the event the Association proceeds to evict the tenant, any costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, associated with the eviction shall be specially assessed against the Lot and the Owner thereof, such being deemed hereby as an expense which benefits the leased Lot and the Owner thereof.

- (iv) <u>Use of Common Property</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Property, including, but not limited to, the use of any and all recreational facilities and other amenities.
- (d) Applicability of this Paragraph 12. Those Owners who are leasing their Lots upon the effective date of this Declaration may lease their Lots and shall not be required to demonstrate undue hardship as a prerequisite to the leasing of their Lots. However, upon any conveyance or transfer of the Lot, any grantee thereof shall be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph 12, in addition to all other provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Leases executed after the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records are subject to the terms of Paragraph 12(c), above. Leases existing on the date which this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records shall not be subject to the terms of Paragraph 12(c); such leases may continue in accordance with the terms of the Original Declaration as it existed prior to the recording date of this Declaration. However, any assignment, extension, renewal, or modification of any lease agreement, including, but not limited to, changes in the terms or duration of occupancy, shall be considered a termination of the old lease and commencement of a new lease which must comply with this Paragraph 12(c). Any Owner of a Lot which is leased on the effective date of this Declaration shall place on file with the Board of Directors a copy of the lease agreement in effect within thirty (30) days of the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records.

(e) <u>Inapplicability to Holders of First Mortgages</u>. This Paragraph 12 shall not apply to any leasing transaction entered into by the holder of any first Mortgage on a Lot who becomes the Owner of a Lot through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage.

#### 13. SALE OF LOTS.

A Lot Owner intending to make a transfer or sale of a Lot or any interest in a Lot shall give the Board written notice of such intention within seven (7) days after execution of the transfer or sales documents. The Owner shall furnish the Board, as part of the notice, the name and address of the intended grantee and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. This Paragraph shall not be construed to create a right of first refusal in the Association or in any third party.

Within seven (7) days after receiving title to a Lot, the purchaser of the Lot shall give the Board written notice of his or her ownership of the Lot. Upon failure of a Owner to give the required notice within the seven-day time period provided herein, the Board may levy fines against the Lot and Owner thereof, and assess the Owner for all costs incurred by the Association in determining his or her identity.

#### 14. MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair, and replacement subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping grass areas, paving and other improvements situated on the Common Property. The Association shall also maintain and keep in good repair all water and sewer pipes or facilities which serve the Common Property, to the extent that such pipes and facilities are not maintained by public, private, or municipal utility companies.

The foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain public rights of way adjacent to the Property

and other property not owned by the Association if the Board determines that such maintenance would benefit the Property.

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(b) Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall maintain and keep his or her Lot and dwelling in good repair, condition and order, including, but not limited to, (i) the repairing and painting, or other appropriate external care, of all structures on the Lot; (ii) the seeding, watering and mowing of all lawns; and (iii) the pruning and trimming of all trees, hedges and shrubbery so that the Lot is in a neat condition and so that the same are not obstructive of a view by motorists or pedestrians of street traffic. In addition, each Owner shall maintain any public right of way located between the Owner's Lot and the curb of the street(s) bordering such Lot. Such maintenance shall be performed consistent with this Declaration and the Community-Wide Standard established pursuant hereto. Each Owner shall perform his or her responsibility hereunder in such manner so as not to unreasonably disturb other Lot Owners.

The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to person or property caused by the elements or by the Owner of any Lot, or any other person, or resulting from any utility, rain, snow or ice which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Property or from any pipe, drain, conduit, appliance or equipment which the Association is responsible to maintain hereunder. The Association shall not be liable to the Owner of any Lot or such Owner's Occupant, guest, or family, for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property which may be stored in or upon any of the Common Property. The Association shall not be liable to any Owner, or any Owner's Occupant, guest or family for any damage or injury caused in whole or in part by the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities under this Paragraph where such damage or injury is not a foreseeable, natural result of the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities. 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 or performed by the Association under this Declaration, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

(c) Failure to Maintain. If the Board determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his or her obligation with regard to the maintenance, repair, or replacement of items of which he or she is responsible hereunder, then, the Association shall give the Owner written notice of the Owner's failure or refusal and of the Association's right to provide necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair, or replacement deemed necessary by the Board.

