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# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RIVER WATCH

THIS DECLARATION, made this 21st day of July, 1997, by RIVERGLEN, LTD., a Florida limited partnership, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant."

# WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Declarant is the fee simple owner of certain real property and improvements in Hillsborough County, Florida which is more particularly described as Riverglen Units 5, 6 and 7, Phase I, as described in Plat Book 81, Page 46, of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida, (the "Property"), together with such additions thereto as may be designated from time to time by Declarant and made subject to this Declaration, all hereinafter referred to as the "Property," and plans to develop such Property under a common plan of development;

WHEREAS, the Property is subject to the covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements of Riverglen, recorded at O. R. 5427, page 307 of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida, as may be amended from time to time; and

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

#### ARTICLE I

# **DEFINITIONS**

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

<u>Section 1.</u> "Association" shall mean and refer to River Watch Homeowners' Association of Hillsborough, Inc., a corporation not-for-profit organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and its successors and assigns.

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

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

Section 4. "Builder" means any person or entity who acquires a Lot from Declarant for the purpose of constructing thereon a single-family residence and appurtenances, for resale in the ordinary course of the business of such person or entity.

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

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

assignment.

- <u>Section 7.</u> "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, as the same may be amended, renewed or extended from time to time in the manner herein prescribed.
- Section 8. "Dwelling" shall mean any structure built upon a Lot for the purpose of allowing natural persons to reside therein.
- Section 9. "FHA" shall mean the Federal Housing Administration.
- Section 10. "Homeowners' Association Rules" shall mean those rules and regulations that the Association shall from time to time adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke, and enforce to govern the use and maintenance of the Common Area and Association procedures.
- <u>Section 11.</u> "Lake" shall mean any body of water designated as a Lake or Conservation Area on any Plat and any man-made storm water detention or retention area located on the Property.
- Section 12. "Lake Area" shall mean all real property which is part of a Lake.
- Section 13. "Lake Lot" shall mean any Lot containing a Lake Area.
- Section 14. "Law" shall include any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or order validly created, promulgated or adopted by the United States, or any of its agencies, officers or instrumentalities, or by the State of Florida, or any of its agencies, officers, municipalities or political subdivisions, or by any officer, agency or instrumentality of any such municipality or subdivision, and from time to time applicable to the Property or to any activities on or about the Property.
- Section 15. "Lot" shall mean and refer to a plot of land shown and identified by number upon any Plat of the Property now or hereafter made subject to this Declaration, which is intended for single-family residential use.
- <u>Section 16.</u> "Master Association" shall mean the Riverglen at Brandon Homeowners Association, Inc.
- Section 17. "Master Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements of Riverglen, recorded at O. R. 5427, page 307 of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida, as may be amended

from time to time.

<u>Section 18.</u> "Member" shall mean a Member of River Watch Homeowners' Association of Hillsborough, Inc. as set forth in Article III.

Section 19. "Mortgage" shall mean chattel mortgage, bill of sale to secure debt, deed of trust, deed to secure debt and any and all other similar instruments given to secure the payment of an indebtedness.

Section 20. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, and if more than one person or entity, then to them collectively, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, so that for purposes of this Declaration and the Association Documents, as defined herein, each Lot shall be deemed to have one Owner. Both the Declarant and Builders are Owners for all purposes under this Declaration, to the extent of each Lot owned, except where expressly provided otherwise.

Section 21. "Person" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, or any other legal entity.

Section 22. "Plat" shall man a recorded subdivision map or plat of the Property, or any part thereof, recorded in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida. The Plat for the initial phases is titled Riverglen Units 5, 6, and 7, and is recorded at Plat Book , Page through , of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida. Plats for future phases for lands annexed to the control of this Declaration shall be as referenced in the recorded annexation document for such future phase.

Section 23. "Private Area" shall mean that area within each Lake Lot which is not Lake Area.

<u>Section 24.</u> "Property" shall mean all of the real property described on the Plat, and such additional property as may be added thereto by annexation."

Section 25. "Recorded" shall mean filed for record in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, or such other place as from time to time is designated by Law for providing constructive notice of matters affecting title of real property in Hillsborough County, Florida.

Section 26. "Structure" shall mean: Any thing or object, the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse, bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool,

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

<u>Section 27.</u> "The Work" shall mean the initial development of the Property by Declarant and includes the sale of completed Lots, with or without residential dwellings, in the ordinary course of Declarant's business.

Section 28. "VA" shall mean the Veterans Administration.

#### ARTICLE II

#### COMMON AREA

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

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

- (a) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreation facility situated upon the Common Area and to impose reasonable limits upon the number of guests who may use these facilities.
- (b) The right of the Association to suspend the right to the use of the Common Area by an Owner for any period during which any Assessment, as defined herein, against his Lot remains unpaid, and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any other infraction of the Association Documents or the Homeowners' Association Rules, provided that such suspension shall not interfere with such Owner's access to the Lot.

- The right of Declarant and the Association to grant easements in and to the Common Area for all utility services, including cable television and other public uses which benefit the subdivision as a whole.
- (d) The right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area or acquiring additional common area property; provided however, the Common Area cannot be mortgaged without the consent of the Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes able to be cast at any regular or special meeting of the Members duly called and convened.
- (e) The right of the Association to dedicate, transfer and convey all or any part of its right, title and interest in the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility or, subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Lot Owners, to any other Person for such purposes; provided, however, the Common Area cannot be conveyed without the consent of the Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes able to be cast at any regular or special meeting of the Member duly called and convened, and of the Southwest Florida Water Management District if the surface water management system is involved in such transfer.

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

- a. Upon conveyance, the Association shall be responsible for the Common Area, including but not limited to, its operation, management, care restoration, insurance, renovation, alteration, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, rebuilding, replacement, improvement, taxes and utilities. The Association also has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all lakes, retention ponds, culverts and related appurtenances.
- b. Any private streets, street lights, sidewalks, drainage systems, chain link fences, and other improvements that have been constructed, installed or created by the Declarant as part of the subdivision improvements or the work, shall be maintained by the Association in the same condition and appearance as constructed or created. The Association shall establish reserves for the replacement of the subdivision improvements.
- c. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot within the Property, Owner agrees that the Association and the Declarant have no obligations whatsoever for providing protection to persons on the

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

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

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

destruction, a majority of the Members elect to rebuild.

# Section 6. Common Area Easements.

- Declarant has dedicated and conveyed or will dedicate or convey to the Association that portion of the Property described on the Plat for use and maintenance of utility, drainage, wall and landscape easements, together with a right of ingress and egress over and across the easement areas for such purposes. Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage facilities, walls and landscaping are reserved as shown on the Plat. service will be provided by Hillsborough County. Sewer service will be provided by Hillsborough County. Within these easements, no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage structures or walls, or which may impede the flow of water through drainage structures in the easements. Easement areas within a Lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot.
- b. Fire, police, health, sanitation (including trash collection) and other public service personnel and vehicles shall have and are hereby granted a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Areas.
- c. Developer hereby grants to each Owner, their guests, invitees, residents, and visitors, and utilities providers, guests and invitees of the Association, and reserves to itself, its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees, a perpetual and non-exclusive easement over the Common Areas constructed as streets and roadways, for the purposes of ingress and egress to any area of the Property.
- d. Developer hereby reserves an easement across the Common Area and all Lots for the installation, maintenance and use of Cable Television Distribution facilities and lines. This easement may be transferred in whole or in part to any franchised cable television operator.

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

a. Each property Owner within the subdivision shall have the responsibility at the time of construction of a building,

residence, or structure, to comply with the construction plans for the surface water management system pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, Florida Administrative Code, approved and on file with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

- b. Each Owner shall have the responsibility not to remove native vegetation (including cattails) that become established within the wet detention ponds or jurisdictional areas abutting their property, unless permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, and cutting. Lot owners should address any question regarding authorized activities within the wet detention pond to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Permitting Department.
- c. No owner of property within the subdivision may construct any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, buffer areas, and upland conservation areas described in the approved permit and recorded plat of the subdivision, unless prior approval is received from the Southwest Florida Water Management District pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, Florida Administrative Code.
- Section 8. Private Streets and Drainage Improvements. Any private streets that may be constructed or created by the Declarant as part of the subdivision improvements or otherwise, shall be maintained by the Association in the same condition and appearance as constructed or created. The Association may, by adoption of the budget, establish reserves for the replacement of paving and other capital elements or improvements. The Association shall maintain the storm water collection system, including catch basins, pipes, drainage structures, and ponds, in the same condition as when constructed.
- Section 8. Access Easement. Declarant hereby grants to each Owner, their guests, invitees, residents, and visitors, and emergency personnel and agencies, utilities providers, guests and invitees of the Association, representatives of any Master Association, and reserves to itself, its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees, a perpetual and non-exclusive easement over the Common Areas constructed as streets and roadways, for the purposes of ingress and egress to any area of the Property.

#### ARTICLE III

# River Watch HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF HILLSBOROUGH, INC.

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

# Section 2. Membership.

- (a) Each Owner, by virtue of being an Owner and for so long as he is an Owner, shall automatically be a Member of the Association. Association membership shall be an interest appurtenant to title of each Lot and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment, as set forth herein, and shall be transferable only as part of the fee simple title to each Lot.
- (b) The rights, duties, privileges and obligations of an Owner as a member of the Association shall be those set forth in, and shall be exercised and imposed in accordance with, the provisions of this Declaration and the Association Documents; provided, that, if a conflict arises between the Declaration and the Association Documents, the Declaration shall take priority.

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

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

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and as long as there is a Class B voting membership the Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership and any Class B Lots then subject to the terms of this Declaration shall become Class A Lots upon the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(a) When the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B

membership, including Class B votes for any Property annexed or planned for annexation by Declarant,

- (b) On January 1, 2004, or
- When the Declarant waives in writing its right to Class B membership.

Section 4. Rights and Obligations of the Association. Besides those responsibilities to the Common Area outlined in Article II, the Association must also manage, operate, maintain, repair, service, replace and renew all rights-of-way for common use within the Property, and all improvements therein, to the extent such activities are not performed by any public authority or In the event the Board decides that the Association should maintain the perimeter screening referred to in Article VI herein, then this shall be a responsibility of the Association, and individual Owners shall not be responsible for such maintenance. The Association, in any event, shall have the duty responsibility to maintain all irrigation systems landscaping and signs constructed by the Declarant or the Association servicing the Common Area. The Association also may provide other services, such as, but not limited to security services, as the Association deems appropriate. The association has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances.

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

Section 6. Capital Improvements. Except for: (I) the replacement or repair of items installed by Declarant as part of the Work, if any; (ii) the repair and replacement of any personal property related to the Common Area; or (iii) as set forth in Article II, Section 5, the Association may not expend funds for capital improvements to the Common Area without the prior approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Members authorized to vote thereon.

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

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

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

Section 9. Powers and Authority. The Association shall have the power and authority to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, required or permitted to be done by the Association under and by virtue of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and this Declaration and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for or incidental to the exercise of any of the express powers of the Association for the safety and/or general welfare of the Owners. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power and authority at any time and from time to time, and without liability to any Owner, to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of enforcing any and all of the provision called for herein, or for the purpose of maintaining and repairing any such Lot if for any reason whatsoever the Owner thereof fails to

maintain and repair such Lot as required. The Association shall also have the power and authority from time to time, in its own name, or its own behalf or on behalf of any Owner or Owners who consent thereto, to commence and maintain actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of this Declaration, the Association Documents and the Homeowners' Association Rules and to enforce, by mandatory injunction or otherwise, the provisions of this Declaration, the Association Documents, and the Homeowners' Association Rules.

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

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

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Assessments. Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (I) annual assessments or charges, hereinafter referred to as Assessments, (ii) special assessments for capital improvements, hereinafter referred to as "Special Assessments", (iii) specific assessment for accrued liquidated indebtedness to the Association hereinafter referred to as "Specific Assessments," and (iv) assessments for property taxes on Common Area, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter The Annual, Special and Specific Assessments, provided. hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assessments", together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot

against which each Assessment is made. The Assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees and paralegal fees together with any sales or use tax thereon, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the Assessments fell due. However, the personal obligation of an Owner for delinquent Assessments shall not pass to said Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed in writing by such successor.

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

Section 3. Annual Assessment. The Annual Assessment shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Property, including (I) the operation, management, maintenance, repair, servicing, security, renewal, replacement and improvements of the Common Area and water management system, operating the entry gate, and those other responsibilities as outlined herein, (ii) all other general activities and expenses of the Association, including the enforcement of this Declaration, and (iii) expenses of providing cable television service for each Lot. The annual assessment commencing January 1, 1998 shall not exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) yearly per Lot, due in monthly installments, including an amount for the requisite cable television charge.

Section 4. Maximum Annual Assessment. At least thirty (30) days before the expiration of each year, the Board will prepare and distribute to each Owner a proposed budget for the Association's operations during the next ensuing year. If such budget requires an Annual Assessment of not more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Annual Assessment then in effect, the assessment so proposed will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing year without further notice to any Owner. If such budget requires an Annual Assessment that is more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Annual Assessment then in effect, however, the Board must call a membership meeting as stated herein. In computing the

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

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

Section 5. Annual Unit Assessment. The annual Unit assessment must be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Properties, including (I) the operation, management, maintenance, repair, servicing, renewal, replacement and improvements of the Common Area specific to River Watch and the establishment of reserve accounts therefor; and (ii) the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and, supervision of the Common Area specific to the Property; and (iii) all other general activities and expenses of the Association which are specific to the subdivision unit, including initial and yearly expenses for street lighting.

Section 6. Specific Assessments. Any and all accrued, liquidated indebtedness of any Owner to the Association arising under any provision of this Declaration, or by contract, express or implied, or because of any act or omission of any Owner or person for whose conduct such Owner is legally responsible, also may be assessed by the Association against such Owner's Lot after such Owner fails to pay such indebtedness within thirty (30) days after written demand. This shall include fines levied pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, for the actions of any Owner, or guest, invitee, or family member of such Owner.

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

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

Special Assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots

and may be collected on a monthly basis, except that Declarant, at its election, in lieu of paying Annual Assessments may contribute to the Association such amounts as are necessary to fund any difference between the Association's operating expenses and the Annual Assessments collected from Owners other than Declarant. The share of each Lot in payment of the assessments for common expenses shall be a fraction the numerator of which is one and the denominator is the total number of Lots subject to assessment under this Declaration. This fraction will change as additional property is added to the Property, but is initially 1/265.

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

<u>Section 11.</u> <u>Date of Commencement.</u> The Annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots as of the first day of the month following the recording of this Declaration.

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

Section 13. Assessment Lien. All sums assessed to any Lot, together with interest and all costs and expenses of collection (including reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegal fees, plus any applicable sales or use tax thereon, including those for trial and all appellate proceedings), are secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. Such lien is subject and inferior to the lien for all sums secured by any first Mortgage encumbering such Lot, as provided herein; but all other Persons

acquiring liens on any Lot, after this Declaration is recorded, are deemed to consent that such liens are inferior to the lien established by this Declaration whether or not such consent is set forth in the instrument creating such lien. The recording of this Declaration constitutes constructive notice to all subsequent purchasers and creditors, or either, of the existence of the Association's lien and its priority. The Association from time to time may, but is not required to, record a notice of lien against any Lot to further evidence the lien established by this Declaration.

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

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

<u>Section 16.</u> <u>Homesteads.</u> By acceptance of a conveyance of title to any Lot, each Owner is deemed to acknowledge conclusively that (I) the assessments established by this Article are for the improvement and maintenance of any homestead thereon; (ii) the Association's lien for such assessments has priority over any such

homestead; and (iii) such Owners irrevocably waive the benefit of any homestead exemption otherwise available with respect to all amounts validly secured by such lien.

#### ARTICLE V

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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

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

- (I) governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval pursuant to this Declaration;
- (ii) governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specifications; and
- (iii) establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction,

location and size of any Structure, and all other matters that require approval by the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to this Declaration.

In reviewing any particular application, the Committee shall consider whether its action will: (I) assure harmony of external design, materials and location in relation to surrounding buildings and topography within the Property; and (ii) preserve the value and desirability of the Property as a residential community; and (iii) be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration; and (iv) be in the best interest of all Owners in maintaining the value and desirability of the Property as a residential community.

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

Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be reasonable required by the Architectural Control Committee including, without being limited to:

- (a) a site plan showing the location of all proposed and existing Structures on the Lot and including building setbacks, open space, driveways, walkways, and parking spaces including the number thereof;
- (b) a foundation plan;
- (c)a floor plan;
- (d) exterior elevations of any proposed Structure and alterations to existing Structures, as such Structures will appear after all backfilling and landscaping are completed;

- (e) specifications of materials, exterior color scheme for original construction or color changes, lighting schemes, and other details affecting the exterior appearance of any proposed Structure and alterations to existing Structures; and
- (f) plans for landscaping and grading, especially if the proposed Structure consists of such landscaping or grading.

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

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

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

In regards to any plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Control Committee, shall be responsible or liable in any way for any defects in any plans or specifications, nor for any structural defects in any work done according to such

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

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

The initial construction of a dwelling on a Lot by a builder shall be subject to these provisions, but approval of plans and landscaping shall only be required once for any model plan. Thereafter, no plans or landscaping approval shall be required for construction of the same model on another Lot.

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

Section 5. Violations. If any Structure shall be erected, placed, maintained, or altered upon any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such erection, placement, maintenance, or alteration shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this Article and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the

Architectural Control Committee such violation shall have occurred, the Architectural Control Committee shall notify the Association. If the Board of the Association shall agree with the determination of the Architectural Control Committee with respect to the violation then the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the required remedial action within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have and be entitled to, in addition to any other rights set forth in this Declaration, all rights and remedies at law or in equity. Actions of the Board are final.

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

#### ARTICLE VI

#### GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

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

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

# Section 2. Setbacks and Building Lines.

(a) Dwellings: Each dwelling which shall be erected on any

Lot shall be situated on such Lot in accordance with the building and setback lines shown on the Plat or required by Law. In no event shall any dwelling be erected and located upon any such Lot in a manner which violates or encroaches upon the building and setback lines shown on the Plat or required by Law, unless the law allows for variance. The minimum front setback for a dwelling shall be 25 feet, the minimum rear setback shall be 20 feet, and the minimum side setback shall be a total of 15 feet for both sides added together, with no side less than 5 feet, or as allowed by ordinance.

- (b) Walls and Fences: All fences and walls shall be subject the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee as to placement, location, height, materials, and finish, and shall comply with all governmental requirements. No fences shall be erected or permitted to remain without such approval. shall be permitted except Ultra wood shadowbox; equivalent pressure-treated wood product having a warranty of at least thirty years, constructed in a shadowbox style, and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Fences shall be placed so that the posts shall be placed on the inside of the fence and the side without any supports shall face out from the Lot. No fence shall be permitted to the front of a point eight feet rearward from the front of the house. Side fences and front sections from the side to the house shall be six feet in height or less. lots may be fenced on the second front side as permitted by county Rear fences shall be limited to six feet in height or Notwithstanding the above, houses on lots that abut rear conservation areas shall be permitted fences to the rear of the house of only black-vinyl coated chain link, with black posts and hardware, with a maximum height of four feet.
- (c) Subdivision of Lots: One or more Lots or Parts thereof may be subdivided or combined to form one single building Lot when approved, in writing, by the Architectural Control Committee, and so long as each Lot shall have an area at least as large as the smallest lot set forth on the Plat. In such event, the building and setback line requirements provided herein shall apply to such Lots as are subdivided or combined.
- (d) Terraces, Eaves, and Detached Garages: For the purpose of determining compliance or noncompliance with the foregoing building line requirements, terraces, stoops, eaves, wing-walls, and steps extending beyond the outside wall of a Structure, shall not be considered as a part of the Structure. No additional side yard shall be required for any detached garage or accessory outbuilding which has been approved, in writing, by the Architectural Control Committee; provided, all such detached Structures must not encroach upon any side or rear setback line or

upon the Lot of an adjacent Owner or upon any easement as set forth herein.

Section 3. Building Requirements. The living areas of the main structure, exclusive of open porches, garages, carports, patios, gazebos, and breezeways, shall be not less than 1850 square feet for structures in Units 5 and 6, and not less than 2200 square feet in Unit 7.

<u>Section 4.</u> Obstructions to View at Intersections. The lower branches of trees or other vegetation shall not be permitted to obstruct the view at street intersections.

Section 5. Delivery Receptacles and Property Identification Markers. The Architectural Control Committee shall adopt standards for uniform mailboxes, which shall be the same design for each Lot, and shall designate an available supplier for all mailboxes, and all other particulars of receptacles for the receipt of mail, newspapers, or similarly delivered materials, and of name signs for such receptacles, as well as property identification markers.

Section 6. Use of Outbuildings and Similar Structures. Structure of a temporary nature unless approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot, provided this Section shall not be construed to prevent the Declarant and those engaged in construction from using sheds, construction trailers or other temporary structures during construction. No trailer, camper, shack, tent, garage, barn, or other structure of a similar nature shall be used as a residence, either temporarily or permanently, but this provision shall not preclude the erection and use, if approved by the Architectural Control Committee, of an additional residential unit designed and permitted for use over a garage or other location or structure, and subsidiary to the main residence. Outbuildings for appurtenant use may be erected within the setbacks specified in Section 2 above, if the Architectural Control Committee approves the use, location, and materials proposed for such outbuilding. No structural steel or The architectural finish of any aluminum sheds shall be approved. shed must be the same as that of the house, and the shed shall be properly screened as approved by the Architectural Control The plate height of a shed, exclusive of the roof, Committee. shall be no higher than seven feet, four inches above the slab on grade.

Section 7. Building Materials and Construction Activities. No building materials or equipment used for building purposes shall be stored on any Lot, except for the purpose of construction on such Lot and shall not be stored on such Lot for longer than the length of time reasonably necessary for the construction to

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completion of the improvement to which same is to be used.

Any Owner allowing construction agrees to maintain job sites in a neat and orderly condition throughout construction and not to cause trash and debris to accumulate anywhere within subdivision. Such Owner agrees to keep roadways, easements, swales, and other property within subdivision clear of trash and construction materials at all times. If a violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement occurs, Owner shall have twenty-four (24) hours from, Declarant or the Association notifying the Owner to remove or cure violation. Declarant or the Association shall have the right after twenty-four (24) hours notice to remove or cure violation and charge the Owner costs plus a fifteen (15%) percent administrative fee thereof. If the violation was caused by a contractor or subcontractor of the Owner, Declarant or the Association may prohibit the contractor or subcontractor from entering subdivision without any liability to Owner. Owner shall hold harmless and defend Declarant and the Association against all claims, damages, losses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, court costs to include appeals, incurred or suffered by Declarant or the Association as a result of taking such action.

Owner agrees to avoid altering or causing damage to the subdivision improvements during construction and assumes full responsibility for the cost of any repair of subdivision improvements necessitated by Owner's, his agent, employee,

contractor or subcontractor damage.

Section 8. Completion of Construction. The Association shall have the right to take appropriate Court action, whether at law or in equity, to compel the immediate completion of any residence or Structure not completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of construction. The construction of any dwelling, or or replacement of any dwelling damaged by fire or otherwise, or other Structure must be promptly undertaken and pursued diligently and continuously to substantial completion by its Owner without unreasonable delay. Without limitation, if any Owner leaves any dwelling or Structure in an incomplete condition for a period of more than six (6) months, then the Association may complete all required restoration or construction, or may raze and otherwise remove the incomplete Structure from such Owner's Lot, by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board after reasonable notice to, and reasonable opportunity to be heard by, the Owner affected. All costs so incurred by the Association may be specifically assessed against such Lot as provided in Article IV, herein.

<u>Section 9.</u> <u>Livestock and Pets.</u> No animals, livestock, poultry, or pets of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot, except that not more than a total of four (4) dogs, cats, or

other small household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes. household pets must not constitute a nuisance or cause unsanitary For the purposes of this Section 9, pets shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance if they create excessive or disturbing noises, whether by barking or otherwise, or if the pet has shown any violent or aggressive behavior or otherwise poses a danger to the health, safety, or welfare of any person. which have attacked or bitten any person or another person's pet shall constitute a nuisance and shall not be kept on any Lot. All pets must be kept on leashes or within secure fences when out of The foregoing expression of specific behaviors that shall constitute a nuisance shall in no way limit the determination that other behaviors also constitute a nuisance. Any pet in violation of this section shall be brought into compliance within twenty-four (24) hours of notice by the Board, including but not limited to, the removal of the pet from River Watch if the pet has attacked or bitten a person or other person's pet.

<u>Section 10.</u> Offensive Activities. No noxious, offensive, or illegal activities shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the Owners of other Lots in River Watch.

Section 11. Signs. No advertising signs or billboards shall be erected on any Lot or displayed to the public on any Lot except a professional sign one square foot in size and a sign of not more than four (4) square feet in area may be used to advertise the Lot for sale or rent. This restriction shall not apply to signs used to identify and advertise the subdivision as a whole, nor signs for selling Lots and/or houses during the development and construction period, provided such signs are approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Also, the provisions of this Article shall not apply to anyone who becomes the Owner of any Lot as purchaser at a judicial or foreclosure sale conducted with respect to a first Mortgage or as transferee pursuant to any proceeding in lieu thereof.

Section 12. Perimeter Screening. Any and all walls, fencing, landscaping, or other screening installed by Declarant as part of the Work, together with the buffer walls, will constitute an improvement to each Lot upon or along which it is situated and the property of the Owner of such Lot, who shall be responsible for all costs of maintaining and repairing the interior portion situated on or along such Lot. Any such wall shall be considered part of the perimeter screening regardless of whether it is located in a public right-of-way or on a Lot. To assure visual uniformity on the side of all such walls, fencing, or other screening facing the exterior perimeter of the Property or any street or road located therein,

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

The Owner of each Lot shall be Section 13. Sidewalks. responsible, at the Owner's sole cost and expense, for the installation of sidewalks on his Lot in accordance with the requirements of Hillsborough County ordinances. Installation of said sidewalks shall be completed concurrently with the completion of the residence, but in all events within three (3) years from the date of closing of sale of the Lot to Owner. Each Owner, at his sole cost and expense shall maintain the sidewalk on his Lot. assure visual uniformity of sidewalks the Architectural Control Committee shall establish how and with what materials installation, maintenance, or repair shall be performed. Owner fails to comply with the requirements of this Section after reasonable notice, the Association or its duly authorized agents, shall have the right, but not the obligation, at any time, from time to time, without any liability to the Owner for trespass or otherwise, to enter any Lot for the purpose of maintaining the sidewalks and enforcing, without any limitation, all of the restrictions as set forth as part of this Declaration. All costs so incurred by the Association may be specifically assessed against such Lot as provided in Article IV, herein.

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

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

Section 14. Aesthetics, Nature Growth, Screening, Underground Utility Service. Trees which have a diameter in excess of six (6") inches measured two (2') feet above ground level, and distinctive flora, shall not be intentionally destroyed or removed except with

the prior approval, in writing, of the Architectural Control Committee. All fuel tanks, garbage cans and equipment, shall be screened to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots and streets. All residential utility service, including but not limited to lines, pipes and wiring, to residences shall be underground.

# Section 15. Use and Protection of Lakes and Ponds.

(a) The Private and Lake Areas of each Lake Lot shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the Lake Lot Owner thereof subject, however, to the limitations, restrictions, and reservations stated herein:

The Declarant reserves as a part of the Common Area, an easement for access, ingress and egress over and on each Lake Lot with said easement also being for the purpose of enforcing without limitation the rights, reservations, and restrictions set forth herein.

The Association, or its duly authorized agents, shall have the right, but not the obligation, at any time, from time to time, without any liability to the Owner for trespass or otherwise, to enter upon any Private Area and Lake Area for the purpose: (I) of maintaining the Lake Area; (ii) or removing any improvement constructed or maintained upon such Private Area or Lake Area in violation of the provisions hereof; (iii) of restoring such Private Area as authorized; and (iv) of otherwise enforcing, without any limitation, all of the restrictions as set forth as a part of this Declaration.

The responsibility for repair and general maintenance of the lake Areas is that of the Master Association for the functional manitenance of drainage. The Master Association has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all retention culverts and lakes, areas, lot owner shall appurtenances. The individual maintenance responsibility for all lake and pond areas as to aesthetic maintenance.

No Owner shall construct or maintain any improvement upon a Private Area which would, in the judgment of the Association, detrimentally affect the normal water level of the Lake Area. No docks, fences, or structures may be constructed on any Private Area or Lake Area unless prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee is given. No Owner may fill a Lake, draw water from a Lake nor place solid material or liquids in a Lake. No Owner shall remove native vegetation

(including without limitation cattails) that become established within any Lake or Lake Area. Prohibited removal shall include, without limitation, dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Owners should address any question regarding authorized activities within the wet detention ponds to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Permitting Department.

(b) Each Lake Lot Owner shall have a cross easement appurtenant for use of the Lake which his Private Area borders subject to the limitations and restrictions stated herein.

The use of the Lake Area and Lake shall be subject to the Homeowners' Association Rules. There shall be no use of the Lake Area and Lake except natural recreational uses which do not injure or scar the Lake Area or Lake, increase the cost of maintenance thereof, or cause unreasonable embarrassment, disturbance or annoyance to Owners in their enjoyment of their Private Areas, or in their enjoyment of the Lake Area.

(c) Neither the Declarant nor the Association shall be responsible for control over the level of water in any Lake. Nor shall Declarant or the Association be liable for damages in any way for an increase or decrease to the water level of any Lake Area or Lake. Each Owner agrees that he will not bring any action or suit against Declarant or Association to recover for any damage caused by an increase or reduction in the water level of any Lake Area or Lake.

<u>Section 16.</u> <u>Boats.</u> Boats or any flotation devices are prohibited on all Lakes and ponds.

Section 17. Swimming Pools. Swimming pools must be located to the rear of the main building unless a different location is authorized in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. Swimming pools must conform to the setback and building requirements as shown on the Plat for such structures, and as required by applicable law.

Section 18. Maintenance. Each Owner shall keep and maintain each Lot and Structure owned by him, including: all landscaping located thereon, in good condition and repair, including, but not limited to (I) the repairing and painting (or other appropriate external care) of all Structures; (ii) the seeding, watering, and mowing of all lawns; and (iii) the pruning and trimming of all trees, hedges, and shrubbery so that the same do not obstruct the view by motorists, pedestrians or street traffic. If in the opinion of the Architectural Control Committee any Owner shall fail

control Committee shall notify the Association. If the Association Board shall agree with the determination of the Architectural Control Committee, then the Board shall give written notice by certified mail to the Owner to remedy the condition in question, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the condition and the specific action or actions needed to taken to remedy such condition. If the Owner shall fail to take reasonable steps to remedy the condition within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, the Architectural Control Committee and the Association shall have, in addition to all other rights set forth in this Declaration, at law or inequity, a Right of Abatement as provided in Article VIII, Section 1 hereof.

Section 19. Antennae and Clotheslines. No radio or television transmission or reception antennae, apparatus or tower shall be erected on the Property or any Lot or Structure. Notwithstanding the above, a satellite dish antenna eighteen inches (18") in diameter or smaller may be installed on the rear side of the dwelling or in the rear yard with landscape screening and with approval of the Architectural Control Committee. No clothesline shall be installed in the yard of any Lot, withour the prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 20. Window Treatment and Air Conditioners. All window treatments shall be commercial products designed for that purpose. No newsprint, foil, or other material not made for windows shall be used as a window treatment. No window air conditioning units shall be installed without prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

Trailers, Trucks, School Buses, Boats, Boat Section 21. Trailers. No house trailers or mobile homes, school buses, trucks or commercial vehicles over one (1) ton capacity, recreational vehicles, boats or boat trailers shall be kept, stored or parked overnight either on any street or on any Lot, except within enclosed garages or completely screened from view. Notwithstanding the foregoing, passenger automobiles may be parked in driveways, if the number of vehicles owned by the Owner exceeds the capacity of Passenger automobiles shall not be parked on any street overnight. The foregoing will not be interpreted, construed, or applied to prevent the temporary nonrecurrent parking of any vehicle, boat, or trailer for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours upon any Lot. There shall be no major or extended repair or overhaul performed on any vehicle on the Lots. All vehicles and trailers shall have current license plates. any vehicle, boat, or trailer is in violation of this provision, the Association shall have the immediate right to have the offending vehicle, boat, or trailer towed away at the expense of

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the owner thereof.

Section 22. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage, or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers designed for that purpose. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such waste material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. All garbage and trash cans and containers shall be kept in the garage or in the rear yard, screened to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots and streets, except on the days of collection. If such litter or other materials are found on any Lot, the same will be removed by the Owner of such Lot, at the Owner's expense, upon written request of the Architectural Control Committee or the Association. Trash for pickup may be put out no more than 24 hours prior to pickup, and trash containers must be stored not more than 24 hours after pickup.

Section 23. Changing Elevations. No Owner shall excavate or extract earth from a Lot for any business or commercial purpose. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade of surrounding Lots, unless approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.

<u>Section 24.</u> <u>Sewage System.</u> Sewage disposal shall be through municipal system or type approved by appropriate State and local agencies.

<u>Section 25.</u> <u>Water System.</u> Water shall be supplied through municipal system or type approved by appropriate State and local agencies.

Section 26. Utility Facilities. Declarant reserves the right to approve the necessary construction, installation, and maintenance of utility facilities, including but not limited to water, telephone, cable television and sewage systems, within this proposed area, which may be in variance with these restrictions.

Section 27. Driveways and Entrance to Garage. All driveways and entrances to garages shall be concrete or a substance approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee and of a uniform quality. No vehicular access to any Lot having double frontage along a designated collector road and another roadway segment shall be permitted from the right-of-way of the designated collector road.

<u>Section 28.</u> <u>Garages.</u> Each dwelling must have a garage of sufficient size to house at least two (2) passenger automobiles. All garages must be substantial and conform architecturally to the

dwelling to which they relate. When garages are not in use, garage doors shall be closed. Garages shall be used only for parking motor vehicles, hobbies, and storing Owner's household goods.

Section 29. Mineral Operation. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying, or mining operation of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot, nor shall any wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavation, or shafts be erected, maintained, or permitted upon or in any Lot. No derrick or other structures designed for the use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained, or permitted upon any Lot.

Section 30. Roofs, Eaves, and Gables. All roofs shall have a slope or pitch of a minimum of five feet of rise for each twelve feet of lateral distance, or 5/12. Roofing materials shall be dimensional shingles with a minimum twenty-five year warranty, or other materials of similar useable life approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All shingles shall be fungus resistant if other than black. Under eaves, the fascia shall be a minimum of six inches, and the soffit shall be a minimum of eight inches. The ends of gables shall be finished with the same material finishing on the sides of the house.

Section 31. Tennis Courts and Basketball Goals. Tennis courts are permitted at locations as approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Lighting of tennis courts is prohibited after 9:30 PM on any evening until the following sunrise. Basketball goals, of either temporary or permanent placement, must be approved pursuant to application with drawing of proposed location by the architectural control committee, prior to erection. The Architectural Control Committee shall review such applications as to placement of the basketball goal, and shall not approve any application which would burden adjoining property or common area, as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.

Section 32. Clearing and Landscaping. Any clearing on a Lot in excess of that required for the dwelling footprint and access thereto plus two feet, must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee and should be kept to a minimum. Landscaping with Floridascape plant species is recommended, with minimum areas of sod. The streetscape and sidewalk area must be fully sodded and irrigated. The Architectural Control Committee may adopt standards for landscaping which include requirements for Floridascape plantings for water conservation. Each lot must have a three-inch minimum oak planted between the sidewalk and the street. On corner lots, a minimum of two oak trees of four inch diameter shall be planted and maintained.

Section 33. Building Exteriors. All exterior colors and changes thereto shall be subject to review and approval by the architectural control committee prior to the application or change. All fire chases or chimneys shall be of stucco, brick, or the same material finishing the facing or siding of the house. All gable ends shall be of the same material finishing as the facing or siding of the house. All sheds shall be finished with the same material as the house, and shall be landscaped.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **EASEMENTS**

Lots subjected to this Declaration shall be subject to:

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. Each Lot Owner shall comply strictly with the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements set forth in this Declaration. In the event of a violation or breach, or threatened violation or breach, of any of the same, the Declarant, the Architectural Control Committee, the Association, or any Lot Owner, jointly and severally, shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity for the recovery of damages, or for

injunctive relief, or both. If any Owner or the Association is the prevailing party in any litigation involving this declaration, then that party also has a right to recover all costs and expenses incurred (including reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegal fees together with any applicable sales or use tax thereon). However, no Owner has the right to recover attorney's fees from or against the Association, unless provided by Law. Failure by the Declarant, the Architectural Control Committee, the Association or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

In addition to the above rights, the Association and the Architectural Control Committee shall have a Right of Abatement if the Owner fails to take reasonable steps to remedy any violation or breach within thirty (30) days after written notice sent by certified mail. A Right of Abatement, as used in this Section means the right of the Association or Architectural Control Committee, through its agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any Lot or Structure, as to which a violation, breach or other condition to be remedied exists, and to take the actions specified in the notice to the Owner to abate, extinguish, remove, or repair such violation, breach, or other condition which may exist thereon contrary to the provisions hereof, without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act by reason of such entry and such actions; provided, such entry and such actions are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The cost thereof including the costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees, and paralegal fees (together with any applicable sales or use tax thereon) together with interest thereon at eighteen percent (18%) per annum, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, enforceable at law, and shall be a lien on such Owner's lot enforceable as provided herein.

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

Section 3. Duration. This Declaration, inclusive of all easements reserved by or on behalf of the Declarant or Association, shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is filed for record in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, after which time this Declaration

shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument signed by the then record Owners of all of the Lots has been recorded, agreeing to change this Declaration in whole or in part. This Declaration may be terminated upon unanimous vote of all Owners and Mortgagees.

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

Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the Declarant hereby reserves and shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, for a period of two (2) years from the date of its recording to make such changes, modifications, and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by FHA, VA, Southwest Florida Water Management District, or any other governmental agency or body generally or as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's agreement to make purchase, accept, insure, guaranty, or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots, provided any such amendment does not destroy or substantially alter the general plan or scheme of development of River Watch. Any such amendment shall be executed by the Declarant and shall be effective upon its recording. approval or joinder of the Association, any other Owners, any Mortgagee, or any other party shall be required or necessary for any such amendment. Any amendment of these documents which would affect the surface water management system, including the water management portions of the common areas, must have the prior approval of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Every purchaser or guarantee of any interest in any real property now or hereafter subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that this Declaration may be amended as provided in this Section.

Section 5. Annexation of Additional Property. Within five (5) years of the date of execution of this Declaration, Declarant may add lands to the Property described herein, by the filing of a supplemental declaration declaring such annexed lands to be subject

to the provisions hereof, with such modifications and additions as may be applicable to such annexed lands. Upon the filing of such a supplemental declaration, the Lots and lands annexed thereby shall become subject to this Declaration, to the assessment provisions hereof, and to the jurisdiction of the Architectural Control Committee and the Association. For purposes of Article IV, Section 2, the Lots in the annexed lands shall be considered to have been part of the Property since the filing of this Declaration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 12. Notice. Unless otherwise stated herein, any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Declaration shall be in writing sent by prepaid, first class mail to such address of the Person to be notified as such Person may

have designated or as would be reasonably anticipated to effectuate receipt of the notice. Any such notice shall be effective upon mailing in conformity with this Declaration. If any Person consists of more than one Person or entity, notice to one as provided herein shall be notice to all.

#### XII.

#### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION

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

- (a) it is the express intent of the Association Documents that the various provisions thereof which are enforceable by the Association and which govern or regulate the uses of the properties have been written, and are to be interpreted and enforced, for the sole purpose of enhancing and maintaining the enjoyment of the properties and the value thereof;
- (b) the Association is not empowered, and has not been created, to act as an entity which enforces or ensures the compliance with the laws of the United States, State of Florida, Hillsborough County and/or any other jurisdiction or the preventions of tortious activities; and
- (c) any provisions of the Association Documents setting forth the uses of assessments which are related to health, safety security and/or welfare shall be interpreted and applied only as limitations of the uses of assessment funds and not as creating a duty of the association to protect or further the health, safety security or welfare of any person(s), even if assessment funds are chosen to be used for any such reason.

Each owner (by virtue of his acceptance of title to his lot) and each other person having an interest in or lien upon, or making any use of, any portion of the properties (by virtue of accepting such interest or lien or making such uses) shall be bound by this

article and shall be deemed to have automatically waived any and all rights, claims demands and causes of action against the association arising from or connected with any matter for which the liability of the Association has been disclaimed in this article.

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

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

# ARTICLE IX MASTER ASSOCIATION

- Section 1. The Property shall be subject to the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements of Riverglen, recorded at O. R. 5427, page 307 of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida, as may be amended from time to time Members under the Declaration shall be members under the Master Declaration, and shall be subject to the assessment provisions of the Master Association for expenses of application for all of Riverglen.
- Section 2. Architectural Control. The Property shall be subject to the architectural control provisions of the Master Declaration, or the review provisions of the Master Association's Architectural Control Committee. As to architectural control within the Property, the provisions of this Declaration shall control, and the Declarant or Association shall perform architectural review functions.
- Section 3. Common Area. The Common Area defined under this Declaration shall not be common area of the Master Association. Owners under the Master Declaration shall have no rights or interest in the Common Area under this Declaration, and use of the Common Area shall be restricted as provided herein.

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Section 4. Surface Water. The Master Association shall control and maintain all stormwater and surface water systems, including the maintenance ponds in River Watch.

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

Executed and declared in the presence of:

GALEN CUSTARD

(Print name signed above)

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(Print name signed above)

RIVERGLEN, LTD.,

a Florida limited partnership
By: Shimberg Cross Company,

a Florida corporation

As its General Partner

By:

As its: President

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

> Notary Public State of Florida

My Commission Expires:

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- 1 Section 2(b), Article VI, is hereby added to provide as follows:
  - (b) Walls and Fences. All fences and walls shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee as to placement, location, height, materials, and finish, and shall comply with all governmental requirements. No fences shall be erected or permitted to remain without such approval. No fences shall be permitted except Ultra wood shadowbex, or equivalent pressure-treated wood product having a warrunty of at least thirty years, constructed in a shadowlox style, and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Fences shall be placed so that the posts shall be placed on the incide of the fence and the wide without any supports shall face out from the Loz. No fence shall be permitted to the front of a point eight feet rearward from the front of the house. Side fences and front sections from the side to the house shall be six feet in height or less | Corner locs may be fenced on



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2. The remaining terms of the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, the Association has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

River Watch Homeowners Association of Hillsborough, Inc., a Florida corporation

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President

(Corporate Seal)

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this of day of Affect. 1998 by Glen E Cross, as President of River Watch Homeowners Association of Hillsborough, Inc., a Florida corporation, on behalf of said corporation. He is personally known co me, or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did (did not) take an oarh,

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day of MACAH. 1999 by River Watch Homeowners Association of Hillsborough, Inc., hereinafter called "Association", 611 West Bay Street, Tampa, Florida 33606.

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WHIREAS, Members entitled to cast two thirds of the total votes at any regular or special meeting of the Members, duly called and convened, have approved in writing the following amendment, which shall be effective upon recording;

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2. The remaining terms of the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, the Association has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

River Watch Homeowers Association of Hillsborough, Inc., a Plorida corporation

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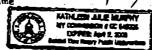
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THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RIVER WATCH

WHEREAS, Riverglen Partners, Ltd., previously recorded that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions Restrictions, and Easements of River Watch, beginning at Official Records Book 8667, Page 288, of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, (the "Declaration"), amendment recorded April 23, 1998 at O.R. 9004, Page 0966, of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida; Second Amendment recorded March 31, 1999 at O.R. 9551, Page 0047, of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Members entitled to cast two thirds of the total votes at any regular or special meeting of the Members, duly called and convened, have approved in writing the following amendment, which shall be effective upon recording;

NOW THEREFORE, the Association hereby amends the Declaration as follows:

- 1. Section 2(b), Article VI, is hereby deleted in its entirety, and the following provisions added in its place:
  - (b) Walls and Fences: All fences and walls shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee as to placement, location, height, materials, and finish, and shall comply with all governmental requirements. No fences shall be erected or permitted to remain without such approval. No fences shall be permitted except Ultra wood shadowbox or board-on-board; or equivalent pressuretreated wood product having a warranty of at least thirty years, constructed in a shadowbox style, and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Fences shall be placed so that the posts shall be placed on the inside of the fence and the side without any supports shall face out from the Lot. No fence shall be permitted to the front of a point eight feet rearward from the front of the house. Side fences and front sections from the side to the house shall be six feet in height or less. Corner lots may be fenced on the second

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2. The remaining terms of the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, the Association has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

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of Hillsborough, Inc., a Florida corporation

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FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RIVER WATCH

THIS AMENDMENT is made this 28th day of February, 2000 by River Watch Homeowners Association of Hillsborough, