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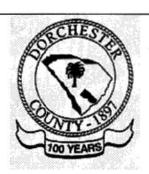
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**FOR** 

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#### MASTER DECLARATION

#### OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS

#### FOR

#### CHARLESTON PARK

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date hereinafter set forth by **KB HOME SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.,** a Delaware corporation (hereinafter sometimes called "Declarant");

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner, or if not the owner has the consent of the owner, of the real property described in <a href="Exhibit">Exhibit "A"</a> hereof and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (along with any additional real property that becomes subject to this Declaration pursuant to the provisions hereof and by execution of a Supplementary Declaration, collectively the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to subject the real property described in Exhibit "A" hereof to the provisions of this Declaration to provide for a general plan for the subdivision, development and improvement of the Development in an orderly manner with appropriate architectural, landscaping, construction, development and maintenance controls to maintain the value, aesthetic appearance and architectural harmony of the Development during and after development; and to provide for the subjecting of other real property to the provisions of this Declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein is hereby subjected to the provisions of this Declaration and shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, mortgaged and otherwise encumbered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments and liens, hereinafter set forth, which are for protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the title to the real property hereby and hereafter made subject hereto and shall be binding on all persons having any right, title or interest in all or any portion of the real property now and hereafter made subject hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of all or any portion thereof.

### Article 1 Definitions

The following words, when used in this Declaration or in any Supplementary Declaration, shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 "Articles of Incorporation" means the Articles of Incorporation of Charleston Park Owners Association, Inc., filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State and incorporated herein by this reference as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.2 "Association" means Charleston Park Owners Association, Inc., a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- 1.3 "Board of Directors" or "Board" means the appointed or elected body of the Association, vested with the authority to manage the affairs of the Association under The South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, Section 33-31-101 et seq. of the South Carolina Code Of Laws.
- 1.4 "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of Charleston Park Owners Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.5 "Common Property" means any and all real and personal property, and the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- 1.6 "Condominium Unit" shall mean any portion of the Development zoned for residential use under the Lumpkin County Land Use Plan which may be independently owned and conveyed for occupancy and which constitutes or will constitute, after the recording of a declaration of condominium, a unit as defined in said declaration of condominium. The ownership of each Condominium Unit shall include an appurtenant interest in the common elements of the condominium. The ownership of each Condominium Unit shall include, and there shall automatically pass with the title to each Condominium Unit as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, membership in the Association and all of the rights and interest of an Owner in the Common Property, as herein provided.
- 1.7 "Declarant" means **KB HOME SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.,** a Delaware corporation, and its successor, successor-in-title or assigns taking title to any portion of the property described in Exhibit "A" or Exhibit "B" hereof for the purpose of development and/or sale and designated as Declarant in a recorded instrument by the then holder of rights of Declarant hereunder. Any or all of the rights of Declarant set forth in this Declaration or the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to other Persons, provided that, the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that which Declarant has under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. No such transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by Declarant and recorded in the public real estate records of the county where the property is located.
- 1.8 "Development" refers to that certain real property described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and such additions thereto as may be made by Supplementary Declaration as provided herein, including, without limitation, that property designated as the Preserve at Charleston Park and the Pines at Charleston Park..

- 1.9 "Development Wide Standard" means the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity generally prevailing in the Development. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Development-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- 1.10 "Lot" means any plot of land within the Development, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes a single-family dwelling site, which dwellings will not be attached by one or more party walls to another dwelling, as shown on a plat recorded in the land records of the county where the Development is located. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall automatically pass with the title to each Lot as an appurtenance thereto membership in the Association and all rights and interest of an Owner in the Common Property.
- 1.11 "Mortgage" means any and all instruments used for the purpose of encumbering or conveying title to real property in the Development as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation, including, without limitation, any mortgage, deed to secure debt, or deed of trust.
  - 1.12 "Mortgagee" means the holder of a Mortgage.
- 1.13 "Neighborhood" means each separately developed and denominated area within the Development in which the Owners of Units may have common interests other than those common to all members of the Association. Separate Neighborhood status shall be designated on Exhibit "D" hereof or in one or more Supplementary Declarations describing the property which shall constitute all or part of such Neighborhood. By way of illustration and not limitation, a townhouse development or single-family detached housing development or condominium development might each be designated as a separate Neighborhood. The Declarant shall have the right to designate separate Neighborhood status and change the Neighborhood status of any previously designated Neighborhood for any property in the Development. A Neighborhood may (but is not required to) have a separate incorporated mandatory membership Neighborhood association.
- 1.14 "Neighborhood Association" means a homeowners association, condominium association or other mandatory membership Development association having concurrent jurisdiction with the Association over any Neighborhood.
- 1.15 "Neighborhood Declaration" shall refer to any declaration of protective covenants, declaration of condominium or similar instrument recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Dorchester County, South Carolina which subjects all or a portion of the land within such Neighborhood to covenants, restrictions, and easements in addition to those contained in this Declaration.
- 1.16 "Occupant" means any Person occupying all or any portion of a Unit or other property located within the Development for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.

- 1.17 "Owner" means the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Unit located within the Development, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
- 1.18 "Person" includes any individual, individual acting in a fiduciary capacity, corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, general partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association, company or other organization, recognized as a separate legal entity under South Carolina law.
- 1.19 "Supplementary Declaration" means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional property to this Declaration and/or imposes additional covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements on the land described therein.
- 1.20 "Total Association Vote" means the votes attributable to the entire membership of the Association as of the record date for such action (including votes of the Declarant), whether or not such members are present or represented at the meeting, if any, where such votes are to be cast. If, for example, and without limitation, a majority of the Total Association Vote is required to approve a matter, such matter must receive more than half of the votes attributable to all existing members of the Association as of the record date for such action, whether or not such members are present or represented at the meeting, if any, where such votes are to be cast. As a further illustration, if a majority vote is required to approve a matter (and the term Total Association Vote is not used), such matter must receive more than half of the votes cast by the members present and entitled to vote on the matter. Unless otherwise specified herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws all votes attributable to a particular Neighborhood shall be cast by the Voting Delegate of the respective Neighborhood.
- 1.21 "<u>Unit</u>" means any plot of land within the Development, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes Condominium Unit or Lot as defined herein and as shown on a plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Dorchester County, South Carolina, but specifically excludes any portion of the Common Property or any property owned by a Neighborhood Association, if any. The ownership of each Unit shall include, and there shall automatically pass with the title to each Unit as an appurtenance thereto membership in the Association and all rights and interest of an Owner in the Common Property as provided herein.
- 1.22 "Voting Delegate" means the representative selected by the Neighborhood Association, if any, to be responsible for casting all votes attributable to the property subject to the jurisdiction of such Neighborhood Association on all Association matters requiring a vote of the members, except matters, if any, which the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or South Carolina law specifically requires that votes be cast by the Owners. Unless otherwise specified by the Neighborhood Association, the Voting Delegate for each Neighborhood shall be the president of the Neighborhood Association and the alternate Voting Delegate shall be the treasurer and secretary in that order. In the event that a Neighborhood Association is not established for a particular parcel in the Development, each Owner of a Unit in that parcel shall be the Voting Delegate for purposes of that particular Unit.

## Article 2 Property Subject To This Declaration

- 2.1 Property Hereby Subjected To This Declaration. The real property which is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements hereinafter set forth and which, by virtue of the recording of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied and encumbered subject to this Declaration is the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 2.2 Unilateral Annexation By Declarant. As the owner thereof or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until ten (10) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the county in which the property to be annexed is located a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being subjected to this Declaration. Declarant intends to annex hereto the property contained in Declarant's land plan for the development as amended from time to time which property is a portion of the property described in Exhibit "B". However, inclusion of property on Declarant's land plan or in Exhibit "B" shall not obligate the Declarant to subject such property to the Declaration, nor shall exclusion of property from the initial land plan bar Declarant from subjecting such property to the Declaration. Any annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of a Supplementary Declaration executed by the Declarant unless a later effective date is provided therein. As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of existing Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property. If any land is not subjected to this Declaration, Declarant's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Declarant to impose any covenants and restrictions similar to those contained herein upon such additional land nor shall such rights in any manner limit or restrict the use to which such additional land may be put by Declarant or any subsequent owner thereof, whether such uses are consistent with the covenants and restrictions imposed hereby or not.
- 2.3 Additional Covenants, Restrictions and Easements. The Declarant may unilaterally subject any portion of the property submitted to this Declaration initially or by Supplementary Declaration to additional covenants, restrictions and easements and/or modify the applicability of the covenants, restrictions and easements contained in this Declaration as to such property. Such additional covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements may be set forth in a Supplementary Declaration or a separate declaration of protective covenants, declaration of condominium or other document filed either concurrently with or after the annexation of the subject property. Any such document filed by the Declarant may supplement, create exceptions to, or otherwise modify the terms of this Declaration as it applies to the subject property in order to reflect the different character and intended use of such property. No Person shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, declaration of condominium, easements, or similar instrument without Declarant's review and written consent. Any attempted recordation without such consent shall result in such instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by written consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the land

records in the county in which the property is located. No such instrument recorded by any Person, other than the Declarant pursuant to this section, may conflict with the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles.

- 2.4 Other Annexation. Upon the written consent of: (a) the owner(s) thereof; (b) the Declarant; and (c) the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units, the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the county in which the property is located, a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the President of the Association whose signature shall be attested by the Secretary of the Association. The annexation shall be effective only upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration, unless a later effective date is provided therein.
- 2.5 Withdrawal of Property. Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration so long as it has a right to annex additional property pursuant to this Article for the purpose of removing any portion of the Development then owned by Declarant or the Association from the coverage of this Declaration, to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Development, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Development. Any such withdrawal shall be accomplished by the filing for record of an amendment to this Declaration describing the property removed and shall be effective upon filing for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Dorchester County, South Carolina, unless a later effective date is provided therein. Such amendment shall be executed by the Declarant and the Owner(s) of the property being removed and shall not require the vote or consent of any other Person.

# Article 3 Association Membership and Voting Rights

- 3.1 Membership. Every Person who is the record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Unit subject to this Declaration shall have a membership in the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include Mortgagees and the conveyance of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one membership per Unit. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Unit. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the designee of a member, but in no event shall more than one office be held for each Unit owned. This Section is not intended to prohibit the same individual from being both an officer and a director of the Association. Nothing in this Section shall restrict the number of votes cast or the number of the officers and directors appointed by the Declarant.
- 3.2 <u>Voting</u>. If a Neighborhood has a Neighborhood Association, then for purposes of effecting ways and means of smooth and efficient communication between Declarant or the Association and the members, Declarant or the Association shall be entitled to communicate and deal with the Neighborhood Association in all matters affecting the Owners of Units within a particular Neighborhood. The vote attributable to each Unit within a Neighborhood shall be exercised by the Voting Delegate representing the Neighborhood of which the Unit is a part.

The Voting Delegate may cast all such votes as he or she deems appropriate and no polling of the members or split voting shall be required.

