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## ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 1.** Definitions. The following words, when used in this Declaration, unless the context shall prohibit, shall have the following meanings:

a. "Association" shall mean and refer to the Lockeridge Farms Homeowner Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, which will have the power, duty and responsibility of maintaining and administering the Common Areas, Common Facilities, Common Personalty, Detention/Drainage Areas, and all Landscaping in the Common Areas and the Detention/Drainage Areas, and administering and enforcing these covenants, conditions and restrictions and collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereinafter prescribed.

b. "Builder" shall mean and refer to any person or entity undertaking the construction of a residence on a Lot for the purpose of selling same for profit.

c. "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to areas of land owned or leased by the Association, and easement areas for walls or fences, entryways, access or walkways and other purposes benefiting the Members, including any improvements and Landscaping located thereon, intended, used and designated for the common use, enjoyment and benefit of the Members of the Association.

d. "Common Facilities" shall mean and refer to any recreational buildings and appurtenances, fountains, entry systems, walls, fences (including the Community Fence), security facilities, parking areas, irrigation systems, lighting facilities, flagpoles, identification markers, playground and appurtenances, swimming pool, if any, and the like, owned, leased, or maintained by the Association in fulfilling its duties and for the benefit of all Members of the Association.

e. "Common Personalty" shall mean and refer to any and all items of personal property owned or leased by the Association for the benefit of all Members or used by the Association in fulfilling its functions and carrying out its duties and purposes hereunder.

f. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Sowell Equities-Lockeridge, L.P., and its successors and assigns, provided that an assign is designated in writing by Sowell Equities-Lockeridge, L.P., to be as an assign of all or part of the rights of Declarant, or to any mortgagee that acquires more than fifteen (15) Lots by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure.

g. "Detention/Drainage Areas" shall mean and refer to those areas within or outside of the Property that are designed and used to hold or convey storm water runoff from the Property or to otherwise accommodate the drainage requirements of the Property. Initially, the Detention/Drainage Areas shall consist of the following, as described on the Recorded Plat: Restricted Reserve "B" and Restricted Reserve "C". The Association shall maintain and operate said Detention/Drainage Areas and any drainage facilities situated thereon or appurtenant thereto, notwithstanding that fee simple title to said areas may be held by the Spring Creek Utility District ("SCUD"), Montgomery County, or a similar entity, to the extent that such areas and facilities are not maintained or operated by SCUD or other governmental or quasi-governmental entity.

h. “Landscaping” shall mean and refer to growing plants, including grass, plantings, vines, ground cover, trees, hedges, shrubs, flowers and the like.

i. “Lot” shall mean and refer to any parcel, plot, or tract of land upon which one (1) single-family residence is intended to be constructed, identified by a lot and block number as shown upon any recorded subdivision map, plat, replat, or revision of the Property, as said recorded subdivision maps or plats may be amended and revised from time to time.

j. “Member” shall mean and refer to each Owner of a Lot or an undivided interest therein, who shall be a Member of the Association as provided in Article II hereof.

k. “Occupant” shall mean and refer to any person occupying or otherwise using a Lot and/or any house or dwelling situated on such Lot (including lessees).

l. “Owner” shall mean and refer to the owner of record (including Declarant), whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

m. “Property” shall mean and refer to the real property (including improvements) described in Section 2 of this Article I, and additions thereto, as are subjected to this Declaration or any Supplementary Declaration under the provisions of Section 3 of this Article I.

n. “Recorded Plat” shall initially mean and refer to the plat of **LOCKERIDGE FARMS, SECTION ONE**, as recorded in Cabinet Z, Sheets 610-614, under Clerk’s File No. 2007-011422, in the Plat Records of Montgomery County, Texas, as modified by any subsequent amendment, replat, or similar modification thereto.

o. “Residential Land” shall mean any portion of the Property not included within Section One.

p. “Supplementary Declaration” shall mean and refer to an amendment or supplement to this Declaration executed or consented to by Declarant or by the requisite number of Owners, if applicable, which subjects additional property to this Declaration and/or imposes expressly or by reference additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein.

**Section 2. Property Subject to Declaration.** The real property covered by this Declaration is all of the real property described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, a portion of which land is currently subdivided as **LOCKERIDGE FARMS, SECTION ONE**, a subdivision in Montgomery County, Texas, according to the Recorded Plat thereof. All of the Property and any right, title or interest therein shall be owned, held, leased, sold, transferred and/or conveyed by Declarant, and any subsequent owner of all or any part thereof, subject to this Declaration and the covenants, restrictions, conditions, easements, charges and liens set forth herein. The covenants, restrictions, conditions, easements, charges and liens herein set forth are covenants running with the land at law as well as in equity, and shall constitute a general plan for the benefit of and be enforceable by all present and future Owners of any Lot or Lots in the Property and their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, as well as by Declarant and the Association.

**Section 3. Additional Property Subject to Declaration.** Additional property may be added to, or made subject to this Declaration and the covenants, restrictions, conditions, easements, charges and liens set forth herein, in the following manner:

a. Additional property may be annexed by Supplemental Declaration into the jurisdiction of the Association with the consent of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total eligible votes of the Members (regardless of class) of the Association voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purposes; provided, however, additional phases or sections of Lockeridge Farms may be annexed by Declarant without such approval by the Members or their mortgagees. The Owners of Lots in such annexed property shall be entitled to the use and benefit of all Common Areas, provided that the Lots in such annexed property shall be impressed with and subject to assessments by the Association as herein specified on a uniform, per Lot basis.

b. Merger and Consolidation. Upon a merger or consolidation of the Association with another non-profit corporation organized for the same purposes, the Association's properties, rights, and obligations may be transferred to the surviving or consolidated association, or alternatively, the properties, rights and obligations of another association may be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated association shall administer the covenants, conditions and restrictions established by this Declaration, together with the covenants, conditions and restrictions applicable to the properties of the other association as one scheme. However, such merger or consolidation shall not effect any revocation, change or addition to the covenants established by this Declaration and no merger or consolidation shall be permitted except with the consent of the holders of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total eligible votes of each class of Members of the Association voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose.

c. Winding Up. The Association may be wound up and terminated with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total eligible votes of each class of Members voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose. Upon winding up of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which the Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization devoted to such similar purposes.

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION

**Section 1.** Membership. Each and every person, persons, or legal entity who shall own any Lot or any Residential Land in the Property, shall automatically be, and must remain, a Member of the Association. Such membership shall be appurtenant to each Lot and may not be severed from or held separately therefrom; PROVIDED, that any person or entity who holds such an interest merely as security for the performance of any obligation shall not be a Member.

**Section 2.** Classes of Members. The Association shall have three classes of membership:

a. Class A Member. Class A Members shall be all those persons or legal entities who own a Lot with the exception of Declarant. After the Conversion Date (hereinafter defined), Declarant shall also become a Class A Member to the extent that Declarant is the Owner of one or more Lots. When two or more persons or entities hold undivided interests in any Lot, all such persons or entities shall be Class A Members, and the vote for such part of the Property owned by such Members shall be exercised as they, among themselves, determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to each Lot in which such Members own undivided interests.

b. Class B Member. The Class B Member shall be Declarant or its successor or assign. The Class B membership of Declarant shall cease and become converted to Class A membership upon the

occurrence of the earlier of the following (the "Conversion Date"):

- i. At January 1, 2036; or
- ii. When the total votes of the Class A Members equals the total votes of the Class B Members; or
- iii. Such earlier date as may be established by Declarant in a written instrument recorded by Declarant in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Montgomery County, Texas.

c. Class C Member. Class C Members shall be all those persons or legal entities who own Residential Land. The Class C membership shall cease and become converted to Class B membership upon the recording of a subdivision plat of the Residential Land (or portion thereof) subdividing such Residential Land into Lots. As to any portion of the Residential Land not included within a recorded subdivision plat, the Class C membership shall continue.

