# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR VINTAGE SHORES

This Declaration, made on the date hereinafter set forth by TEXAS LAND & LAKES, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "<u>Developer</u>" and/or "<u>Declarant</u>."

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Developer is the owner of that certain tract of land known as Vintage Shores, a subdivision situated in Rains County, Texas. The Property that is the subject of these covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be the development called Vintage Shores, including any and all phases, sections or Additional Property (as defined herein). The property that comprises Vintage Shores is contained within the plat of the Subdivision that is recorded at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Official Map and Plat Records of Rains County, Texas (the "Plat"), which is incorporated herein by reference. The Subdivision may from time to time be supplemented when new units or phases of Vintage Shores are added or included in this Declaration and/or amended as needed to promote the common scheme of the Subdivision.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Declarant and the Declarant hereby places these certain restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, stipulations and reservations (herein sometimes referred to as the "<u>Restrictions</u>") upon and against Vintage Shores in order to establish a uniform plan for its development, improvement and sale, and to insure the preservation of such uniform plan for the benefit of both the present and future owners of tracts in Vintage Shores.

WHEREAS, Developer hereby reserves and retains unto itself, the right, as it shall determine, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to (i) add to or delete areas from the Subdivision (defined in Paragraph 1.33 below); and (ii) hereafter place and impose such restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, stipulations and reservations on any and all remaining unrestricted Tracts, Lots and/or Properties, or portions thereof, in the Subdivision, in order to establish any plan or common scheme chosen by Developer for the development, improvement and sale thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, Developer/Declarant hereby adopts, establishes and imposes upon Vintage Shores and declares the following reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, applicable thereto, all of which are for the purposes of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of said property, which Restrictions shall run with said Tracts, Lots and/or property and title or interest therein, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof. Developer also declares that Vintage Shores shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the "Association" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 1.05 below).

Developer hereby declares that all of the property shown on the Plat and any Additional Property subjected to this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration (as defined in Paragraph 1.03 below) shall be held, sold, used and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, which shall run with the title to the real property subjected to this Declaration. This Declaration shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in any portion of the Properties, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of any portion of the Properties.

Developer is the owner of the real property described on the Plat of Vintage Shores, incorporated herein by reference. This Declaration imposes upon the property contained in the

Plat and any Additional Property mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of the Owners of each portion of the Plat and any Additional Property and establishes a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development, administration, maintenance and preservation of the Properties. In furtherance of such plan, this Declaration provides for the Vintage Shores Property Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association") to own, operate and maintain Common Areas, minerals and to administer and enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the By-Laws.

## SECTION I DEFINITIONS

- **1.01.** "The Act" shall mean The Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act, Title 11, Chapter 209 of the Texas Property Code, as such act may be amended.
- **1.02.** "ACC" shall mean and refer to the Vintage Shores Architectural Control Committee for the subdivision.
- 1.03. "Additional Property" or "property subject to annexation" shall mean all of that certain real property that is located within a five (5) mile radius of the perimeter boundary of the land described and shown on the Plat of Vintage Shores recorded at \_\_\_\_\_\_, Map and Plat Records of Rains County, Texas and such real property is subject to annexation to the terms of this Declaration.
- 1.04. "Adjacent Properties" shall mean any residential, nonresidential, or recreational areas, including, without limitation, single family residential developments, assisted living facilities, retail, office, commercial, or institutional areas and Private Amenities, which are located adjacent to, in the vicinity of, or within the land contained in the Plat or the Additional Property; which are owned and operated, in whole or in part, by Persons other than the Association; which are not subject to this Declaration; and which are neither Tracts nor Common Area as defined in this Declaration.
- **1.05.** "Association" shall mean and refer to the property owners association for the Subdivision whose legal name is the "Vintage Shores Property Owners Association, Inc.," its successors and assigns.
- 1.06. "Vintage Shores" and/or "Subdivision" shall mean and refer to Vintage Shores and any phase or section of Vintage Shores, hereafter or heretofore made subject to the jurisdiction of the Association, which property is shown on the Plat of Vintage Shores recorded at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Map and Plat Records of Rains County, Texas shall be as supplemented and/or amended.
- 1.07. "Barndominium" shall mean a non-traditional residence that contains storage or barn usage that additionally has heated and cooled living area as the residence which can only be constructed on lots or tracts that are 3.00 acres or larger in the Subdivision. A barndominium can serve as a storage area for large recreational vehicles, boats, workshops and the primary residence, which shall meet the requirements for a residence in these Restrictions.
- **1.08.** "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.
- **1.09.** "Boat Dock" shall mean and refer to a watercraft storage facility built on Sabine River Authority lands and owned and operated by a particular owner of a particular Tract of land located within Vintage Shores Subdivision.
- 1.10. "Builders" shall mean and refer to persons or entities that purchase tracts and build speculative or custom homes or residences thereon for third party purchasers or are in the building industry and business.

- **1.11.** "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including the improvements thereto) within the Subdivision owned by the Developer and/or the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- **1.12.** "Contractor" shall mean and refer to the person or entity with which an Owner contracts to construct a residential dwelling on such Owner's Tract.
- **1.13.** "Control Transfer Date" shall mean and refer to the date that Developer transfers control of the Association to the owners of Vintage Shores Subdivision and as further defined in paragraph 5.02.2.
- **1.14.** "County Road" shall mean and refer to roads that are maintained by Rains County, Texas.
- **1.15.** "Developer" or "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Texas Land & Lakes, LLC and its successors and assigns.
  - **1.16.** "District" shall mean and refer to Sabine River Authority.
- **1.17.** "Elevation 437.5 msl" shall mean and refer to the conservation or spillway elevation of Lake Tawakoni
- 1.18. "Elevation 442.5 msl" shall mean and refer to the current 100-year flood level as defined by Federal Emergency Management Agency and as shown in the FIRM Rate Map and in the recorded Plats of the Subdivision for Lake Tawakoni. The 100-year Flood Plain is a designated Drainage Easement per these Restrictions.
- 1.19. "Elevation 447.0 msl" shall mean and refer to the boundary of the flood/flowage easement purchased by the Sabine River Authority for the Lake Tawakoni that encompasses the property between the conservation level of 437.5 msl and elevation 447.0 msl. Any and all structures located below the Elevation 447.0 will be required to be in compliance with the rules, regulations and ordinances imposed by the Sabine River Authority.
- **1.20.** "Front Lot Line" or "Front Property Line" shall mean and refer to the property boundary line adjoining the street to which the front of the dwelling faces and to which the address of the dwelling shall be.
- 1.21. "Governing Documents" shall mean and refer to the following documents collectively: this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Vintage Shores (and all amendments and supplements thereto), the Articles of Incorporation for the Association, the Bylaws of the Association, any and all Design or Architectural Guidelines and/or all applicable state statutes governing or applying to the Association.
- 1.22. "Lake" or "Lake Tawakoni" shall mean and refer to Lake Tawakoni a portion of which is situated in Rains County, Texas and controlled and regulated by the Sabine River Authority.
- 1.23. "Tract" or "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land identified as a tract or home site on the recorded Plat of Vintage Shores recorded in the Map and Plat records of Rains County, Texas. For purposes of this instrument, "Tract" shall not be deemed to include any portion of the "Common Areas" or "Unrestricted Reserves," or "Reserves" (defined herein as any Common Areas, Reserves and Unrestricted Reserves shown on the Plat) in Vintage Shores regardless of the use made of such area.
- **1.24.** "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity that holds a membership in the Association.

- **1.25.** "Ordinance" or the "City of East Tawakoni" shall mean the ordinance and/or governing body that governs the building activity in the Subdivision and approvals shall be governed by such.
- **1.26.** "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any Tract which is a part of the Subdivision, but excluding those having such interest merely a security for the performance of an obligation.
- 1.27. "Private Amenities" shall mean and refer to Common Areas as designated on the Plat and certain real property and any improvements and facilities thereon located adjacent to, in the vicinity of, or within the Properties, designated by the Developer and which are owned and operated, in whole or in part, by the Association for recreational or other purpose. Private Amenities may be operated on a daily fee, use fee, public, or private basis or otherwise, and may include, any recreational amenities so located and all related and supporting facilities and improvements. Developer reserves the right to designate additional Private Amenities or remove Private Amenities in its sole discretion.
- 1.28. "Private Road" or "Private Streets" shall mean and refer to, roads and/or streets within Vintage Shores Subdivision and which will be maintained by Vintage Shores Property Owners Association.
- **1.29.** "Properties" shall mean and refer to any land previously not defined by these Restrictions found within Vintage Shores Subdivision.
- **1.30.** "Rear Lot Line" or "Rear Property Line" or "Rear Boundary Line" shall mean and refer to that Tract boundary line opposite the front property boundary line as delineated by the Plat.
- **1.31.** "Retaining Wall" shall mean and refer to a wall built along the shoreline of the Lake Tawakoni.
- **1.32.** "Side Lot Line" or "Side Property Line" shall mean and refer to any Tract line that is not a Front Property Line or a Rear Property Line.
- **1.33.** "Soffit" shall be defined as the underside of structural components, such as eaves and overhangs.
- **1.34.** "Subdivision" shall mean all those properties or units forming a part of Vintage Shores and as described and shown on the Plat of Vintage Shores as amended and supplemented.
- **1.35.** "Sabine River Authority" shall mean and refer to the lake authority which has jurisdiction over Lake Tawakoni.
- **1.36.** "Sabine River Authority Lease Property" shall mean and refer to property located above 437.5 and below 447.0 msl.
- 1.37. "Waterfront Tract" shall mean and refer to those particular Tracts in the Subdivision that are adjacent to the Sabine River Authority Lease Property that has frontage on Lake Tawakoni.

# SECTION II RESERVATIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND DEDICATIONS

**2.01.** Recorded Subdivision map of the Property. The plat ("Plat") of Vintage Shores, for all separate and distinct phases of the Subdivision dedicates for use as such, subject to the limitations as set forth therein, the roads (public or private as the case may be), streets and easements shown thereon. The Plat further establishes certain restrictions applicable to Vintage Shores. All dedications, restrictions, easements and reservations created herein or shown on the

Plat, any subsequent Plats of additional Phases, which are governed by these Restrictions, replats or amendments of the Plats of VINTAGE SHORES recorded or hereafter recorded shall be construed as being included in each contract, deed, or conveyance executed or to be executed by or on behalf of Developer, whether specifically referred to therein or not.

- **2.02.** Easements. Developer reserves for public use and for private utility use the utility easements shown on the recorded Plat or that have been or hereafter may be created by separate instrument recorded in the Official Public or Official Real Property Records of Rains County, Texas, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing a system or systems of electric lighting, electric power, water, telegraph and telephone line or lines, fiber optic lines, storm surface drainage, cable television, or any other utility the Developer sees fit to install in, across and/or under the Property. All utility easements in the subdivision may be used for the construction of drainage swales in order to provide for improved surface drainage of the Roads, Reserves, Common Area and/or Tracts. Should any utility company furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, Developer, without the joinder of any other Owner, shall have the right to grant such easement on said Property without conflicting with the terms hereof. Any utility company serving the subdivision shall have the right to enter upon any utility easement for the purpose of installation, repair and maintenance of their respective facilities. Neither Developer nor any utility company, political subdivision or other authorized entity using the easements herein referred to shall be liable for any damages done by them or their assigns, agents, employees, or servants, to fences, shrubbery, trees and lawns or any other property of the Owner on the property covered by said easements. Additionally, Developer reserves and hereby dedicates all areas located within the 100-year flood plain as depicted by the Federal Emergency Management Authority ("FEMA") as a Drainage Easement, and subject to the terms and status of a Drainage Easement. Developer reserves the right and ability to enter the Lot or Tract where a drainage easement is located or the 100-year flood plain is located to perform work as necessary within such drainage easements to insure proper drainage of the Subdivision and/or individual Tracts as designed. Any and all Access Easements found within the Subdivision are dedicated for use by the Developer and the Members of the Association for ingress and egress across such Tracts as may be burdened by such Access Easement, and may be used for ingress and egress by the Developer or such other individuals, persons or entities as may be provided for by the Developer through written consent or written license.
- 2.03. Title Subject to Easements. It is expressly agreed and understood that the title conveyed by Developer to any of the Tracts by deed or other conveyance shall be subject to any easement affecting same for roadways or drainage, electric lighting, electric power, water, telegraph or telephone purposes, maintenance, utility, access and other easements hereafter granted affecting the Tracts. The Owners of the respective Tracts shall not be deemed to own pipes, wires, conduits or other service lines running through their Tracts which are utilized for or service other Tracts, but each Owner shall have an easement in and to the aforesaid facilities as shall be necessary for the use, maintenance and enjoyment of his Tract. The Developer may convey title to said easements to the public, a public utility company or the Association.
- 2.04. <u>Utility Easements.</u> There are hereby reserved to the Developer at all times prior to the Control Transfer Date, the Association, and the designees of each (which may include, without limitation, any governmental or quasi-governmental entity and any utility company) perpetual non-exclusive easements upon, across, over, and under all of the Tracts to the extent reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, constructing, monitoring, replacing, repairing, maintaining, operating and removing cable television systems, master television antenna systems, and other devices for sending or receiving data and/or other electronic signals; security and similar systems; roads, walkways, pathways and trails; lakes, ponds, wetlands,

irrigation, and drainage systems; street lights and signage; and all utilities, including but not limited to postal services and mail boxes, sewer, telephone, gas and electricity, and utility meters; and an easement for access of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, across and through the Properties, as necessary, to exercise the easements described above. Developer specifically grants to the local water supplier, electric company, telephone company, cable company, and natural gas supplier the easements set forth herein across the Properties for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, repairing, and maintaining utility lines, meters and boxes, as applicable.