In the event that a Unit is not part of a Neighborhood Association, the votes for such Unit shall be cast by the individual Unit Owner(s) as the Voting Delegate for that particular Unit. If a member is entitled personally to exercise the vote for his or her Unit and there is more than one Owner of such Unit, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as the co-Owners determine among themselves and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to the vote being taken. Absent such advice, the Unit's vote shall be suspended if more than one Person or Owner seeks to exercise it. The Board of Directors may suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period during which any past due assessment against any Unit of the Owner remains unpaid; and for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations.

3.3 Notice of Sale, Lease or Acquisition. Owners must keep the Association apprised of their name, address and telephone number. Accordingly, prior to the sale or lease of a Unit, the Owner shall provide the Association with written notice of the name of the purchaser or lessee, as the case may be, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Unit, each new Owner shall provide the Association with written notice of the name, mailing address and telephone number of the Owner, the names of the Occupants of the Unit, if any, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. All Owners shall notify the Association of any change in name, address or telephone number.

# Article 4 Assessments

- 4.1 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners of Units, including, without limitation, the maintenance of real and personal property, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of a Unit by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association: (a) general assessments; (b) Neighborhood assessments, if applicable; (c) special assessments; and (d) specific assessments. All such assessments, together with late charges in the amount of the greater of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount of each assessment or installment not paid when due and interest (at a rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due), and costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall, from the time the sums become due and payable, be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien in favor of the Association on the Unit against which each assessment is made. The recording of this Declaration shall constitute record notice of the existence of the lien and no further recordation of any claim of lien shall be required. Each such assessment, together with such late charges, interest and costs, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of the Unit at the time the assessment fell due.

Each Owner shall be personally liable for the portion of each assessment coming due while the Owner of a Unit and each grantee of an Owner shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of the grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings. No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt themselves from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration, but not limitation, abandonment of the Unit, nonuse of Common Property or nonuse of the recreational facilities serving the Development. No diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association, the obligation to pay assessments being a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. All payments shall be applied first to costs, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.

- 4.3 General Assessments. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year. The Board shall cause the budget and the assessments to be levied against each Unit for the year to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date of any general assessment. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any period, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined, as provided herein, the budget in effect shall continue. General assessments shall be levied equally on all similarly situated Units and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, acceleration, upon ten (10) days written notice for delinquents. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the assessment shall be paid in one annual installment. General assessments include any sums the Board determines necessary for the continued ownership, operation and maintenance of the Common Property, operating expenses of the Association, payment for any items of betterment and the establishment of reserve funds as the Board shall deem proper. General assessments may include, without limitation, sums for property taxes, insurance premiums, legal and accounting fees, management fees, charges for utilities, cleaning and janitor services, landscape maintenance, expenses and liabilities incurred pursuant to the Entry Feature Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement, respectively, each as provided in Section 5.1 hereof, expenses and liabilities incurred as provided herein and in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for indemnification of officers and directors and in connection with the enforcement of rights and duties of the Association against Owners and others.
- 4.4 Neighborhood Assessments. The Association may levy assessments against the property in a particular Neighborhood to fund actual and estimated expenses incurred by the Association for the primary benefit of property within such Neighborhood, including without limitation, maintenance required to be performed by the Association with respect to property within such Neighborhood. Neighborhood assessments shall be levied as specifically budgeted from time to time by the Board of Directors pursuant to this Declaration. In addition, the Board shall levy a Neighborhood assessment upon the request of the Owners holding two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote applicable to Units within a Neighborhood.

- 4.5 <u>Special Assessments</u>. The Association may levy a special assessment if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board. The Board may permit a special assessment to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.
- 4.6 Specific Assessments. The Board shall have the power to levy specific assessments as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. Fines levied pursuant to this Declaration and the costs of maintenance performed by the Association for which the Owner is responsible shall be specific assessments. The Board of Directors may also specifically assess Owners for Association expenses as follows: (a) expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Units may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Units which are benefited according to the benefit received; and (b) expenses of the Association which benefit all Units, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Units, may be assessed equitably among all Units according to the benefit received.
- 4.7 Subordination of Liens to Mortgages. The lien of all assessments authorized herein is hereby made subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage placed on a Unit if, but only if, all assessments and charges with respect to such Unit authorized herein having a due date on or prior to the date of the Mortgage as filed of record have been paid. The lien hereby subordinated is only such lien as relates to assessments and charges authorized hereunder having a due date subsequent to the date such Mortgage is filed of record and prior to the satisfaction, cancellation or foreclosure of such Mortgage or the sale or transfer of the Unit pursuant to any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or the sale or transfer of the Unit pursuant to a sale under power contained in such Mortgage. Such subordination is merely a subordination and shall not relieve the Owner of the Unit of the personal obligation to pay all assessments coming due during such period of ownership; shall not relieve such Unit from the lien provided for herein (except to the extent a subordinated lien is extinguished as a result of such subordination as against a Mortgagee or such Mortgagee's assignee or transferee by foreclosure or by sale under power); and no sale or transfer of such Unit to the Mortgagee or to any other Person pursuant to a decree of foreclosure, or pursuant to any other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or pursuant to a sale under power, shall relieve any existing or previous Owner of such Unit of any personal obligation or relieve such Unit or the then Owner of such Unit from liability for any assessment authorized hereunder become due after such sale and transfer.
- 4.8 Remedies of the Association. Any assessments or installments thereof which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. In addition to the lien rights, the personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such assessments shall remain such Owner's personal obligation and shall also pass to such Owner's successors-in-title. Such Owner shall nevertheless remain as fully obligated as before to pay to the Association any and all amounts which such Owner was obligated to pay immediately preceding the transfer; and such Owner and such successors-in-title shall be jointly and severally liable with respect thereto, notwithstanding any agreement between

such Owner and such successors-in-title creating any indemnification of the Owner or any relationship of principal and surety as between themselves. Any assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in the amount of the greater of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount of each assessment or installment not paid when due and interest (at a rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due) and costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. The Association may cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any Owner who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may institute suit to collect such amounts and/or to foreclose its lien. The Association may file a claim of lien with the Office of the Register of Deeds for of the county where the Unit is located, but no such claim of lien shall be required to establish or perfect the lien for unpaid assessments. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed vests in the Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally, for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the lien. The lien provided for in this Declaration shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all Owners. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Unit at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. The Association may also suspend, without further notice or hearing, the membership rights of the delinquent Owner, including the right to vote, the right of enjoyment in and to the Common Property, including, without limitation, the recreational facilities, if any, and the right to receive and enjoy such servicing and other benefits as may then be provided by the Association. Any such suspension shall not affect such member's obligation to pay assessments coming due during the period of such suspension and shall not affect the permanent lien on such Unit in favor of the Association.

- 4.9 <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall commence when the Board of Directors first determines a budget and levies assessments. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to a Unit on the first to occur of: a) the date that the Unit is first occupied for residential purposes; or b) the date that the Unit is conveyed by Declarant to an Owner who is not a builder acquiring such Unit in the ordinary course of business or successor Declarant. A Unit shall be deemed to be occupied for residential purposes when it has been improved with a dwelling and has been conveyed to an Owner who intends to occupy the dwelling, or, if the dwelling is occupied as a residence before such conveyance, the date of such occupancy. Any Unit which has been approved by Declarant for use as a model home for marketing and sales purposes shall not be deemed to be occupied for residential purposes and shall not be subject to assessments under this Declaration whether owned by Declarant or any other Person, so long as such Unit is approved for use as a model home and is not occupied for residential purposes.
- 4.10 <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control</u>. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may: (a) advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves), and the sum of the general, Neighborhood, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year (such advances shall be evidenced by promissory notes from the

Association in favor of the Declarant); or (b) cause the Association to borrow such amount from a commercial lending institution at the then prevailing rates for similar loans in the local area of the Development. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant may contribute in services or materials or a combination of services and materials, rather than in money (herein collectively called "in kind contribution"). No Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan.

- 4.11 Failure to Assess. The omission or failure of the Board to fix the assessment amounts or rates or to deliver or mail to each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or a release of any Owner from the obligation to pay assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay assessments on the same basis as for the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is made, at which time any shortfalls in collections may be assessed retroactively by the Association.
- 4.12 <u>Estoppel Letter</u>. The Association shall, within five (5) days after receiving a written request therefor and for a reasonable charge, as established by the Board, certify to the amount of any unpaid assessments constituting a lien on a specified Unit. A certification letter signed by an officer of the Association or the Association's managing agent, if any, as to the amount of assessments due with respect to a Unit shall be binding upon the Association.
- 4.13 <u>Initiation Fee.</u> Upon the sale of each and every Unit after it has been improved with a structure for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, and all subsequent sales, an initiation fee in the amount equal to one-third (1/3) of the annual general assessment shall be collected from the purchaser at the closing of such transaction and paid to the Association; or if not collected at closing, immediately upon demand by the Association. The initiation fee shall constitute a specific assessment against the Unit, shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the annual general assessment and shall not be considered an advance payment of such assessment. The initiation fee may be used by the Association for any purpose, including, without limitation, for the payment of operating expenses of the Association and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. This specific assessment shall not apply to the holder of any first Mortgage on a Unit who becomes the Owner of a Unit through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage, but shall apply to the Owner acquiring the Unit from the foreclosing Mortgagee.
- 4.14 Neighborhood Associations. In the event a Neighborhood Association is established pursuant to a Neighborhood Declaration and unless otherwise directed in writing by the Board of Directors, the Neighborhood Association shall collect the general assessment, special assessment, specific assessment due from Owners of Units within a particular Neighborhood and pay all such assessments collected to the Association prior to the due date thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, each Neighborhood Association shall include each assessment of the Association as a separate line item in the annual budget of the Neighborhood Association and shall pay all such general assessments collected to the Association in full within ten (10) days after receipt, together with any interest due for late payment and without deductions of any kind. All costs of collection of amounts required to be

collected by the Neighborhood Association hereunder shall be borne by the Neighborhood Association to the extent not collected from the defaulting Unit Owner.

# Article 5 Maintenance; Common Property

- 5.1 Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair and replacement of all landscaping and improvements situated on the Common Property. The Association shall also maintain (whether or not constituting Common Property): (a) the Development entry features located off Dorchester Road pursuant to that certain Easement for Entry Features recorded on July 27, 2006 in Deed Book 5500, Page 22, et seq., in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Dorchester County, South Carolina (the "Entry Feature Easement") and that certain Declaration of Cost Sharing Agreement recorded on May 18, 2007 in Deed Book 6029, Page 140, et seq., aforesaid records, (the "Cost Sharing Agreement") including entry area landscaping and signage, whether or not said entry features are on a Unit, privately owned property or public right-of-way and any irrigation system and the expenses for water and electricity, if any, provided to all such entry features; (b) all recreational facilities serving the Development including the walking trails serving the Development, whether or not said walking trails are in a Neighborhood; (c) the private streets and roads in the Development if and to the extent the same are not already maintained by a governmental entity or a Neighborhood Association pursuant to a Neighborhood Declaration; and (d) all Development open space and green space, if any, if and to the extent the same is not already maintained by a governmental agency or Neighborhood Association pursuant to a Neighborhood Declaration. In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or without the Development and to enter into easements and covenant to share costs agreements regarding such property where the Board has determined that such action would benefit the Owners. In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the Occupants, family, guests, lessees or invitees of an Owner, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement and all costs thereof, not paid for by insurance, shall be assessed against the Owner as a specific assessment. All maintenance by the Association shall be performed consistent with the Development-Wide Standard. The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to Person or property: (x) caused by the elements or by an Owner or any other Person; (y) resulting from rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Property; or (z) caused by any street, pipe, plumbing, drain, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association, becoming out of repair.
- 5.2 Owner's Responsibility. Except for maintenance performed on a Unit by the Association pursuant to Section 5.1, or maintenance performed by a Neighborhood Association pursuant to a Neighborhood Declaration, if any, all maintenance of the Unit and all structures, landscaping, and other improvements thereon, including fencing installed on a Unit, shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Unit in a manner consistent with the Development-Wide Standard and this Declaration. Such maintenance obligation shall

include, without limitation, the following: prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and waste; lawn mowing on a regular basis; tree and shrub pruning; watering landscaped areas; keeping improvements and exterior lighting in good repair and working order; keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive; keeping driveways in good repair; complying with all governmental health and police requirements; maintenance of grading and storm water drainage as originally established on the Unit; and repair of exterior damages to improvements, including, without limitation, repairing, painting, and/or pressure washing (or other appropriate external care) of improvements located on a Unit, including without limitation, fencing installed on a Unit. In the event that the Board of Directors determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly any of such Owner's obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair or replacement of items for which such Owner is responsible hereunder, the Association shall, except in an emergency situation, give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair or replacement is not capable of completion within a ten-day period, to commence such work which shall be completed within a reasonable time. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair or replacement and all costs thereof shall be assessed against the Owner and the Unit as a specific assessment.

5.3 Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association; No Implied Rights. The Declarant or the owner of the property with the approval of Declarant, may transfer or convey to the Association at any time and from time to time any personal property and any interest in improved or unimproved real property. Such conveyance shall be deemed to be accepted by the Association upon delivery of any personal property or upon recordation of an instrument of conveyance of any interest in real property, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be used and, if and as provided in Section 5.1 hereof, maintained by the Association for the benefit of its members. So long as Declarant owns any property primarily for development and/or sale in the Development or Declarant has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Declaration, Declarant may, upon written notice to the Association, require the reconveyance by the Association to Declarant of any Common Property or any portion thereof, improved or unimproved, at no charge to Declarant, without a vote of the Owners/members of the Association, if the Common Property or portion thereof is: (i) found by Declarant to have been conveyed in error, (ii) needed by Declarant to make adjustments in property boundary lines, or (iii) reasonably determined by Declarant to be needed by Declarant due to changes in the overall scheme of development for the Development. The Association hereby constitutes and appoints Declarant as its agent and attorney-in-fact to accept on behalf of the Association any such conveyance to the Association and reconvey any such property on behalf of the Association and to execute on behalf of the Association any and all documents, including, without limitation, deeds and transfer tax declaration forms, necessary or convenient to effectuate and document any such conveyance to or reconveyance from the Association. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise. The Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section and shall have no duty or obligation to convey any property or property rights to the Association regardless of whether or

not any such property has been made available for the use of Owners. The Declarant or the owner of the property with the approval of Declarant, may reserve, by lease, license, easement or otherwise such rights of use and enjoyment in and to all or any portion of the property so conveyed as Declarant may reasonably require so long as such reservation is not materially inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Development. Neither the recordation of any subdivision plat nor the use by the Owners or maintenance by the Association of any property shall create any rights, easements or licenses, in the Association or the Owners, express or implied, unless and until any such property rights, easements or licenses are conveyed by the Declarant or the owner of such property to the Association or the Owners, as the case may be, by an instrument recorded in the real estate records of the County where the property is located.

- 5.4 <u>Partition</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided and no Owner shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of all Owners of all portions of the property located within the Development and without the written consent of all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not limited to, the Units located within the Development.
- 5.5 Condemnation. In the event of a taking by eminent domain of any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining Common Property, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, an alternative plan is approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote and the consent of the Declarant. The provisions of this Declaration applicable to replacement or restoration of damaged improvements on the Common Property shall also apply to and govern the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced after a condemnation.
- 5.6 Liability. Owners, Occupants and their guests shall use the Common Property, including but not limited to the Development recreational facilities, and all portions of the Development maintained by the Association, at their own risk and shall assume sole responsibility for their personal belongings used or stored there. The Association, the Declarant, and their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall not be held liable for personal injury to any person, nor for loss or damage to personal belongings used or stored on the Common Property or any other portion of the Development. The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to any Person or property (a) caused by the elements or by an Owner or any other Person, (b) resulting from any rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any street, pipe, plumbing, drain, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association or from any portion of the Common Property, or (c) caused by any street, pipe, plumbing, drain. conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association, becoming out of repair. Nor shall the Association be liable to any Owner or Occupant for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property of such Owner or Occupant.

Article 6
Architectural Standards

- 6.1 General. No exterior construction, alteration or addition of any improvements of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavation, grading, filling, construction of impervious surface, building, exterior alteration of existing improvements, change in the exterior color of any existing improvement, storm and screen doors, storm windows, fencing and planting and removal of landscaping materials), shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Development unless installed by the Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant, approved in accordance with this Article, or otherwise expressly permitted under this Declaration. Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of structures on the Unit without approval hereunder. However, modifications to the interior of porches, patios and similar portions of a structure visible from outside the Unit shall be subject to approval. No approval shall be required to repaint the exterior of a structure in accordance with the originally approved color scheme or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. This Article shall not apply to the activities of the Declarant, affiliates of the Declarant, or to improvements to the Common Property by or on behalf of the Association. This Article may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarant until (a) the Declarant no longer owns any property in the Development and no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Development; and (b) each Unit has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued.
- 6.2 Architectural Control Committee. The Architectural Control Committee ("ACC") of the Association shall consist of three (3) members. Until Declarant's rights are terminated in accordance with Section 11.5 of this Declaration, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the ACC. Prior to the termination of the rights of Declarant hereunder, the ACC may in its sole discretion relinquish architectural control as to certain types of improvements or modifications to an advisory ACC while retaining control over all other building and construction in the Development. For example and without limitation, the ACC may relinquish control over modifications of existing structures to an advisory ACC while retaining all authority to review and approve new home construction. Any right, power or authority of the ACC which may be relinquished to the Association or an advisory ACC prior to the termination of the rights of Declarant hereunder shall be by written recorded instrument only and no such right, power or authority shall be relinquished by implication or otherwise. The establishment of an advisory ACC shall not be deemed to be a relinquishment by Declarant of any of its right, power and authority hereunder. Upon the termination of all rights of Declarant hereunder, the Board of Directors shall appoint an ACC, which shall have all such jurisdiction over architectural control within the Development under this Article.
- 6.3 <u>Guidelines and Procedures</u>. Except as provided above, no exterior construction, addition or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by the ACC. Such plans and specifications shall be of sufficient detail to allow the ACC to make its review and, to the extent required by the ACC, shall show the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the proposed improvement. The ACC may adopt written architectural guidelines and application and review procedures, which shall provide for a review fee (the "Architectural Guidelines"). The ACC shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend, from time to time at its sole discretion and without notice, the Architectural Guidelines. The ACC shall make the Architectural Guidelines available

to Owners and builders who seek to engage in construction upon all or any portion of the Development and such Owners and builders shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith. If the ACC fails to approve or to disapprove submitted plans and specifications within thirty (30) days after receipt of all required plans and specifications, such approval shall be deemed to have been given. The Association shall abide and/or enforce all decisions made by the ACC to approve or disapprove any exterior construction, addition, or alteration as provided herein. As a condition of approval under this Article, each Owner, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance to and on any improvement, change, modification, addition or alteration. In the discretion of the ACC, an Owner may be required to verify such condition of approval by a recordable written instrument acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest. The ACC shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and may withhold approval for any reason, including, without limitation, purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of these restrictions. The ACC and its representatives shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any property in the Development to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with. Such Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry. If construction does not commence on a project for which plans have been approved within twelve (12) months of such approval, such approval shall be deemed withdrawn, and it shall be necessary for the Owner to resubmit the plans to the ACC for reconsideration.

- 6.4 Limitation of Liability. Plans and specifications are not approved for engineering or structural design or quality of materials and by approving such plans and specifications the ACC assumes no liability or responsibility therefor or for any defect in any structure constructed from such plans and specifications. Neither the ACC, the Declarant, the Association, nor the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications to any of them for approval or to any Owner of property affected by these restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every Person who submits plans and specifications and every Owner agrees that such Person or Owner will not bring any action or suit against the ACC, the Declarant, the Association or the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them to recover any damages and hereby releases, remises, quitclaims and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.
- 6.5 No Waiver. The approval of the ACC of any proposals, plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring approval or consent of the ACC, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications or drawings or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
  - 6.6 Variances. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the ACC

shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration and the Architectural Guidelines if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is dictated by unique circumstances, such as, but not limited to, topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic considerations or environmental considerations and would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Development. No variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing, (b) be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Development, or (c) prevent the ACC from denying a variance in other similar circumstances. For purposes of this provision, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency or the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.

6.7 Enforcement. Any structure or improvement placed or made in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. The ACC shall notify the Association of any nonconforming structure or improvement. Upon written request from the Association, an Owner shall, at its own cost and expense, remove such nonconforming structure or improvement and restore the land to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required, the Association and its agents shall have the right to enter the property, remove the nonconforming structure or improvement, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. In addition, the Association shall have the right to impose fines for non-compliance with this Article as hereinafter provided. All costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, may be assessed against the Unit as a specific assessment. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article and the Architectural Guidelines may be excluded by the Association from the Development, subject to any applicable notice and hearing procedures contained in the Bylaws. In such event, neither the ACC, the Association or the officers, directors, members, employees and agents of any of them shall be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this paragraph. In addition to any other remedies available to the Association, in the event of noncompliance with this Article, the Association may record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation hereunder naming the violating Owner. In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall have the authority and standing to pursue any and all remedies available at law and equity to enforce the provisions of this Article.

# Article 7 Use Restrictions and Rules

- 7.1 Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, with the consent of Declarant and without a vote of the members, promulgate, modify or delete rules and regulations applicable to the Units in the Development. Such rules and regulations shall be distributed to all Owners prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless overruled, canceled or modified by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the consent of Declarant.
- 7.2 <u>Residential Use</u>. Each Unit shall be used for residential purposes exclusively. Leasing of a Unit for residential occupancy shall not be considered a business or business activity. No trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Unit, except that the

Owner or Occupant in residence at the Unit may conduct business activities within the dwelling unit so long as the business activity: (a) does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration or Bylaws; (b) is not apparent from the exterior of the Unit; (c) does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion; (d) conforms to all zoning requirements for the Development; (e) does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage; (f) is consistent with the residential character of the Development; (g) does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use; and (h) does not threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Development, all as may be determined in each case in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities. The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to Persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (x) the activity is engaged in full or parttime; (y) the activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (z) a license is required for the activity.

- 7.3 <u>Leasing</u>. Units may be leased for residential purposes. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, all leases shall have a minimum term of at least twelve (12) months. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the Occupants acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Declaration, Bylaws, use restrictions and rules and regulations of the Association and obligate the Occupants to comply with the foregoing.
- 7.4 Signs. Except for one (1) "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign permitted in a window of a dwelling on a Unit, no sign of any kind shall be erected within the Development without the prior written consent of the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board and the Declarant shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Mortgagee in possession due to foreclosure of a first Mortgage or as grantee pursuant to any deed in lieu of such foreclosure. The Board may impose a fine of One-Hundred and Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$150.00) per day for display of any sign in violation of this provision which is not removed within twenty-four hours after written demand is delivered to the Owner at that Unit.
- 7.5 Vehicles; Parking. Vehicles shall be parked only in appropriate parking areas serving the Unit or other designated areas, if any. The term "vehicles," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, boats, trailers, motorcycles, minibikes, scooters, gocarts, golf carts, trucks, campers, buses, vans and automobiles. The term "commercial vehicles" as used herein, shall include, without limitation, any vehicle which bears any indicia of commercial use, including, but not limited to, writing, logos, ladders or vehicles which would not be primarily used for the transportation of passengers. All parking shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt. The term "parking areas" shall refer to the number of garage parking spaces and if and only if, the Occupants of a Unit have more vehicles than the number of garage parking spaces, those excess vehicles which are an Occupant's primary means of transportation on a regular basis may be parked on the driveway on the Unit. All homes shall contain a garage; carports shall not be permitted. All vehicles must be parked in a garage.

Garages shall be used for parking of vehicles and shall not be used primarily for storage or other purposes. Garage doors should be kept closed at all times, except during times of ingress and egress from the garage. No vehicle may be left upon any portion of the Development, except in a garage or other area designated by the Board, if it is not licensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable of being operated upon the public highways. Such vehicle may be removed from the Development by the Board of Directors. Any vehicle regularly stored in the Development or temporarily kept in the Development, except in a garage or other area designated by the Board, for periods longer than twenty-four (24) hours may be removed from the Development by the Board of Directors. The intent of the foregoing provisions is that the temporary removal of such vehicle from a Unit to break the continuity of the twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, as applicable, shall not be sufficient to establish compliance with these restrictions. Commercial vehicles shall not be permitted on any Common Property or any Unit, except if kept in an enclosed garage; provided however, construction, service, and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from this provision for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery to a Unit or the Common Property. No eighteen wheel trucks or the cabs of such trucks or trucks with a load capacity in excess of three-quarters of a ton shall be parked, kept or stored within the Development except during the time reasonably necessary to provide service or delivery within the Development. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant, any builder approved by Declarant and their respective agents, subcontractors and assigns shall have the right, during regular business hours, to park vehicles on any and all streets within the Development as needed in order facilitate the construction, development and build out of the Development. The Board of Directors may exercise any and all remedies available for a violation of this provision in addition to or in lieu of its authority to remove the violating vehicle.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Common Property owned by the Association in violation of this Section or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board or agent of the Association may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity that will do the towing and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6) months of such notice, the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the Owner or user of the vehicle.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicle, is obstructing the flow of traffic on any private street or alley, or is parked on any landscaped or grassy area, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed in accordance with this subparagraph, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow.

- 7.6 Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept or permitted on any Unit, with the exception of dogs, cats or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number as determined by the Board. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. No dog runs, runners or exterior pens for household pets shall be erected or maintained on any Unit unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Dogs shall at all times when outside a Unit be kept on a leash or otherwise under control at all times. All pets shall be registered, licensed and inoculated if and as required by law. Animal control authorities shall be permitted to enter the Development to patrol and remove unlicensed pets. Dog waste deposited in the Development must be removed by the owner of the dog or the person responsible for the dog. The Association may adopt reasonable rules and regulations designed to minimize damage and disturbance to other Owners and Occupants, including regulations requiring damage deposits, waste removal, leash controls, noise controls, and occupancy limits based on size and facilities of the Unit. The Association may require the removal of any animal that presents an actual threat to the health or safety of residents and require abatement of any nuisance or unreasonable source of annoyance.
- 7.7 Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly or unkempt condition on a Unit. No property within the Development shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Unit to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Development, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Development. No plants, animals, device or thing of any sort shall be maintained in the Development whose activities or existence is in any way noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Development by other Owners and Occupants. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except such devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes, screaming, shouting, excessively loud talking, fighting, raucous behavior, insobriety, playing loud music or television, use of any alarm, equipment, or device, mechanical or otherwise which creates or produces excessively loud sounds or any vibrations, or any conduct which creates any noxious or offensive odors outside a home shall be located, used, placed, installed or maintained upon any Unit, or any portion thereof. The inconvenience complained of shall not be fanciful, or such as would affect only one of fastidious taste, but it shall be such as would affect an ordinary, reasonable person as determined in a particular instance by the Board.
- 7.8 <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken in any part of the Development.

- 7.9 Antennas. No exterior antenna, receiving dish or similar apparatus of any kind for receiving or transmitting of radio or video signals shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the Development, including any Unit, unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof; provided, however, no such approval shall be necessary to install (a) antennas designed to receive direct broadcast satellite services, including direct-to-home satellite services or to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals via satellite, that are one meter or less in diameter; (b) antennas designed to receive video programming services via multi-point distribution services or to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals other than via satellite that are one meter or less in diameter or diagonal measurement; or (c) antennas that are designed and intended to receive television broadcast signals. Owners shall install any permitted antennae on the rear of the dwelling unless such installation (i) imposes unreasonable delay or prevents the use of the antennae; (ii) unreasonably increases the cost of installation; or (iii) an acceptable quality signal cannot otherwise be obtained.
- 7.10 Tree Removal. No trees that are more than four (4) inches in diameter at a point twelve (12) inches above the ground and no ornamental or flowering trees, including, but not limited to, dogwood trees, cottonwood trees, cherry trees or apple trees, regardless of diameter, shall be removed without the prior written consent of the approving authority under Article 6 hereof. Owners shall also comply with any local ordinance applicable to tree removal. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Section and any local ordinance, the more restrictive provision shall govern. This provision shall not apply to the removal of trees by the Declarant.
- 7.11 <u>Drainage</u>. Catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds and drainage easement areas are for the purpose of controlling the natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner may obstruct or alter the drainage flows after location and installation of catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage swales, storm sewers or storm drains without approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.12 <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, shrub or other planting or thing shall be placed or permitted to remain where, in the opinion of the Board, it would create an unsafe condition.
- 7.13 Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc. All garbage cans, woodpiles, air conditioning units, heat pumps, swimming pool pumps, filters and related equipment, and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view from neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Trash, garbage, debris or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned in the Development, except by Declarant during the original construction of a dwelling located on a Unit
- 7.14 <u>Subdivision of Units</u>. No Unit shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Declarant, however, shall have the right to subdivide and/or revise and re-record the subdivision plat of any Unit(s) with the consent of the Owner of the effected Unit(s) and to approve the

revision and re-recording of any plat of any Unit(s) owned by any builder or developer, including, but not limited to, changing any Unit to Common Property or creating a public or private street over any Unit or property that was formerly a Unit, without the consent of any Person, other than the Owner(s) of such Unit(s).

- 7.15 <u>Firearms</u>. The use or discharge of firearms in the Development is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes, without limitation, "B-B" guns, pellet guns and other guns of any type, regardless of size.
- 7.16 Fences. Except as herein provided, no fence or fencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed or maintained upon any Unit without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications may be issued pursuant to Article 6, but in no event may a chain link or barbed wire fence be approved; provided, however, the Declarant and the Association may erect any type of fence on the Common Property or elsewhere within the Development as they may deem appropriate or as necessary to satisfy the requirements of any law, regulation or governmental entity or for health and safety of Owners and Occupants.
- 7.17 <u>Utility Lines</u>. Except as may be permitted under and pursuant to Article 6 hereof, no overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be installed within the Development, except for temporary lines as required during construction and lines installed by or at the request of the Declarant.
  - 7.18 Air-Conditioning Units. No window air conditioning units may be installed.
- 7.19 <u>Lighting</u>. Exterior lighting on any Unit visible from the street shall not be permitted, except for: (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Unit; (b) one decorative post light; (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Development; (d) seasonal decorative lights for a reasonable period of time before and after such season as the same may be determined by the Board of Directors; (e) front house illumination of model homes; or (f) other lighting approved under and pursuant to Article 6 hereof.
- 7.20 Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Sculpture and Similar Items. No flags may be displayed on any Unit without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. In accordance with the Freedom to Display the America Flag Act of 2005, the Declarant or the Association shall not enact any rule or regulation which has the effect of prohibiting any Owner from displaying the flag of the United States of America on any Unit in the Development; provided, however, the Declarant, the Association or the Architectural Review Committee, as applicable, shall be entitled to enact reasonable time, place and manner restrictions pertaining to the display of the United States flag located on a Unit in the Development
- 7.21 <u>Energy Conservation Equipment</u>. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless as an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the Declarant, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.

- 7.22 Swimming Pools. No swimming pool shall be constructed, erected or maintained upon any Unit without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof and in no event shall any above-ground swimming pool be permitted.
- 7.23 Gardens, Play Equipment and Water Features. No vegetable garden, hammock, statuary, play equipment (including, without limitation, basketball goals) or garden pool shall be erected on any Unit without the prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.24 <u>Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes serving Units shall be approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Identical replacement mailboxes may be installed without further approval; but no modification to or change in mailboxes may be made unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.25 <u>Clotheslines</u>. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Residential Unit.
- 7.26 Entry Features. Owners shall not alter, remove or add improvements to any entry feature constructed or erected by the Declarant or the Association on any Unit, or any part of any easement area associated therewith without prior approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.27 <u>Window Treatments</u>. No foil or other reflective materials shall be used on any windows for sunscreens, blinds, shades, or any other purpose. The side of all window treatments which can be seen at any time from the outside of any structure located on a Unit must be white or off-white.
- 7.28 Wetlands and Streams. Portions of the Development including, without limitation, portions of certain Neighborhoods and/or Units may contain wetlands. Pursuant to that certain Declaration of Restrictive Covenants recorded on July 21, 2006 in Deed Book 5491, Page 175, et seq., in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Dorchester County, South Carolina, Owners shall not disturb any wetlands in any way, including without limitation, the construction of any improvements in the wetlands, landscaping or cutting of trees, bushes or other vegetation. Except as herein provided, all wetlands, storm water retention or detention ponds and streams within the Development shall be used for aesthetic amenities and storm water drainage only, no other use thereof, including, without limitation, swimming, ice skating, playing, or use of personal flotation devices, and other recreation, shall be permitted, without the written consent of the Board of Directors. The Association and/or the Declarant shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of the wetlands, or streams within the Development. For this purpose, "wetlands" means any area labeled as wetlands on a recorded plat for the Development or otherwise designated as wetlands by the Declarant or the Board of Directors. No Owner shall have any right to place rocks, stones, trash, garbage, sewage, waste water, rubbish, debris, ashes or other refuse in any wetlands, storm water retention ponds or streams within the Development. Applicable governmental agencies, the Declarant and the Association, shall have the sole right to control the

water level of all bodies of water located within the Development and to control the growth and eradication of plants, fowls, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and around any wetlands, storm water retention ponds and streams within the Development. Owners shall have no riparian or littoral rights with respect to the waters in any stream within the Development and shall not be permitted to withdraw water from any stream as may exist in the Development without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.