**Section 3.** Voting Rights. Each Class A Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for membership. Prior to the Conversion Date, the Class B Member shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot it owns. From and after the Conversion Date, the Class B Member (as a converted Class A Member) shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for Association membership. Each Class C Member shall be entitled to two (2) votes for each acre of Residential Land it owns. As stated hereinabove, where more than one person or entity holds such interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members, and the vote for such Members shall be exercised as the several parties shall determine among themselves.

**Section 4.** Termination of Membership. The membership of a person or entity in the Association shall terminate automatically whenever such person or entity ceases to be an Owner, except that such termination shall not release or relieve any such person or entity from any liability or obligation incurred under or in any way connected with the Association or this Declaration during the period of ownership, nor impair any rights or remedies which the Association or any other Owner has with regard to such former Owner.

### ARTICLE III - ASSESSMENTS

**Section 1.** Covenants for Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot and all Residential Land owned by it within the Property (being all Lots and Residential Land within the Property), hereby covenants to pay, and each purchaser of any such Lot or Residential Land by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay, to the Association the following assessments (to the extent that any assessment pertains to a Lot or Residential Land owned by the Declarant or that purchaser and becomes due and payable on a date prior to or during the time that the Declarant or that purchaser is the Owner of that Lot or Residential Land): (1) Regular Annual Assessments (as specified in Section 3 of this Article III); (2) Special Assessments (as specified in Section 4 of this Article III), and (3) Special Member Assessments (as specified in Section 5 of this Article III), all of such assessments to be fixed, established and collected as hereinafter provided.

**Section 2.** Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of protecting and promoting the comfort, collective mutual enjoyment, health, and welfare of the Owners of the Property, or any part thereof, and for carrying out the purposes of the Association as stated in its Certificate of Formation and this Declaration. The judgment of the Board of

Directors of the Association in determining the functions to be performed by the Association, in determining the amount of Regular Annual Assessments, Special Assessments and Special Member Assessments, and in the expenditure of funds shall be final and conclusive so long as its judgment is exercised in good faith.

**Section 3.** Regular Annual Assessments. Each Owner of a Lot and each Owner of the Residential Land shall pay Regular Annual Assessments (herein so called) to the Association.

a. Purpose. Regular Annual Assessments shall be levied upon each Lot and Residential Land to provide funds for the use and benefit of the Owners of the Property. Regular Annual Assessments may be used to finance in particular, but not by way of limitation, the following:

i. Operation, maintenance, repair, and improvement of the Common Areas, the Detention/Drainage Areas, the Common Facilities, and the Common Personalty, including funding of appropriate reserves for future repair, replacement and improvement of same;

ii. Payment of taxes and premiums for insurance coverage in connection with the Common Areas, Detention/Drainage Areas, Common Facilities, and Common Personalty and any other property owned by the Association;

iii. Paying the cost of labor, equipment (including expense of leasing any equipment), material, and any associated management or supervisory services and fees required for management and supervision of the Common Areas, Detention/Drainage Areas, Common Facilities, and Common Personalty;

iv. Paying the cost and fees of a manager or firm retained to carry out the duties of the Association or to manage the affairs and property of the Association;

v. Paying the cost of Association liability insurance, including, without limitation, directors and officers liability coverage and fidelity bonds;

vi. Maintaining or replacing any Landscaping, Common Facilities, or Common Personalty in the Common Areas and the Detention/Drainage Areas and in areas within a public right-of-way where the Association elects to maintain Landscaping, Common Facilities, or Common Personalty;

vii. Designing, purchasing and installing any improvements to the Common Areas and the Detention/Drainage Areas;

viii. Mowing and routine maintenance of the Common Areas and in areas within a public right-of-way where the Association elects to maintain Landscaping, Common Facilities, or Common Personalty;

ix. Mowing and routine maintenance of the Detention/Drainage Areas, to the extent such maintenance work is not performed by a municipal utility district or other governmental entity;

x. Removing debris from the Common Areas and the Detention/Drainage Areas;

xi. Repairing all areas of erosion within the Detention/Drainage Areas;

- xii. Lighting, improving and maintaining streets, alleyways, sidewalks, and paths in the Property;
- xiii. Collecting and disposing of trash, garbage, ashes, rubbish and other similar materials;
- xiv. Payment of legal fees and expenses incurred to collect assessments and enforce this Declaration;
- xv. Employing policemen or watchmen and/or a security service if deemed necessary, in the sole discretion of the Board;
- xvi. Carrying out the duties of the Board of Directors of the Association; and
- xvii. Carrying out such purposes of the Association as generally benefit all Members of the Association.

b. Basis for Assessment. Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) below, Regular Annual Assessments shall be levied equally against each Lot by the Board of Directors of the Association on an annual basis. After consideration of current costs and future needs of the Association, the Board shall fix the Regular Annual Assessment at any amount not in excess of the hereinafter stated maximum.

c. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until December 31, 2007, the maximum Regular Annual Assessment rate shall be \$550.00. From and after December 31, 2007, the maximum Regular Annual Assessment rate may be increased each year not more than fifteen percent (15%) (with such percentage being cumulative from year to year) above the maximum assessment for the previous year by the Board of Directors of the Association without a vote of the Members. The maximum Regular Annual Assessment rate may be increased above such amount with the approval of a majority of the total eligible votes of each class of the membership of the Association by Members voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose.

d. Amount of Assessments Against Members. Lots owned by Class A Members and Class B Members (whether improved or unimproved) shall be subject to the same obligation of payment of Regular Annual Assessments, i.e., 100% of the Regular Annual Assessment rate. Residential Land owned by Class C Members shall be subject to the obligation of payment of Regular Annual Assessments at the rate of 25% (of the Regular Annual Assessment rate) per acre of land contained within such Residential Land.

**Section 4.** Special Assessments. In addition to the Regular Annual Assessments authorized by Section 3 hereof, the Association may, by vote of its members as set out in Section 6 hereof in any year or years, levy Special Assessments (herein so called).

- a. Purpose. Special Assessments may be levied for the following purposes:
  - i. Defraying the cost of any new construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair or extraordinary maintenance, or replacement of capital improvements for and within the Detention/Drainage Areas, Common Areas, Common Facilities, and Common Personalty, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto;
  - ii. Responding to unusual or emergency needs of the Association as a whole as may be expected to occur from time to time;

iii. Satisfying the obligation and responsibility of replenishing all or part of any escrow funds held by any other third party which have been withdrawn to pay for obligations incurred or assumed by the Association under agreements with such third party and/or any other governmental authorities;

iv. Indemnifying a director, officer, agent or employee of the Association pursuant to the indemnification provision of the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws of the Association or this Declaration;

v. Carrying out any other purposes that benefit the Association as a whole as stated in its Certificate of Formation, Bylaws or as stated herein.

b. Basis for Assessment. Special Assessments shall be allocated and prorated among the Owners at the date each such Special Assessment is levied in the same manner as Regular Annual Assessments are allocated and prorated among the Lots and Residential Land pursuant to Section 3 of this Article.

**Section 5.** Special Member Assessments. In addition to the Regular Annual Assessments and any Special Assessments authorized in this Article III, the Association, by vote of its Board of Directors, may levy a Special Member Assessment (herein so called) in accordance with, and as provided in Section 2 of Article VII hereof and the Bylaws of the Association, as such Bylaws presently exist or are subsequently modified or amended.

**Section 6.** Vote Required for Special Assessments. The Special Assessments authorized by Section 4 hereof must be approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total eligible votes of each class of the membership of the Association by Members voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, a written notice of which shall be given to all Members at least fifteen (15) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting.

**Section 7.** Commencement Date of Annual Assessments. The first Regular Annual Assessment provided for herein shall commence on a date in 2007 fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall continue thereafter from year to year. The assessment for 2007 shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in such year and shall be due and payable thirty (30) days after notice of assessment is sent to the Owners.

