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DECLARATION  
OF  
COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
OF  
THE HUNTINGTON

THIS DECLARATION, made this 8th day of January, 1998, by  
HYDE PARK BUILDERS, INC., a Florida corporation, hereinafter  
referred to as "Declarant."

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W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Declarant is the fee simple owner of certain real property and improvements in Pinellas County, Florida which is more particularly described as The Huntington, as described in the attached Exhibit "A," (the "Property"), together with such additions thereto as may be designated from time to time by Declarant and made subject to this Declaration, all hereinafter referred to as the "Property," and plans to develop such Property under a common plan of development;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Property shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, which Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements shall be and are easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions appurtenant to and running with the land, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all parties having any right, title or interest in the real Property set forth above or any part thereof or part added thereto, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, as their respective interests may appear.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context expressly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings whenever used in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, the Association's Articles of Incorporation, or the Association's By-Laws:

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to The

Huntington Homeowners' Association, Inc., a corporation not-for-profit organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Association Documents" shall mean the Association's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as the same may, from time to time, be amended and exist, which initial copies of are appended hereto as Exhibits "B" and "C."

Section 3. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association, whose duties shall be the management of the affairs of the Association subject to this Declaration and Association Documents.

Section 5. "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including any improvements thereon) which shall, from time to time, be designated by Declarant for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and conveyed to the Association in fee simple, or with respect to which the Association has been granted an easement; together with the rights-of-way, easements, appurtenant, improvements and hereditament described in this Declaration, all of which shall be and are covenants running with the land at law.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Hyde Park Builders, Inc., and its successors and assigns. If the Declarant assigns the rights of Declarant hereunder to a person or entity that acquires any portion of the Property from the Declarant for the purpose of development and resale, then, upon the execution and recording of an express written assignment to such effect in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, such assignee shall be deemed the Declarant hereunder for all purposes to the extent of such assignment.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, as the same may be amended, renewed or extended from time to time in the manner herein prescribed.

Section 8. "Dwelling" shall mean any structure built upon a Lot for the purpose of allowing natural persons to reside therein.

Section 9. "FHA" shall mean the Federal Housing Administration.

Section 10. "Homeowners' Association Rules" shall mean those rules and regulations that the Association shall from time to time adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke, and enforce to govern the use and maintenance of the Common Area and Association procedures.

Section 14. "Law" shall include any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or order validly created, promulgated or adopted by the United States, or any of its agencies, officers or instrumentalities, or by the State of Florida, or any of its agencies, officers, municipalities or political subdivisions, or by any officer, agency or instrumentality of any such municipality or subdivision, and from time to time applicable to the Property or to any activities on or about the Property.

Section 15. "Lot" shall mean and refer to a plot of land shown and identified upon any site plan of the Property now or hereafter made subject to this Declaration, which is intended for single-family attached residential use.

Section 16. "Member" shall mean a Member of The Huntington Homeowners' Association, Inc. as set forth in Article III.

Section 17. "Mortgage" shall mean chattel mortgage, bill of sale to secure debt, deed of trust, deed to secure debt and any and all other similar instruments given to secure the payment of an indebtedness.

Section 18. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, and if more than one person or entity, then to them collectively, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, so that for purposes of this Declaration and the Association Documents, as defined herein, each Lot shall be deemed to have one Owner. Both the Declarant and Builders are Owners for all purposes under this Declaration, to the extent of each Lot owned, except where expressly provided otherwise.

Section 19. "Person" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, or any other legal entity.

Section 22. "Property" shall mean all of the real property described herein, and such additional property as may be added thereto by annexation."

Section 23. "Recorded" shall mean filed for record in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, or such other place as from time to time is designated by Law for providing constructive notice of matters affecting title of real property in Pinellas County, Florida.

Section 24. "Structure" shall mean: Any thing or object, the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse,

bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, fence, curbing, paving, wall, sign, signboard, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent improvement to such Lot. Any excavation, grading, fill, ditch, diversion, dam, or other thing or device which affects or alters the flow of any waters from, upon or across any Lot.

Section 25. "The Work" shall mean the initial development of the Property by Declarant and includes the sale of completed Lots, with or without residential dwellings, in the ordinary course of Declarant's business.

Section 26. "VA" shall mean the Veterans Administration.

## ARTICLE II

### COMMON AREA

Section 1. Conveyance of Common Property. The Declarant may from time to time designate and convey to the Association easements and/or fee simple title to real property to be the Common Area for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, subject to this Declaration. The Association hereby covenants and agrees to accept from the Declarant title to all easements and all such conveyances of Common Area subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration and the obligations set forth herein.

Section 2. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a nonexclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot; provided, however, that no Owner shall do any act which interferes with the use and enjoyment of the Common Area by all other Owners; and provided further, said easement shall be subject to the following rights, title and interest:

(a) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreation facility situated upon the Common Area and to impose reasonable limits upon the number of guests who may use these facilities.

(b) The right of the Association to suspend the right to the use of the Common Area by an Owner for any period during which any Assessment, as defined herein, against his Lot remains unpaid, and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any other infraction of the Association Documents or the Homeowners' Association Rules, provided that such suspension shall not interfere with such Owner's access to the Lot.

(c) The right of Declarant and the Association to grant easements in and to the Common Area for all utility services, including cable television and other public uses which benefit the The Huntington as a whole.

(d) The right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area or acquiring additional common area property; provided however, the Common Area cannot be mortgaged without the consent of the Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes able to be cast at any regular or special meeting of the Members duly called and convened.

(e) The right of the Association to dedicate, transfer and convey all or any part of its right, title and interest in the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility or, subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Lot Owners, to any other Person for such purposes; provided, however, the Common Area cannot be conveyed without the consent of the Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes able to be cast at any regular or special meeting of the Member duly called and convened, and of the Southwest Florida Water Management District if the surface water management system is involved in such transfer.

Section 3. Responsibilities of the Association and Release of Liability.

a. Upon conveyance, the Association shall be responsible for the Common Area, including but not limited to, its operation, management, care restoration, insurance, renovation, alteration, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, rebuilding, replacement, improvement, taxes and utilities. The Association also has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all lakes, retention ponds, culverts and related appurtenances.

b. Any private streets, street lights, sidewalks, drainage systems, fences, and other improvements that have been constructed, installed or created by the Declarant as part of the subdivision improvements or the work, shall be maintained by the Association in the same condition and appearance as constructed or created. The Association shall establish reserves for the replacement of the subdivision improvements.

c. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot within the Property, Owner agrees that the Association and the Declarant have no obligations whatsoever for providing protection to persons on the

Property. Furthermore, Owner acknowledges that the Property has a gate at the main entrance to assist in attempting to limit access to the Property to the residents therein and their invitees. Owner acknowledges and agrees, however, that the gates will be open during the hours for which Declarant needs access to the model homes, construction trailer(s) or for the development of the Property or construction of homes. After Declarant notifies the Association through its Board of Directors that Declarant no longer needs such regular access, the Association will determine the hours, if any, for which the gate will be open. Owner further acknowledges and agrees that said gate does not guarantee the security of Owner's personal safety or security of Owner's property. Owner acknowledges that the Declarant and the Association have no control over said gates and Owner hereby releases Declarant from all liability related to the gates. Owner agrees that it shall be the sole and exclusive obligation of Owner to determine and institute for themselves the appropriate security and any other precautions to protect from and against trespass, criminal acts and any other dangers to Owner's safety and security of their property, because the gate in and of itself will not protect Owner from and against said risks and dangers. Owner further agrees that the Declarant and the Association shall have no obligation whatsoever for providing protection to Owner or the Property from conditions existing within public or private streets, parks or common areas. Owner agrees that the Declarant and the Association shall not be liable for injuries or damage suffered by Owner resulting from any failure, defect or malfunction in the gate or equipment or personnel related thereto or acting in place of the gate (i) to restrict the Property to the residents and their invitees; or (ii) that limits the ability of Owner to leave or exit the Property by means of the gate.