- 1.29 Walking Trails. Except as herein provided, the walking trails within the Development shall be used as foot paths only. Bicycles, roller blades, skate boards, go-carts, minibikes, scooters or motorcycles, with or without electric motors, or similar wheeled means of transportation or recreation shall not be permitted on the paths in the Development. Provided, however, this provision shall not prohibit the use of a path by any person with a disability by the use of a wheelchair or other necessary transportation device, and further provided that the Board of Directors may adopt such rules as may be deemed appropriate concerning the use of the paths. This provision shall not apply to concrete sidewalks located along the public streets within the Development.
- 7.30 <u>Traffic Regulations</u>. All vehicular traffic on any private streets or alleys in the Development shall be subject to the provisions of the state and local laws concerning operation of motor vehicles on public streets. The Association is hereby authorized to promulgate, administer, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including reasonable safety measures and speed limits and including modifications of those in force on public streets, within the Development. The Association shall be entitled to enforce same by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying fines for the violation thereof. In the event of a conflict between such provisions of state and local laws and such rules and regulations promulgated by the Association, the rules and regulations of the Association shall govern. Only drivers properly licensed to operate motor vehicles on the public roads within the State of South Carolina may operate any type of motor vehicle within the Development. All vehicles of any kind and nature which are operated on the streets or alleys in the Development shall be operated in a careful, prudent, safe, and quiet manner and with due consideration for the rights of all Owners and Occupants.

# Article 8 Insurance and Casualty Losses

8.1 <u>Insurance on Common Property</u>. The Association shall obtain the insurance coverage necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"), and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), as applicable to the Development. Accordingly, the Board of Directors shall obtain casualty insurance for all insurable improvements, whether or not located on the Common Property, which the Association is obligated to maintain; provided, however, nothing contained herein shall be construed as obligating the Association to obtain insurance for any portion of any individual Unit(s), which insurance is the responsibility of the individual Unit Owner(s) as provided in Section 8.2 hereof. This insurance shall provide, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or

reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. The Board of Directors shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars. Policies may contain a reasonable deductible as determined by the Board of Directors. In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board of Directors shall obtain worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, and a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available. If obtained, the amount of fidelity coverage shall cover the maximum funds that will be in the custody of the Association or its management agent at any time while the policy is in force, or any lesser amount of fidelity coverage allowable under the applicable Fannie Mae guidelines. Fidelity coverage shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation. All such insurance coverage shall be written in the name of the Association.

- 8.2 Individual Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Unit subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner acknowledges that the Association has no obligation to provide any insurance for any portion of individual Units, including, without limitation, a Unit Owner's personal property, and each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall carry all-risk casualty insurance on all structures and a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on the Owner's property; provided, however, in the event any Neighborhood Declaration provides that a Neighborhood Association shall acquire and maintain insurance on an individual Unit to the extent not already maintained herein, a Unit Owner shall be relieved of this responsibility. The casualty insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire and other hazards commonly insured under an all-risk policy, if reasonably available and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times and a copy of such policies shall be furnished to the Association upon request. In the event that any Owner or Neighborhood Association fails to obtain insurance as required by this Declaration or pursuant to any Neighborhood Declaration, the Association may purchase such insurance on behalf of the Owner or Neighborhood Association, as the case may be, and assess the cost thereof to the Owner or Neighborhood Association as a specific assessment or Neighborhood Assessment, respectively.
- 8.3 <u>Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Association</u>. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to any portion of any improvement 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 Section, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Any damage or destruction to property covered by insurance written in the name of the Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the

casualty, a proposal not to repair or reconstruct such property is approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. 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 such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the members of the Association, levy a special assessment against the Owner of each Unit. Additional assessments may be made in like manner, as necessary, at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be deposited to the benefit of the Association. In the event that it should be determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, the property shall thereafter be maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Development-Wide Standard...

8.4 <u>Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Owners</u>. The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement on a Unit shall be repaired or reconstructed by the Owner thereof in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article 6 of this Declaration. Said repair or reconstruction shall be completed within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction or, where repairs cannot be completed within seventy-five (75) days, they shall be commenced within such period and shall be completed within a reasonable time thereafter. Alternatively, the Owner of a Unit, other than a Townhome Unit, may elect to demolish all improvements on the Unit and remove all debris and ruins therefrom within seventy-five (75) days after such damage occurred and thereafter maintain the Unit in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Development-Wide Standard. The Owner shall pay all costs which are not covered by insurance proceeds.

# Article 9 Mortgagee Provisions

9.1 Notices of Action. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the Unit number, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of: (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Development or which affects any Unit on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder; (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Unit subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by the Owner of the encumbered Unit of any obligation under the Declaration or Bylaws of the Association which is

not cured within sixty (60) days; and (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association.

- 9.2 <u>Audit</u>. Upon written request of any institutional holder of a first Mortgage and upon payment of all necessary costs, such holder shall be entitled to receive a copy of audited financial statements of the Association within ninety (90) days of the date of the request.
- 9.3 No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws gives any Owner or other party priority over any rights of a Mortgagee of any Unit in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.

### Article 10 Easements

- 10.1 General. Each Unit shall be subject to those easements, if any, shown or set forth on the recorded subdivision plat(s) for the Development, as amended from time to time, as well as the easements now or hereafter established by the Declarant in this Declaration or by any other documents recorded in the real estate records of the county where the Development is located.
- 10.2 <u>Easements for Use and Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner of a Unit shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment by the Owner and the Occupants of the Owner's Unit in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Unit, subject to the following:
- (a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of the Development recreational facilities, if any, to limit the number of Persons who may use the Development recreational facilities, if any, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by authorized users and their guests and invitees;
- (b) the right of the Association to suspend the right of an Owner to use the Development recreational facilities, if any, or Common Property for any period during which any past due assessment against any Unit of the Owner remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations;
- (c) the right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Property, or any portion thereof, or for construction, repairing or improving any facilities located or to be located thereon and, upon the affirmative vote of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units (other than Declarant) and the consent of Declarant, to give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage conveying all or any portion of the Common Property; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant or any Owner or the holder of any Mortgage encumbering any Unit or other property located within the Development

(regardless of any contrary provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association, the exercise of any rights by the holder of such Mortgage in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant or any Owner or the holder of any Mortgage encumbering any Unit or other property located within the Development);

- (d) the right of the Association, acting through the Board of Directors and without a vote of the members, to dedicate or grant licenses, permits, easements and rights-of-way over, under and through the Common Property;
- (e) the right of the Association to transfer or convey all or any portion of the Common Property upon the approval of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units and the consent of Declarant;
- (f) all other rights of the Association, the Declarant, Owners and Occupants set forth in this Declaration, in any Supplementary Declaration or in any deed conveying Common Property to the Association; and
- (g) all encumbrances and other matters shown by the public records affecting title to the Common Property.
- 10.3 Easements for Utilities. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association a blanket easement upon, across, above and under all property within the Development for access, ingress, egress, installation, alteration, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Development or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, or security system which the Declarant or the Association might decide to have installed to serve the Development. Declarant, the Association or the designee of either, as the case may be, may alter drainage and water flow, install, repair, replace and maintain or authorize the installation, repairing, replacing and maintaining of such wires, conduits, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the Declarant or the Board shall have the right to grant such easement.
- 10.4 Easement for Emergency Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon any Unit for emergency, security and safety reasons and to inspect for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, Bylaws, and rules, which right may be exercised by any member of the Board, the officers, agents, employees, and managers of the Association and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter upon any Unit to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire, slope erosion or other hazard in an emergency situation and in the event an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a

reasonable time after requested by the Association, but shall not authorize entry into any single family dwelling without permission of the Owner.

- 10.5 Easement for Maintenance Association. Declarant hereby grant to the Association a perpetual easement across the exterior portions of all Units and Townhome Units as may be reasonably necessary for the maintenance required hereunder. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Units and Townhome Units, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property and damage shall be repaired by the Association or its contractors at their sole expense.
- 10.6 Easement for Maintenance Owners. Declarant hereby reserves for the benefit of each Unit reciprocal appurtenant easements between adjacent Units for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the improvements located on each Unit which easement shall extend to a distance of three (3) feet as measured from any point on the common boundary between the Unit. The easement shall be used only for such period of time as is reasonably necessary in order to complete the maintenance or repair. The Owner exercising this easement right shall be liable for the prompt repair of any damage to the improvements located on the Unit over which this easement is exercised which arises out of such maintenance or repair work.
- 10.7 Easement for Signage, Lighting, Landscaping and Similar Items. There is hereby reserved to Declarant for so long as it retains its rights as Declarant, a nonexclusive easement over all Units and Common Property for a distance of ten (10) feet behind any Unit line which parallels a street (whether public or private) for the purpose of erecting and maintaining street intersection signs, directional signs, temporary promotional signs, plantings, street lights, entrance features and/or "theme areas," lighting, stone, wood, or masonry wall features and/or related landscaping.
- 10.8 Easement for Entry Features and Streetscapes. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association an easement for ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features and similar streetscapes for the Development pursuant to the Entry Feature Easement and over and upon any portion of a Unit containing such entry features or streetscapes as may be more fully described on the recorded subdivision plats for the Development. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around entry features and streetscapes and the right to grade the land under and around the same.
- 10.9 Easement for Drainage. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association a blanket easement across all Units for creating and maintaining satisfactory storm water drainage in the Development; provided, however, such easement area shall not include any portion of a Unit within the outer perimeter of the structure. This easement shall include the right to construct and maintain catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage swales, storm sewers, storm drains, sloping banks, cut or fill. This easement expressly includes the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any grading of the land, or to take any other similar action reasonably necessary, following which Declarant, or Association, as applicable, shall restore the affected property to its original condition as near as practicable. It is anticipated that increased storm water run off across downstream Units will result from the construction of impervious surface within or adjacent to the Development. Neither the Declarant, the

Association nor any builder or Owner constructing according to plans and specifications approved under Article 6 hereof shall have any liability to any Owner due to the increased flow or increased velocity of surface water resulting from approved construction within the Development.