**Section 8.** Due Date of Assessments. On or before December 31 of each calendar year commencing in 2006, the Board of Directors shall fix the Regular Annual Assessment for the following calendar year which shall become due and payable on January 1 of such year and delinquent if not paid by March 1 of such year. If the Board of Directors fails, for any reason, to fix the Regular Annual Assessment on or before December 31 of any year, then the Regular Annual Assessment for the prior year shall be deemed to have been fixed for the following year until such time as the Board of Directors acts as to such following year. The due date of any Special Assessments under Section 4 hereof or of any Special Member Assessment under Section 5 hereof shall be fixed in the resolution authorizing such assessment.

**Section 9.** Owner's Personal Obligation for Payment of Assessments. The Regular Annual Assessments and all Special Assessments provided for herein shall be the personal and individual debt of the Owner of the Lot or Residential Land covered by such assessments. No Owner may, for any reason, exempt himself from liability for such assessments. In the event that any assessment or installment thereof is not paid when due, then the unpaid amount of any such assessment or installment thereof shall become delinquent and shall, together with interest thereon as herein provided and costs of collection thereof, be a

continuing personal obligation and debt of the non-paying Owner secured by the continuing lien imposed by this Declaration on the Lot and/or Residential Land, including all improvements thereon, to which such assessment or installment thereof pertains.

The obligation of any Owner to pay any assessment imposed on a Lot or Residential Land during such Owner's period of ownership shall remain such Owner's personal obligation, and a sale or other transfer of title to such Lot or Residential Land shall not release such former Owner from said liability notwithstanding an assumption of liability by the purchaser or transferee. The lien imposed by this Declaration for any unpaid assessments shall be unaffected by any sale or transfer of full or partial ownership interests in a Lot or Residential Land, or portion thereof, and shall continue in full force and effect.

The unpaid amount of any assessment shall bear interest from its due date at eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the maximum legal rate of interest then prevailing, whichever is lesser. In addition, the Board of Directors of the Association may elect to charge a fee for its administrative cost (or for the administrative cost paid to a third party) in handling delinquent accounts, and to retain the services of an attorney of its choice for the purposes of collecting any unpaid assessment, late fees, and interest charges thereon, and/or to foreclose the lien imposed by this Declaration against the property subject thereto and/or to pursue any other legal or equitable remedy which the association may have and there shall be added to the amount of the unpaid assessment, interest charges, and late fees thereon, any and all collection costs incurred by the Association, whether judicial or non-judicial, and including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of legal suit.

**Section 10.** Assessment Lien and Foreclosure. Declarant hereby imposes upon each and every Lot and the Residential Land within the Property a continuing lien enforceable by the Association to secure the payment to the Association of the Regular Annual Assessments, Special Assessments and Special Member Assessments (together with interest and the cost of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees as provided in Section 9 hereof) attributable to the Owner of that portion of the Property (the "Association's Lien"). Each Owner of each Lot or Residential Land, by acceptance of the deed therefor and whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to accept such property subject to the Association's Lien. Each Owner of each Lot, by acceptance of the deed therefor and whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, hereby expressly vests in the Board of Directors of the Association, or its agents, the right and power to bring all actions against each such Owner personally for the collection of all such assessments as a debt and to enforce the aforesaid Association's Lien by all methods available for the enforcement of such liens, including non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to §51.002 of the Texas Property Code, as same presently exists or as it is subsequently amended; and each such Owner hereby expressly grants to the Board of Directors of the Association a power of sale in connection with said Association's Lien. The Board of Directors of the Association may designate a trustee in writing from time to time to post or cause to be posted the required notices and to conduct such non-judicial foreclosure sale. The trustee may be changed at any time and from time to time by an instrument in writing signed by the President or a Vice-President of the Association and attested by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Association and filed for record in the official public records of real property of Montgomery County, Texas. The initial designation of a trustee by the Board of Directors of the Association shall be by an instrument in writing that is executed and filed in the same manner as an instrument changing the designated trustee. In any foreclosure proceedings, whether judicial or non-judicial, the Owner shall be required to pay the costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Association, and the Association shall have the right and power to bid on the property being foreclosed. The aforesaid Association's Lien shall be superior to all other liens and charges against the Property, except only for ad valorem tax liens and all sums unpaid on a first mortgage lien or first deed of trust lien of record, securing in either instance sums borrowed for the improvement and/or purchase of the property in question, to which said liens, and any renewals, extensions, supplements, and modifications thereof, the Association's Lien shall be subordinate and inferior. Provided,

however, that such subordination shall apply only to the assessments which have become due and payable prior to a foreclosure sale (whether public or private) of any such Lot pursuant to the terms and conditions of any such mortgage or deed of trust. Any foreclosure and sale of a portion of the Property pursuant to said superior liens shall not relieve any such Owner of personal liability for the sums owing under this Article nor the new Owner thereof from liability for the amount of any assessments thereafter becoming due nor from the continuing lien imposed hereby securing payment of any such subsequent assessments. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the power to subordinate the aforesaid Association's Lien to any other lien.

**Section 11.** Exempt Property. The Common Areas, Detention/Drainage Areas, any common properties of any other association which may merge or consolidate with the Association, any common properties contained or defined within a Supplementary Declaration filed as provided in Article I, Section 3 of this Declaration, and all portions of the Property owned by or otherwise dedicated to any political subdivision or municipal utility district (excluding portions of public or private utility easements located upon or within the boundaries of the Lots, which shall not be exempt), shall be exempted from the assessments and lien created, reserved, or contemplated herein.

**Section 12.** Certificate of Payment. The Board of Directors of the Association shall, upon the request of an Owner and the payment of a reasonable charge established by said Board, cause to be furnished to any such Owner liable for assessments, a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether said assessments have been paid. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the payment of any assessments therein stated to have been paid.

#### ARTICLE IV - ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Section 1.** Designation of Committee. The Association shall have an Architectural Review Committee appointed by the Board of Directors as set forth below, which shall consist of three (3) members who shall be natural persons, and who need not be Members of the Association. Members of the Board of Directors may also be members of the Architectural Review Committee. So long as Declarant owns ten (10) or more Lots or any portion of the Residential Land, the appointment of the members of the Architectural Review Committee must be approved in writing by Declarant, and any and all members of such committee may be removed and replaced by the Declarant without cause. Once Declarant owns fewer than ten (10) Lots and no portion of the Residential Land, the Board of Directors shall have the exclusive right and power at any time and from time to time to appoint, remove and fill vacancies on the Architectural Review Committee. Initially, the address of the Architectural Review Committee is 1601 Elm Street, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75201.

**Section 2.** Function of Architectural Review Committee. No Improvement, as that term is hereinafter defined, shall be erected, constructed, placed, altered (by addition or deletion), maintained or permitted to remain on any Lot until plans and specifications, in such form and detail as the Architectural Review Committee may deem necessary, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by such committee. The Architectural Review Committee shall have the power to employ professional consultants to assist it in discharging its duties. The decision of the Architectural Review Committee shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon the applicant.

**Section 3.** Content of Plans and Specifications. The plans and specifications required by the Architectural Review Committee to be submitted and approved may include, without limitation, the following:

- a. A topographical plat showing existing contour grades and showing the location of all improvements, structures, walks, patios, driveways, fences and walls. Existing and finished grades shall be shown at Lot corners and at corners of proposed improvements. Lot drainage provisions shall be indicated as well as cut and fill details if any applicable change in the Lot contours is contemplated.
- b. Exterior elevations.
- c. Exterior materials, colors, textures, and shapes.
- d. Structural design.
- e. Landscaping plan, including walkways, fences and walls, elevation changes, watering systems, vegetation and ground cover.
- f. Parking area and driveway plan.
- g. Screening, including size, location and method.

The Architectural Review Committee may, at its discretion, grant the approval required by this Article IV for one set of plans and specifications submitted by a Builder for Improvements on multiple Lots, and such approval shall be effective for each Lot on which such Improvements are constructed.