Section 4. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws and the Homeowners' Association Rules, his right of enjoyment of the Common Area and facilities to members of his family, tenants, social and business invitees or contract purchasers who reside on the Property.

Section 5. Destruction of Common Area. In the event of a total or partial destruction of the Common Area, and if available proceeds of insurance carried pursuant to this Declaration are sufficient to cover 85% of the repair or reconstruction, the Common Area shall be promptly repaired and rebuilt unless within 120 days from the date of such destruction, 75% or more of the Members entitled to vote at a duly called meeting, determine that such reconstruction shall not take place. If the insurance proceeds are less than 85% of the cost of reconstruction, reconstruction may nevertheless take place if, within 120 days from the date of

destruction, a majority of the Members elect to rebuild.

Section 6. Common Area Easements.

a. Declarant has dedicated and conveyed or will dedicate or convey to the Association for use and maintenance of utility, drainage, wall and landscape easements, together with a right of ingress and egress over and across the easement areas for such purposes. Water service will be provided by the City of St. Petersburg. Sewer service will be provided by the City of St. Petersburg. Within these easements, no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage structures or walls, or which may impede the flow of water through drainage structures in the easements. Easement areas within a Lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot.

b. Fire, police, health, sanitation (including trash collection) and other public service personnel and vehicles shall have and are hereby granted a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Areas.

c. Developer hereby grants to each Owner, their guests, invitees, residents, and visitors, and utilities providers, guests and invitees of the Association, and reserves to itself, its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees, a perpetual and non-exclusive easement over the Common Areas constructed as streets and roadways, for the purposes of ingress and egress to any area of the Property.

d. Developer hereby reserves an easement across the Common Area and all Lots for the installation, maintenance and use of Cable Television Distribution facilities and lines. This easement may be transferred in whole or in part to any franchised cable television operator.

Section 7. Water Management Areas. The following restrictions apply to all areas within the Property, including Common Area and Lots.

a. Each property Owner within the Property shall have the responsibility at the time of any construction, to comply with the construction plans for the surface water management system pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, Florida Administrative Code, approved and on file with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

b. Each Owner shall have the responsibility not to remove native vegetation (including cattails) that become established within the wet detention ponds or jurisdictional areas abutting their property, unless permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, and cutting. Lot owners should address any question regarding authorized activities within the wet detention pond to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Permitting Department.

c. No owner of property within the Property may construct any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, buffer areas, and upland conservation areas described in the approved permit of the subdivision, unless prior approval is received from the Southwest Florida Water Management District pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, Florida Administrative Code.

**Section 7. Private Streets.** Each Owner shall have an easement across any common area necessary for access to the Owner's Lot. The Association shall limit access to common area to Owners and residents of Lots in The Huntington.

**Section 8. All Rights and Easements Appurtenances.** The benefit of all rights and easements granted by this Article, or by any Supplemental Declaration, constitute a permanent appurtenance to, and shall pass with, the title to every Lot enjoying such benefit. Whenever any such right or easement is described as non-exclusive by this Article or by any Supplemental Declaration, its benefit nevertheless is exclusive to all Lots granted such benefit by this Article, or by such Supplemental Declaration, unless this Article, or such Supplemental Declaration expressly grants such benefit to additional Persons. In no event shall the benefit of any such easement extend to the general public.

**Section 9. Maintenance.**

(a) Responsibility of Association. The Association shall provide maintenance upon each Lot and each Lot is subject to an assessment for such maintenance, as the case may be, as follows: the exclusive right to conduct exterior maintenance including but not limited to the repair, replacement and maintenance of lawns, trees, shrubs, landscaped areas including any partially enclosed yards of Lots, walks, fences, the subdivision entry security gate, the community pool, pool cabana and pool furniture and equipment, and other exterior improvements in the common area installed by Declarant, and their replacements; (ii) the exclusive right to painting, repair and replacement of exterior building surfaces and roofs, including pressure washing lead walks, driveways and



exterior building surfaces as necessary; (iii) repair, replacement, and maintenance of the utility easements located under each Lot as described in Article II, Section 7(b); (iv) the right to maintain irrigation systems along the exterior of each Lot and within the Irrigation Easement; and (v) the Wall Easement. The Association's duty of exterior maintenance does not include any damage, replacement or repair caused by any insurable occurrence or casualty, to the replacement of glass, or any trees, shrubs, lawns or landscaped areas within an enclosed yard, patio or fully enclosed entry area including the enclosed rear patios of Lots, except that the Association will maintain and replace any hedge or other landscaping, if any, installed by Declarant along the boundary between any Lot and the Common Area. The Association is not responsible for any maintenance, repair or replacement resulting from any fire, wind, flood, tornado, hurricane, accident, intentional act or other casualty; and each Owner will promptly correct any and all such casualty damage to such Owner's Lot within a reasonable time as specified below. Where it is stated herein that the Association has "exclusive control", it means the Owners of Lots shall not be required, or entitled, to conduct such activities, it being the intent of the Association to control such activities for purpose of maintaining uniformity within the Property..

(b) Responsibility of Owner. The Owner shall provide exterior maintenance as follows, the cost for which each own shall be individually responsible: (i) repair or replacement all glass surfaces on his/her Lot; ii) replacement of any trees, shrubs, lawns or landscape areas within a fully enclosed yard, patio, or entry area including the rear patios of an owner's respective Lot; (iii) maintenance, repair, or replacement resulting from any fire, wind, flood, tornado, hurricane, accident, intentional act or other casualty damage within the Lot of an Owner; (iv) repair or replace any property whether upon such Owner's Lot or any other Lot, or the Common Area, which repair or replacement is required because of any gross negligence or the willful act of such Owner or any member of such owner's family or household, any invitee of such Owner.

(c) Failure of Owner to Repair. The Association may perform maintenance or make repairs and assess the costs of any required exterior maintenance or repairs to the Owner of any Lot under the following circumstances: (I) such Owner does not maintain in a reasonable condition any lawn or landscaped area on such Owner's Lot that the Association is not required to maintain; or (ii) such Owner does not when reasonably necessary replace any glass surfaces or exterior doors on such Owner's Lot; or (iii) any maintenance, repair or replacement, whether upon such Owner's Lot, or any other Lot or Common Area, is required because of any willful act of such Owner or any member of such Owner's family or household

or any invitee of such Owner; or (iv) any Owner fails promptly to repair or replace, as the case may be, any casualty damage to such Owner's Lot; and (v) such Owner has failed to undertake the necessary maintenance or replacement within a reasonable period of time following written notice from the Association. Upon the occurrence of the forgoing, and after reasonable prior notice to such Owner, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard, the Association's Board of Directors by a vote of not less than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the full Board may undertake such maintenance, replacement or repairs and may assess by specific assessment the costs of such maintenance, replacement or repairs, as the case may be, against such Owner's Lot in the manner provided by this Declaration.