- **2.04.1.** Utility ground and aerial easements have been dedicated in accordance with the Plat and by separate recorded easement documents.
- 2.04.2. No building shall be located over, under, upon or across any portion of any utility easement or any other easement as shown in the Plat or otherwise by recorded document. The Owner of each Tract shall have the right to construct, keep and maintain concrete drives, fences, and similar improvements across any utility easement, and shall be entitled to cross such easements at all times for purposes of gaining access to and from such Tracts, provided, however, any concrete drive, fence or similar improvement placed upon such Utility Easement by the Owner shall be constructed, maintained and used at Owner's risk and, as such, the Owner of each Tract subject to said Utility Easements shall be responsible for (i) any and all repairs to the concrete drives, fences and similar improvements which cross or are located upon such Utility Easements and (ii) repairing any damage to said improvements caused by the Utility District or any public utility in the course of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing, or removing its facilities located within the Utility Easements.
- **2.04.3.** Any damage to a Tract resulting from the exercise of the easements described in this Section shall promptly be repaired by, and at the expense of, the Person or entity exercising control of the easement. The exercise of these easements shall not extend to permitting entry into the structures on any Tract, nor shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Tract, and except in an emergency, entry onto any Tract shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or occupant.
- **2.05.** Easement for Slope Control, Drainage and Waterway Maintenance. The Developer, for itself and the Association, and their respective representatives, successors and assigns, contractors and agents, hereby establishes and reserves a permanent and perpetual non-exclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon each Tract for the purposes of:
  - **2.05.1.** controlling soil erosion, including grading and planting with vegetation any areas of any Tract which are or may be subject to soil erosion;
  - **2.05.2.** drainage of natural or man-made water flow and water areas from any portion of the Property or any amenity;
  - **2.05.3.** changing, modifying or altering the natural flow of water, water courses or waterways on or adjacent to any Tract or Common Area;
  - **2.05.4.** dredging, enlarging, reducing or maintaining any water areas or waterways within the Property other than those approved by the District and/or Rains County; and
  - **2.05.5.** Installing such pipes, lines, conduits or other equipment as may be necessary for slope control, drainage and waterway maintenance of any portion of the Property or any amenity.
- **2.06.** Easements to Serve Additional Property. The Developer hereby reserves for itself and its duly authorized agents, representatives, and employees, successors, assigns, licensees,

and mortgagees, an easement over the Common Area for the purposes of enjoyment, use, access, and development of the Additional Property, whether or not such property is made subject to this Declaration. This easement includes, but is not limited to, a right of ingress and egress over the Common Area for construction of roads, for the posting of signs and for connecting and installing utilities serving the Additional Property. Developer agrees that it and its successors or assigns shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Common Area as a result of vehicular traffic connected with development of the Additional Property.

- 2.07. Easement for Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, and a perpetual easement is hereby granted to the Association, to enter all portions of the Properties, including each Tract, for emergency, security, and safety reasons. Such right may be exercised by the authorized agents, employees and managers of the Association, any member of its Board or committees, and its officers, and by all police officers, fire fighters, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Tract shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to and permission from the Owner. This easement includes the right to enter any Tract to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of fire, slope erosion, immediate risk of personal injury, or other hazard if an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a reasonable time after request by the Board, but shall not authorize entry into any dwelling without permission of the Owner, except by emergency personnel acting in their official capacities. Any entry by the Association or its authorized agents, employees or managers of the Association, any member of its Board or committees, or its officers onto a Tract for the purposes specified herein shall not constitute a trespass.
- 2.08. Easements for Maintenance and Enforcement. Authorized agents of the Association shall have the right, and a perpetual easement is hereby granted to the Association, to enter all portions of the Properties, including each Tract to (a) perform its maintenance responsibilities, and (b) make inspections to ensure compliance with the Governing Documents. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Tract shall be only during reasonable hours. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, and any damage shall be repaired by the Association at its expense. Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass.
- **2.09.** Mowing Easement. Developer reserves an easement for the mowing of roadways, drainage areas, street ditches, common areas, reserves and, if necessary Tracts subject to these Restrictions. Such easement includes the right to mow and maintain the areas listed above to keep in good condition. This paragraph in no way shall limit or diminish the obligation of the Owner of each Tract to maintain their Tract or Tracts. In the event that mowing of a Tract owned by a Member, the Association may charge a fee for the mowing such Tract.

The Association also may enter a Tract or Lot to abate or remove, using such measures as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates the Governing Documents. All costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees as allowed by the Act, may be assessed against the violator as a Specific Assessment.

#### **2.10.** Developer Reserved Easements.

2.10.1. Maintenance and Flood Water Easement. The Developer reserves for itself and its successors, assigns, and designees the nonexclusive right and easement, but not the obligation, to enter upon the lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands located within Reserves, Restricted Reserves, Common Areas or designated Easements to (a) install, keep, maintain, and replace pumps and irrigation systems in order to provide water for the irrigation of any of the Common Areas or Reserves; (b) construct, maintain, and repair any Retaining Wall, bulkhead, wall, dam or other structure retaining water; and (c)

remove trash and other debris therefrom and fulfill their maintenance responsibilities as provided in this Declaration. Developer and its designees shall have an access easement over and across any of the Properties abutting or containing any portion of any pond, stream or wetland to the extent reasonably necessary to exercise their rights under this Section.

- 2.10.2. Access and Encroachment over the Common Area and Tracts. Developer further reserves for itself and its successors, assigns and designees, a perpetual, nonexclusive right and easement of access and encroachment over the Reserves, Restricted Reserves, Private Roads, Common Area and Tracts (but not the dwellings thereon) adjacent to or within twenty feet (20') of ponds, streams and wetlands in order to (a) temporarily flood and back water upon and maintain water over such portions of the Properties; (b) fill, drain, dredge, deepen, clean, fertilize, dye, and generally maintain the ponds, streams, and wetlands within the Common Areas; (c) maintain and landscape the slopes and banks pertaining to such ponds, streams, and wetlands; and (d) enter upon and across such portions of the Properties for the purpose of exercising its rights under this Section. All persons entitled to exercise these easements shall use reasonable care in, and repair any damage resulting from the intentional exercise of such easements. Nothing herein shall be construed to make Developer or any other Person liable for damage resulting from flooding due to heavy rainfall or other natural disasters.
- **2.10.3.** Power to Release Easements. Developer reserves unto itself the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the request of any Person holding, or intending to hold, an interest in the Properties, or at any other time, (i) to release all or any portion of the Properties from the burden, effect, and encumbrance of any of the easements granted or reserved under this Section, or (ii) to define the limits of any such easements. This reservation of the right to release easements shall not transfer to the Association upon termination of the Developer/Declarant rights.
- 2.10.4. Developer Access to Subdivision after Control Transfer Date. Developer reserves for itself and for its affiliates, successors, assigns and designees, a perpetual, nonexclusive right and easement for access and entrance over and through the Subdivision and over any County or Private Roads located therein. The Association may not obstruct, hinder or impede Developer, and its affiliates, successors, assigns or designees from entrance into the Subdivision after the Control Transfer Date as defined herein.
- **2.11.** <u>Lateral Support.</u> Every portion of the Common Area, every Lot, and any improvement which contributes to the lateral support of another portion of the Common Area or of another Tract shall be burdened with an easement for lateral support, and each shall also have the right to lateral support which shall be appurtenant to and pass with title to such property.

#### **2.12.** Easements for Private Amenities.

- **2.12.1.** Under no circumstances shall any of the following Persons be held liable for any damage or injury resulting from any activity relating to any Private Amenity, including, but not limited to, the exercise of the easements set forth in this Section: the Developer, or any successor Developer; the Association or its Members (in their capacity as such); or any officer or director, member, manager or partner of any of the foregoing.
- **2.12.2.** The Developer hereby reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, and may assign to the owner(s) of the Private Amenities, an easement and all rights to draw water from the lakes and ponds within or adjacent to the Properties for purposes of irrigation of the Private Amenities and for access to and the right to enter upon the lakes

and ponds within or adjacent to the Properties, if any, for installation and maintenance of any irrigation systems.

- 2.13. Rights to Stormwater Runoff, Effluent and Water Reclamation. Developer hereby reserves for itself and its designees, including, but not limited to, the owner of any Amenity, all rights to ground water, surface water, storm water runoff, and effluent located or produced within the Properties, and each Owner agrees, by acceptance of a deed to a Tract, that Developer shall retain all such rights. Such right shall include an easement over the Properties for access, and for installation and maintenance of facilities and equipment to capture and transport such water, runoff and effluent.
- **2.14.** Private Roads/Private Streets. Every Owner shall have a right and nonexclusive easement of use, access, and enjoyment in and to, over and across any streets and roads which are to be located within the Subdivision, for the purpose of ingress and egress to public rights-of-way and to Common Areas. The rights and nonexclusive easements granted herein are appurtenant to the title to each Tract, subject to:
  - **2.14.1.** The terms and limitations as set forth in this Declaration; The right of the Developer to dedicate all or any part of Private Streets to the Association.
  - **2.14.2.** The right of the Developer, so long as the Developer owns the Private Streets, to adopt, amend and repeal rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Private Streets, provided that the Developer shall not by the adoption of any rule or regulation bar access of the Owners across the Private Streets;
  - **2.14.3.** The right of the Developer to dedicate all or any part of Private Streets to the Association;
  - **2.14.4.** The right of the Developer to mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all of the Private Streets as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, provided that the Developer shall not subject the Private Streets to any security instrument without obtaining the agreement of the lender to subordinate its interest in the Private Streets to the easements for the Owners contained in this Section; and
  - **2.14.5.** Any Owner may extend his or her right of use and enjoyment to the members of his or her family, lessees, and social invitees, as applicable.
- **2.15.** <u>Liability for Use of Easements.</u> No Owner shall have a claim or cause of action against the Developer, its successors or assigns, or the Association, including without limitation the owner(s) of any Common Areas or Amenities, arising out of the exercise or non-exercise of any easement reserved hereunder or shown on any subdivision plat for the Properties, except in cases of intentional, willful or wanton misconduct.

## SECTION III USE RESTRICTIONS

3.01. Single Family Residential Construction Only. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Tract other than dwellings to be used for residential purposes and Barndominiums shall be allowed only on tracts that are 3.00 acres and larger and will be considered the main dwelling, and such Barndominium shall require a 3-foot mansonry wainscoat on the front of the structure. All Tracts must comply with the rules, regulations and ordinances imposed by the Sabine River Authority as well as the Ordinance imposed by the City of East Tawakoni regarding construction. All single story dwellings (including Barndominiums) on tracts must have at least Twelve Hundred, (1,200) square feet of heated and cooled living area, excluding porches. Two (2) story dwellings (not including Barndominiums) must have a minimum of Eighteen hundred, (1,800) square feet of heated and cooled living area, excluding porches. Two (2) Story dwellings (not including Barndominiums) must contain at least Twelve Hundred (1,200) square feet on the ground floor and all dwellings must have at least a one (1)

car garage and no more than a five (5) car garage, which may be detached. Carports shall be allowed with a minimum of three feet (3') side screening measured from the foundation except for the access side. The term "dwelling" does not include mobile homes, single or doublewide manufactured homes, modular or prefabricated (prefab) homes, and said mobile homes, manufactured homes and prefabricated homes are not permitted within the subdivision. All primary and secondary dwellings must be site constructed, built with new construction materials and use exterior materials that are approved by the Architectural Control Committee (the "ACC"). Aluminum, metal, steel, asbestos, and/or plywood siding shall not be allowed. Vinyl siding will be allowed on the soffits only. All primary and secondary dwellings are required to have a concrete and rebar foundation, a pier foundation or a combination of a concrete slab and pier foundation that is engineered and sealed by a Professional Engineer ("P.E.") licensed in the State of Texas.

## **3.02.** Secondary Dwellings and Detached structures.

**3.02.1.** One secondary dwelling may be built on tracts, provided said secondary dwelling contains a minimum of Five Hundred (500) square feet and cannot exceed One Thousand, Two Hundred (1,200) square feet of living area size. Secondary dwellings must be built after or while the primary dwelling is being built and must be approved by the ACC.

3.02.2. Detached garages, workshops and accessory buildings may be constructed on a Tract prior to the primary dwelling being built. Barns shall not be allowed or permitted on waterfront tracts. Detached garages, workshops and accessory buildings may contain interior plumbing and may contain bathroom facilities prior to occupancy of the primary dwelling; however, such detached garage, workshop or accessory building shall not exceed two thousand (2,000) square feet. If the detached garage, accessory building or workshop is larger than 400 square feet and is over one story, the Owner is required to provide blueprint plans to the East Tawakoni City Council for approval and permit pursuant to Section 70-316 of the City of East Tawakoni Zoning Ordinances. No person shall temporarily or permanently live in the garage, workshop, or accessory building. All primary dwellings, detached garages, workshops, accessory buildings and any other improvements must be approved in writing by the ACC prior to being erected, altered or placed on the Tract. Detached garages must be built out of similar material as the primary dwelling. Other accessory buildings must be built with new construction material and may be built with wood and/or factory-coated metal, and must be approved in writing by the ACC. Detached garages, workshops, or accessory buildings may not be used as a temporary or permanent residence. Door opening on workshop and accessory building, may face the front property line. All shingle roofs must have at least a 30-year life, all other shingle roofs are not permitted. Standing seam metal, metal and tile roofs are permitted. Any building, structure or improvement commenced on any Tract shall be completed as to exterior finish and appearance within nine (9) months from the commencement date. While dwellings and/or accessory buildings are being constructed, the Owner and/or Contractor must provide a trash dumpster and temporary restroom facilities on the Tract.

**3.02.3.** On Sabine River Authority Lease Property Storage Buildings/Gazebos/Pavillions may not be used as a habitable structure or for R.V. Storage. Buildings shall be single level and shall not exceed 720 square feet. Siding: Factory coated metal, wood, cement fiberboard, or brick. Flooring: Concrete slab or wooden structure with a minimum of 2x6 treated floor joist. Roof: Factory coated metal or composition shingles. Potable water plumbing attached to conventional household fixtures including, but not limited to, sinks, showers, bathtubs, laundry facilities, and toilets are prohibited on Sabine River Authority Lease Property.

**3.03.** Composite Building Site. Any Owner of one or more adjoining Tracts (or portions thereof) may, with the prior written approval of the ACC, consolidate such Tracts or portions into one (1) building site, with the privilege of placing or constructing improvements on such resulting site, in which case the side set-back lines shall be measured from the resulting Side Property Lines rather than from the Tract lines as indicated on the Plat. It is the responsibility of the owner to obtain all needed easement releases from the appropriate agencies and all approvals from the appropriate County and/or City of East Tawakoni.

#### **3.04.** Location of the Improvements upon the Tract.

- **3.04.1** Waterfront Tracts. On all Waterfront Tracts, no building of any kind shall be located on any tract nearer than fifty (50) feet from the Front Property Line and ten (10) feet from any Side or Rear Lot Line. Regardless of property line, no building shall be closer than fifty (50) feet from the property line adjoining any road, except on corner tract. All primary dwellings must directly face the Front Property Line: i.e. the front door of the dwelling must face the Front Property Line and Street.
- **3.04.2** Non-Waterfront Tracts. On non-Waterfront Tracts that are 3.00 acres and larger, no building of any kind shall be located on any tract nearer than one hundred (100) feet from the Front Property Line and twenty (20) feet from any Side or Rear Lot Line. Regardless of property line, no building shall be closer than one hundred (100) feet from the property line adjoining any road, except on corner tract. On non-Waterfront Tracts that are less than 3.00 acres, no building of any kind shall be located on any tract nearer than fifty (50) feet from the Front Property Line and ten (10) feet from any Side or Rear Lot Line. All primary dwellings must directly face the Front Property Line: i.e. the front door of the dwelling must face the Front Property Line and Street.
- 3.05. <u>Height Restriction</u>. <u>Notwithstanding, the maximum height shall be two</u> (2) stories, but not to exceed thirty-five (35) feet per dwelling from the first floor elevation, which is measured from the highest point of the virgin soil. Height of any accessory building shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet. Provided however, as to any Tract, the ACC may waive or alter any such setback line or height restriction, if the ACC, in its sole discretion determines that such waiver, or alteration is necessary to permit effective utilization of a Tract. Any such waiver or alteration must be in writing and recorded in the Official Public of Records of Rains County, Texas.
- 3.06. Use of Temporary Structures. Except as set forth below, no structure of a temporary character, whether basement, shack, garage, recreational vehicle, camper, tent or other outbuilding shall be maintained or used on any Tract at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently. Notwithstanding, the Developer reserves the exclusive right to erect, place and maintain such facilities in or upon any portion of the subdivision as in its sole discretion may be necessary or convenient while selling Tracts. No tents are allowed. Occupied, self-contained and non-self-contained campers or recreational vehicles will be permitted on the property so long as such campers or recreational vehicles are on the property no longer than seven (7) consecutive calendar days and no longer than fourteen (14) total calendar days out of a thirty (30) day period. All non-self-contained campers must have some type of chemical toilet. No tract owner may utilize a House Boat as a residence or temporary residence for any length or period of time that extends past fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days. The House Boat must be moored to the existing boat dock or pier.
- **3.07.** Walls and Fences. Walls, fences and gates if any, must be approved prior to construction by the ACC. Walls and fences may be constructed of wood, metal pipe, masonry, masonry veneer, wrought iron, coated chain link, PVC and/or vinyl rail, or a combination thereof, but nothing else. On all Tracts, one hundred (100) feet of the side fencing, beginning where the

side fencing joins the front fence, must be constructed of the same approved material as the front fence. Approved material for the front fencing and the first 100 feet of the side fencing shall exclude coated chain link fencing. Barbed Wire fencing is permitted only on Lot 7. All wooden fences (except cedar and redwood) must be painted or stained in a color approved by the ACC. All fencing shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height and a maximum of six (6) feet in height but in no instance can a fence or wall block views of the Lake, and no wall or fence may be placed within three-feet (3') of a retaining wall and/or the shoreline of the lake. Additionally, front fences shall be constructed outside of the front 20-foot utility easement. All gates that front a road must be of a decorative nature and be constructed of steel. Standard aluminum ranch gates are not permitted. Privacy fencing with a maximum height of eight (8) feet may be allowed on non-perimeter fencing, around the house area, at the sole discretion of the ACC and/or Association. All fences must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Association. Fencing may be constructed in the easements surrounding the lake, however, the Association and/or Sabine River Authority shall have the right to remove such fencing, at the owner's expense, if the Association and Sabine River Authority requires or requests access across the easement. Additionally, the Association and Sabine River Authority shall have no obligation to replace such fencing. Front fencing along roads must be constructed behind the utility easements dedicated on the plat.

<u>Sabine River Authority Lease Property</u>. Fencing material must be pre-approved by the Sabine River Authority. It is the responsibility of the permittee to locate permit boundaries and to construct fencing on the permit boundary or no closer than three (3) feet of the retaining wall and/or the shoreline of Lake Tawakoni. If it is determined a fence needs to be removed or relocated for any reason, the permittee will do so at no cost to the Sabine River Authority.

**3.08.** <u>Mailboxes, Flags and Religious Items.</u> All individual mailboxes must be of masonry construction and meet City of East Tawakoni requirements

**3.08.1.** "Flag" or "Flags" shall mean the following:

- 1. The flag of the United States of America;
- 2. The flag of the State of Texas;
- 3. An official or replica flag of any branch of the United States Armed Forces;
- **3.08.2.** Any flag approved as provided by applicable law and this policy shall be displayed in accordance with the following requirements:
  - 1. The flag of the United States shall be displayed in accordance with 4 U.S.C. § 5-10;
  - 2. The flag of the State of Texas shall be displayed in accordance with Chapter 3100, Texas Government Code;
  - 3. Any other flag allowed by restrictive covenants applicable to the subdivision shall be appropriately displayed in a manner similar to the United States and/or Texas flag;
  - 4. A flag pole attached to a dwelling (which may not exceed six feet (6') in length) or any freestanding flagpole shall be constructed of durable, long-lasting materials, with a finish appropriate to the materials and harmonious with the dwelling. The Association may establish reasonable rules which provide that a specified finish or finishes of a specified type or color shall be deemed to be allowed in all circumstances; The display of any allowed flag and the location and construction of the associated flagpole must comply with any applicable zoning ordinances, easements and setbacks of record;
  - 5. All displayed flags and the flagpole on which they are flown must be maintained in good condition and repair;

- 6. There may be no more than one flagpole per property upon which one or more allowed flags may be displayed;
- 7. There may be no more than one flagpole per property upon which one or more allowed flags may be displayed
- 8. The individual flags may not exceed 3 by 5 feet in size;
  - 9. The single allowed flagpole shall not exceed twenty feet in height (if a freestanding flagpole) or six feet in length if the flagpole is attached to a dwelling and must be placed within 10' of the dwelling perimeter.
- **3.08.3.** Applications for approval of the installation and display of all flags subject to this Policy shall be submitted to the ACC in the same manner as applications for approval of other Improvements within the subdivision.
- **3.08.4.** An application which meets all of the requirements set out herein shall be deemed approved by the ACC forty (40) days from the date the Owner's application is received by the Association, unless the ACC notifies the Owner in writing within the forty (40) day period that additional information is required or that one or more standards have, in the opinion of the ACC, not been properly established in the application.
- **3.08.5.** The ACC may deny an application for, or impose reasonable restrictions on, the installation and display of flags that do not meet one or more of the required standards. The ACC may impose reasonable additional restrictions on the placement or display of a flag in order to minimize any adverse impact on adjacent property owners, to abate noise caused by an external halyard and to regulate the size, location and intensity of any lights used to illuminate a displayed flag.
- **3.08.6.** "Religious Item" shall mean an item, on the entry to the owner's or resident's dwelling, the display of which is motivated by the owner's or resident's sincere religious belief.
- **3.08.7.** Applications for installation of any Religious Item shall be submitted to the ACC in the same manner as applications for approval of any other Improvement.
- **3.08.8.** In considering applications for the installation and display of such items, the members of the ACC shall reasonably accept that all such applications are motivated by the sincere religious belief of the applicant.
  - **3.08.9.** The ACC may deny an application for approval which:
  - 1. Threatens the public health or safety; or
  - 2. Violates a law; or
  - 3. Contains language, graphics, or any display that is patently offensive to a passerby of reasonable sensitivities; or
  - 4. Is in a location other than the entry door or door frame or extends past the outer edge of the door frame of the owner's or resident's dwelling; or
  - 5. Individually or in combination with other religious items displayed or to be displayed on the entry door or door frame has a total size of greater than twenty-five (25) square inches
- **3.08.10.** An application for display of a Religious Item shall be deemed approved by the ACC forty (40) days from the date of the ACC's receipt of the Owner's application unless the ACC notifies the Owner in writing within the forty (40) day period that additional information is required or that one or more standards have, in the opinion of the ACC, not been established.
- **3.08.11.** The ACC may deny an application for, or impose reasonable restrictions on, the installation of Religious Items that do not meet one or more of the required standards. All ACC findings shall be in writing
- **3.09.** Piers and Boat Houses. Owners of Waterfront Tracts adjacent to the Lake may erect piers into the Lake, with the approval of the ACC and Sabine River Authority. All piers

and boat houses are subject to the rules, regulations and ordinances, as amended and modified from time to time of the Sabine River Authority, and its assigns as well as the ordinances of Rains County including but not limited to the City of East Tawakoni. Boat Houses and Piers may not be used as habitable structure. Structures shall be single level not exceeding 1,500 square feet, not including the walkway from shore (subject to further limitations based on amount of usable shoreline). Total length may not exceed 150-feet from the 437.5' msl or 25% of cove width (whichever is less). All materials touching water and structural framing shall be steel or treated wood or other approved material. All wooden material must be treated 2x6, synthetic deck board or approved equivalent. Walls: Factory coated metal, wood, cement fiberboard, or brick. Roof: Factory coated metal or composition shingles. All wiring shall be placed in conduit. Encapsulated foam flotation is required for floating structures. Potable water plumbing attached to conventional household fixtures including, but not limited to sinks, showers, bathtubs, laundry facilities, and toilets are prohibited. The maximum square footage may not be allowed in all cases. No part of an improvement can be closer than five (5) feet to the property line, excluding fences, sidewalks, and retaining walls. Structures over 1,200 square feet must be twenty feet from the property lines. There will be no living quarters built over any area below the spillway elevation of the reservoir whether it be spanned, cantilevered or by other means. Enclosed structures are not allowed by the Sabine River Authority. In order to protect a raised boat within a dock from the elements, solid sides on the dock will only be permitted for a maximum of two (2) feet downward from the roofline. No additional materials (i.e. lattice, fencing, bars, screen fabric, doors, glass, etc.) may be installed below the two (2) foot sidewall. A small storage area is allowed on the structure for tackle, life jackets, etc. A twenty (20) square foot enclosure shall be considered maximum for any such storage area. No toilet facilities of any type will be allowed on structures.

Any structure that extends more than fifty (50) feet from the shoreline shall be equipped with a light from dusk to dawn. At the discretions of the Sabine River Authority, additional lighting may be required on docks exceeding fifty (50) feet. Circumstances may require that lighting be on docks, which are less than 50 feet in length. The light must be capable of sufficiently illuminating the structure and shall be white in color. The Owner or contractor may also be required to provide temporary safety lighting during the construction of any improvement extending into Lake Tawakoni. If required, lighting must be located on the end of the structure during construction and remain until permanent lighting is installed.

The deck of a structure shall be no less than 24 inches above Elevation 437.5-feet msl. The electrical services shall be installed in accordance with the National Electric Code as amended and revised. A complete electrical plan must be provided with the application. The Sabine River Authority performs cursory electrical inspections for general compliance only. The Owner is required to have a licensed electrician, electrical inspector, or other professional with expertise in electrical installations to inspect all electrical components to ensure that the installation meets all requirements specified in the National Electric Code. All materials exposed to the elements shall be cedar, redwood, treated wood, concrete, or steel materials. Other materials with long life expectancy will be considered. No metal barrels may be used for flotation. Only extruded (closed cell) polystyrene or foam bead expanded polystyrene that is encased in a high quality protective cover and that has been approved by the Sabine River Authority may be used for floatation. Creosote treated materials will not be permitted below conservation level. All connections below the walkway shall be bolted with galvanized, zinc plated, cadmium plated, or stainless steel bolts. Steel materials may be welded. connections may be nailed or attached by screws. All construction activities disturbing the soil at or below the flood flowage boundary of the reservoir must employ erosion control practices to minimize the amount of sediment entering the reservoir. Steel pilings shall be a minimum of two and seven eighths inches (2 7/8) in diameter. Wood pilings must be pressure treated and at least six inches in diameter. Creosote pilings will not be allowed. The roof of the structure shall have a maximum of  $4 \times 12$  pitch. A permit issued by the Sabine River Authority in no way releases the improvement owner from the responsibility of meeting the requirements of Federal, State, County, or City regulations or any Restrictions contained herein that may apply. Improvements are placed on the Sabine River Authority property at the Sabine River Authority's sole discretion. No pier shall be more than one story and all piers must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Association and the Sabine River Authority. All piers and boathouses must be approved by the Vintage Shores Architectural Control Committee (the "<u>ACC</u>") prior to requesting approval from the Sabine River Authority.

- **3.09.1.** 911 Addresses. 911 addresses must be prominently displayed on the lakeside of piers or docks with weather resistant signs. Signs shall be a minimum of 1/16' thick metal, with a 4" reflective numbers and letters, and mechanically fastened to the structure. They shall be designed for long life.
- **3.09.2.** Reflectors and Piers and Docks. All piers and docks shall be equipped with 3" diameter, white, weather resistant plastic reflectors, mechanically fastened to the decking support joists, runners or pilings. They shall be designed for long life, spaced no greater than 20" apart each side of walkways and at each corner of the end structures.
- 3.10. Retaining Walls and Dredging. Owners of Tracts adjacent to the Lake may build a retaining wall along any body of water with the approval of the ACC and Sabine River Authority. Retaining walls shall be constructed in a manner that improves the shoreline alignment. If an eroded area along the shoreline is approved by the Sabine River Authority to be reclaimed, then the backfill material must also be reclaimed from the reservoir. Approved materials for retaining walls or bulkheads or seawalls include concrete, soil cement, minimum 8 gauge steel sheet piling, PVC sheet piling, pressure treated lumber, and rip rap. Other materials with a long life expectancy will be considered. Creosote materials will not be approved. All dredging activity must be performed in such a manner that will maintain a gently sloping lake bottom and prevent the formation of holes or sudden drop-offs. All construction activities disturbing the soil at or below the flood flowage boundary of the reservoir must employ erosion control practices to minimize the amount of sediment entering the reservoir. All dredging materials shall be placed in such a manner as to prevent any sediment runoff back into the reservoir. Containment and/or silt screens may be required. Excavation and dredging may be permitted in some areas at the discretion of the Sabine River Authority and/or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. All dredging, filling, and excavation activities within the permitted premises must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal requirements, and must be completed in accordance with any required permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No dredging or excavation will be allowed where it will cause the 437.5' msl conservation pool elevation to be closer than 200 feet from the project boundary. Slopes and channel side slopes shall be no steeper than 4:1. Dredged material must be removed above the 437.5' msl pool elevation and BMP's used to prevent sediment from washing back into the lake until the material is dry enough to spread and stabilize. Retaining wall material must be pre-approved and appropriate for the shoreline location. Any building of retaining walls or dredging must be approved by the ACC prior to requesting approval from the Sabine River Authority.
- **3.11.** Prohibition of Offensive Activities. No activity, whether for profit or not (which shall specifically include "for nightly or weekly rental properties" found on internet sites, etc.), shall be conducted on any Tract which is not related to single family residential purposes, unless said activity meets the following criteria: (a) no additional exterior sign of activity is present, (b) no additional traffic that would not be there normally is created, (c) nothing dangerous is present and (d) the activity does not constitute a nuisance or annoyance. Nothing herein shall prevent a home office so long as the requirements of (a), (b), (c) and (d) above are met. Further, this restriction is waived in regard to the customary sales activities required to sell homes in the

Subdivision by the Developer. The Association shall have the sole and absolute discretion to determine what constitutes a nuisance or annoyance.

- 3.12. Garbage and Propane Storage. Garbage and trash or other refuse accumulated in this subdivision shall not be permitted to be dumped at any place upon adjoining land where a nuisance to any residence of this subdivision is or may be created. No Tract shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be allowed to accumulate, shall be kept in sanitary containers and shall be disposed of regularly. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and out of sight from public roadways, except on pickup days. Propane tanks must not be visible from the road, buried and/or screened with vegetation and/or privacy fencing as approved by the ACC.
- **3.13.** Unsightly Articles, Junked Motor Vehicles Prohibited. Except as set forth in Paragraph 3.06, no campers, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, graders, trucks other than pickups, tractors, wagons, busses, motorcycles, motor scooters or garden maintenance equipment may be kept on property unless such items are placed in an approved enclosed structure and kept in a clean and tidy manner. No maintenance work shall be done on any of the foregoing, or on any automobile (other than minor emergency repairs), except in enclosed garages or other structures. No vehicle may be parked in excess of seventy-two (72) hours on any roadway within the Property.

No recreational vehicles may be stored on Sabine River Authority Lease Property.

No article deemed to be unsightly by the ACC shall be permitted to remain on any Tract. Service area, storage area, loading area, compost piles and facilities for hanging, drying or rinsing clothing or household fabrics shall be appropriately screened from view from public or private thoroughfares, the lake and adjacent properties and no lumber, grass, plant, waste, shrub or tree clippings, metals, bulk materials, scrap or refuse shall be kept, stored or allowed to accumulate on any portion of the Owner(s) Tract. No junk, abandoned or unregistered vehicles and no vehicles without current inspections shall be allowed on any Tract. Tractor trailer rigs and/or trailers and trucks with more than ten (10) wheels may not be parked or kept on the property or in the subdivision.

**3.14.** Signs. No signs, advertisements, billboards or advertising structures of any kind may be erected or maintained on any Tract without the consent in writing of the ACC. This sign prohibition does not apply to the Developer as Developer maintains the ability to place signs, advertisements, billboards and/or advertising structures within the Property at its discretion. The ACC shall allow one (1) professionally made sign not more than twenty-four inches (24") by thirty-six inches (36") advertising the Owner's Tract for sale or rent after a Dwelling or home has been built, and one (1) professionally made sign approved by the ACC, not more than twelve inches (12") by twenty-four inches (24") identifying the Tract owner's name or names. The term "professionally made sign" does not include store bought pre-made "for sale" or "for rent" signs. Notwithstanding, Builders and/or Contractors may place a sign that is approved by the ACC that does not exceed four feet (4') by eight feet (8') advertising a Dwelling or home constructed or under construction by the Builder and/or Contractor on a Tract. A Builder/Contractor sign shall be permitted to remain on the Tract where the Dwelling or home is constructed for as long as such Dwelling remains unsold to a third party; however the sign shall be permitted during construction. Except as it applies to Developer, no sign shall be nailed to a tree or placed within twenty-five (25) feet from any Lot line and all signs must be properly maintained. Developer or any member of the Association or ACC shall have the right to remove such sign, advertisement, billboard or structure which is placed on any Tract in violation of these restrictions, and in doing

so, shall not be liable, and are hereby expressly relieved from any liability for trespass or other tort in connection therewith, or arising from such removal.