- 10.10 Easement During Construction and Sale Period. Notwithstanding any provisions now or hereafter contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, use restrictions, rules and regulations, architectural guidelines, and amendments thereto, Declarant reserves an easement across the Development for Declarant to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Development as Declarant may reasonably deem necessary, such facilities and activities as in the sole opinion of Declarant may be required or convenient for Declarant's development, construction and sales activities related to property hereby and hereafter subjected to this Declaration or nearby property being developed by Declarant, including, but not limited to: the right to place or authorize the placement of marketing and directional signs on Units or right-of-way at street intersections within the Development; the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in the Development, including, without limitation, any Unit; the right to tie into any portion of the Development with streets, driveways, paths, parking areas and walkways; the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain and repair any device which provides utility or similar services including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, cable television, natural gas, water, sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Development; the right to grant easements over, under, in or on the Development, including without limitation the Units, for the benefit of neighboring properties for the purpose of tying into and/or otherwise connecting and using sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Development; the right to convert Units (with the consent of the Owner thereof) to Common Property and/or streets; the right to construct recreational facilities, utilities and other improvements on Common Property; the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Development; and the right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, model residences and sales offices. Declarant may use residences, offices or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant as model residences and sales offices and may also use Development recreational facilities as a sales office without charge. This Section shall not be amended without the Declarant's written consent until the Declarant's rights hereunder have terminated as herein provided.
- 10.11 Easement for Walking Trail. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association an easement for pedestrian access, ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of the walking trails for the Development, over and upon any portion of the Development containing such walking trails, including without limitation, over and across a portion of any Units, as may be shown on one or more recorded subdivision plats for the Development, extending Fifteen (15) feet from the boundary lines of the Lots which boundary lines are adjacent to the Common Property and consisting of said walking trail and such adjacent portions of the Lots as are deemed necessary for said installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the same as provided herein. The easement herein granted shall permit joint usage of such easement by: (a) the Owners and Occupants, (b) the legal representatives, successors and assigns of the Owners, and (c) guests of the Owners and

Occupants. Declarant hereby expressly reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, all rights and privileges incident to the ownership of the fee simple estate of the walking trails which are not inconsistent with the rights and privileges herein granted, including, without limitation, the right to grant additional non-exclusive easements to third parties, over, under and across the walking trails. The easement hereby granted shall include, without limitation, the right to erect appropriate signs, grading adjacent property for proper drainage, and related activities and improvements.

### Article 11 General Provisions

- 11.1 Enforcement. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply strictly with the Bylaws, rules and regulations and use restrictions, as amended or modified from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions set forth in this Declaration, the recorded subdivision plats for the Development and in the deed to such Owner's Unit, if any. The Board of Directors may impose fines or other sanctions for violations of the foregoing, which shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments. Failure to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws or the rules and regulations shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief or both, maintainable by the Association, the Declarant or an aggrieved Owner. Failure by the Declarant, the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The Association shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions or Architectural Guidelines and to assess the cost of recording and removing such notice against the Unit of the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing.
- 11.2 Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all Occupants and the guests and invitees of Owners and Occupants. The Owner shall be responsible for insuring that the Occupants, the guests, invitees and licensees of the Owner and Occupant strictly comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines. Fines may be levied against Owners or Occupants. If a fine is first levied against an Occupant and is not timely paid, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.
- 11.3 <u>Self-Help</u>. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association, the Declarant, the ACC or their respective duly authorized agents shall have the power to enter upon any Unit or any other portion of the Development to abate or remove any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations or the use restrictions. Unless an emergency situation exists, the violating Owner shall be given ten days written notice of the intent to exercise selfhelp. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles may be towed after giving any notice required by law. All costs of selfhelp, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be assessed against the violating Owner as a specific assessment.

- 11.4 <u>Duration</u>. The covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements contained in this Declaration shall run with and bind the Development, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association, the Declarant and any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent provided by law; provided, however, if and to the extent that, South Carolina law limits the period during which covenants restricting land to certain uses may run, any provisions of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by such law, after which time, any such provision(s) shall be (a) automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years (or the maximum period allowed by applicable law, if less), unless a written instrument signed by the then Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units has been recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a twenty (20) year renewal period agreeing to change such provisions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same, in which case this Declaration shall be modified or terminated to the extent specified therein; or (b) extended, renewed, modified or terminated as otherwise provided herein or by applicable law.
- 11.5 Termination of Rights of Declarant. The rights of Declarant to take, approve or consent to actions under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws shall cease and be of no further force and effect upon the earlier of: (a) the date that the Declarant no longer owns any property in the Development and Declarant no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Development as provided herein and a certificate of occupancy has been issued for a structure on each Unit in the Development; or (b) the date of recording by Declarant in the real estate records of the county where the Development is located of a written instrument terminating all of Declarant's rights hereunder.
- 11.6 Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Units subject to this Declaration; (c) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Units subject to this Declaration; or (d) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company, including, without limitation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Units subject to this Declaration; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner of such Unit consents thereto in writing. Further, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owners hereunder nor shall it adversely affect title to any Unit without the consent of the affected Owner. In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent or any combination thereof of Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units and the consent of Declarant. Amendments to this Declaration shall become effective upon recordation unless a later effective date is specified therein. The consent of the Declarant to any amendment shall be evidenced by the execution of said amendment by Declarant. The consent of the

requisite number of Owners to any amendment shall be evidenced by the execution of the amendment by said Owners, or, in the alternative, the sworn statement of the President or any Vice President or the Secretary of the Association attached to or incorporated in the amendment, which sworn statement states unequivocally that the consent of the required number of Owners was obtained and that any notices required by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and South Carolina law were given. The amendments authorized by this Section may be of uniform or non-uniform application and Owners shall be deemed to have agreed that the Declaration may be amended as provided herein and that any rule of law requiring unanimous approval of amendments having a non-uniform application shall not apply.

- 11.7 <u>Gender and Grammar</u>. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine or feminine pronoun shall include the neuter, masculine and feminine.
- 11.8 Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any Person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.
- 11.9 <u>Captions</u>. The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and Section, are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.
- 11.10 No Merger. There shall be no merger of any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements created or reserved hereby with the fee estate of Declarant, by reason of the fact that Declarant may own or hold the estate or interest both encumbered and benefited by such covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements and no such merger shall occur unless and until Declarant, while owning all of the estate or interests shall execute a written statement or instrument affecting such merger and shall duly record the same.
- 11.11 Notices. Notices provided for in this Declaration or the Articles or Bylaws shall be in writing, and shall be addressed to an Owner at the address of the Unit and to the Declarant, or the Association at the address of their respective registered agent in the State of South Carolina. Any Owner may designate a different address for notices to such Owner by giving written notice to the Association. Notices addressed as above shall be mailed by United States Registered or Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage paid, or delivered in person, including delivery by Federal Express or other reputable courier service. The time period in which a response to any such Notice must be given or any action taken with respect thereto, shall commence to run from the date of personal delivery or receipt on the return receipt of the Notice by the addressee thereof. Rejection or other refusal to accept or the inability to deliver because of changed address of which no Notice was given shall be deemed to be receipt of the Notice sent.

- 11.12 <u>Perpetuities</u>. Should any of the provisions of this Declaration be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provision shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the date that is ninety (90) years from and after the date of recording of this Declaration.
- 11.13 Indemnification. To the fullest extent allowed by the South Carolina law, the Association shall indemnify every current and former officer, director and committee member against any and all expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer, director or committee member in connection with any action, suit or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which such officer, director or committee member may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director or committee member. The officers, directors and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct or bad faith. The officers, directors and committee members shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director and committee member free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer, director or committee member, or former officer, director or committee member, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.
- 11.14 <u>Agreements</u>. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant, all agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board of Directors, shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns and others having an interest in the Development or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Development.
- 11.15 <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto, if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is warranted and would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Development.
- 11.16 <u>No Discrimination</u>. No action shall be taken by the Association or the Board of Directors which would discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap.
- 11.17 <u>Litigation</u>. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote and the consent Declarant. This Section shall not apply to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided herein, (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem

taxation, (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it, or (e) actions brought by the Association against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods or services arising out of a contract for goods or services to which the Association is a party. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is made unilaterally by the Declarant as provided herein or is approved by the percentage votes necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

11.18 Security. ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, GUESTS, LICENSEES, AND INVITEES, AS APPLICABLE, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE, IF ANY, DO NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR, IF IMPLEMENTED, THAT SUCH SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES MAY NOT BE COMPROMISED OR CIRCUMVENTED, OR THAT ANY SUCH SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES WILL IN ALL CASES PROVIDE THE DETECTION OR PROTECTION FOR WHICH THEY ARE DESIGNED. EACH OWNER, OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, OR INVITEE, AS APPLICABLE, ACKNOWLEDGES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE, IF ANY, ARE NOT INSURERS AND THAT EACH OWNER, OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, AND INVITEE ASSUMES ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE, IF ANY, HAVE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, NOR HAS ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, OR INVITEE RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OR MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE RELATIVE TO ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED.

11.19 <u>Cumulative Effect; Conflict</u>. The covenants, restrictions, and provisions of this Declaration shall be cumulative with those of any Neighborhood Declaration and the Association may, but shall not be required to, enforce the latter; provided, however, in the event of conflict between or among such covenants and restrictions, and the provisions of any articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies, or practices adopted or carried out pursuant thereto, those of any Neighborhood Declaration or Neighborhood Association shall be subject and subordinate to those of this Declaration and the Association. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Declaration and the provisions of South Carolina law, then to the extent that the provisions of South Carolina law cannot be waived by agreement, South Carolina law shall control.

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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant h seal, this 2 day of, 2007  | erein hereby executes this instrument under 7.       |  |
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| DECLARANT:   | KB HOME SOUTH CAROLINA, INC., a Delaware corporation |  |
| By:<br>Name:<br>Title:   | Scott Hebebrand<br>Land Director                     |  |
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# EXHIBIT "A" Property Description

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land lying and being in the City of North Charleston, Dorchester County, South Carolina, containing approximately 126.155 acres, across the property described as "Tract D" on a survey by Mark Ellis Lamb, S.C.P.E. & P.L.S. No. 2300 titled, "Final Plat Showing the Subdivision of Tract D (TMS No. 171-00-00-079), Owner by Dorchester Road (Charleston) Associates Limited Partnership, a South Carolina Partnership, into Tract D Residual (126.165 Acres) and a Public Right-of-Way (0.655 Acres) to be dedicated to the City of North Charleston, South Carolina, located in the City of North Charleston, Dorchester County, South Carolina" dated November 5, 2004, revised November 22, 2004, recorded in cabinet "K" slide 134, of the Dorchester County R.M.C., and having the following metes and bounds.

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE at an iron pin set on the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street, intersecting the northern right-of-way of Dorchester Road (S-18-642) approximately +/-7623 feet west of the right-of-way of Ashley Phosphate Road; Thence turning and running along the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street in a direction of N 40° 24' 29" E for a distance of 226.54 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 950.00 feet, a chord of 56.08 feet in a direction of N 42° 05' 57" E to an iron pin set, said iron pin set being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AS THUS ESTABLISHED, Thence leaving the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street in a direction of N 46° 12' 34" W for a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pin set on the western right-of-way of Trump Street; Thence turning and running along said western right-of-way along a curve to the right having a radius of 1050.00 feet, a chord of 62.61 feet in a direction of N 45° 29' 56" E to a point; Thence turning and running N 47° 12' 26" E for a distance of 78.10 to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the right having a radius of 596.26 feet, a chord of 39.65 feet in a direction of N 49° 06' 46" E to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 51° 01' 05" E for a distance of 356.33 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 47° 12' 26" E for a distance of 59.03 feet to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the left, having a radius of 475.00 feet, a chord of 56.46 feet in a direction of N 43° 48' 00" E to a point; Thence turning and running N 40° 23' 33" E for a distance of 195.04 feet to an iron pin set; Thence leaving said western right-of-way of Trump Street, turning and running N 49° 02' 37" W for a distance of 794.19 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 52° 11' 00" E for a distance of 953.98 feet to a point; Thence turning and running N 52° 11' 00" E for a distance of 2522.41 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running S 02° 14' 23" W for a distance of 1412.23 feet to an iron pin found (1" open); Thence turning and running S 37° 07' 07" E for a distance of 509.14 feet to an iron pin found (1" open); Thence turning and running S 78° 08' 25" E for a distance of 491.26 feet to an iron pin found (5/8" rebar); Thence turning and running S 41° 08' 18" W for a distance of 996.44 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running \$ 41° 08' 18" W for a distance of 1017.44 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 49° 25' 46" W for a distance of 402.10 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 68° 13' 42" W for a distance of 685.39 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 87° 25' 26" W for a distance of 731.09 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 60° 09° 27" W for a distance of 15.97 feet to an iron pin set on the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street; Thence turning and running S 47° 12' 26" W for

a distance of 57.04 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running S 43° 23' 36" W for a distance of 357.52 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running along a curve to the right having a radius of 550.00 feet, a chord of 36.61 feet in a direction of S 45° 18' 01" W to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running S 47° 12' 26" W for a distance of 81.69 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running along a curve to the left having a radius of 950.00 feet, chord of 56.64 feet in a direction of S 45° 29' 56" W to an iron pin set, said iron pin set being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

# EXHIBIT "B" Additional Property Which May Unilaterally Be Submitted To This Declaration by Declarant

Any real property adjacent to the Development, including, without limitation, the real property included within TMS #163-00-00-006, TMS #171-00-00-048, TMS #171-00-00-053, TMS #171-00-00-064, TMS #171-00-00-185.

EXHIBIT "C"

Bylaws of Charleston Park Owners Association, Inc.

### EXHIBIT "C"

**BYLAWS** 

OF

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OF

#### CHARLESTON PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# Article 1 Name, Membership, Applicability and Definitions

- 1.1 Name. The name of the corporation shall be Charleston Park Owners Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- 1.2 <u>Membership</u>. The Association shall have one class of membership, as is more fully set forth in that certain Master Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Charleston Park (such Declaration, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "<u>Declaration</u>"), the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated by reference herein.
- 1.3 <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration, unless the context shall prohibit, or the meanings given in the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act (South Carolina Code of Laws Section 33-31-101, et seq.) (the "<u>Nonprofit Code</u>"). Statutory references shall be construed as meaning the referenced statute or portion thereof as the same may exist from time to time.

# Article 2 Association: Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

- 2.1 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the members as may be designated by the Board of Directors, either in the Community or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- 2.2 <u>Annual Meetings</u>. There shall be an annual meeting of the members at such date, place and time as the Board of Directors shall determine to receive the reports of the outgoing Board of Directors, to install directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. The President and Treasurer shall report on the activities and financial condition of the Association.
- 2.3 Special Meetings. The President or the Board of Directors may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association upon the delivery of a petition signed and dated by members entitled to cast at least five percent (5%) of the Total Association Vote and describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held. The close of business on the 30<sup>th</sup> day before delivery of the petition for the special meeting described in the foregoing sentence shall be the record date for determining whether the five percent (5%) requirement has been met. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time, and place of such meeting and the purpose(s) thereof. No business shall be

transacted at a special meeting, except those matters that are within the purpose or purposes described in the notice.

- 2.4 <u>Record Date</u>. The Board of Directors shall fix in advance a record date for a determination of members entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to make a determination of members for any other purpose, such date to be not more than seventy (70) days before the date on which the particular action requiring such determination of members is to be taken.
- 2.5 Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary or such other agent as the Association may designate to mail or to cause to be delivered to each member (as shown in the records of the Association as of the record date) a written notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association stating the date, time and place where it is to be held and if and to the extent required by the Nonprofit Code or other applicable law (the "Governing Law"), the purpose(s) thereof. Such notice shall be delivered personally or sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, statutory overnight delivery or sent by electronic transmission in accordance with the Nonprofit Code to all members of record at the address shown in the Association's current records. If an Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than the Unit, the Owner shall designate by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. Notices shall be mailed or delivered not less than ten (10) days in advance of any annual, regularly scheduled or special meeting (or if notice is mailed by other than first-class or registered mail, thirty (30) days) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting. If any meeting of the members is adjourned to a different date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place, if the new date, time or place is announced at the meeting before adjournment. If, however, a new record date is or must be fixed under the Governing Law notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to persons who are members of record as of the new record date.
- 2.6 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any member may, in writing or by facsimile transmission signed by the member entitled to notice and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing with the Association's records, waive notice of any meeting of the members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a member (i) shall be deemed waiver by such member of lack of notice or defective notice, unless such member specifically objects to the meeting or transacting business at the meeting at the time the meeting is called to order; and (ii) shall be deemed waiver by such member of objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose described in the meeting notice, unless the member objects to considering the matter when it is presented.
- 2.7 Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Declaration or these Bylaws, the quorum requirement at the next meeting shall be one-half the quorum requirement applicable to the meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum. This provision shall continue to reduce the quorum by fifty percent (50%) from that required at the

previous meeting, as previously reduced, until such time as a quorum is present and business can be conducted.

- 2.8 Membership List. After the record date for any meeting is established by the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of all of the members who are entitled to notice of the meeting. Beginning the day after notice is given of the meeting for which the list was prepared, the list of members shall be available for inspection by any member or a member's agent or attorney: during ordinary business hours at the Association's principal office or at such other reasonable place as may be specified in the notice in the city where the meeting will be held.
- 2.9 <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the members shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration, and such voting rights are specifically incorporated herein.
- 2.10 Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxy appointment forms shall be in writing, signed, either personally or by facsimile transmission, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Proxies may be delivered to the Board of Directors by personal delivery or U.S. mail or facsimile transmission to the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon: (a) receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a member; (b) receipt by the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes of written revocation signed by the member; (c) receipt by the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes of a subsequent appointment form signed by the member; (d) attendance by the member and voting in person at any meeting; or (e) the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy appointment form.
- 2.11 Quorum. The presence, in person or by proxy, of members entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. The members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.
- 2.12 Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be approved by the members may be approved without a meeting if one (1) or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed and dated by members (including the Declarant, if the consent of the Declarant is required) holding at least eighty percent (80%) of the voting power of the Association. The record date for such action shall be the date that the first member signs a consent. Such action shall be approved when the Secretary receives a sufficient number of such consents dated within seventy (70) days of the record date for such action. If less than unanimous consent is obtained, the approval shall be effective ten (10) days after the Secretary gives written notice of the approval to all members who did not sign a consent. Each consent in writing shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.
- 2.13 Action By Written Ballot. Any action that may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if approved by ballot in writing as

provided herein. The Association shall deliver a ballot in writing to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot in writing shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. All solicitations for votes by ballot in writing shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. A timely ballot in writing received by the Association may not be revoked. Approval by ballot in writing of an action shall only be valid when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting held to authorize such action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. The results of each action by ballot in writing shall be certified by the Secretary and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.

# Article 3 Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

- 3.1 Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Directors shall be natural persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Except for directors appointed by the Declarant, each director must reside in the Community and be a member or the spouse of a member; provided, however, no Person may serve on the Board at the same time with such Person's spouse or any co-Owner or Occupant of such Person's Unit.
- 3.2 Directors Appointed by Declarant. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board of Directors or any officer or officers of the Association until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) the expiration of ten (10) years after the date of the recording of the Declaration; (b) the date on which all of the Units planned by Declarant to be a part of the Community shall have been improved with a dwelling and conveyed to an Owner for occupancy as a residence; or (c) the surrender by Declarant in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. The directors appointed by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Community. The total number of Units planned by Declarant for the Community shall initially be the number of Units shown on the Declarant's land use plan for the development as it may be amended from time to time. Inclusion of property on the land use plan shall not obligate the Declarant to subject such property to the Declaration, nor shall exclusion of property from the initial land use plan bar Declarant from subjecting such property to the Declaration. The final total number of Units planned for the Community shall be the actual number of Units shown on the recorded subdivision plats for the Community regardless of any different number of Units shown from time to time on the land use plan.
- 3.3 <u>Number of Directors</u>. During the period that the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove the officers and/or directors of the Association as provided above, the Board of Directors shall consist of three members. Thereafter, the Board shall consist of three or five members who shall be elected as provided below.

- 3.4 <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. Elected directors may be nominated from the floor, if a meeting is held for the election of directors and may also be nominated by a nominating committee, if established by the Board. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the members and to solicit votes.
- 3.5 Election and Term of Office. After the Declarant's right to appoint directors and/or officers terminates, the Association shall call a special meeting (or take action under Section 2.12 or Section 2.13 in lieu of a meeting) and the members shall elect follows: the initial term of two (2) directors (or three (3) directors in the event the total number of five (5) directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for one (1) year and shall continue in office until their respective successors shall have been elected and take office. At annual meetings of the membership thereafter (or pursuant to Section 2.12 or Section 2.13 in lieu of a meeting), directors shall be elected. At least one (1) director shall be elected from each Neighborhood, with the remaining directors to be elected at large. The five (5) candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, directors shall be elected from the Community hereunder so that in every year the Board shall be composed of at least one (1) director from each Neighborhood in the Community; provided, however, that in the event a qualified candidate for election to the Board from a particular Neighborhood cannot be located, the director shall be elected from the Community at large without regard to the particular Neighborhood in which that director lives.
- 3.6 Removal of Directors. At any annual, regular or special meeting of the Association, any one (1) or more of the members of the Board of Directors elected by the members may be removed, with or without cause, if the votes cast to remove the director would be sufficient to elect the director at a meeting to elect directors and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. The notice of the meeting shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of a director. A director whose removal by the members has been proposed shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. Additionally, any director who has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of an assessment for more than thirty (30) days may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining directors.
- 3.7 <u>Vacancies</u>. Vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by any reason, excluding the removal of a director by vote of the Association, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors. Each Person so selected shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.
- 3.8 <u>Organization Meetings</u>. The first meeting of a newly elected Board of Directors shall be held within ten (10) days after the election at such time and place as the directors may conveniently assemble.
- 3.9 <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board, provided that, after the right of Declarant to appoint the directors terminates, at least four (4) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one (1) per quarter. Notice of the regular schedule shall constitute sufficient notice of such meetings.