(d) Exterior Maintenance Assessment. An Annual Exterior Maintenance Assessment to provide and be used for the exterior maintenance, repair, servicing, renewal, replacement or improvement of the exterior of each Lot, including reserves for any and all of the foregoing shall be assessed, and shall be payable quarterly or as specified by the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Section 8. Reciprocal Easements.** There are reciprocal appurtenant easements between each Lot and such portion or portions of the Common Area adjacent thereto, and between adjacent Lots, for the maintenance, repair and reconstruction of any party wall or walls, as provided in Article VII of this Declaration; for lateral and subjacent support; for overhanging roofs, eaves and trees, if any, installed by Declarant, and for replacements thereof; for encroachments caused by the initial placement, settling or shifting of any improvements constructed, reconstructed or altered therein in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration; and for the drainage of ground and surface waters in the manner established by Declarant. To the extent not inconsistent with this Declaration, the general rules of common law apply to the foregoing easements. The extent of such easements for drainage, lateral and adjacent support and overhangs is that reasonably necessary to effectuate their respective purposes; and such easements of encroachment extend to a distance of not more than five feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point. There is no easement for overhangs or encroachments caused by willful or intentional misconduct by any Owner, tenant or the Association.

If any portion of the Common Area encroaches upon a Lot, a valid easement for the encroachment and for the maintenance of the same, so long as it stands, shall and does exist. If any portion of a Lot by virtue of the Work performed by Declarant encroaches upon the Common Area or upon an adjoining Lot or Lots, a valid easement for the encroachment and for the maintenance of the same,

so long as it stands, shall and does exist. Such encroachments and easements shall not be considered or determined to be encumbrances either on the Common Area or on the Lots for the purposes of marketability of title. In the event a building on the Common Area or a Lot or any portion thereof is destroyed and then rebuilt, the Owners of the Lot or Lots agree that minor encroachments of parts of the Common Areas, or other Lots, because of such reconstruction shall be permitted and that an easement for such encroachment and the maintenance and repair of the same shall exist.

### ARTICLE III

#### The Huntington HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Purpose. The Association shall be formed for the purpose of maintaining the Common Area, and for such other purposes as set forth herein.

#### Section 2. Membership.

(a) Each Owner, by virtue of being an Owner and for so long as he is an Owner, shall automatically be a Member of the Association. Association membership shall be an interest appurtenant to title of each Lot and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment, as set forth herein, and shall be transferable only as part of the fee simple title to each Lot.

(b) The rights, duties, privileges and obligations of an Owner as a member of the Association shall be those set forth in, and shall be exercised and imposed in accordance with, the provisions of this Declaration and the Association Documents; provided, that, if a conflict arises between the Declaration and the Association Documents, the Declaration shall take priority.

Section 3. Voting. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. So long as there is Class B membership, Class A Members shall be all Owners, except the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. Upon termination of Class B membership, Class A Members shall be all Owners, including Declarant so long as Declarant is an Owner, and each Owner shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. If more than one (1) person owns an interest in any Lot, all such persons are Members; but there may be only one (1) vote cast with respect to such Lot. Such vote may be exercised as the Owners determine among themselves; but no split vote is permitted.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and as long as there is a Class B voting membership the Declarant shall be entitled to nine (9) votes for each Lot owned. Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership and any Class B Lots then subject to the terms of this Declaration shall become Class A Lots upon the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(a) When the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, including Class B votes for any Property annexed or planned for annexation by Declarant,

(b) On January 1, 2002, or

(c) When the Declarant waives in writing its right to Class B membership.

Section 4. Rights and Obligations of the Association.

Besides those responsibilities to the Common Area outlined in Article II, the Association must also manage, operate, maintain, repair, service, replace and renew all rights-of-way for common use within the Property, and all improvements therein, to the extent such activities are not performed by any public authority or utility. The Association, in any event, shall have the duty and responsibility to maintain all irrigation systems and landscaping and signs constructed by the Declarant or the Association servicing the Common Area, and all exterior maintenance on individual dwellings as specified in Article II. The Association also may provide other services, such as, but not limited to security services, as the Association deems appropriate. The association has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances.

Section 5. Services. The Association may obtain and pay for the services of any Person to manage its affairs to the extent the Board deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Board determines are necessary or desirable, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by any Person with whom it contracts. Without limitation, the Board may obtain and pay for legal and accounting services necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Property or the enforcement of this Declaration, the Association Documents or the Homeowners' Association Rules.

Section 6. Capital Improvements. Except for: (I) the replacement or repair of items installed by Declarant as part of

the Work, if any; (ii) the repair and replacement of any personal property related to the Common Area; or (iii) as set forth in Article II, Section 5, the Association may not expend funds for capital improvements to the Common Area without the prior approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Members authorized to vote thereon.

Section 7. Personal Property. The Association may acquire, hold and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property, subject to such restrictions as from time to time may be contained in the Declaration and the Association Documents.

Section 8. Homeowners' Association Rules. The Association from time to time may adopt, alter, amend, rescind, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots, Common Area, or any combination thereof, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. These regulations shall be binding upon Owners and the Association may impose reasonable monetary fines and other sanctions for violations of the rules which may be collected by lien and foreclosure as provided herein, in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. All rules and regulations initially may be promulgated by the Board, subject to amendment or rescission by a majority of both classes of membership present and entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting convened for such purposes. The Association's procedures for enforcing its rules and regulations at all time shall provide the affected Owner with reasonable prior notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard, in person and through representatives of such Owner's choosing.

The Association's Rules shall include rules for the speed limits and traffic regulation on roadways in the common area, and rules for usage of the recreational facilities in the common area. The Association may contract with the City of St. Petersburg for enforcement of traffic regulations on the common area roads, as provided by Section 316.006(3)(b), Florida Statutes. If the Association itself chooses to enforce traffic regulations, the regulations shall be enforced in the same manner as other rules and regulations of the Association, which is by fine and lien pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

Section 9. Powers and Authority. The Association shall have the power and authority to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, required or permitted to be done by the Association under and by virtue of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and this Declaration and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for or incidental to the exercise of any of the express powers of the Association for the

safety and/or general welfare of the Owners. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power and authority at any time and from time to time, and without liability to any Owner, to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of enforcing any and all of the provision called for herein, or for the purpose of maintaining and repairing any such Lot if for any reason whatsoever the Owner thereof fails to maintain and repair such Lot as required. The Association shall also have the power and authority from time to time, in its own name, or its own behalf or on behalf of any Owner or Owners who consent thereto, to commence and maintain actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of this Declaration, the Association Documents and the Homeowners' Association Rules and to enforce, by mandatory injunction or otherwise, the provisions of this Declaration, the Association Documents, and the Homeowners' Association Rules.

Section 10. Indemnification of Officers and Directors. To the extent permitted by law, the Association shall, and all Owners as shareholders hereby agree that the Association shall, indemnify each officer, director, employee, and management contractor from any all expenses, including legal expenses, incurred arising out of such person's acts undertaken on behalf of the Association, unless such acts were both adverse to the Association and resulted in personal gain to the person. This provision is self executing, and the Association may also take any action desired to carry out its purposes.

Section 11. Cable Television System. The Association may contract with a franchised cable television operator to provide cable television service in bulk to all of The Huntington. This service may include channels for security information and for a community bulletin board. If the Association enters into such an agreement, each Lot shall pay for such cable television charges as part of the monthly payment of the annual assessment.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (I) annual assessments or charges, hereinafter referred to as "Annual Assessments", (ii) special assessments for capital improvements, hereinafter referred to as "Special Assessments", (iii) specific assessment for accrued liquidated indebtedness to

the Association hereinafter referred to as "Specific Assessments," and (iv) assessments for property taxes on Common Area, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The Annual, Special and Specific Assessments, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assessments", together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each Assessment is made. The Assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees and paralegal fees together with any sales or use tax thereon, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the Assessments fell due. However, the personal obligation of an Owner for delinquent Assessments shall not pass to said Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed in writing by such successor.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of carrying out the rights and obligations of the Association as defined in this Declaration, including but not limited to the acquisition, management, insurance, improvement, restoration, renovation, reconstruction, replacement, and maintenance of the Common Area; the maintenance of a reserve fund for the replacement of the Common Area and all improvements thereon, anticipated to be required in the future; the enforcement of the Declaration and Association Documents; the enforcement of Design Standards of the Architectural Control Committee; the payment of operating costs and expenses of the Association; the operation of the entry gate; and the payment of all principal and interest when due and all debts owed by the Association.