- **3.15.** Animal Husbandry. For all Tracts within the subdivision, dogs must be kept in a kennel, dog run, or fenced in area that confines said dog(s) to that area within the Tract. Breeding or other for-profit dog operation shall not be permitted or allowed. A maximum of three (3) adult canines and/or adult felines (1-year or older) in any combination shall be allowed in/on a Tract, and all Owners must comply with City of East Tawakoni Ordinance Section 14-85 regarding pets, which is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. Dogs will not be permitted to run loose in the community, and therefore, must be on a leash when outside of the boundary of the Owner(s) Tract(s). All dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies according to state law once a year and registered with Rains County and/or the City of East Tawakoni once a year.
  - **3.15.1.** On Waterfront Tracts and tracts less than 2.00 (two) acres: No livestock, goats, sheep, swine, cattle, horses or large other animal of any kind may be kept, stored or raised on any Tract pursuant to City of East Tawakoni Ordinance Section 14-151, which is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
  - 3.15.2. On Tracts three (3) acres and larger: one (1) horse only for every one (1) acre owned, less one (1) acre for the homestead may be kept, as long as such animal(s) does not become a nuisance or threat to other owners. All animals being raised by individual tract owners must be kept in a fenced area on the Owner's Tract. No swine, cattle, sheep or goats of any kind may be kept, stored or raised on any Tract pursuant to City of East Tawakoni Ordinance Section 14-151, which is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
  - **3.15.3.** Chickens. Up to six (6) chickens may be kept on a tract, but only hens and roosters are not permitted, and Owners must comply with the terms and conditions of City of East Tawakoni Ordinance Section 14-152 regarding Raising or keeping Poultry, and such Section 14-152 is hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 3.16. Mineral Development. Developer/Declarant does not own any minerals in, on or under the Subdivision as all minerals have been previously reserved by prior owners to which Developer has no control over. Each Owner shall own the surface rights on their specific tract. Commercial oil, gas or other mineral drilling, mineral development operations, oil/gas refining, oil, gas or other mineral operation of any kind may only occur within the Subdivision after all off-site alternatives have been attempted and with full approval by the surface owner. Rigs, derricks or other structures designed for the use of boring for or gathering oil, natural gas or other minerals may only be erected, maintained, or the like in the Subdivision after all reasonable alternatives have been exhausted as to the recovery of the mineral interests in which a waiver of the surface has not been obtained or if the surface owner agrees to allow such undertaking as the mineral estate is dominant over the surface estate.
- 3.17. <u>Drainage</u>. Natural or man-made established drainage patterns of streets, tracts or roadway ditches will not be impaired by any person or persons, which includes the blockage or filling in of the roadway ditches. No creeks, man-made or natural drainage areas may be filled, impacted, dammed, or water, therefore improved, diverted or used for any purpose without the prior written consent of the ACC. All Tract Owners must install driveway culverts and must be approved by City of East Tawakoni and/or by the ACC, when necessary, to be of sufficient size to afford proper drainage of ditches without backing water up into ditch or diverting flow. Drainage culvert installation must meet City of East Tawakoni requirements. Residential driveway culverts shall not extend more than fifteen (15) feet beyond the edge of the paved driveway with a maximum total length of fifty (50) feet. The Association and/or the ACC shall

have the ability and power to remove all culverts that do not meet this requirement or that do not drain properly or have not been given specific variance due to a hardship reason for an extended length of culvert. In the event the Association or the ACC is required to remove the culvert, all costs and expense for such work shall be the responsibility of the Tract Owner. All areas designated as 100-year flood plain on the Plat are hereby dedicated as Drainage Easements.

- **3.18.** Antennas. Antennas of any kind shall not exceed ten (10) feet above the roof of the dwelling or accessory building. No satellite dishes or similar apparatus shall be placed on any dwelling in such a way that apparatus is visible from the street. Ground satellite dishes shall not be erected, installed or placed on property without the prior written approval of the ACC and such dishes shall be screened from the view of the road. Nothing herein shall be constructed to conflict with the latest rules and regulations set forth by the Federal Communications Commission.
- **3.19.** Solar Energy Devices. Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Property Code §202.010, the purpose of this policy is to provide for the timely and efficient review by the Association of applications for installation of a "Solar Energy Device" ("SED") within the subdivision and to establish guidelines for review and approval of applications to ensure compliance with the provisions of state law. For the purpose of this Policy, "Solar Energy Device" shall mean a system or series of mechanisms designed primarily to provide heating or cooling or to produce electrical or mechanical power by collecting and transferring solar-generated energy. The term includes a mechanical or chemical device that has the ability to store solar-generated energy for use in heating or cooling or in the production of power.
  - **3.19.1.** Applications for installation of any Solar Energy Device shall be submitted to the ACC in the same manner as applications for approval of any other Improvement.
  - **3.19.2.** An application for an SED which meets all of the requirements set out below shall be deemed approved by the ACC thirty (30) days from the date the Owner's application is received by the ACC, unless the ACC notifies the Owner in writing within the thirty (30) day period that additional information is required or that one or more standards have, in the opinion of the ACC, not been properly established in the application.
    - **3.19.3.** If installed on the roof of the Owner's home, the SED, as installed
      - 3.19.3.1. does not extend higher than or beyond the roofline,
      - 3.19.3.2. conforms to the slope of the roof,
      - 3.19.3.3. has a top edge that is parallel to the roofline, and
      - 3.19.3.4. has a frame, support bracket or visible wiring or piping that is in a silver, bronze or black tone commonly available in the marketplace and is appropriate to the materials and harmonious with the dwelling.
  - **3.19.4.** If installed in a fenced yard or patio owned and maintained by the Owner, the SED as installed may not exceed the height of a fence which meets applicable height requirements in the governing documents of the Association or restrictive covenants applicable to the subdivision.
    - **3.19.5.** The ACC reserves the right to require additional screening as necessary.
  - **3.19.6.** The ACC may deny an application for, or impose reasonable restrictions on, the installation of an SED that:
    - 3.19.6.1. As adjudicated by a Court, threatens the public health or safety or violates a law;
    - 3.19.6.2. is located on property owned or maintained by the Association;
    - 3.19.6.3. is located on property owned in common by the members of the Association:

- 3.19.6.4. is located in an area on the Owner's property other than the roof of the home or in a fenced yard or patio owned and maintained by the Owner; 3.19.6.5. does not meet all requirements for installation of the SED on a roof or in a fenced yard or patio owned and maintained by the Owner as set out above:
- 3.19.6.6. was installed without prior approval of the ACC;
- 3.19.6.7. the ACC finds that placement of the SED as proposed will substantially interfere with the use and enjoyment of land by causing unreasonable discomfort or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities. The finding may not be made if the written approval of the proposed placement of the device by all property owners of adjoining property is provided by the Owner/applicant.
- 3.20. Resubdivision. Except as it applies to the Developer, to Lot 7 or the Veterans Land Board, no tract shall be resubdivided or split unless otherwise permitted in these Restrictions. These Restrictions specifically allow the Declarant/Developer to divide, subdivide, realign and re-subdivide any unsold and platted tract in the Development as it deems necessary in its sole discretion for the continued development of the Subdivision until the Control Transfer Date. A lot or Tract may be combined into one or more composite Tract if that Tract will be combined with two or more adjoining lots or tracts to form larger resulting Tracts, see Paragraph 3.03. Lot 7 may be subdivided into lots that have a minimum size of 2.00 acres subject to the approvals from the City of East Tawakoni and/or the County. Bow hunting shall be allowed but only on tracts greater than 50.00 acres in size, if subdivided. Animals shall be limited to poultry, horses or cattle only on Lot 7, and kept pursuant to the ordinances of the City of East Tawakoni.
- **3.21.** <u>Driveways.</u> Driveways and culverts must be installed prior to any vehicular access and/or any construction improvements of the lot. The first One Hundred (100) feet of all driveways up to the garage must be surfaced with concrete, concrete pavers, asphalt, two (2) course chip and seal, or a combination thereof. Driveways must be surfaced when the new main residential dwelling is complete.
- **3.22.** Tree Removal. No Tract owner shall cut or clear any trees which are ten (10) inches in diameter measured at four (4) feet from the ground, except the trees located in the area where the house and other improvements will be placed, without the written approval of the ACC. On Sabine River Authority Lease Property, no tree larger than 3" in diameter may be removed without the approval from the Sabine River Authority. The ACC shall allow any Tract owner to clear the trees located on the area where the residence and other approved improvements will be placed.
- 3.23. Timber, Landscaping, and Mowing. Four times each year, on dates determined by the Association, the Association MAY schedule days on which the Tract owner shall have mowed his Tract. If a Tract is not mowed within two (2) weeks after that day, the Association may, at the Tract Owner's expense have the grass, weeds and cover on the Tract mowed or the Tract otherwise cleaned as often as in their sole discretion is deemed necessary. After construction has begun (reasonable construction and landscaping difficulties permitted and accepted during construction period), as well as after completion of Improvements, each Owner shall keep all shrubs, trees, grass and planting of every kind on such Owner's Tract cultivated, pruned, mowed and free of trash and other unsightly materials. Front, side and rear yards shall be planted, landscaped and maintained in such a manner as deemed acceptable by the Developer, or the Association. If, in the opinion of the Developer or the Association or the ACC, an Owner shall, at any time, fail to maintain his yard in a safe, clean and attractive condition, the Association shall give the Owner ten (10) days written notice thereof. In the event that Owner shall fail to remedy the objectionable matter, the Owner agrees, by virtue of having accepted

these Restrictions upon the purchase of the Tract, hereby waiving any claim for damages, that Developer or Association may, without being deemed to have trespassed upon the Tract, enter upon such Tract and perform such maintenance. Thereafter, the Owner shall be liable for the cost of such work, which shall promptly be reimbursed to the Developer or the Association. All landscaping as approved in the plans and specifications shall be completed within twelve (12) months following the completion of the Residence

- **3.24.** Hunting. Except as provided for in Section 3.20 above regarding bow hunting on tracts larger than 50 acres, no hunting is allowed in the Subdivision; no discharge of handguns, rifles, shotguns or other firearms, pellet or air guns, bows or cross bows, or other weapons is permitted or allowed. The use and discharge of air guns, bows or cross bows shall be permitted on Lot 7 as long as Lot 7 is not re-subdivided into tracts smaller than 50 acres.
- **3.25.** Existing Buildings. All improvements existing on the property on the date of the recording of these Restrictions shall be considered in compliance with these restrictions. However, all future building, demolition and all exterior alterations and additions must be approved by the ACC and must comply in all respects with all sections of these Restrictions, as written.
- **3.26.** <u>Aerobic Septic Systems Sewer.</u> All dwellings on lots or Tracts in the Subdivision shall be required to install a private sewage system. Aerobic Septic Systems are required. All sanitary plumbing must comply with the requirements of the Health Department of Rains County and the State of Texas, the Texas Water Quality Board, and the Sabine River Authority.
- **3.27.** <u>Burning.</u> No open fires shall be allowed in the subdivision unless such fires comply with all rules, conditions and regulation of Rains County and/or City of East Tawakoni and/or the Sabine River Authority.
- **3.28.** <u>Lake Rules and Regulations.</u> The Tract owner shall comply with all Rules and Regulations adopted by the Sabine River Authority. A copy of the complete rules, regulations and ordinances is available from the Sabine River Authority and each Owner should obtain its own separate copy.
- 3.29. Irrigation. Those Tracts adjacent to the Lake shall be allowed to use the water from the lake for irrigation purposes with the approval by the Sabine River Authority. The use of raw water from Lake Tawakoni for irrigation purposes shall be limited to irrigation of residential shoreline property (i.e. Waterfront Tracts) that is contiguous to the reservoir. Water transmission lines will not be allowed to cross any public or private thoroughfare. Submersible pumps shall not be placed in Lake Tawakoni. The intake for above ground pumps will be located and anchored in a manner so as not to be a hazard to navigation or recreation. Pumps must be screened or enclosed at all times. Water withdrawal pumps must be electric (no gasoline units). Discharge from pumps must be limited by 1" inside diameter restriction.
- **3.30.** Electrical Lines. All electrical services shall be installed in accordance with the National Electric Code as amended and revised. The Sabine River Authority performs cursory electrical inspections for general compliance only. The Owner is required to have a licensed electrician, electrical inspector, or other professional with expertise in electrical installations to inspect all electrical components to ensure that the installation meets all requirements specified in the National Electric Code.
- **3.31.** <u>Vehicle Traffic.</u> For the safety of all property owners, their families, guests, or other visitors, no one shall operate recklessly or exceed a speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour while operating any motor vehicle within the Subdivision. All state and local laws

regarding motor vehicle traffic will be enforced. All-terrain vehicles ("ATV") and golf carts are permitted to be operated within the Subdivision by licensed drivers.