**Section 4.** Definition of "Improvements." Improvements shall mean and include all buildings, any roofed structures, waterfront structures, parking areas, fences, walls, hedges, mass planting, poles, fountains, driveways, ponds, swimming pools, tennis and other sport courts, changes in any exterior color or shape, and any new exterior construction or exterior improvement which may not be specified in any of the foregoing, whether such items are constructed initially or are added subsequent to the initial construction. "Improvements" do not include garden shrub or tree replacements or any other replacements or repairs of a minor nature that do not change exterior colors or exterior appearance.

**Section 5.** Basis of Approval. Approval of plans and specifications shall be based, among other things, on adequacy of site dimensions, structural design, conformity and harmony of external design and of location with neighboring structures and sites, relation of finished grades and elevations to that of neighboring sites, and conformity to both the specific and general intent of the protective covenants and restrictions of Article V hereof.

**Section 6.** Failure of the Committee to Act. If the Architectural Review Committee fails to approve or disapprove such plans and specifications or to reject them as being inadequate within fifteen (15) business days after submittal thereof, it shall be conclusively presumed that such committee has approved such plans and specifications, EXCEPT that the Architectural Review Committee has no right or power, either by action or failure to act, to waive, or to grant any variance from, the requirements of the protective covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in Article V hereof, except as specifically provided therein.

**Section 7.** Limitation of Liability. The Architectural Review Committee has no liability or obligation whatsoever in connection with any plans and/or specifications and no responsibility for the adequacy thereof or for the construction of any improvements contemplated by any such plans and/or specifications. The Architectural Review Committee has no duty to inspect any improvements; and, if the Architectural Review Committee should inspect any improvements, the Architectural Review Committee shall have no liability or obligation to any party arising out of such inspection. The Architectural Review Committee expressly shall have no liability or responsibility for defects in or omissions from any plans and/or

specifications or for defects in or omissions from the construction of any improvements. Notwithstanding any covenant, condition or term contained in this Declaration or provision of the Bylaws of the Association to the contrary, the Architectural Review Committee shall not have any liability to any Owner arising or resulting from any act or omission of the Architectural Review Committee taken or omitted pursuant to this Declaration or the Bylaws of the Association. Each Owner, by accepting a conveyance of any Lot or of any portion of the Property, shall be deemed conclusively to have unconditionally and irrevocably waived all claims against the Architectural Review Committee arising or resulting from acts or omissions pursuant to this Declaration or the Bylaws of the Association.

## ARTICLE V - COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

**Section 1.** Covenants Applicable. The following provisions shall be applicable to any and all construction, improvement, alteration, or addition to the Lots.

a. Use. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes only. For purposes of this Declaration, "single-family residential" use means no more than one dwelling unit shall be constructed on any Lot, and the residents thereof shall be members of the same family, i.e., related to each other by blood or adoption. No building or structure intended for or adapted to business purposes, and no apartment house, hospital, sanatorium or doctor's office, or any multi-family dwelling shall be erected, placed, permitted or maintained on any Lot, or on any part thereof. Except for normal construction activity, sale, and re-sale of the Lots, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted within the Property, including without limitation, within any residence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to applicable statutes and ordinances, an Owner may maintain a home business office within a residence for such Owner's personal use; provided, however, business invitees, customers, and clients shall not be permitted to meet with Owners in any home unless the Board provides otherwise in the Rules and Regulations. No Owner may actively engage in any solicitations for commercial purposes within the Property. No solicitors of a commercial nature are allowed within the Property. No day care center or facility may be operated out of a residence. No improvement or structure whatsoever, other than a high quality private dwelling house, patio walls, swimming pool, garage, servants' quarters, waterfront structure, or guesthouse, may be erected, placed, or maintained on any Lot. Any other outbuildings, such as storage sheds, are specifically prohibited except in strict accordance with the provisions of subparagraph s. of this Section.

b. Occupancy. No more than one (1) person for each 185 square feet of floor area (exclusive of open porches and garages) may occupy or reside in the improvements on a Lot at any time. The foregoing maximum occupancy/residency limitation is not intended to limit the number of short-term guests and short-term invitees (i.e., "visitors"), so long as such visitors are not overnight occupants of, or take up residence in, the improvements. The occupancy of the improvements on any Lot must, in any event, comply with the other requirements of this Declaration (including, without limitation, the provisions of this Article V) and applicable Texas law.

c. Subdivision. No Lot shall be further divided or subdivided, nor shall the boundary line of any Lot be modified after a subdivision plat including such Lot has been approved and filed of record; provided, however, Declarant shall be permitted to subdivide or change the boundary line of any Lot owned by the Declarant.

d. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on or from any part of any Lot, except signs temporarily used by Declarant or any Owner, of not more than five square feet, advertising the Lot for sale or rent, or signs of architects and builders during the period of construction and sale of improvements on any Lot.

e. Floor Area-1-Story. The total floor area of any single-story dwelling constructed on any Lot, exclusive of open porches and garages, shall not be less than 1,450 square feet.

f. Floor Area-2-Story. The total floor area of any two-story dwelling constructed on any Lot, exclusive of open porches and garages, shall not be less than 1,800 square feet, and the floor area of the second floor of any such two-story dwelling, exclusive of open porches and garages, shall not exceed 60% of the total floor area of such two-story dwelling, unless a variance from this restriction is specifically approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee.

g. Exterior Walls. Not less than 75% of the exterior walls of any dwelling constructed on a Lot, exclusive of doors and windows, shall be masonry, stucco, stone or brick construction; provided, however, this requirement shall not apply to the following specific areas (the "Exception Areas"): (1) the second story side and rear exterior walls of a two-story dwelling; (2) any portion of a front wall above a roof line where a portion of the roof is in front of said wall; (3) gable end walls located above an overhead garage door; and (4) on the inside of a front entry alcove. For the Exception Areas and all side and rear exterior walls (exclusive of doors and windows) either (i) stucco, stone, or brick, or (ii) "Hardiplank" siding or other masonry type lap siding in an 8" width installed horizontally (not vertically) shall be required.

h. Community Fence Along Riley Fuzzel Road. Declarant intends to construct a wall (the "Community Fence") along the rear lot lines of Lots 1 through 8 (inclusive), and the northernmost rear lots line of Lot 9, Block 1, and the rear lots lines of Lots 1 and 2, and the northwestern rear lot line of Lot 3, Block 8, Section One, adjacent to Restricted Reserve "A" and Restricted Reserve "B" along Riley Fuzzel Road (as such lots and reserves are designated on the Recorded Plat), which shall be maintained by the Association. So long as the Community Fence is constructed and maintained, no Builder or Owner shall be permitted to construct a fence of any kind whatsoever along said lot lines. If no Community Fence is constructed, or if such fence ceases to be maintained by the Association, then any replacement therefor shall be constructed uniformly along said lot lines.

i. Lots Near Restricted Reserves "B" and "C"; Decorative Fences. No fence of any type is allowed to be constructed along any lot boundary line abutting Restricted Reserve "B" except as follows: A fence four (4) feet in height, constructed of wrought iron or tubular steel, painted black, with ¾-inch square pickets on 4" centers, 2" square vertical posts, a closed top and bottom rail design, and a 3' wide gates (the "Permitted Decorative Fence"), may be constructed and maintained by each applicable Owner along the following lot lines that abut Restricted Reserve "B" or Restricted Reserve "C":

- i. the northeast rear lot line of Lot 3, Block 8, Section One;
- ii. the rear lot lines of Lots 4 through 9 (inclusive), Block 8, Section One;
- iii. the rear lot line and the north portion of the southeast lot line of Lot 10, Block 8, Section One, as far south as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing south of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);
- iv. the rear lot line and the north portion of the northwest lot line of Lot 11, Block 8, Section One, as far south as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing south of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);
- v. the rear lot lines of Lots 12 through 17 (inclusive), Block 8, Section One;
- vi. the rear lot lines of Lots 20 and 21, Block 8, Section One;
- vii. the rear lot line and the north portion of the northeast lot line of Lot 22, Block 8, Section One, as far south as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing south of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);

- viii. the rear lot line and the north portion of the southwest lot line of Lot 23, Block 8, Section One, as far south as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing south of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);
- ix. the rear lot line of Lot 24, Block 8, Section One;
- x. the rear (northeast) lot line of Lot 28, Block 2, Section One;
- xi. the rear (southeast) lot line of Lots 29 and 32, Block 2, Section One;
- xii. the rear lot line and the east portion of the northeast lot line of Lot 33, Block 2, Section One, as far north as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing north of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);
- xiii. the rear lot line and the south portion of the northwest lot line of Lot 34, Block 2, Section One, as far north as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing north of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited); and
- xiv. the rear lot line and the south portion of the southeast lot line of Lot 35, Block 2, Section One, as far north as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing north of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited).