Section 3. Annual Assessment. The Annual Assessment shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Property, including (i) the operation, management, maintenance, repair, servicing, security, renewal, replacement and improvements of the Common Area and water management system, operating the entry gate, and those other responsibilities as outlined herein, (ii) all other general activities and expenses of the Association, including the enforcement of this Declaration, and (iii) expenses of providing any exterior maintenance for each dwelling building as specified in Article II.

Section 4. Maximum Annual Assessment. At least thirty (30) days before the expiration of each year, the Board will prepare and distribute to each Owner a proposed budget for the Association's operations during the next ensuing year. If such budget requires an Annual Assessment of not more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Annual Assessment then in effect, the assessment so

proposed will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing year without further notice to any Owner. If such budget requires an Annual Assessment that is more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Annual Assessment then in effect, however, the Board must call a membership meeting as stated herein. In computing the applicable percentage of the new annual assessment for the above determination, any increase due to an increase in utility charges for the common area or cable televisions charges shall not be included, but shall be automatically passed on as part of the assessment. A majority of those Members present and authorized to vote and voting is sufficient for such approval, and the assessment approved will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing fiscal year without notice to any Owner. If the proposed assessment is disapproved, a majority of the Members present who are authorized to vote and voting will determine the Annual Assessment for the next fiscal year, which may be any amount not exceeding that stated in the meeting notice. Each Annual Assessment may be payable in such number of installments, with or without interest, as the Board determines. In the absence of any valid action by the Board or the membership to the contrary prior to the commencement of any fiscal year, the Annual Assessment then in effect will automatically continue for the ensuing fiscal year, increased only by any increase in utility charges and cable fees. The Board may increase the annual assessment at any time during the year to provide for an increase in utility charges for the common area, or cable television charges for Lots.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the Annual Assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a Special Assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, or the perimeter screening as referred to herein, provided that any such Special Assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of those Members authorized to vote, as defined herein, who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Any such Special Assessment may be payable in one or more installments, with or without interest, as determined at the meeting.

Section 6. Specific Assessments. Any and all accrued, liquidated indebtedness of any Owner to the Association arising under any provision of this Declaration, or by contract, express or implied, or because of any act or omission of any Owner or person for whose conduct such Owner is legally responsible, also may be assessed by the Association against such Owner's Lot after such Owner fails to pay such indebtedness within thirty (30) days after



written demand. This shall include fines levied pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, for the actions of any Owner, or guest, invitee, or family member of such Owner.

Section 7. Property Taxes. Because the interest of each Owner in the Common Area is an interest in real property appurtenant to each Lot, and because no person other than an Owner has the right to the beneficial use and enjoyment of the Common Area, Declarant intends that the value of the interest of each Owner in the Common Area entitled to its use be included in the assessment of each Lot for local property tax purposes. Declarant further intends that any assessment for such purposes against the Common Area shall be for a nominal amount only, reflecting that the full value thereof is included in the several assessments of the various Lots. If the local taxing authorities refuse to so assess the Common Area with the result that local real property taxes in any given year are assessed to the Association with respect to the Common Area in excess of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00), and in the event the Annual Assessment does not include any such excess property taxes on the Common Area, then the amount of such excess may be specially assessed by the Board of Directors in its discretion in the following manner: the amount of such excess with respect to the Common Area shall be divided by the number of Lots within the Property and the quotient shall be the amount of such special assessment which may be payable in a lump sum within thirty (30) days after notice or may be amortized without interest over such number of months as the Board deems advisable. Each year the Board shall determine whether such assessment shall be levied, and its amount, within forty-five (45) days after receiving notice of the amount of taxes due.

Section 8. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Article IV. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking action authorized to increase the Annual Assessment shall be sent to all Members authorized to vote, not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, in advance of the meeting; and for all other Assessments notice shall be sent to all Members authorized to vote, not less than 5 business days nor more than 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Section 9. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both Annual and Special Assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis, except that Declarant, at its election, in lieu of paying Annual Assessments may contribute to the Association such amounts as are necessary to fund any difference between the Association's operating expenses and the Annual Assessments collected from Owners other than Declarant. The share of each Lot in payment of the assessments for common expenses shall be a fraction the numerator of which is one and the

denominator is the total number of Lots subject to assessment under this Declaration. This fraction will change as additional property is added to the Property, but is initially 1/27.

Section 10. Accumulation of Funds Permitted. The Association shall not be obligated to spend in any calendar year all sums collected in such year by way of Annual Assessments or otherwise, and may carry forward, as surplus, any balances remaining; nor shall the Association be obligated to apply such surplus to the reduction of the amount of the Annual Assessments in any succeeding year but may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Board may deem to be desirable for the greater financial security of the Association and the effectuation of its purposes.

Section 11. Date of Commencement. The Annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots as of the first day of the month following the recording of this Declaration, and shall be paid quarterly or as specified by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 12. Certificate as to Status of Payment. Upon written request of an Owner, the Association shall, within a reasonable period of time, issue a certificate to that Owner giving the status of all Assessments, including penalties, interest and costs, if any, which have accrued to the date of the certificate. The Association may make a reasonable charge for the issuance of such certificate. Any such certificate, when duly issued as herein provided shall be conclusive and binding with regard to any matter therein stated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a bona fide purchaser of a Lot from an Owner to whom such a certificate has been issued shall not be liable for any Assessments that became due before the date of the certificate that are not reflected thereon and the Lot acquired by such a purchaser shall be free of the lien created by this Article to the extent any such Assessment is not reflected.

Section 13. Assessment Lien. All sums assessed to any Lot, together with interest and all costs and expenses of collection (including reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegal fees, plus any applicable sales or use tax thereon, including those for trial and all appellate proceedings), are secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. Such lien is subject and inferior to the lien for all sums secured by any first Mortgage encumbering such Lot, as provided herein; but all other Persons acquiring liens on any Lot, after this Declaration is recorded, are deemed to consent that such liens are inferior to the lien established by this Declaration whether or not such consent is set forth in the instrument creating such lien. The recording of this Declaration constitutes constructive notice to all subsequent

purchasers and creditors, or either, of the existence of the Association's lien and its priority. The Association from time to time may, but is not required to, record a notice of lien against any Lot to further evidence the lien established by this Declaration.

Section 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any Assessment not paid within ten (10) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or at such rate as the Board may from time to time establish provided, however, that in no event shall the Association have the power to establish a rate of interest in violation of the law of the State of Florida. The Board may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Property. A suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments may be maintained without foreclosing, waiving, or otherwise impairing the Associations' lien or its priority. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 15. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the Assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect an Assessment lien, except the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to the foreclosure of a first Mortgage or any proceeding or conveyance in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such Assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer, without prejudice however, to the Association's right to collect such amounts from the Owner personally liable for their payment. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any Assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. Any encumbrancer holding a lien on a Lot may pay, but is not required to pay, any amount secured by the lien created by this Article; and such encumbrancer then will subrogate to all rights of the Association with respect to such lien, including priority, to the extent of such payment.

Section 16. Homesteads. By acceptance of a conveyance of title to any Lot, each Owner is deemed to acknowledge conclusively that (i) the assessments established by this Article are for the improvement and maintenance of any homestead thereon; (ii) the Association's lien for such assessments has priority over any such homestead; and (iii) such Owners irrevocably waive the benefit of any homestead exemption otherwise available with respect to all amounts validly secured by such lien.

ARTICLE V

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Creation and Composition. The "Architectural Control Committee" shall mean, as follows: Until all the Lots in The Huntington have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Architectural Control Committee shall mean the Declarant, and shall not be a committee of the Association. At such time as all of the Lots in The Huntington have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Declarant shall notify the Association and all the Owners of Lots in The Huntington to that effect, and, thereupon, the Declarant's rights and obligations as the Architectural Control Committee shall forthwith terminate. Thereafter, the Association shall have the right, power, authority, and obligation to establish a successor Architectural Control Committee as a committee of the Association in accordance with the Association Documents and prescribe rules and regulations pursuant to which such Committee shall act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if additional property is annexed and subjected to this Declaration in accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, then, as to the Lots in each subsequent phase, Declarant shall be the Architectural Control Committee until such time as all such Lots have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, after which the Architectural Control Committee established by the Association shall take over.

Section 2. Design Standards. The Architectural Control Committee shall from time to time, subject to this Declaration and the Association Documents, adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke, and enforce guidelines, hereinafter referred to as the "Design Standards" for the purposes of:

(I) governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval pursuant to this Declaration;

(ii) governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specifications; and

(iii) establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction, location and size of any Structure, and all other matters that require approval by the Architectural Control Committee

pursuant to this Declaration.

Generally, exterior modifications to the structures constructed by Declarant are discouraged and will not be approved. In reviewing any particular application, the Committee shall consider whether its action will: (I) assure harmony of external design, materials and location in relation to surrounding buildings and topography within the Property; and (ii) preserve the value and desirability of the Property as a residential community; and (iii) be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration; and (iv) be in the best interest of all Owners in maintaining the value and desirability of the Property as a residential community.

Section 3. Review and Approval of Plans. No exterior change shall be commenced, erected, or maintained on any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or alteration thereof be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for written approval (I) as to conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the existing standards of the neighborhood and with the standards of The Huntington, (ii) as to the size, height, and location of the Structure in relation to surrounding Structures and topography and finished ground elevation, and (iii) shall be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration. In the event the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within forty-five (45) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted in writing, the proposal shall be deemed to be disapproved by the Architectural Control Committee. The Committee may impose a fee for the costs involved with such approval.

Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be reasonable required by the Architectural Control Committee.

Upon approval by the Architectural Control Committee of any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration, a copy of such plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the Architectural Control Committee and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing, shall be returned to the applicant submitting the same. Approval for use in connection with any Lot or Structure of any plans and specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the Architectural Control Committee's right, in its discretion, to disapprove similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements included therein if such plans, specifications, features or elements are subsequently submitted for use in connection with any other Lot or Structure. Approval of any such

plans and specifications relating to any Lot or Structure, however, shall be final as to that Lot or Structure and such approval may not be reviewed or rescinded thereafter, provided that there has been adherence to, and compliance with, such plans and specifications, as approved, and any conditions attached to any such approval.

It shall be the responsibility of each Owner at the time of construction of any structure on the Owner's Lot, to comply with all applicable Laws, including without limitation compliance with the construction plans for the surface water management system pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, F.A.C., approved and on file with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Architectural Control Committee may request changes in any plans or Structures that are completed or being built if required by Law and neither the Declarant nor the Architectural Control Committee shall be liable for damages.

In regards to any plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Control Committee, shall be responsible or liable in any way for any defects in any plans or specifications, nor for any structural defects in any work done according to such plans and specifications nor for the failure of the plans and specifications to comply with any Law. Further, neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Control Committee shall be liable in damages to anyone by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications or the exercise of any other power or right the Architectural Control Committee provided for in this Declaration. Every Person who submits plans or specifications to the Architectural Control Committee for approval agrees, by submissions of such plans and specifications, and every Owner of any Lot agrees, that he will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, or any member of the Architectural Control Committee, to recover for any such damage.

Prior to the issuance of a certificate as set out in section 4 below, any employee or agent of the Architectural Control Committee may, after reasonable notice, at any reasonable time, enter upon any Lot and Structure thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether the installation, construction, alteration, or maintenance of any Structure or the use of any Lot or Structure is in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration; and neither the Architectural Control Committee, nor any such agent shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act by reason

of such entry or inspection.

Section 4. Building Construction. Not more than one single-family dwelling, not to exceed two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height, shall be erected on any Lot unless otherwise approved, in writing, by the Architectural Control Committee. At the request of any Owner, the Association from time to time will issue, without charge, a written certification that the improvements, landscaping, and other exterior items situated upon such Owner's Lot have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee, if such is the case.

Section 5. Violations. If any Structure shall be erected, placed, maintained, or altered upon any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such erection, placement, maintenance, or alteration shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this Article and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the Architectural Control Committee such violation shall have occurred, the Architectural Control Committee shall notify the Association. If the Board of the Association shall agree with the determination of the Architectural Control Committee with respect to the violation then the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the required remedial action within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have and be entitled to, in addition to any other rights set forth in this Declaration, all rights and remedies at law or in equity. Actions of the Board are final.

Section 6. Partial Delegation to Association. At any time prior to the termination of Declarant's responsibilities as provided in Section 1 above, Declarant may delegate to a committee of the Association the responsibilities of the Architectural Control Committee with regard to any activities on individual Lots which have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents. The Declarant may then retain all other duties of the Architectural Control Committee with regard to new construction.

## ARTICLE VI

### GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements are herewith imposed on the Property:

Section 1. Residential Use of Property. All Lots shall be used for single-family, residential purposes only, and no business or business activity shall be carried on or upon any Lot at any time, except with the written approval of the Architectural Control Committee; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent Declarant from using any Lot owned by Declarant or such Builder of homes for the purpose of carrying on business related to the development, improvement, and sale of Lots and dwellings; provided, further, private offices may be maintained in dwellings located on any of the Lots so long as such use is incidental to the primary residential use of the dwellings.

Section 2. Setbacks and Building Lines.

(a) Dwellings: Each dwelling which shall be erected on any Lot shall be situated on such Lot in accordance with the building and setback lines required by Law. The minimum front setback for a dwelling, and the minimum side setback shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

(b) Walls and Fences: All fences and walls shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee as to location, height, materials, and finish, and shall comply with all governmental requirements.

(c) Subdivision of Lots: One or more Lots or Parts thereof may not be subdivided or combined to form one single building Lot.

Section 3. Obstructions to View at Intersections. The lower branches of trees or other vegetation shall not be permitted to obstruct the view at street intersections.

Section 4. Delivery Receptacles and Property Identification Markers. The Architectural Control Committee shall adopt standards for uniform mailboxes, which shall be the same design for each Lot, and shall designate an available supplier for all mailboxes, and all other particulars of receptacles for the receipt of mail, newspapers, or similarly delivered materials, and of name signs for such receptacles, as well as property identification markers.

Section 5. Use of Outbuildings and Similar Structures. No outbuilding structures shall be permitted.