- **3.32.** Rainwater Collection Systems. "Rainwater Collection System" shall mean a system or series of mechanisms designed primarily to collect rainwater for subsequent use by the Owner on the Owner's property.
  - **3.32.1.** <u>Applications.</u> Applications for installation of any Rainwater Collection System shall be submitted to the ACC in the same manner as applications for approval of any other Improvement.
  - **3.32.2.** Review. The System shall be reviewed by the ACC within forty (40) days from the date of the ACC's receipt of the Owner's application unless the ACC notifies the Owner in writing within the forty (40) day period that additional information is required or that one or more standards have, in the opinion of the ACC, not been established.
  - **3.32.3.** The ACC may deny an application for, or impose reasonable restrictions on, the installation of a System that does not meet one or more of the required standards established by the Association. All ACC findings shall be in writing.
  - **3.32.4.** An Owner shall be entitled to submit an application to the Association seeking approval for the installation of a rain barrel or rainwater harvesting system. Any such system shall:
    - 1. be of a color, finish and texture consistent, in the reasonable opinion of the ACC, with the color scheme of the property owner's home;
    - 2. not display any language or other content that is not typically displayed on such barrel or system as it is manufactured;
    - 3. shall not be located on property owned by the Association or on property owned in common by the members of the Association or located between the front of the property owners' home and an adjoining or adjacent street:
    - 4. to the greatest extent reasonably possible, be located and/or shielded so as to minimize the visual impact of the installation on adjacent properties, lots and common areas which may be done by landscaping materials:
      - 5. shall be constructed of a non-reflective material; and
      - 6. shall not exceed eight feet (8') in height.
  - **3.32.5.** The Association may regulate the size, type and shielding of, and the materials used in the construction of, a rain barrel, rainwater harvesting device or other appurtenance that is located on the side of a house or at any other location that is visible from a street, another lot or a common area if:
  - 1. the restriction does not prohibit the economic installation of the device or appurtenance on the owner's property; and
  - 2. there is reasonably sufficient area on the owner's property in which to install the device or appurtenance.

The ACC may deny an application for, or impose reasonable restrictions on, the installation of a system which does not meet one or more of the foregoing standards

3.33. Notice. In the event of the failure of Owner to comply with the above requirements after ten (10) days written notice thereof, the Association or their designated agents may, without liability to the Owner, Contractor or any occupants of the Tract in trespass or otherwise, enter upon (and/or authorize one or more others to enter upon) said Tract, and do any

other thing necessary to secure compliance with this Declaration. Payment for the charges shall be payable on the first day of the next calendar month.

**3.34.** No Warranty of Enforceability. While Declarant has no reason to believe that any of the restrictive covenants of other terms and provisions contained in this Article III or elsewhere in this Declaration are or may be invalid or unenforceable for any reason or to any extent, Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such restrictive covenants, terms or provisions. Any Owner acquiring a Lot or Tract in reliance on one or more of such restrictive covenants, terms or provisions shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and, by acquiring the Lot or Tract, agrees to hold Declarant harmless therefrom.

#### SECTION IV COMMON AREAS

- **4.01.** Areas designated as "Common Areas" and/or "Reserves" on the recorded plat of the Subdivision are areas in which all members of the Association, who are in good-standing under the bylaws and regulations of the Association, may utilize and enjoy. The maintenance and upkeep of the Common Areas are the complete and total responsibility of the Association.
- **4.02.** Easement. Developer reserves, and upon Control Transfer Date such is transferred to the Association, a Maintenance/Utility Easement, thirty (30) feet in width along the Property Line of the Subdivision, along with an Access Easement across any and all Tracts for ingress and egress to such Maintenance Easement.
- **4.03.** All other Common Area and easement regulation and restrictions contained herein are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- **4.04.** Owner's Right of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a beneficial interest of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Areas and such right shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every assessed Tract, subject to the following provisions:
  - **4.04.1.** The right of the Association, with respect to the Common Areas, to limit the number of guests of Owners.
  - **4.04.2.** The right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and Bylaws (and until 100% of all tracts in the subdivision are sold or six (6) months thereafter, subject to the prior written approval of the Developer), to (i) borrow money for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Common Areas and facilities (including borrowing from the Developer or any entity affiliated with the Developer) and (ii) mortgage said property, however, the rights of such mortgagee of said property shall be subordinate to the rights of the Owners hereunder.
  - **4.04.3.** The right of the Association to suspend the Member's Voting Rights (Section VI) for the period of time that the members Tract remains unpaid.
  - **4.04.4.** The right of the Association to suspend the Member's voting rights and the Member's and Member's Guests' right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Area, after notice and hearing by the Board of Directors, for the infraction or violation by such Member or Member's Guests of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations, as hereinafter defined, which suspension shall continue for the duration of such infraction or violation, plus a period not to exceed sixty (60) days following the cessation or curing of such infraction or violation.

## SECTION V ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

#### **5.01.** Basic Control.

- **5.01.1.** No building or other improvements of any character shall be erected or placed, or the erection or placing thereof commenced or changes made in the design or exterior appearance thereof, or any addition or exterior alteration made thereto after original construction, or demolition or destruction by voluntary action made thereto after original constructed, on any Tract in the subdivision until the obtaining of the necessary approval (as hereinafter provided) from the ACC of the construction plans and specification for the construction or alteration of such improvements or demolition or destruction of existing improvements by voluntary action. Approval shall be granted or withheld based on matters of compliance with the provisions of this instrument and other rules and regulations instituted by the ACC.
- **5.01.2.** Each application made to the ACC, or to the Developer, shall be accompanied by two legible, professionally drawn sets of plans and specifications, one set of which shall be retained by the ACC, for all proposed construction (initial or alteration) to be done on such Tract, including plot plans showing location on the tract.

## **5.02.** Architectural Control Committee.

- **5.02.1.** The authority to grant or withhold architectural control approval as referred to above is initially vested in the Developer; provided, however, the authority of the Developer shall cease and terminate upon the appointment of the ACC of the Association in which event such authority shall be vested in and exercised by the ACC, hereinafter referred to, except as to plans and specifications and plot plans theretofore submitted to the Developer which shall continue to exercise such authority over all such plans, specifications and plot plans. The term "ACC" or "Committee," as used in this Declaration, shall mean or refer to the Developer or to Vintage Shores Architectural Control Committee composed of members of the Association, as applicable.
- Control Transfer Date. On or after such time as one hundred percent (100%) of all of the Tracts in all phases of the Subdivision, including those Tracts to be platted in all unplatted (whether annexed or declared to be annexed), as well as areas owned by Developer, are conveyed by the Developer to third parties or within six (6) months after 100% of the Tracts of the Subdivision have been transferred to third parties in the complete unfettered discretion of the Developer (from time to time hereafter referred to as the "Control Transfer Date"), the Developer shall cause an instrument transferring and assigning control to the Association to the Owners to be placed of record in the Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas (the effective Control Transfer Date shall be the date of its recording). The first Board of Directors of the Association, which Board shall be appointed by developer and contain three (3) members, who shall serve staggered terms as follows: Secretary/Treasurer shall serve a one (1) year term: the Vice President shall serve a two (2) year term, and the President shall serve a three (3) year term following the Control Transfer Date for the purpose of continuity in the Board. From and after the Control Transfer Date, each member of the Board must be an Owner of Property in the Subdivision. Additionally, the Developer shall have the right to discontinue the exercise of architectural control privileges and arrange for the transfer to the Association at any time prior to the Control Transfer Date by filing a statement and instrument to that effect in the Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas.
- **5.03.** Effect of Inaction. Approval or disapproval as to architectural control matters, as set forth in the preceding provisions of this Declaration shall be in writing. In the event that the authority exercising the prerogative of approval or disapproval (whether the Developer or the ACC) fails to approve or disapprove in writing any plans and specifications and plot plans received by it in compliance with the preceding provisions within forty (40) days following such

submissions, such plans and specifications and plot plan shall be deemed approved and the construction of any such building and other improvements may be commenced and proceeded with in compliance with all such plans and specifications and plot plan and all of the other terms and provisions hereof.

- **5.04.** Effect of Approval. The granting of the aforesaid approval (whether in writing or by lapse of time) shall constitute only an expression of opinion by the ACC that the terms and provisions hereof shall be complied with if the building and/or other improvements are erected in accordance with said plans and specifications and plot plan; and such approval shall not constitute any nature of waiver or estoppel either as to the persons expressing such approval or any other person in the event that such building and/or improvements are not constructed in accordance with such plans and specifications and plot plan, but, nevertheless, fail to comply with the provisions hereof. Further, no person exercising any prerogative of approval of disapproval shall incur any liability by reasons of the good faith exercise thereof.
  - **5.04.1.** The approval of house plans by the ACC means that the plans are in compliance with the applicable Sections found in these Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Subdivision, and any supplements or amendments to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and that such plans are in compliance with the Architectural Guidelines as set forth in the of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions <u>i.e.</u> the location of the house is within the prescribed setbacks, square footage requirements, etc.
  - **5.04.2.** The ACC assumes no responsibility for the construction, the design or the structural integrity of the home to be constructed or for the type of residence constructed. The ACC does not review the building plans to determine anything other than the guidelines as set forth in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.
  - **5.04.3.** It is the complete responsibility of the Tract Owner and/or the Home Builder to ensure structural reliability of the home, proper construction and proper design. It is highly recommended that the Owner determine the type of soil present on the Tract by conducting a Geotechnical Study (Soil Test) on the Tract prior to construction by a Professional Engineer. It is required that a licensed structural Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Texas design and seal the slab or foundation prior to construction. A licensed architect is recommended for the proper design and construction of a home. The approval supplied by the ACC is not a substitute for the use of qualified professionals to assist the Owner in the construction of a home.
- 5.05. Variance. The Developer or, if applicable, the ACC, may, on a case by case basis, authorize variances from compliance with any of the provisions of either (i) this Declaration, or (ii) the minimum acceptable construction standards or regulations and requirements as promulgated from time to time by the Developer or the ACC. Notwithstanding, after the Control Transfer Date, both the Developer and the ACC shall have the right to grant a variance from the Building setback line restrictions. Either party may grant this variance, as it determines in its sole discretion is needed, without the consent of the other. Such variances must be evidenced in writing and shall become effective when signed by the Developer or by at least a majority of the members of the ACC. If any such variances are granted, no violation of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance is granted; provided, however, that the granting of a variance shall not operate to waive any of the provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and particular provisions hereof covered by the variance, nor shall the granting of any variance affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental laws and regulations affecting the property concerned and the Plat.

- **5.06.** <u>Indemnity.</u> The Association shall indemnify every officer, director and Committee member against all damages, liability, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred 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 he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director, ACC member or committee member, except that such obligation to indemnify shall be limited to those actions for which liability is limited under this Section, the Articles of Incorporation and Texas law.
- 5.07. The officers, directors, and ACC and other committee members 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, directors and ACC and other committee members shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made or action taken in good faith on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers, directors or ACC or other committee members may also be Members of the Association). The Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director and Committee and other committee member harmless from any and all liability to others on account of any such contract, commitment or action. This right to indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any present or former officer, director, or ACC or other committee member may be entitled. The Association shall, as a common expense, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

## SECTION VI VINTAGE SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

- 6.01. Membership. Every person or entity who is a record owner of any Tract, which is subject to the Maintenance Charge (or could be following the withdrawal of an exemption therefrom) and other assessments provided herein, shall be a "Member" of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities that hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those having only an interest in the mineral estate. No Owner shall have more than one (1) membership for each Tract owned by such Member. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of the Tracts. Regardless of the number of persons who may own a Tract (such as husband and wife, or joint tenants, etc.) there shall be but one (1) membership for each Tract. Additionally, the Directors of the Association must be Members of the Association (as more particularly described in the By-laws). Ownership of the Tracts shall be the sole qualification for membership. These restrictive covenants will not be construed as to assess the Veterans Land Board or the State of Texas. Any assessments are the personal obligation of the Veteran Land Board Purchaser, his successors, heirs and assigns. Any lien imposed by the restrictive covenants does not affect the Veterans Land Board's interest in the Tract or Lot.
- **6.02.** Voting Rights. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Developer shall have and exercise sole control over the Association until such time as Developer shall have transferred control to the Association in accordance with Paragraph 5.02.2. Thereafter, each member shall be entitled to one vote for each Tract owned. When more than one (1) person holds an interest in any Tract, all such persons shall be members of the Association but the vote for such Tract shall be exercised as they among themselves determine. In no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Tract.
- **6.03.** Non-Profit Corporation. The Vintage Shores Property Owners Association, Inc. a non-profit corporation, has been organized and it shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of said Association; and all duties, obligations, benefits, liens and rights hereunder in favor of the Association shall vest in said corporation.