Unless the Board determines that an emergency exists, the Owner shall have ten (10) days within which to complete maintenance or repair, or if the maintenance or repair is not capable of completion within such time period, to commence replacement or repair within ten (10) days. If the Board determines that: (i) an emergency exists or (ii) that an Owner has not complied with the demand given by the Association as herein provided; then the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense, and such costs shall be an assessment and lien against the Owner and the Lot. If, during the course of performing its maintenance responsibilities hereunder, the Association discovers that maintenance, repair or replacement is required of an item which is the Owner's responsibility, and such maintenance, repair or replacement must be performed for the Association to properly complete its maintenance project, then the Association may perform such work on behalf of the Owner and at the Owner's expense, without prior notice to the Owner, such being deemed an emergency situation hereunder.

If the Board determines that the need for maintenance or repair is in the Area of Common Responsibility and is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner or Occupant or their family, guests, lessees, or invitees, then the Association may assess the cost of any such maintenance, repair, or replacement against the

Owner's or Occupant's Lot, which shall become a lien against the Lot and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

## (d) Measures Related to Insurance Coverage.

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- (i) The Board, upon resolution, shall have the authority to require all or any Lot Owner(s) to do any act or perform any work involving portions of the Property which are the maintenance responsibility of the Lot Owner, which will, in the Board's sole discretion, decrease the possibility of fire or other damage in the Property, reduce the insurance premium paid by the Association for any insurance coverage or otherwise assist the Board in procuring or maintaining such insurance coverage. This authority shall include, but need not be limited to, requiring all Owners to turn off cut-off valves, which may now or hereafter be installed, during winter months for outside water spigots; requiring Owners to insulate pipes sufficiently or take other preventive measures to prevent freezing of water pipes; requiring Owners to install smoke detectors; requiring Owners to make improvements to the Owner's Lot; and such other measures as the Board may reasonably require so long as the cost of such work does not exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per Lot in any twelve (12) month period.
- (ii) In addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights the Association may have, if any Lot Owner does not comply with any reasonable requirement made by the Board pursuant to subparagraph (d)(i) above, the Association, upon fifteen (15) days' written notice (during which period the Lot Owner may perform the required act or work without further liability), may perform such required act or work at the Lot Owner's sole cost. Such cost shall be an assessment and a lien against the Lot and shall be collected in the manner provided for collection of assessments in Paragraph 7 of this Declaration. The Association shall have all rights necessary to implement the requirements mandated by the Board pursuant to subparagraph (d)(i) of this Paragraph, including, but not limited to, a right of entry during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Lot, except that access may be had at any time without notice in an emergency situation.
- (e) Maintenance Standards and Interpretation. The maintenance standards and the enforcement thereof and the interpretation of maintenance obligations under this Declaration may vary from one term of the Board to another term of the Board. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the Board of the right to adopt and enforce maintenance standards under this Paragraph. No decision or interpretation by the Board shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to subsequent decisions or interpretations of the Board.

## 15. MORTGAGEES' RIGHTS.

- (a) Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Lot Owners give their consent, the Association shall not:
  - (i) by act or omission seek to abandon or terminate the Property or the Association;
- (ii) change the pro rata interest or obligations of any individual Lot for the purpose of levying assessments or charges or allocating distributions of hazard insurance proceeds or condemnation awards;
  - (iii) partition or subdivide any Lot;
- (iv) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Property (the granting of utility easements or rights-of-way for public purposes and the granting other easements for the benefit of the Association shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this clause); or
- (v) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to the Common Property for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of the Common Property.

The provisions of this subparagraph shall not be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must be obtained from Mortgagees or Lot Owners where a larger percentage vote is otherwise required by the Association Legal Instruments for any of the actions contained in this Paragraph.

- (b) Where the Mortgagee holding a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Lot obtains title pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of the Mortgage, it shall not be liable for the share of the Common Expenses or assessments by the Association chargeable to such Lot which became due prior to such acquisition of title. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all the Lots, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns. Additionally, such acquirer shall be responsible for all charges accruing subsequent to the passage of title, including, but not limited to, all charges for the month in which title is passed.
- (c) Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the holder and the Lot number or address, any Eligible Mortgage Holder will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (i) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Common Property;
- (ii) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to a first Mortgage held by such Eligible Mortgage Holder which remains unsatisfied for a period of sixty (60) days, and any default in the performance by an individual Lot Owner of any other obligation under the Association Legal Instruments which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (iii) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; or
- (iv) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgage Holders, as specified herein.
- (d) Any holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled, upon written request, to receive within a reasonable time after request, a copy of the financial statement of the Association for the immediately preceding fiscal year, free of charge to the Mortgagee so requesting.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the provisions of Paragraphs 12 and 13 governing sales and leases shall not apply to impair the right of any first Mortgagee to: (i) foreclose or take title to a Lot pursuant to remedies contained in its Mortgage; (ii) take a deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure; or (iii) sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of a Lot acquired by the Mortgagee.

#### 16. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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(a) Security. The Association may, but shall not be required to, from time to time, provide measures or take actions which directly or indirectly improve safety on the Property; however, each Owner, for himself or herself and his or her tenants, guests, licensees, and invitees, acknowledges and agrees that the Association is not a provider of security and shall have no duty to provide security on the Property. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to protect his or her person and property and all responsibility to provide security shall lie solely with each Lot Owner.

The Association shall not be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken.

- (b) Dispute Resolution. Any Lot Owner or Occupant must give written notice to the Board requesting a hearing with the Board and attend such hearing to discuss amicable resolution of any dispute before that Owner or Occupant files any lawsuit against the Association, the Board, any officer or director, or the property manager of the Association. The Owner or Occupant shall, in such notice and at the hearing, make a good faith effort to explain the grievance to the Board and resolve the dispute in an amicable fashion, and shall give the Board a reasonable opportunity to address the Owner's or Occupant's grievance before filing suit. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Board shall give notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the person requesting the hearing. The Board shall schedule this hearing for a date not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the notice of hearing from the person requesting the hearing.
- (c) No Discrimination. No action shall be taken by the Association or the Board of Directors which would unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap.
- (d) Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify every officer and director against any and all expenses, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer or director in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which such officer or director may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.
- (e) Implied Rights. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, any use restriction or rule, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it therein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.
- (f) Electronic Records, Notices and Signatures. Notwithstanding any other portion of this Declaration, records, signatures and notices shall not be denied validity or effectiveness hereunder solely on the grounds that they are transmitted, stored, made or presented electronically. The relevant provisions of the Bylaws of Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., shall govern the giving of all notices required by this Declaration.

#### 17. EMINENT DOMAIN,

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Whenever all or any part of the Common Property shall be taken or conveyed in lieu of or under threat of condemnation by any authority having power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to notice thereof. If the taking involves a portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the Owners shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Property to the extent lands are available therefor. The provisions of Paragraph 9, above, applicable to Common Property improvements damage, shall govern replacement or restoration and the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced.

#### 18. EASEMENTS.

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- (a) Easements for Encroachment and Overhang. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for encroachment and overhang as between each Lot and such portion or portions of the Common Property adjacent thereto or as between adjacent Lots due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration) to a distance of not more than five (5) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Lot and the adjacent portion of the Common Property or as between adjacent Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful conduct on the part of an Owner, Occupant, or the Association.
- (b) Easements for Use and Enjoyment. Every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to his or her Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (i) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Lot Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his or her family, tenants, guests, and invitees;
- (ii) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of an Owner and the right of an Owner to use the recreational facilities in the Property for any period during which any assessment against his or her Lot which is provided for herein remains unpaid and for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations;
- (iii) the right of the Association to borrow money as may be set forth in the Bylaws; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Property (Any provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights therein by the holder thereof in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Property.);
- (iv) the right of the Association to grant permits, licenses or easements across the Common Property, as authorized in this Declaration or the Bylaws; and
- (v) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Property subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members of the Association.

Any Lot Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property and facilities located thereon to the members of his or her family, his or her tenants and guests, and shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all such rights to the Occupants of his or her Lot, if leased.

(c) Easements for Utilities. There is hereby reserved to the Association blanket easements upon, across, above and under all property within the Property for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Property or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, or security system which the Association may

have installed to serve the Property. It shall be expressly permissible for the Association or its designee, as the case may be, to install, repair, replace, and maintain or to authorize the installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining of such wires, conduits, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any such utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the Board shall have the right to grant such easement.

(d) Easement for Entry. The Association shall have an easement to enter onto any Lot for emergency, security, safety, and for other purposes reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the Property, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all police officers, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner or Occupant. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter a Lot to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event that an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

#### 19. AMENDMENTS.

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Except where a higher vote is required for action under any other provisions of this Declaration, in which case such higher vote shall be necessary to amend such provision, this Declaration may be amended by the affirmative vote, written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent of the members of the Association holding sixty-six and two-thirds (66-2/3%) percent of the total eligible vote thereof. Notice of a meeting, if any, at which a proposed amendment will be considered shall state the fact of consideration and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall be effective until certified by the President and Secretary of the Association and filed in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

In addition to the above, material amendments to this Declaration must be approved by Eligible Mortgage Holders who represent at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the votes of Lots that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Mortgage Holders. Notwithstanding the above, the approval of any proposed amendment by an Eligible Mortgage Holder shall be deemed implied and consented to if the Eligible Mortgage Holder fails to submit a response to any written proposal for an amendment within thirty (30) days after the Eligible Mortgage Holder receives notice of the proposed amendment sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors, without the necessity of a vote from the owners, may amend this Declaration to comply with the Act, any applicable state, city or federal law, including but not limited to, compliance with applicable guidelines of the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and the Veterans Administration ("VA").

If legal action is not instituted to challenge the validity of this Declaration or any amendment hereto within one (1) year of the recording thereof in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, then such amendment or document shall be presumed to be validly adopted.

#### 20. SEVERABILITY.

Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order or otherwise shall in no way affect the application of such provision to other circumstances or affect any other provision(s), which shall remain in full force and effect.

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# 21. <u>DURATION</u>.

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The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property perpetually to the extent provided in the Act.

# 22. PREPARER.

This Declaration was prepared by Julie M. Howard, Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco, P.C., 1349 West Peachtree Street, 15th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

(Seal)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officers of Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., hereby certify that the above amendment to the Original Declaration and the following amendment to the Original By-Laws were duly adopted by the required majority of the Association and its membership.

This 30 day of March, 2003

PEACH PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS

ASSOCIATION, INC.

By:

President

Attest:

Secretary

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 30 day of March, 2003

Witness

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Notary Public, Cobb County, Georgia My Commission Expires April 11, 2004 [NOTARY SEAL]

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

# DESCRIPTION OF SUBMITTED PROPERTY

#### PARCEL 1

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ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 656, 677 and 678 of the 19th District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia, City of Powder Springs, known as Phase 1 of Peach Plantation Subdivision and being more particularly shown on the Final Plat, prepared by Crusselle, Rakestraw & Associates, bearing the seal and certification of George Willis Crusselle, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1373, recorded at Plat Book 131, Page 30 on May 14, 1990 in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

#### PARCEL 2

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 656 of the 19th District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia, City of Powder Springs, known as Phase 2 of Peach Plantation Subdivision and being more particularly shown on the Final Plat, prepared by Crusselle, Rakestraw & Associates, bearing the seal and certification of George Willis Crusselle, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1373, recorded at Plat Book 139, Page 19 on May 12, 1992 in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

# SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING ASSOCIATION COMMON PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 677 and 678 of the 19th District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia, being more particularly described in that Warranty Deed dated May 22, 1990 between Peach Communities, Inc. and Sycamore Investments, Inc., Grantors, and Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., Grantee, recorded in Deed Book 5742, Page 521, on May 24, 1990 in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, and designated as the "Recreation Area" on the Final Plat for Phase 1 of Peach Plantation Subdivision which is recorded at Plat Book 131, Page 30 in the Cobb County, Georgia land records; and

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 656, 677 and 678 of the 19th District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia, being more particularly described in that Quit Claim Deed dated June 1996 between Sycamore Investments, Inc., Grantor, and Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., Grantee, recorded in Deed Book 10030, Pages 233-235, on December 5, 1996 in the Cobb County, Georgia land records; and

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 656, 677 and 678 of the 19th District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia, being more particularly described in that Quit Claim Deed dated June 1996 between Peach Communities, Inc., Grantor, and Peach Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc., Grantee, recorded in Deed Book 10030, Pages 236-238, on December 5, 1996 in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.