In addition, no fencing other than a Decorative Fence shall be constructed along the following lot lines (or portions thereof) (not adjacent to Restricted Reserve "B" or Restricted Reserve "C"):

- i. the rear portion of the common boundary line of the following Lots, extending as far south as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing south of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);
  - a. Lots 3 and 4, Block 8, Section One;
  - b. Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, Section One;
  - c. Lots 5 and 6, Block 8, Section One;
  - d. Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, Section One;
  - e. Lots 7 and 8, Block 8, Section One;
  - f. Lots 8 and 9, Block 8, Section One;
  - g. Lots 9 and 10, Block 8, Section One;
  - h. Lots 11 and 12, Block 8, Section One;
  - i. Lots 12 and 13, Block 8, Section One;
  - j. Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Section One;
  - k. Lots 14 and 15, Block 8, Section One;
  - l. Lots 15 and 16, Block 8, Section One;
  - m. Lots 16 and 17, Block 8, Section One;
  - n. Lots 20 and 21, Block 8, Section One;
  - o. Lots 21 and 22, Block 8, Section One;
  - p. Lots 23 and 24, Block 8, Section One;
  - q. Lots 28 and 29, Block 2, Section One;
  - r. Lots 29 and 30, Block 2, Section One; and
  - s. Lots 32 and 33, Block 2, Section One.
- ii. the rear portion of the common boundary line of the following Lots, extending as far north as the front of the dwelling structure (fencing north of the front of the dwelling structure being expressly prohibited);
  - t. Lots 34 and 35, Block 2, Section One; and
  - u. Lot 34, Block 2, Section One, and the right-of-way of Lockeridge Village Drive.

j. Other Fences. No chain link fence or fences shall be situated, erected, constructed, or permitted to remain upon any Lot, or any portion thereof. Except as specified above for Lots near Restricted Reserves "B" and "C," fences no more than six (6) feet in height constructed of wood, brick masonry, decorative iron, or a combination of wood, brick masonry and/or decorative iron, may be erected with the Architectural Review Committee's approval of the plans therefor.

k. Corner Lots. Any fences constructed along the side lot lines adjacent to a street shall be constructed with the front face of the fence facing the street.

l. Roofing. All roofs constructed upon any dwelling and/or other structures constructed, erected, or located upon any Lot shall be constructed with a minimum pitch of 6 to 12; except that any covered porch, patio cover, portico, or porte-cochere attached to the main dwelling and integrated into the architecture of the main dwelling structure is permitted to be constructed with a minimum roof pitch of 4 to 12, unless a variance from this restriction (as to any covered porch, patio cover, portico, or porte-cochere) is specifically approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee. All roofing shall be constructed of architectural dimensional shingles of a quality equal to or exceeding a 30-year warranty, Elk Prestique shingle, in "Weathered Wood" color or its equivalent color.

m. Animals. No animals, livestock, or poultry shall be raised, bred, or kept upon any Lot, or portion thereof, except that no more than a total of three (3) dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes, and provided that they do not create a nuisance.

n. Nuisance. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be, or may become, an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

o. Trash. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept upon any Lot that will emit foul or obnoxious odors. Trash, garbage, or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators, containers, or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. No weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growths shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any Lot, and no refuse pile or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain anywhere thereon. No compost shall be permitted upon any Lot.

p. Clotheslines. Facilities and lines for hanging, drying, or airing clothing or household fabrics shall not be permitted, except inside an enclosed structure.

q. Building Material. No building material of any kind or character shall be placed or stored upon a Lot until the Owner is ready to commence improvements and then such materials shall be placed within the property lines of the Lot upon which the improvements are to be erected, and shall not be placed in the street. No stumps, trees, underbrush, or any refuse of any kind, nor scrap material from the improvements being erected on any Lot shall be placed on any adjoining Lots or streets. All such material, if not disposed of immediately, must remain on the Lot on which construction work is in progress, and at the completion of such improvements, such material must be immediately removed from the Property.

r. Temporary Structures. No trailer, tent, shack, garage, or any structure of a temporary character shall at any time be erected or used on any Lot as a residence or business, either temporarily or permanently, except during actual construction of a building being erected thereon, and then such temporary

structure must be on the Lot on which construction is in progress and not on adjoining Lots, streets, or easements, and at completion of construction, the temporary structure must be removed immediately. No such temporary structure shall be used for residential purposes during construction. No garage or outbuilding shall ever be used as a residence or business, either temporarily or permanently. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall prohibit the location of a trailer, mobile home, or other temporary structure on any part of the Property for use temporarily as a sales office for homes erected or to be erected by builders or developers. The size, location, and period of occupancy of such temporary sales offices shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee, which approval may be given or withheld at such Committee's sole discretion, and if withheld, then the location and use of such trailer, mobile home or temporary structure for a sales office at the requested location shall be prohibited. Immediately upon the expiration of the period of occupancy permitted by the Architectural Review Committee for such temporary sales office, such trailer, mobile home or temporary structure shall be removed.

s. Storage Outbuildings. No outbuilding or shed for storage or similar structure shall be situated on any portion of any Lot that abuts Restricted Reserve "C" along a common boundary that is 20 feet or more, or on any Common Area, Drainage/Detention Area, or any area within the Property dedicated to the public. As to any Lot other than those Lots abutting Restricted Reserve "C" 20 feet or more, any such outbuilding or shed may be located in the rear yard of such Lot so long as the highest point on such structure is below the top of the rear or side fence, whichever is lower. In the event the rear yard of such Lot is not fenced on all three sides, any such outbuilding or shed is prohibited. No variance shall be granted that is contrary to the aforesaid.

t. Vehicle Storage. No motor vehicle or non-motorized vehicle, boat, trailer, marine craft, recreational vehicle, camper, rig off the truck, hovercraft, aircraft, machinery or equipment of any kind may be parked or stored on any part of the Lot, easement, right-of-way, or Common Areas or in the street adjacent to such lot, easement, right-of-way, or Common Areas unless such vehicle or object is completely concealed from public view inside a garage, enclosure approved by the Architectural Control Committee or an area adequately screened by planting or fencing so as not to be seen at ground level from any other Lot. The foregoing prohibition does not apply to passenger automobiles, passenger vans, motorcycles, or pickup trucks that are in operating and in attractive condition, having no commercial advertising thereon that has not been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association, having current license plates and inspection stickers, are in daily use as motor vehicles on the streets and highways of the State of Texas, and which do not exceed six feet, six inches in height or seven feet, six inches in width, or twenty-one feet in length, unless approved by the Board (each a "permitted vehicle"). No vehicle shall be parked such as to obstruct or block a public sidewalk. No vehicle shall be parked on the grass or lawn of a Lot. No vehicle may be repaired on a Lot where such vehicle is not concealed from view inside a garage or other approved enclosure. This restriction shall not apply to any vehicle, machinery, or equipment temporarily parked and in use for the construction, repair or maintenance of a house or houses in the immediate vicinity. No more than two (2) permitted vehicles owned or being used by occupants or residents of a Lot may be parked on the street adjacent to such Lot.

u. Detached Garage. No detached two-story garage shall be constructed or erected upon any Lot.

v. Facing; Building Lines. All dwellings or residences constructed or erected upon any Lot shall face the road or street that the Lot faces as shown on the Recorded Plat, and no portion of such dwelling or residence shall be nearer to the street property line of the Lot than is designated by the building line, if any, on the Recorded Plat. The location of all structures constructed, erected, situated, or placed upon any Lot must be in conformance with the building lines, if any, as shown on the Recorded Plats of the

Property, and the minimum building set-back lines established by the ordinances and regulations of Montgomery County.

w. Mining; Drilling. No oil drilling, oil development operations, refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon any Lot in the Property, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be permitted upon any Lot.