**6.04.** <u>Bylaws.</u> The Association has adopted or may adopt whatever Bylaws it may choose to govern the organization or operation of the subdivision and the use and enjoyment of the Tracts and Common Areas, provided that the same are not in conflict with the terms and provisions hereof.

## SECTION VII MAINTENANCE FUND

7.01. Maintenance Fund Obligation. Each owner of a tract by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not shall be expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, is deemed to covenant and agrees to pay to the Association an annual maintenance charge (the Maintenance Charge), and any other assessments or charges hereby levied. The Maintenance Charge and any other assessments or charges hereby levied, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the Tracts and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments are made.

#### **7.02.** Basis of the Maintenance Charge.

- 7.02.1. The Maintenance Charge referred to shall be used to create a fund to be known as the "Maintenance Fund", which shall be used as herein provided; and each such Maintenance Charge (except as otherwise hereinafter provided) shall be paid by the Owner of each Tract (or residential building site) to the Association. The Maintenance Charge for the year of purchase shall be pro-rated at closing and then shall be paid annually, in advance, on or before the first day of the first month of each calendar year. Provided, however if such owner owns more than one tract in the subdivision, such Owner shall pay only twice the assessment of one (1) tract no matter how many tracts are owned or in the event Owner obtains consent from the ACC for a Composite Building Site pursuant to Paragraph 3.03 hereof and replats two or more Tracts into one Composite Building Site, such Composite Building Site shall be considered for the Maintenance Charge as one Tract upon the recording of the replat.
- **7.02.2.** Any Maintenance Charge not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the lesser of (i) the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or (ii) the maximum rate permitted by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the hereinafter described lien against the owner's tract. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Maintenance Charge by non-use of any Common Areas or recreational facilities available for use by owners of the subdivision or by the abandonment of his Tract.
- **7.02.3.** The initial amount of the Maintenance Charge applicable to each Tract will be determined by the Developer. All other matters relating to the Maintenance Charge and the collection, expenditures and administration of the Maintenance Fund shall be determined by the Developer or the Board of Directors of the Association, subject to the provisions hereof.
- **7.02.4.** The Association, from and after the Control Transfer Date, shall have the further right at any time, with a two-thirds vote of all association members to adjust or alter said Maintenance Charge from year to year as it deems proper to meet the reasonable operating expenses and reserve requirements of the Association in order for the Association to carry out its duties hereunder.
- **7.02.5.** In addition to the Maintenance Charge, the Association may levy Special Assessments from time to time to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in

excess of those budgeted. Any such Special Assessment may be levied against all Tracts and may be enforced in the same manner as the Maintenance Charge.

**7.03.** Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation. In order to secure the payment of the Maintenance Charge, and other charges and assessments hereby levied, each Owner of a Tract in the subdivision, by such party's acceptance of a deed thereto, hereby grants to the Association a contractual lien on such Tract which may be foreclosed on by non-judicial foreclosure and pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 51 and 209 of the Texas Property Code (and any successor statute); and each such owner hereby expressly grants the Association a power of sale in connection therewith. The Association shall, whenever it proceeds with non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to the provisions of said Chapters 51 and 209 of the Texas Property Code and said power of sale, designate in writing a Trustee to post or cause to be posted all required notices of such foreclosure sale and to conduct such foreclosure sale. The Trustee may be changed at any time and from time to time by the Association by means of written instrument executed by the President or any Vice-President of the Association and filed for record in the Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. In the event that the Association has determined to nonjudicially foreclose the lien provided herein pursuant to the provisions of said Chapters 51 and 209 of the Texas Property Code and to exercise the power of sale hereby granted, the Association, or the Association's agent, shall give notice of foreclosure sale as provided by the Texas Property Code as then amended. Upon request by Association, Trustee shall give any further notice of foreclosure sale as may be required by the Texas Property Code as then amended, and shall convey such Tract to the highest bidder for cash by a Trustee's Deed. Out of the proceeds of such sale, if any, there shall first be paid all expenses incurred by the Association in connection with such default, including reasonable attorney's fees and a reasonable trustee's fee; second, from such proceeds there shall be paid to the Association an amount equal to the amount in default; and third, the remaining balance shall be paid to such Owner.

Following any such foreclosure, each occupant of any such Tract foreclosed on and each occupant of any improvements thereon shall be deemed to be a tenant at sufferance and may be removed from possession by any and all lawful means, including a judgment for possession in an action of forcible detainer and the issuance of a writ of restitution thereunder.

In the event of non-payment by any Owner of any Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may, in addition to foreclosing the lien hereby retained, and exercising the remedies provided herein, upon ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to such nonpaying Owner, exercise all other rights and remedies available at law or in equity.

It is the intent of the provisions of this Paragraph 7.03 to comply with the provisions of said Chapters 51 and 209 of the Texas Property Code relating to non-judicial sales by power of sale and, in the event of the amendment of said Chapters 51 and 209 of the Texas Property code hereafter, the President or any Vice-President of the Association, acting without joinder of any other Owner or mortgagee or other person may, by amendment to this Declaration filed in the Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas, amend the provisions hereof so as to comply with said amendments to Chapters 51 and 209 of the Texas Property Code.

**7.04.** Notice of Lien. In addition to the right of the Association to enforce the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may file a claim or lien against the Tract of the delinquent Owner by recording a notice ("Notice of Lien") setting forth (a) the amount of the claim of delinquency, (b) the interest thereon, (c) the costs of collection which have accrued thereon, (d) the legal description and street address of the Tract against which the lien is claimed and (e) the name of the Owner thereof. Such Notice of Lien shall be signed and acknowledged by an officer of the Association or other duly authorized agent

of the Association. The lien shall continue until the amounts secured thereby and all subsequently accruing amounts are fully paid or otherwise satisfied. When all amounts claimed under the Notice of Lien and all other costs and assessments which may have accrued subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Lien have been fully paid or satisfied, the Association shall execute and record a notice releasing the lien upon payment by the Owner of a reasonable fee as fixed by the Board of Directors to cover the preparation and recordation of such release of lien instrument.

**7.05.** Liens Subordinate to Mortgages. The lien described in Paragraph 7.03 hereof shall be deemed subordinate to a first lien granted by Developer on the Property or any part thereof to any lender and to each and every lien of Developer, any bank, insurance company, savings and loan association, university, pension and profit sharing trust or plans, or any other third party lender, which may have heretofore or may hereafter lend money or extended credit in good faith for the acquisition or improvement of the Property or any part thereof, including without limitation, any one or more Tract(s), and any renewal, extension, rearrangement or refinancing of such acquisition or improvement costs. The lien described in Paragraph 7.03 hereof shall further be deemed subordinate to any home equity loan. Each such lienholder who obtains title to any portion of the Property encumbered by its lien pursuant to the remedies provided in the deed of trust or mortgage granting the lien or by judicial foreclosure of the lien shall take title to said Property free and clear of any claims for unpaid Maintenance Charges or other charges of assessments against such Property which accrued prior to the time such holder acquired title to such Property. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such holder from liability for any Maintenance Charge or other charges or assessments accruing thereafter or from the lien described in Paragraph 7.03 hereof on account thereof. Any other sale or transfer of the Property shall not affect the Association's lien for Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments. The Association shall make a good faith effort to give each such lienholder having a lien on any portion of the Property to be foreclosed sixty (60) days advance written notice of the Association's proposed foreclosure of the lien described in Paragraph 7.03 hereof, which notice shall be sent to the nearest office of such mortgagee by prepaid United States registered or Certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall contain a statement of delinquent Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments upon which the proposed action is based, provided, however, the Association's failure to give such notice shall not invalidate any foreclosure conducted by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Section VII.

**7.06.** Purpose of the Maintenance Charges. The maintenance charge levied by the Developer or the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the Owners of the subdivision which hereafter may become subject to the jurisdiction of the Association. In particular, the Maintenance Charge shall be used for any improvement or services in furtherance of these purposes and the performance of the Association's duties described in Section IX, including the maintenance of any Common Areas, any Drainage Easements and the establishment and maintenance of a reserve fund for maintenance of any Common Areas and Private Roads. The Maintenance Fund may be expended by the Developer or the Association for any purposes which, in the judgment of the Association, will tend to maintain the property values in the subdivision, including, but not limited to, providing funds for the actual cost to the Association of all taxes, insurance, repairs, energy charges, replacement and maintenance of the Common Areas and roads as may from time to time be authorized by the Association. Except for the Association's use of the Maintenance Charge to perform its duties described in this Declaration and in the Bylaws, the use of the Maintenance Charge for any of these purposes is permissive and not mandatory. It is understood that the judgment of the Association as to the expenditure of said funds shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgment is exercised in good faith.

- **7.07.** Handling of Maintenance Charges. The collection and management of the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, shall be performed by the Developer, or management Company hired for the Association by Developer, until the Control Transfer Date, at which time the Developer shall deliver to the Association all funds on hand together with all books and records of receipt and disbursements. The Developer and, upon transfer, the Association, shall maintain separate special accounts for these funds, and Owners shall be provided at least annually information on the Maintenance Fund.
- **7.08.** Exempt Property. The following property shall be exempt from the Maintenance Charge and all other charges and assessments created herein:
  - **7.08.1.** All properties dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority; and
    - **7.08.2.** All Common Areas and Roadways (both Private and public); and
  - **7.08.3.** All properties owned by a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Texas; and
  - **7.08.4.** All Property and Tracts owned by Developer, which includes Tracts sold by the Developer and then returned to Developer through foreclosure or deed.

# SECTION VIII DEVELOPER'S RIGHTS AND RESERVATIONS

- **8.01.** Period of Developer's Rights and Reservations. Developer shall have, retain and reserve certain rights as set forth in this declaration with respect to the Association and the Common Area from the date hereof, until the earlier to occur of (i) the Control Transfer Date or (ii) Developer's written notice to the Association of Developer's termination of the rights described in Section VI hereof. The rights and reservations hereinafter set forth shall be deemed accepted and reserved in each conveyance of a Tract by Developer to an Owner whether or not specifically stated therein and in each deed or other instrument by which any property within the Common Area is conveyed by Developer. The rights, reservations and easements hereafter set forth shall be prior and superior to any other provisions of this Declaration and may not, without Developer's prior written consent, be modified, amended, rescinded or affected by any amendment of this Declaration. Developer's consent to any one such amendment shall not be construed as consent to any other or subsequent amendment.
- 8.02. Right to Construct Additional Improvements in Common Area. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right (without the consent of any other Owner), but shall not be obligated to construct additional improvements within the Common Area at any time and from time to time in accordance with this Declaration for the improvement and enhancement thereof and for the benefit of the Association and Owners, so long as such construction does not directly result in the increase of such Maintenance Charge. Developer shall, on or before the Control Transfer Date, convey or transfer such improvements to the Association and the Association shall be obligated to accept title to care for and maintain the same as elsewhere provided in this Declaration.
- 8.03. Developer's Rights to Use Common Areas in Promotion and Marketing of the Property. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right to use of the Common Area and of services offered by the Association in connection with the promotion and marketing of land within the boundaries of the Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Developer may erect and maintain on any part of the Common Area such signs, temporary buildings and other structures as Developer may reasonably deem necessary or proper in connection with the promotion, development and marketing of land within the Property; may use vehicles and equipment within the Common Area for promotional purposes; and may permit prospective purchasers of property within the boundaries of the Property, who are not Owners or Members of the Association, to use the Common Area at reasonable times and in reasonable

numbers; and may refer to the services offered by the Association in connection with the development, promotion and marketing of the property.