- 3.10 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when requested by the President, Vice President or by any two (2) directors. The notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery (including commercial delivery service) to such director's home or office; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by telephone communication (including facsimile), either directly to the director or to the director's home or office; or (d) issued electronically in accordance with the Nonprofit Code, if the director has consented in writing to such method of delivery and has provided the Board with an address regarding the same. All such notices shall be given or sent to the director's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at least four (4) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, electronic transmission or telephone shall be given at least two (2) days before the day set for the meeting.
- 3.11 Waiver of Notice. The business transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes in writing which is included in the minutes or filed with the official records of the Association. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- 3.12 Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors.
- 3.13 <u>Compensation</u>. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.
- 3.14 Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board.
- 3.15 Executive Session. The Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.
- 3.16 Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if one or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the members of the Board and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing in the corporate records.

- 3.17 <u>Telephonic Participation</u>. One or more directors may participate in and vote during any meeting of the Board by telephone conference call or any other means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. Any such meeting at which a quorum participates shall constitute a meeting of the Board.
- 3.18 <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:
- (a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each member to the common expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the common expenses and establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
  - (f) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the members concerning the Association;
- (i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (j) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association and the actions thereof, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and
  - (k) authorization of contracts on behalf of the Association.

- 3.19 Management Agent. The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. Declarant, or an affiliate of Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed one (1) year and shall be subject to termination by either party, without cause and without penalty, upon ninety (90) days' written notice.
- 3.20 <u>Borrowing</u>. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money without the approval of the members of the Association; provided, however, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as for special assessments, in the event that the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten percent (10%) of the annual budget of the Association.
- 3.21 <u>Fining Procedure</u>. The Board shall not impose a fine (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (a) Written notice shall be delivered to the member by first-class or certified mail sent to the address of the member shown on the Association's records, specifying:
- (1) the nature of the violation, the fine to be imposed and the date, not less than ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, from the date of the notice, that the fine will take effect;
- (2) that the violator may, within ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty four (24) hours, from the date of the notice, request a hearing regarding the fine imposed;
- (3) the name, address and telephone number of a person to contact to challenge the fine;
- (4) that any statements, evidence, and witnesses may be produced by the violator at the hearing; and
- (5) that all rights to have the fine reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, of the date of the notice.
- (b) If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Board in executive session, and the violator shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing. No fine shall be imposed prior to the date that is five (5) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, after the date of the hearing, as applicable.

#### Article 4 Officers

- 4.1 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same Person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 <u>Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies</u>. Except during the period in which the Declarant has the right to appoint the officers of the Association, the officers of the Association shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the election of directors. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 4.3 <u>Additional Officers and Agents</u>. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and agents as it shall deem necessary. Such officers and agents shall hold their respective offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
  - 4.4 Salaries. The officers shall receive no compensation.
- 4.5 <u>Removal</u>. Except for officers appointed by the Declarant, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors.
- 4.6 <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the members and directors. The immediate supervision of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the President. It shall be the President's duty to attend to the business of the Association and maintain strict supervision over all of its affairs and interests. The President shall keep the Board of Directors fully advised about the affairs and conditions of the Association, and shall manage and operate the business of the Association pursuant to and in accordance with such policies as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 4.7 <u>Vice President</u>. The Vice President(s), if any, shall act in the President's absence or disability and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting, and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon any Vice President by the Board or delegated to a Vice President by the President.
- 4.8 <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors; notify the members and directors of meetings as provided by these Bylaws and Governing Law; have custody of the seal of the Association; affix such seal to any instrument requiring the same; attest the signature or certify the incumbency or signature of any officer of the Association; and perform such other duties as the President, or the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Secretary shall perform the duties of the Treasurer of the Association in the absence or disability of the Treasurer.

- 4.9 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, the financial books and records of the Association, and shall faithfully account for the Association's funds, financial assets, and other assets entrusted to the Treasurer's care and custody. The Treasurer shall make such reports as may be necessary to keep the President and the Board of Directors informed at all times as to the financial condition of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as the President, or the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Treasurer shall maintain the money and other assets of the Association in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may provide for the investment of the money and other assets of the Association consistent with the needs of the Association to disburse such money and assets in the course of the Association's business. The Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Secretary of the Association in the absence or disability of the Secretary.
- 4.10 <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

# Article 5 Committees

Advisory committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by the Board or as provided in the Declaration are hereby authorized. Each committee shall be composed and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the Declaration or resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors. An advisory committee shall not be authorized to exercise any authority of the Board under the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Nonprofit Code.

### Article 6 Miscellaneous

- 6.1 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board.
- 6.2 <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Roberts Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of all Association proceedings, when not in conflict with South Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration or these Bylaws.
- 6.3 <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of South Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration and these Bylaws, the provisions of Governing Law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.
- 6.4 Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors with the consent of the Declarant if such amendment is necessary to: (a) bring any provision hereof into

compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Units subject to the Declaration; (c) enable an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Units subject to the Declaration; or (d) enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Units subject to the Declaration. In addition, these Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent or any combination thereof of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote and the consent of Declarant.

- 6.5 Notices to the Association. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the Declaration, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these Bylaws or the Declaration given to the Association, the managing agent or the Board of Directors shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by personal delivery or by United States mail, first class postage prepaid at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other mailing address as shall be designated in writing by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding any provision in these Bylaws or the Declaration to the contrary, action by the Association or the Board, including, without limitation, action by written consent or ballot, may not be taken and notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications may not be given to the Association, the managing agent or the Board under these Bylaws or the Declaration by electronic transmission, other than by facsimile transmission, to the extent set forth herein, unless action or communication by electronic transmission is specifically authorized by the Board of Directors in a resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 6.6 Notices to Members. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the Declaration, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these Bylaws or the Declaration given to the members shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by personal delivery; by United States mail, first class postage prepaid; or by electronic transmission:
- (a) If to an Owner at the address of the Unit of such Owner; or if by electronic transmission by a form of electronic transmission consented to by the Owner and otherwise in accordance with the Nonprofit Code; or
- (b) If to an Occupant, at the address of the Unit occupied; or if by electronic transmission by a form of electronic transmission consented to by the Occupant and otherwise in accordance with the Nonprofit Code.
- 6.7 <u>Electronic Records, Signatures and Documents</u> To the extent permitted by South Carolina law, the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Association and its members, Owners and Occupants may perform any obligation or exercise any right by use of any technological means providing sufficient security, reliability, identification and verifiability, which technological means has been approved by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

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### EXHIBIT "D" Neighborhoods

The following property shall be known and identified as the Preserve at Charleston Park Neighborhood:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land lying and being in the City of North Charleston, Dorchester County, South Carolina, across the property described as "Tract D" on a survey by Mark Ellis Lamb, S.C.P.E. & P.L.S. No. 2300 titled, "Final Plat Showing the Subdivision of Tract D (TMS No. 171-00-00-079), Owner by Dorchester Road (Charleston) Associates Limited Partnership, a South Carolina Partnership, into Tract D Residual (126.165 Acres) and a Public Right-of-Way (0.655 Acres) to be dedicated to the City of North Charleston, South Carolina, located in the City of North Charleston, Dorchester County, South Carolina" dated November 5, 2004, revised November 22, 2004, recorded in cabinet "K" slide 134, of the Dorchester County R.M.C., and having the following metes and bounds.

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE at an iron pin set on the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street, intersecting the northern right-of-way of Dorchester Road (S-18-642) approximately +/-7623 feet west of the right-of-way of Ashley Phosphate Road; Thence turning and running along the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street in a direction of N 40° 24' 29" E for a distance of 226.54 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 950.00 feet, a chord of 56.08 feet in a direction of N 42° 05' 57" E to an iron pin set; Thence leaving the eastern right-of-way of Trump Street in a direction of N 46° 12' 34" W for a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pin set on the western right-of-way of Trump Street; Thence turning and running along said western right-of-way along a curve to the right having a radius of 1050.00 feet, a chord of 62.61 feet in a direction of N 45° 29' 56" E to a point; Thence turning and running N 47° 12' 26" E for a distance of 78.10 to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the right having a radius of 596.26 feet, a chord of 39.65 feet in a direction of N 49° 06' 46" E to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 51° 01' 05" E for a distance of 356.33 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 47° 12' 26" E for a distance of 59.03 feet to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the left, having a radius of 475.00 feet, a chord of 56.46 feet in a direction of N 43° 48' 00" E to a point; Thence turning and running N 40° 23' 33" E for a distance of 195.04 feet to an iron pin set; Thence leaving said western right-of-way of Trump Street, turning and running N 49° 02' 37" W for a distance of 794.19 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 52° 11' 00" E for a distance of 953.98 feet to a point, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AS THUS ESTABLISHED,; Thence turning and running N 52° 11' 00" E for a distance of 2522.41 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running S 02° 14' 23" W for a distance of 1412.23 feet to an iron pin found (1" open); Thence turning and running S 37° 07' 07" E for a distance of 509.14 feet to an iron pin found (1" open); Thence turning and running S 78° 08' 25" E for a distance of 491.26 feet to an iron pin found (5/8" rebar); Thence turning and running S 41° 08' 18" W for a distance of 996.44 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 48° 51' 42" W for a distance of 428.31 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 08° 14' 47" W, for a distance of 497.19 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 78° 15' 57" W for a distance of

983.44 feet to an iron pin set; Thence turning and running N 78° 15' 57" W, for a distance of 728.39 feet to a point, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

# The following property shall be known and identified as the Pines at Charleston Park Neighborhood:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land lying and being in the City of North Charleston, Dorchester County, South Carolina, containing approximately 17.391 acres, across the property described as "Tract D" on a survey by Mark Ellis Lamb, S.C.P.E. & P.L.S. No. 2300 titled, "Final Plat Showing the Subdivision of Tract D (TMS No. 171-00-00-079), Owner by Dorchester Road (Charleston) Associates Limited Partnership, a South Carolina Partnership, into Tract D Residual (126.165 Acres) and a Public Right-of-Way (0.655 Acres) to be dedicated to the City of North Charleston, South Carolina, located in the City of North Charleston, Dorchester County, South Carolina" dated November 5, 2004, revised November 22, 2004, recorded in cabinet "K" slide 134, of the Dorchester County R.M.C., and having the following metes and bounds.

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