**Section 2.** Landscaping. All Lots shall be landscaped, and such landscaping shall:

a. Be required on all Lots contemporaneously with completion of other improvements, but in no event later than 30 days after the first occupancy or completion of a residential structure, whichever shall first occur, unless a longer period is approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee;

b. Conform to a landscaping plan approved by the Architectural Review Committee pursuant to Article IV hereof. Such approval may be limited to landscaping plans which:

i. Provide for a minimum of one (1) live oak tree of at least 4" caliper in the front yard of the Lot; and provide for the planting of shrubs of a minimum size of five (5) gallons each along the entire front of the residence (excluding a garage or a porch area that may extend the width of the front elevation).

ii. Do not obstruct sight lines at street or driveway intersections;

iii. Preserve existing trees to the extent practical; and

iv. Permit reasonable access to public and private utility lines and easements for installation and repair.

c. The front yard of each Lot as well as the side yard of each corner Lot shall be completely sodded to the street curb by the Builder upon the completion of the residential structure.

d. The side yards shall be kept free and clear of any Landscaping, fences, or other improvements that would impede or interfere with the flow of storm water to a street or a drainage inlet.

e. No antenna, tower or satellite dish shall be erected on any Lot for any purpose without prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee. The Architectural Review Committee may, from time to time, provide written guidelines for the erection of antennas and satellite dishes upon the Lots.

f. Any and all lines and/or wires for communication or for transmission of sound or electrical current, not within a building, shall be constructed or placed and maintained underground.

**Section 3.** Side Setbacks. No part of a residence or garage shall be located on a Lot nearer than five (5) feet to a side Lot line; provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing, a detached garage may be located no nearer than three (3) feet to a side Lot line.

**Section 4.** Sidewalks. A four-foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be provided on all Lots, parallel to the abutting street and within the street right-of-way in accordance with Montgomery County guidelines. Any corner Lot shall have a sidewalk along each street abutting the Lot. All sidewalks shall be constructed when the dwelling structure is constructed and completed before the dwelling structure is occupied.

**Section 5.**     Underground Electric Service.   An underground electric distribution system will be installed in Section 1. This electrical distribution system shall consist of overhead primary feeder circuits constructed on wood or steel poles, single or three phase, as well as underground primary and secondary circuits, pad mounted or other types of transformers, junction boxes, and such other appurtenances as shall be necessary to make underground service available. The Owner of each Lot containing a single dwelling unit shall, at his own cost, furnish, install, own and maintain (all in accordance with the requirements of local governing authorities and the National Electrical Code) the underground service cable and appurtenances from the point of the electric company's metering at the structure to the point of attachment at such company's installed transformers or energized secondary junction boxes, such point of attachment to be made available by the electric company at a point designated by such company at the property line of each Lot. The electric company furnishing service shall make the necessary connections at said point of attachment and at the meter. Declarant has, either by designation on the plats of Section 1 or by separate instrument(s), granted necessary easements to the electric company providing of the installation, maintenance, and operation of its electric distribution system and has also granted to each Owner of a Lot reciprocal easements providing for access to the area occupied by and centered on the service wires of the various Owners to permit installation, repair and maintenance of each Owner's owned and installed service wires. In addition, the Owner of each Lot containing a single dwelling unit shall, at his own cost, furnish, install, own, and maintain a meter loop (in accordance with the then current standards and specifications of the electric company furnishing service) for the location and installation of the meter of such electric company for each dwelling unit involved. For so long as underground service is maintained in Section 1, the electric service to each dwelling unit therein shall be underground, uniform in character, and exclusively of the type known as single-phase, 120/240 volt, three-wire, 60-cycle, alternating current.

## ARTICLE VI - RESERVATION AND GRANT OF EASEMENTS

**Section 1.**     Utilities.   Easements for installation, construction, reconstruction, patrolling, inspection, maintenance, repair, removal, and/or addition of utility systems or facilities and for ingress and egress to or from and upon such utility easements are reserved by Declarant as shown on the plats of the Property, the provisions of said plats pertaining to the use of land situated within such utility easements being hereby referred to and incorporated herein for all purposes. Full right of ingress and egress shall be had by Declarant, any municipal authority which provides utilities to the Property, at all times over any dedicated easement for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair or removal of any utility together with the right to remove any obstruction that may be placed in such easement that would constitute interference with the use of such easement, or with the use, maintenance, operation or installation of such utility. All claims for damages, if any, arising out of the construction, reconstruction, patrolling, inspection, maintenance, repair removal and/or addition of utilities or on account of temporary or other inconvenience caused thereby, against the Declarant, or any utility company or municipality, or any of its agents or servants, are hereby waived by the Owners.

**Section 2.**     Wall Easement.   There is hereby reserved and created a perpetual right and easement for the benefit of the Association, its successors and assigns, upon, over and across Lots 1 through 6 (inclusive) and Lot 103 for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, repairing, replacing and reconstructing the Community Fence and related Landscaping, together with the right to enter upon any such Lot as may be reasonably necessary to construct, maintain, repair, replace or reconstruct such Landscaping and such wall or fence. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be construed to obligate the Association or Declarant to construct any such wall or fence.

**Section 3.**     Universal Easement.   Each Lot and its Owner is hereby declared to have an easement, and

the same is hereby granted to Declarant, over all adjoining Lots and Common Areas for the purpose of accommodating any minor encroachment due to engineering error, errors in original construction, settlement or shifting of the building, or any similar cause. There shall be easements for the maintenance of said encroachment, settling or shifting; provided, however, that in no event shall an easement for encroachment be created in favor of an Owner or Owners if said encroachment occurred due to the willful misconduct or gross negligence of said Owner or Owners, or if said encroachment materially interferes with the use of the Lot encumbered by the encroachment. In the event a structure on any Lot is partially or totally destroyed and then repaired or rebuilt, the Owners of each Lot agree that minor encroachments over adjoining Lots shall be permitted, and there shall be easements for the maintenance of said encroachments so long as they shall exist. Each of the easements hereinabove referred to shall be deemed to be established upon the recordation of this Declaration and shall be appurtenant to the Lot being served and shall pass with each conveyance of said Lot.

## ARTICLE VII - MAINTENANCE

**Section 1.** **Owner's Duty of Maintenance.** The Owners and Occupants of each Lot shall jointly and severally have the duty and responsibility, at their sole cost and expense, to keep that part of the Property so owned or occupied including buildings, improvements and grounds in connection therewith, in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and wastes.
- b. Lawn mowing.
- c. Tree and shrub pruning.
- d. Watering.
- e. Keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive.
- f. Keeping parking areas and driveways in good repair.
- g. Complying with all government health and policy requirements.
- h. Repair of exterior damage to buildings and improvements and repainting of buildings and improvements when necessary.
- i. Keeping side yards free and clear of any Landscaping, fences, or other improvements that would impede or interfere with the flow of stormwater to a street or storm inlet.