- **8.04.** Developer's Rights to Grant and Create Easements. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right, without the consent of any other Owners or the Association, to grant or create temporary or permanent easements, for access, utilities, pipeline easement, cable television systems, communication and security systems, drainage, water and other purposes incidental to development, sale, operation and maintenance of the Subdivision, located in, on, under, over and across (i) the Tracts or other property owned by Developer, (ii) the Common Area, and (iii) existing Utility Easements. Developer also reserves the right, without the consent of any other Owner or the Association, to grant or create temporary or permanent easements for access over and across the streets and roads within the subdivision, and for any other such reason as the Developer deems necessary in its own discretion, to promote and develop the Subdivision.
- **8.05.** Developer's Rights to Convey Additional Common Area to the Association. Developer shall have and hereby reserves the right, but shall not be obligated to, convey additional real property and improvements thereon, if any, to the Association as Common Area at any time and from time to time in accordance with this Declaration, without the consent of any other Owner or the Association.
- **8.06.** Annexation of Annexable Area. Additional property outside of the subdivision, may, at any time and from time to time, be annexed by Developer into the real property which becomes subject to the jurisdiction and benefit of the Association, without the consent of the Owners or any other party, and such property located within a five (5) mile radius of the perimeter boundary of the land described on the Plat of Vintage Shores as may be amended or supplemented.

## SECTION IX DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 9.01. General Duties and Powers of the Association. The Association has been formed to further the common interest of the Members. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors or through persons to whom the Board of Directors has delegated such powers (and subject to the provisions of the Bylaws), shall have the duties and powers hereinafter set forth and, in general, the power to do anything that may be necessary or desirable to further the common interest of the members, to maintain, improve and enhance the Common Areas and to improve and enhance the attractiveness, desirability and safety of the Subdivision. The Association shall have the authority to act as the agent to enter into any and all contracts on behalf of the Members in order to carry out the duties, powers and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration.
- 9.02. Duty to Accept the Property and Facilities Transferred by Developer. The Association shall accept title to any property, including any improvements thereon and personal property transferred to the Association by Developer, and equipment related thereto, together with the responsibility to perform any and all administrative functions and recreation functions associated therewith (collectively herein referred to as "Functions"), provided that such property and Functions are not inconsistent with the terms of this Declaration. Property interests transferred to the Association by Developer may include fee simple title, easements, leasehold interests and licenses to use such property. Any property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall, except to the extent otherwise specifically approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, be transferred to the Association free and clear of all liens and mortgages (other than the lien for property taxes and assessments not then due and payable), but shall be subject to the terms of this Declaration, the terms of any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions annexing such property to the Common Area, and all easements,

covenants, conditions, restrictions and equitable servitude or other encumbrances which do not materially affect the Owners authorized to use such property. Except as otherwise specifically approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, no property or interest in property transferred to the Association by the Developer shall impose upon the Association any obligation to make monetary payments to Developer or any affiliate of Developer including, but not limited to, any purchase price, rent, charge or fee.

- **9.03.** Duty to Manage and Care for the Common Area. The Association shall manage, operate, care for, maintain and repair all Common Areas and entrances and keep the same in a safe, attractive and desirable condition for the use and enjoyment of the Members. Further, the Association shall pay for electrical services and for all other costs and expenses necessary to operate and maintain any lighting within street right-of-ways and Common Areas.
- 9.04. Other Insurance Bonds. The Association shall maintain a general liability insurance policy covering all common areas in an amount determined adequate by the Board of Directors. The Association shall obtain such other insurance as may be required by law, including worker's compensation insurance, and shall have the power to obtain such other insurance and such fidelity, indemnity or other bonds as the Association shall deem necessary or desirable.
- **9.05.** <u>Duty to Prepare Budgets.</u> The Association shall prepare budgets for the Association, which budgets shall include a reserve fund for the maintenance of all Private Roads/Private Streets, Common Areas and drainage easements.
- **9.06.** Duty to Levy and Collect the Maintenance Charge. The Association shall levy, collect and enforce the Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments as elsewhere provided in this Declaration.
- **9.07.** Duty to Provide Annual Review. The Association shall provide for an annual unaudited independent review of the accounts of the Association. Copies of the review shall be made available to any Member who requests a copy of the same upon payment by such Member of the reasonable cost of copying the same.
- **9.08.** <u>Duties with Respect to Architectural Approvals.</u> The Association shall perform functions to assist the ACC as elsewhere provided in Section V of this Declaration.
- **9.09.** Power to Acquire Property and Construct Improvements. The Association may acquire property or an interest in property (including leases) for the common benefit of Owners including improvements and personal property. The Association may construct improvements on the Property and may demolish existing improvements.
- **9.10.** Power to Adopt Rules and Regulations. The Association may adopt, amend, repeal and enforce rules and regulations ("Rules and Regulations"), fines, levies and enforcement provisions as may be deemed necessary or desirable with respect to the interpretation and implementation of this Declaration, the operation of the Association, the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas, and the use of any other property, facilities or improvements owned or operated by the Association.
- 9.11. Power to Enforce Restrictions and Rules and Regulations. The Association (and any Owner with respect only to the remedies described in (ii) below) shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations and shall take such action as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable to cause such compliance by each Member and each Member's Guests. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and of Rules and Regulations of the Association by any one or more of the following means: (i) By entry upon

any property within the subdivision after notice and hearing (unless a bona fide emergency exists in which event this right of entry may be exercised without notice (written or oral) to the Owner in such manner as to avoid any unreasonable or unnecessary interference with the lawful possession, use or enjoyment of the improvements situated thereon by the Owner or any other person), without liability by the Association to the Owner thereof, for the purpose of enforcement of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (ii) by commencing and maintaining actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (iii) by exclusion, after notice and hearing, of any Member of Member's Guests from use of any recreational facilities within the Common Areas during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or any Member's Guests, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case exclusion shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (iv) by suspension, after notice and hearing, of the voting rights of a Member during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach by such Member or a Member's Guests of a provision of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case such suspension shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (v) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, an assessment against any Member for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Member's Guests which assessment reimbursed the Association for the costs incurred by the Association in connection with such breach; (vi) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, reasonable and uniformly applied fines and penalties, established in advance in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, from any Member or Member's Guests for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Member's Guests; and (vii) by taking action itself to cure or abate such violation and to charge the expenses thereof, if any, to such violating Members, plus attorney's fees incurred by the Association with respect to exercising such remedy.

Before the Board may invoke the remedies provided above, it shall give registered notice of such alleged violation to Owner, and shall afford the Owner a hearing. If, after the hearing, a violation is found to exist, the Board's right to proceed with the listed remedies shall become absolute. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Failure of the Association, the Developer, or of any Owner to take any action upon any breach or default with respect to any of the foregoing violations shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take enforcement action thereafter or upon a subsequent breach or default.

**9.12.** Power to Grant Easements. In addition to any blanket easements described in this Declaration, the Association shall have the power to grant access, utility, drainage, water facility and other such easements in, on, over or under the Common Area.

## SECTION X GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 10.01. Term. The provisions hereof shall run with all property in Vintage Shores and shall be binding upon all Owners and all persons claiming under them for a period of forty (40) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument, signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Owners (including the Developer) of the Tracts has been recorded agreeing to amend or change, in whole or in part, this Declaration.
- 10.02. <u>Annexation by Developer.</u> Until twenty (20) years after the recording of this Declaration in the Public Records of Rains County, Texas, Developer may from time to time unilaterally subject to the provisions of this Declaration all or any portion of the Additional Property. The Developer may transfer or assign this right to annex property, provided that the transferee or assignee is the developer of at least a portion of the real property described on the

Plat or any amendment or supplement thereto, and that such transfer is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument executed by Developer.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration in the Public Records of Rains County, Texas describing the property being annexed. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of Members. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplemental Declaration unless otherwise provided therein.

Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require the Developer or any successor to annex or develop any of the Additional Property in any manner whatsoever.

- 10.03. Withdrawal of Property. The Developer reserves the right to amend this Declaration at any time prior to the Control Transfer Date, for the purpose of removing any portion of the Properties from the coverage of this Declaration. Such amendment shall not require the consent of any Person other than the Owner of the property to be withdrawn, if not the Developer. If the property is Common Area or a Reserve area, the Association shall consent to such withdrawal.
- 10.04. Additional Covenants and Easements. The Developer may unilaterally subject any portion of the Properties to additional covenants and easements, including covenants obligating the Association to maintain and insure such property on behalf of the Owners and obligating such Owners to pay the costs incurred by the Association through assessments. Such additional covenants and easements shall be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration filed either concurrently with or after the annexation of the subject property, and shall require the written consent of the owner(s) of such property, if other than the Developer. Any such Supplemental Declaration may supplement, create exceptions to, or otherwise modify the terms of this Declaration as it applies to the subject property in order to reflect the different character and intended use of such property.
- 10.05. Termination. Unless otherwise provided by Texas law, in which case such law shall control, this Declaration may not be terminated within forty (40) years of the date of recording without the consent of all Owners. Thereafter, it may be terminated only by an instrument signed by Owners of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total Lots within the Properties and by the Developer, if the Developer owns any portion of the Properties, which instrument is recorded in the Public Records of Rains County, Texas. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit termination of any easement created in this Declaration without the consent of the holder of such easement.
- 10.06. Amendments. This Declaration may be amended or changed, in whole or in part, at any time by the written agreement or by signed ballots voting for such amendment, of not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of all of the Owners (including Developer) of the subdivision. There shall be one vote per Tract. Anyone owning more than one Tract shall have one (1) vote for each Tract owned. The date an Owner's signature is acknowledged shall constitute prima facia evidence of the date of execution of said amendment by such Owner. Any such amendment shall become effective when an instrument is filed for record in the Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas, accompanied by a certificate, signed by a majority of the Board of Trustees, stating that the required number of Members (Owners, including the Developer) executed the instrument amending this Declaration or cast a written vote, in person or by proxy, in favor of said amendment at the meeting called for such purpose. Copies of the written ballots pertaining to such amendment shall be retained by the Association for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of filing of the amendment or termination. The Owners shall not amend this Declaration in such a manner as to increase the priority of the Association's lien for the Maintenance Charge or any other charge or assessment as against any lienholder, without the affirmative unanimous vote to do so of all Owners and lienholders directly affected thereby.

Furthermore, no amendment to this Declaration which adversely affects the rights or security interests of any holder of a lien to which the lien described in Paragraph 7.03 hereof has been subordinated pursuant to Paragraph 7.05 hereof shall become effective unless and until approved, in writing, by such lienholder. No amendment to this Declaration which adversely affects the rights and privileges of Developer shall become effective unless and until approved, in writing, by Developer and any Mortgagee of Record which is a lender to Developer.

- 10.07. Amendments by the Developer. The Developer, and only the Developer, shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of the Association, the ACC, any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged, and filed for record for any purpose that Declarant so desires. Additionally, Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner of other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of permitting the Owners to enjoy the benefits from technological advances, such as security, communications or energy-related devices or equipment which did not exists or were not in common use in residential communities at the time this Declaration was adopted. Likewise, the Developer shall have and reserves the right at any time and from time to time prior to the Control Transfer Date, without the joinder or consent of any Owner or other party, to amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing duly signed, acknowledged and filed for record for the purpose of prohibiting the use of any device or apparatus developed and/or available for residential or commercial use following the date of this Declaration if the use of such device or apparatus will adversely affect the Association or will adversely affect the property values within the subdivision.
- 10.08. Severability. Each of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable and the invalidity of un-enforceability or partial invalidity or partial unenforceability of any provision or portion hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.
- **10.09.** <u>Liberal Interpretation.</u> The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed as a whole to effectuate the purpose of this Declaration.
- **10.10.** <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> The provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Owners, the Developer and the Association, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- 10.11. Effect of Violations on Mortgages. No violation of the provisions herein contained, or any portion thereof, shall affect the lien of any mortgage or deed of trust presently or hereafter placed of record or otherwise affect the rights of the mortgagee under any such mortgage, the holder of any such lien or beneficiary of any such deed of trust; and any such mortgage, lien or deed of trust may, nevertheless, be enforced in accordance with its terms, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions herein contained.
- 10.12. Terminology. All personal pronouns used in this Declaration, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Title of Sections and Paragraphs are for convenience only and neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Declaration itself. The terms "herein," "hereof" and similar terms, as used in this instrument, refer to the entire agreement and are not limited to referring only to the specific paragraph, section or article in which such terms appear.

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