Section 6. Building Materials. No building materials or equipment used for building purposes shall be stored on any Lot, except for the purpose of construction or hobby purposes on such Lot and shall not be stored on such Lot for longer than the length of time reasonably necessary for the construction to completion of



the improvement to which same is to be used.

Section 7. Livestock and Pets. No animals, livestock, poultry, or pets of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats, or other small household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes. Such household pets must not constitute a nuisance or cause unsanitary conditions. For the purposes of this Section 7, pets shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance if they create excessive or disturbing noises, whether by barking or otherwise, or if the pet has shown any violent or aggressive behavior or otherwise poses a danger to the health, safety, or welfare of any person. Animals which have attacked or bitten any person or another person's pet shall constitute a nuisance and shall not be kept on any Lot. All pets must be kept on leashes or within secure fences when out of doors. The foregoing expression of specific behaviors that shall constitute a nuisance shall in no way limit the determination that other behaviors also constitute a nuisance. Any pet in violation of this section shall be brought into compliance within twenty-four (24) hours of notice by the Board, including but not limited to, the removal of the pet from The Huntington if the pet has attacked or bitten a person or other person's pet.

Section 8. Offensive Activities. No noxious, offensive, or illegal activities shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the Owners of other Lots in The Huntington.

Section 9. Signs. No advertising signs or billboards shall be erected on any Lot or displayed to the public on any Lot except a professional sign one square foot in size and a sign of not more than four (4) square feet in area may be used to advertise the Lot for sale or rent. This restriction shall not apply to signs used to identify and advertise the subdivision as a whole, nor signs for selling Lots and/or houses during the development and construction period, provided such signs are approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 10. Perimeter Screening. Any and all walls, fencing, landscaping, or other screening installed by Declarant as part of the Work, together with the buffer walls, will constitute an improvement to each Lot upon or along which it is situated and the property of the Owner of such Lot shall be responsible for all costs of maintaining, repairing, and replacing both the exterior and interior portion situated on or along such Lot. Any such wall shall be considered part of the perimeter screening regardless of whether it is located in a public right-of-way or on a Lot. To assure visual uniformity on the side of all such walls, fencing, or

other screening facing the exterior perimeter of the Property or any street or road located therein, the Architectural Control Committee may establish when, how, and with what materials any required maintenance, repair, and replacement will be performed. If any Owner then fails to perform any such maintenance, repair, or replacement in the manner reasonable directed by the Architectural Control Committee with respect to such Owner's Lot, the Association may perform it at such Owner's expense and assess its cost to such Owner's Lot as provided in Article IV herein and the Owner hereby grants the Association an easement to enter upon its Lot to perform such work. The Association shall be responsible for all costs of maintaining and repairing the exterior portions of walls, fencing, signs and landscaping located on wall, landscaping and planter easements, as shown on the site plan.

The Declarant reserves as part of the Common Area an easement for access over and on the sidewalks with said easement also being for the purpose of enforcing, without limitation, the reservations and restrictions set forth herein which shall include the repair and maintenance of the sidewalks.

Each owner shall have a cross easement appurtenant for use of the sidewalks, subject to the limitations and restrictions stated herein.

Section 11. Aesthetics, Nature Growth, Screening, Underground Utility Service. Trees which have a diameter in excess of six (6") inches measured two (2') feet above ground level, and distinctive flora, shall not be intentionally destroyed or removed except with the prior approval, in writing, of the Architectural Control Committee. All fuel tanks, garbage cans and equipment, shall be screened to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots and streets. All residential utility service, including but not limited to lines, pipes and wiring, to residences shall be underground.

Section 12. Antennae and Clotheslines. No radio or television transmission or reception antennae, apparatus or tower shall be erected on the Property or any Lot or Structure. Notwithstanding the above, a satellite dish antenna eighteen inches (18") in diameter or smaller may be installed on the rear side of the dwelling or in the rear yard with landscape screening and with approval of the Architectural Control Committee. No clothesline shall be installed in the yard of any Lot, except in the rear yard and behind the dwelling structure.

Section 13. Window Air Conditioners. No window air conditioning units shall be installed without prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 14. Trailers, Trucks, School Buses, Boats, Boat Trailers. No house trailers or mobile homes, school buses, trucks or commercial vehicles over one (1) ton capacity, recreational vehicles, boats or boat trailers shall be kept, stored or parked overnight either on any street or on any Lot, except within enclosed garages or completely screened from view. Notwithstanding the foregoing, passenger automobiles may be parked in driveways on a lot, if the number of vehicles owned by the Owner exceeds the capacity of the garage. There shall be no major or extended repair or overhaul performed on any vehicle on the Lots. All vehicles shall have current license plates. If any vehicle, boat, or trailer is in violation of this provision, the Association shall have the immediate right to have the offending vehicle, boat, or trailer towed away at the expense of the owner thereof.

Section 15. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage, or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers designed for that purpose. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such waste material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. All garbage and trash cans and containers shall be kept in the garage or in the rear yard, screened to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots and streets, except on the days of collection. If such litter or other materials are found on any Lot, the same will be removed by the Owner of such Lot, at the Owner's expense, upon written request of the Architectural Control Committee or the Association. Trash for pickup shall be neatly placed in trash pickup locations designated by the Association.

Section 16. Changing Elevations. No Owner shall excavate or extract earth from a Lot for any business or commercial purpose. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade of surrounding Lots, unless approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 17. Sewage System. Sewage disposal shall be through municipal system or type approved by appropriate State and local agencies.

Section 18. Water System. Water shall be supplied through municipal system or type approved by appropriate State and local agencies.

Section 19. Utility Facilities. Declarant reserves the right to approve the necessary construction, installation, and maintenance of utility facilities, including but not limited to water, telephone, cable television and sewage systems, within this proposed area, which may be in variance with these restrictions.

Section 20. Driveways and Entrance to Garage. All driveways and entrances to garages shall be concrete or a substance approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee and of a uniform quality.

Section 21. Garages. Each dwelling must have a garage of sufficient size to house at least one (1) passenger automobile. All garages must be substantial and conform architecturally to the dwelling to which they relate. When garages are not in use, garage doors shall be closed. Garages shall be used only for parking motor vehicles, hobbies, and storing Owner's household goods.

Section 22. Mineral Operation. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying, or mining operation of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot, nor shall any wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavation, or shafts be erected, maintained, or permitted upon or in any Lot. No derrick or other structures designed for the use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained, or permitted upon any Lot.

Section 23. Roofs. All roofs shall have a slope or pitch of a minimum of five feet of rise for each twelve feet of lateral distance, or 5/12. Roofing materials shall be dimensional shingles with a minimum twenty-five year warranty, or other materials of similar useable life approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

## ARTICLE VII

### EASEMENTS

Lots subjected to this Declaration shall be subject to:

- (a) Those easements, if any, shown as set forth on the sit plan thereof; and
- (b) All easements provided for in this Declaration.

The appearance of any easement area on a Lot and all improvements in or on it shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot. Each Owner is responsible for damage to or destruction of the easement area and all improvements on it caused directly or proximately by the acts or omissions of such Owner and any guests, invitees, residents, or other persons occupying or present upon said Lot.

To the extent that any land or improvement which constitutes part of the Property, now or hereafter supports or contributes to the support of any land or improvement constituting another part of the Property, the aforesaid land or improvement, or both land and improvement is hereby burdened with an easement for support for the benefit of the Property or Lot as the case may be. The easement for support shall be an easement appurtenant and run with the land at law.

## ARTICLE VIII

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. Each Lot Owner shall comply strictly with the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements set forth in this Declaration. In the event of a violation or breach, or threatened violation or breach, of any of the same, the Declarant, the Architectural Control Committee, the Association, or any Lot Owner, jointly and severally, shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity for the recovery of damages, or for injunctive relief, or both. If any Owner or the Association is the prevailing party in any litigation involving this declaration, then that party also has a right to recover all costs and expenses incurred (including reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegal fees together with any applicable sales or use tax thereon). However, no Owner has the right to recover attorney's fees from or against the Association, unless provided by Law. Failure by the Declarant, the Architectural Control Committee, the Association or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

In addition to the above rights, the Association and the Architectural Control Committee shall have a Right of Abatement if the Owner fails to take reasonable steps to remedy any violation or breach within thirty (30) days after written notice sent by certified mail. A Right of Abatement, as used in this Section means the right of the Association or Architectural Control Committee, through its agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any Lot or Structure, as to which a violation, breach or other condition to be remedied exists, and to take the actions specified in the notice to the Owner to abate, extinguish, remove, or repair such violation, breach, or other condition which may exist thereon contrary to the provisions hereof, without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act by reason of such entry and such actions; provided, such entry and such actions are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The cost thereof including the costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees, and paralegal fees (together with any applicable sales or use tax thereon) together

with interest thereon at eighteen percent (18%) per annum, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, enforceable at law, and shall be a lien on such Owner's lot enforceable as provided herein.

Section 2. Severability. If any term or provision of this Declaration or the Association Documents or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining terms and provisions of this Declaration and the Association Documents, and the applications thereof, shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect and to such extent shall be severable.

Section 3. Duration. This Declaration, inclusive of all easements reserved by or on behalf of the Declarant or Association, shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is filed for record in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, after which time this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument signed by the then record Owners of all of the Lots has been recorded, agreeing to change this Declaration in whole or in part. This Declaration may be terminated upon unanimous vote of all Owners and Mortgagees.

Section 4. Amendment; Additional Phases. This Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the duly authorized officers of the Association provided such amendment has been approved by the Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes able to be cast at any regular or special meeting of the Members duly called and convened. Any amendment, to be effective, must be recorded. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as Hyde Park Builders, Inc. (even after an assignment of Declarant status to another) or the Declarant shall own any Lot or have the right to subject additional properties to this Declaration, no amendment shall diminish, discontinue, or in any way adversely affect the rights of Hyde Park Builders, Inc. (even after an assignment of Declarant status to another) or the Declarant under this Declaration.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the Declarant hereby reserves and shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, for a period of two (2) years from the date of its recording to make such changes, modifications, and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by FHA, VA, Southwest Florida Water Management District, or any other governmental agency or body generally or as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's agreement to make

purchase, accept, insure, guaranty, or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots, provided any such amendment does not destroy or substantially alter the general plan or scheme of development of The Huntington. Any such amendment shall be executed by the Declarant and shall be effective upon its recording. No approval or joinder of the Association, any other Owners, any Mortgagee, or any other party shall be required or necessary for any such amendment. Any amendment of these documents which would affect the surface water management system, including the water management portions of the common areas, must have the prior approval of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. If this Declaration is amended pursuant to this section, any such amendment shall not impair the priority of Fort Brooke Bank's first mortgage on the Property. Every purchaser or guarantor of any interest in any real property now or hereafter subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that this Declaration may be amended as provided in this Section.

Section 5. Annexation of Additional Property. Within five (5) years of the date of execution of this Declaration, Declarant may add lands to the Property described herein, by the filing of a supplemental declaration declaring such annexed lands to be subject to the provisions hereof, with such modifications and additions as may be applicable to such annexed lands. Upon the filing of such a supplemental declaration, the Lots and lands annexed thereby shall become subject to this Declaration, to the assessment provisions hereof, and to the jurisdiction of the Architectural Control Committee and the Association. For purposes of Article IV, Section 2, the Lots in the annexed lands shall be considered to have been part of the Property since the filing of this Declaration.

Section 6. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require prior approval of the FHA/VA: annexation of additional land, dedication of Common Area, and amendment or termination of this Declaration.

Section 7. Amplification. The provisions of this Declaration are amplified by the Association Documents; but no such amplification shall alter or amend any of the rights or obligations of the Owners set forth in this Declaration. Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration on the one hand, and the Association Documents on the other be interpreted, construed, and applied to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results. If such conflict necessarily results, however, Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration control anything in the Articles or By-Laws to the contrary.

Section 8. Permission. When any act by any party affected by this Declaration, which by the terms of this Declaration requires the permission or consent of the Declarant, such permission or consent shall only be deemed given when it is in written form, executed by the Declarant.

Section 9. Applicable Law. The law of the State of Florida shall govern the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

Section 10. Definitions. Whenever used herein and appropriate, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and any gender shall include the others.

Section 11. Captions. The captions in this Declaration are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be part of this Declaration or construed as in any manner limiting the terms and provisions of this Declaration to which they relate.

Section 12. Notice. Unless otherwise stated herein, any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Declaration shall be in writing sent by prepaid, first class mail to such address of the Person to be notified as such Person may have designated or as would be reasonably anticipated to effectuate receipt of the notice. Any such notice shall be effective upon mailing in conformity with this Declaration. If any Person consists of more than one Person or entity, notice to one as provided herein shall be notice to all.

XII.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the articles of incorporation, by-laws, any rules or regulations of the association or any other document governing or binding the Association (collectively the "Association Documents"), neither the Association nor the Developer nor any officer or employee thereof shall be liable or responsible for, or in any manner a guarantor or insurer of, the health, safety or welfare of any owner, occupant or user of any portion of The Huntington including, without limitation, residents and their families, guests, invitees, agents, servants, contractors or subcontractors or for any property of any such persons. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) it is the express intent of the Association Documents that the various provisions thereof which are enforceable by



the Association and which govern or regulate the uses of the properties have been written, and are to be interpreted and enforced, for the sole purpose of enhancing and maintaining the enjoyment of the properties and the value thereof;

(b) the Association is not empowered, and has not been created, to act as an entity which enforces or ensures the compliance with the laws of the United States, State of Florida, Pinellas County and/or any other jurisdiction or the preventions of tortious activities; and

(c) any provisions of the Association Documents setting forth the uses of assessments which are related to health, safety security and/or welfare shall be interpreted and applied only as limitations of the uses of assessment funds and not as creating a duty of the association to protect or further the health, safety security or welfare of any person(s), even if assessment funds are chosen to be used for any such reason.

Each owner (by virtue of his acceptance of title to his lot) and each other person having an interest in or lien upon, or making any use of, any portion of the properties (by virtue of accepting such interest or lien or making such uses) shall be bound by this article and shall be deemed to have automatically waived any and all rights, claims demands and causes of action against the association arising from or connected with any matter for which the liability of the Association has been disclaimed in this article.

The Property contains corridors, trails and water areas which may present hazards to persons and which may contain wildlife and other organisms of danger to children and other persons. All Owners, on behalf of themselves, their families, guests, and invitees, hereby agree that the Association shall have no liability for any activities undertaken by any person on Association lands or common areas and easements which result in injury from such natural elements. All Owners, families, invitees and guests agree that any person using such lands does so at his own risk. All Owners shall undertake to warn others of such hazards when appropriate.

As used in this article, "Association" shall include within its meaning all of association's directors, officers, committee and board members, employees, agents, contractors (including management companies), subcontractors, successors and assigns, the provisions of this article shall also inure to the benefit of the developer, which shall be fully protected hereby.

ARTICLE V  
INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES; CONDEMNATION

Section 1. Insurance. Insurance, other than title insurance, which shall be carried upon the Common Area shall cover the following provisions.

(a) Authority to Purchase. All insurance policies upon the Common Area shall be purchased by the Association for the benefit of the Association. It shall not be the responsibility or the duty of the Association to obtain insurance coverage upon the personal liability, personal dwelling unit, personal property or living expenses of any Owner but the owner may obtain such insurance at his own expense provided such insurance may not be of a nature to affect policies purchased by the Association.

(b) Coverage.

1. Casualty. All buildings and improvements in the Common Area and all personal property included in the Common Area shall be insured in an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value, excluding foundation and excavation costs, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such coverage shall afford protection against: (i) Loss or damage by fire and other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement; and (ii) Such other risks as from time to time shall be customarily covered with respect to buildings similar in construction, location and use as the buildings on the land, including but not limited to vandalism and malicious mischief.

2. Public Liability. In such amounts and such coverage as may be required by the Board of Directors of the Association.

3. Worker's Compensation To meet the requirements of Law.

4. Other. Such other insurance as the Board Directors of the Association shall determine from time to time to be desirable.

(c) Premiums. Premiums for the described insurance shall be a common expense, collected from Owners within The Huntington as part of the Annual General Assessment. Premiums shall be paid by the Association.

(d) Proceeds. All insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be for the benefit of the Association and its mortgagees as their interests may appear, and shall provide that all proceeds covering property losses shall be paid to the Association.

(e) Distribution of Proceeds. Proceeds of insurance policies received by the Association shall be distributed and used by the Association as the Board of Directors may determine.

**Section 2. Reconstruction or Repair After Casualty.** The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether or not any damaged portion of the Common Area shall be repaired or replaced.

**Section 3. Condemnation.** In the event that any portion of the Common Area shall be made the subject of any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or is otherwise sought to be acquired by a condemning authority, the taking of any portion of the Common Area by condemnation shall be deemed to be a casualty, and the awards for that taking shall be deemed to be proceeds from insurance on account of the casualty and shall be deposited with the Association and shall be distributed to the Association and to any owner who is directly, adversely affected by the condemnation, as their respective interests may appear.

**Section 4. Insurance on Lots.** Each Owner of a Lot shall obtain insurance coverage upon the Lot insuring the dwelling unit located thereon in an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value, excluding foundation and excavation costs. Such coverage shall afford protection against:

(a) Loss or damage by fire, hurricane, tornado, wind-storm, and other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement, and

(b) Such other risks as from time to time shall be customarily covered with respect to buildings similar in construction, location and use as the buildings on the land including but not limited to vandalism and malicious mischief.

The Owner shall furnish proof of such insurance to the Association at the time of purchase of a Lot and shall furnish proof of renewal of such insurance on each anniversary date thereof. If an owner shall fail to provide such insurance the Association may obtain such insurance and shall assess the owner for the cost of same in accordance with Article IV, Section 31, of this Declaration.

**ARTICLE VII  
PARTY WALLS, ROOFS, AND UTILITY CONNECTIONS**

**Section 1. General Rules of Law to Apply.** Each wall or built as a part of the Work upon the Property and placed on a dividing line between Lots, and the roofs between Lots, are considered to be a party wall, fence or roof; and to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage caused by negligence or willful acts or commissions apply to the ownership, maintenance and use of such walls, fences and roofs.

**Section 2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance.** The cost of reasonable repair, maintenance and replacement of a party wall, fence and roof shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall, fence and roof in proportion to such use.

**Section 3. Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty.** If a party wall, fence or roof is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty and is not covered by insurance, any owner who has used the wall, fence or roof may restore, it; and, if other Owners thereafter make use of the wall, fence or roof, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration in proportion to their use, all without prejudice to the right of any such Owner to call for larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligence or willful acts or omissions.

**Section 4. Weatherproofing.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, an Owner who by his negligence or willful act causes any party wall, fence or roof to be exposed to the elements, or to infestation by termites or other injurious agencies, shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements or agencies and of repairing all resulting damage.

**Section 5. Right to Contribution Runs with Land.** The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article is appurtenant to the Lot affected and shall pass to and bind each such owner's successors in title.

**Section 6. Number of Dwellings.** No portion of the Property may be combined or resubdivided in any manner so as to increase the number of dwellings on the Property from those established by such on the site plan of the Property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these presents to be executed in its corporate name by its officers thereunto duly authorized and its corporate seal properly attested to be hereto affixed on the day and year first above written.

Executed and declared in the presence of:

[Signature]

Scott M. Shimberg  
(Print name signed above)

Kathy Murphy

Kathy Murphy  
(Print name signed above)

Hyde Park Builders, Inc.,  
a Florida corporation

By: [Signature]  
As its: President

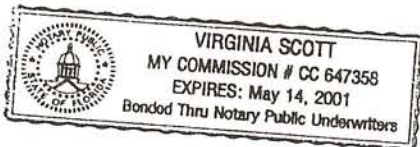
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me \_\_\_\_\_  
8 day of January, 1998, by as President of  
Hyde Park Builders, Inc., a Florida corporation, who is personally  
known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as  
identification.

Virginia Scott  
Notary Public  
State of Florida

VIRGINIA SCOTT  
(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of  
Notary)

My Commission Expires:  
Commission Number:



Joinder and Consent

Bank of Tampa, owner and holder of a mortgage on the Property described above as The Huntington, recorded at O.R. 9692, Page 1837, of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida, hereby joins in and consents to the Declaration.

Executed and declared in the presence of:

Kathy Murphy

Kathy Murphy  
(Print name signed above)

Angela Dimm

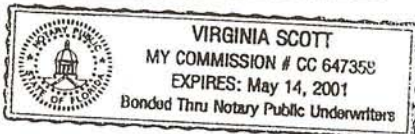
ANGELA DIMM  
(Print name signed above)

BANK OF TAMPA

By: [Signature]  
As its Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me 9 day of January, 1998, by Bruce Johnson, as Vice President of The Bank of Tampa, who is personally known to me or who produced [Signature] as identification.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
State of Florida

VIRGINIA SCOTT  
(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of Notary)

My Commission Expires:  
Commission Number:

Joinder and Consent

Town N'Country Park, Inc., owner and holder of a mortgage on the Property described above as The Huntington, recorded at O.R. 9679, Page 2086, of the public records of Pinellas County, hereby joins in and consents to the Declaration.

Executed and declared in the presence of:

Kathy Murphy

Kathy Murphy  
(Print name signed above)

Angela Dimm

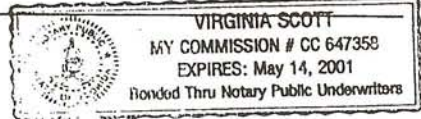
ANGELA DIMM  
(Print name signed above)

TOWN N' COUNTRY PARK, INC.,

By: James H. Shenberg  
As its President

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me \_\_\_\_\_  
9 day of January 1998, by James Shenberg,  
as President of Town N'Country Park, Inc.,  
who is personally known to me or who produced  
as identification.



Virginia Scott  
Notary Public  
State of Florida

My Commission Expires:

Commission Number:

VIRGINIA SCOTT  
(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of Notary)

EXHIBIT "A"

Lots 1 through 6 inclusive and the north  $1/2$  of Lot 7 and the south 100 feet of the east 15 feet of Lot 7, Block 11 of Revised Map of the City of St. Petersburg, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book H1, page 49, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

AND

The south 62 feet of Lot 8 and the south 62 feet of the west 35 feet of Lot 7, Block 11 of Revised Map of the City of St. Petersburg, according to map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book H1, page 49, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.