**Section 2.** **Enforcement.** If, in the opinion of the Association (acting through its Board of Directors), any such Owner or Occupant has failed in any of the foregoing duties or responsibilities, then the Association (acting through its Board of Directors) may give such person written notice of such failure and such person must within ten (10) days after receiving such notice, perform the care and maintenance required. Should any such person fail to fulfill this duty and responsibility within such period, then the Association through its authorized agent or agents shall have the right and power to enter onto the premises and perform such care and maintenance without any liability for damages for wrongful entry, trespass or otherwise to any person. The Owners and Occupants of any Lot on which such work is performed shall

jointly and severally be liable for the cost of such work and shall promptly reimburse the Association for such cost. If such Owners or Occupants shall fail to reimburse the Association within ten (10) days after receipt of a statement for such work from the Association, then said indebtedness shall be a debt of said Owners and Occupants jointly and severally, and the Association may levy a Special Member Assessment in accordance with this Declaration and the Bylaws of the Association, as such Bylaws presently exist or are subsequently modified or amended, which Special Member Assessment is secured by the lien imposed by Article III, Section 10 of this Declaration, and is subject to foreclosure as is provided therein.

## **ARTICLE VIII - COMMON PROPERTIES**

**Section 1.**     Easements of Enjoyment. Subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, every Member of the Association shall have a non-exclusive right of easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas.

**Section 2.**     Title to Common Areas. Except as otherwise provided herein, Declarant shall convey to the Association fee simple title to the Common Areas owned in fee by Declarant, and the Association shall be responsible for their operation, repair and maintenance in accordance with this Declaration.

**Section 3.**     Extent of Easements. The rights and easements of enjoyment created hereby shall be subject to the following:

a.           The right of the Association to establish rules and regulations governing the Members' use and enjoyment of the Common Areas, and to suspend the enjoyment rights of any Member for any reasonable period of time for any infraction of such rules and regulations.

b.           The right of the Association to sell, convey or dedicate to the appropriate governmental authority the Common Areas, or any part thereof, provided such sale, conveyance or dedication is approved by a majority of the total eligible votes of each class of the Members of the Association, voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and shall set forth the purpose of the meeting.

c.           The right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving, maintaining, or repairing the Detention/Drainage Areas, the Common Areas and/or Common Facilities, or any part thereof, and to mortgage the Common Areas, Common Facilities, or any part thereof, provided the mortgaging of the Common Areas is approved by a majority of the total eligible votes of each class of Members of the Association voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

d.           The right of the Association to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to protect the Common Areas and/or Common Facilities, or any part thereof, against foreclosure.

e.           The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use the Common Facilities of any Member for any period during which any assessment or other amount owed by the Member to the Association remains unpaid or during which such Member is in violation of any of the provisions of this Declaration.

f.           The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facilities that may be a part of the Common Areas or Common Facilities.

**ARTICLE IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**Section 1.** **Duration.** This Declaration and the covenants, restrictions, conditions, charges, and liens set out herein shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, and every Owner of any part of the Property, including Declarant, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, for a term beginning on the date this Declaration is recorded, and continuing through and including December 31, 2037, after which time said covenants, restrictions, conditions, charges, and liens shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years unless a change (the word “change” including additions, deletions or modifications thereto, in whole or in part) is approved by a majority of the total eligible votes of the Members of the Association (regardless of class) voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting, or by the written consent of Members holding a majority of the total eligible votes of the Members of the Association (regardless of class).

**Section 2.** **Amendment.** This Declaration may be amended or terminated at any time by a majority of the total eligible votes of each class of membership of the Association voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting, or by the written consent of Members holding a majority of the total eligible votes of the Members of the Association (regardless of class); provided, however, that Declarant must consent thereto if Declarant owns one or (1) or more of the Lots or any portion of the Residential Land. Any such amendment or termination shall become effective when an instrument is filed for record in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Montgomery County, Texas, with the signatures of the requisite number of Members (and the signature of Declarant if Declarant owns one (1) or more of the Lots) or any portion of the Residential Land.

**Section 3.** **Enforcement.** The Association, every Owner of any part of the Property, Declarant, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, shall have the right (but not the duty) to enforce this Declaration and the covenants, restrictions, conditions, charges and liens contained herein. Enforcement of the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be by any proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant, condition or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against the land to enforce any lien created by these covenants. Failure by the Association or any Owner or Declarant to enforce any such covenant, condition, restriction, charge or lien shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

**Section 4.** **Severability of Provisions.** If any paragraph, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Declaration shall be illegal, null or void for any reason or shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, null or void, the remaining paragraphs, sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Declaration shall continue in full force and effect and shall not be affected thereby. It is hereby declared that said remaining paragraphs, sections, sentences, clauses and phrases would have been and are imposed irrespective of the fact that any one or more other paragraphs, sections, sentences, clauses or phrases shall become or be illegal, null or void.

**Section 5.** **Notice.** Whenever written notice to the Owners (including Declarant) is required hereunder, such notice shall be given by the mailing of same, postage prepaid, to the address of such Owners appearing on the records of the Association (and as furnished to the Board of Directors by such Owners). If notice is given in such manner, such notice shall be conclusively deemed to have been given by placing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, property addressed, whether received by the addressee or not.

**Section 6.** Titles. The titles, headings and captions that have been used throughout this Declaration are for convenience only and are not to be used in construing this Declaration or any part thereof.

**Section 7.** Number of Gender of Words. Whenever used in this Declaration, the singular number shall include the plural where appropriate, and vice versa; words of any gender shall include each other gender, where appropriate.

**Section 8.** Assignment. Declarant shall have the right to assign and/or delegate its rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder.

**Section 9.** Address of Declarant. The initial mailing address of Declarant is 1601 Elm St., Suite 300, Thanksgiving Tower, Dallas, Texas 75201.

**Section 10.** Insurance. The Board of Directors of the Association shall obtain insurance (the premiums for which shall be a common expense payable from property assessments) as follows (such insurance to be in amounts designated by the Board of Directors unless an amount is specified in this Declaration):

a. Insurance on all insurable improvements against loss or damage by fire and all other risks insured by standard extended coverage policies in use in the State of Texas, with such endorsements as the Board of Directors deems advisable, in amounts sufficient to prevent the Association from being a co-insurer within the terms of such policies, but in any event in an amount not less than the full replacement cost thereof. The full replacement cost of such improvements shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors which may obtain an appraisal in making such determination, the cost of which shall be a common expense payable from property assessments.

b. Comprehensive general liability insurance against claims for bodily injury or death (minimum coverage of \$300,000) and property damage (minimum coverage of \$100,000) suffered by the public or any Owner, the family, agent, employee or invitee of any Owner, occurring in, on or about the Common Areas, and at least \$1,000,000.00 in "umbrella" coverage. Any policy obtained pursuant to this subsection (b) shall contain a cross-liability endorsement whereby the rights of a named insured shall not prejudice his, her or their action or actions against another named insured, and shall contain a "severability of interest" type of endorsement precluding the insurer from denying a claim of an Owner or the Association because of the negligent acts of other Owners or the Association.

c. Such other insurance in such reasonable amounts as the Board of Directors shall deem desirable, including without limitation, director's and officer's liability insurance for the directors and officers of the Association (including former directors and officers) against any liability asserted against any such party, or incurred by such party in such capacity, or arising out of such party's status as a director or officer or as a former director or officer; and fidelity bonds for any management company retained by the Board of Directors.

d. All insurance provided for herein shall be effected with responsible insurers authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All such policies of insurance shall name as insured the Association. All insurance policies shall be held with insurance companies with an AM Best & Company rating of not less than an A + 9 rating.

e. Immediately after the damage or description by fire or other casualty to all or any part of the Common Areas, Detention/Drainage Areas, or the Common Facilities covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the

cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition in which it existed prior to the fire or other casualty.

f. Any damage or destruction to the Common Areas, Detention/Drainage Areas, or Common Facilities shall be repaired or reconstructed unless Members holding a majority vote of each class of voting membership in the Association decide within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided however, that such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days.

g. In the event that it should be determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction of the Common Areas, Detention/Drainage Areas or Common Facilities shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the property shall be restored to its natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Common Areas by the Association in a neat and attractive condition.

**Section 11. Bylaws of the Association.** This Declaration contemplates and refers to Bylaws of the Association. No rights of Members created or described herein, and no provision hereof, shall impair, invalidate or limit the power and authority (which it expressly hereby has) of the Bylaws to (i) determine or set standards for determining which votes of Members of the Association are "eligible votes," (ii) set quorum requirements for the effective conducting of meetings of Members, the Board or any committee, (iii) authorize actions to be taken by Members, the Board or any committee by written consent of appropriate percentages, even without a meeting or prior notice, (iv) set meeting and notice requirements for subject matters addressed in the Bylaws, and (v) otherwise to limit, enhance, impair and modify the voting rights and procedures provided for in this Declaration or under the Texas Non Profit Corporation Act; provided that, the Bylaws cannot (i) alter the prescribed percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause of this Declaration (subject to the determination of quorum and of "eligible votes"), (ii) alter the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under and as prescribed by this Declaration (subject to the determination of quorum and of "eligible votes") or (iii) remove, revoke or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant hereunder.

a. To the extent that the Bylaws provide for a method of delivery (and the effectiveness thereof) of a notice to a Member, a director or the Association for a purpose stated in the Bylaws, and such method or effectiveness is inconsistent or in conflict with the methods of delivery (or the effectiveness thereof) allowed or prescribed by this Declaration, the provisions of the Bylaws shall be controlling.

b. The Board of Directors shall adopt the initial Bylaws of the Association. Those Bylaws may be amended by Declarant on its own motion at any time prior to the Conversion Date. Alternatively, those Bylaws may be amended by the vote of Members holding a majority of the total eligible votes of each class of Members voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, or by the written consent of Members holding a majority of the total eligible votes of the Members of the Association (regardless of class), provided that Declarant must consent thereto if Declarant owns one (1) or more of the Lots or any portion of the Residential Land.

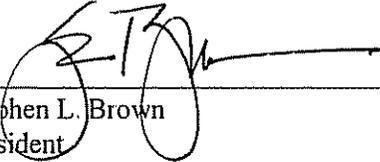
**Section 12. Formation of the Association.** Declarant shall cause the initial Certificate of Formation of the Association to be prepared and filed. After the Certificate is approved and adopted by the Board of Directors, that Certificate may be amended by Declarant on its own motion at any time prior to the

Conversion Date. Alternatively, the Certificate may be amended by the vote of Members holding a majority of the total eligible votes of each class of Members voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, or by the written consent of Members holding a majority of the total eligible votes of the Members of the Association (regardless of class), provided that Declarant must consent thereto if Declarant owns one (1) or more of the Lots or any portion of the Residential Land.

EXECUTED to be effective as of the date set forth above.

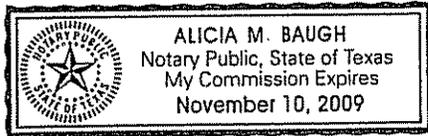
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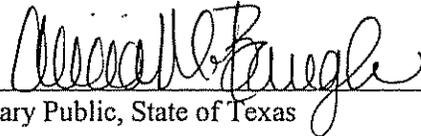
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By:   
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Stephen L. Brown  
President

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007, by Stephen L. Brown, President of SOWELL LOCKERIDGE, INC., a Texas corporation, in its capacity as sole general partner of SOWELL EQUITIES-LOCKERIDGE, L.P., a Texas limited partnership.



  
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Notary Public, State of Texas

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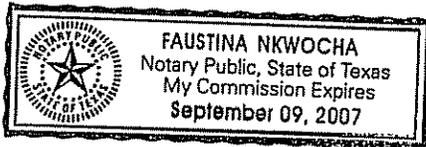
TEXAS STATE BANK

By: [Signature]  
Name: WAYNE R. REYNOLDS  
Title: Senior Vice President

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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Before me FAUSTINA NKWOCHA, a Notary Public for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared WAYNE R. REYNOLDS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT of TEXAS STATE BANK, a Texas banking association, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17th day of February, 2007.



[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Texas

Ret. Sowell + Co.  
1601 Elm St, # 300  
Dallas, TX 75201

**EXHIBIT "A"**

Being 60.205 acres of land, more or less, located in the Montgomery County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 351, Montgomery County, Texas, and being as 60.205 Acres or 2,622,510 Square Feet of land being part of the remainder of that certain 79.7223 (Called a 50 and Called a 45) Acre tract conveyed to Locke Family Trust by a deed dated September 25, 2001 and recorded under Clerk's File No. 2001-087817, of the Deed Records of Montgomery County, Texas (M.C.D.R.), and described by a deed dated September 19, 1952 and recorded in Volume 336, Page 437, M.C.D.R., lying in the MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL LAND Survey, Abstract 351, in Montgomery County, Texas, said 60.205 Acre tract is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows (bearings based on Texas State Plane Coordinate System, South Central Zone\*):

BEGINNING at a 5/8" inch iron rod with a cap found at the Southeast Right-of-Way of RILEY FUZZEL ROAD (a 100.00 foot R.O.W.), the West line of the remainder of said 79.7223 Acre tract, same being the East line of that certain 1154.85 Acre tract conveyed from TOWNSEN INTERESTS, LTD to MIDWAY TOWNSEN PARTNERS. L.P., by a deed dated June 14, 2002 and recorded under Clerk's File No. 2002-059576, M.C.D.R.;

THENCE, Northeasterly, along the Southeast Right-of-Way of said RILEY FUZZEL ROAD, a distance of 101.15 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a central angle of 02 deg. 58 min. 19 sec., radius of 1950.00 feet, a chord which bears North 63 deg. 34 min. 51 sec. East, and a chord distance 101.14 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod found at a point for corner;

THENCE North 65 deg. 04 min. 01 sec. East, along the Southeast Right-of-Way of said RILEY FUZZEL ROAD, a distance of 205.22 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with a cap found at a point for corner;

THENCE, Northeasterly, along the Southeast Right-of-Way of said RILEY FUZZEL ROAD, a distance of 974.06 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a central angle of 27 deg. 13 min. 27 sec., radius of 2050.00 feet, a chord which bears North 51 deg. 27 min. 17 sec. East, and a chord distance 964.92 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with a cap found at a point for corner;

THENCE South 48 deg. 57 min. 58 sec. East, a distance of 628.91 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with a cap found at point for corner;

THENCE North 42 deg. 44 min. 31 sec. East, a distance of 133.67 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with a cap set at point for corner;

THENCE North 41 deg. 43 min. 40 sec. East, a distance of 1003.37 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with a cap set at point for corner;

THENCE South 47 deg. 15 min. 29 sec. East, (Called South 45 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. East), along the East line of the remainder of said 79.7223 Acre tract, same being the West line of that certain tract conveyed to HOUSTON LIPAR LTD., by a deed recorded under Clerk's File No. 2000-067945, M.C.D.R., a distance of 726.12 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with a cap found at point for corner;

THENCE South 41 deg. 43 min. 40 sec. West, along the South line of the remainder of said 79.7223 Acre tract, same being the North line of said 1154.85 Acre tract, a distance of 2384.84 feet to a Truck Axel found at point for corner;

THENCE North 47 deg. 34 min. 58 sec. West (Called North 47 deg. 35 min. 30 sec. West), along the West line of the remainder of said 79.7223 Acre tract, same being the East line of said 1154.85 Acre tract, a distance of 1639.33 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing within these calls 60.205 Acres or 2,622,510 Square Feet of land, as depicted on a plat prepared by Donald K. Hall, R.P.L.S. No. 4070, dated June 8, 2005.

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*Mark Turnbull*  
COUNTY CLERK  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I hereby certify this instrument was filed in  
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*Mark Turnbull*  
County Clerk  
Montgomery County, Texas

**RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM:**

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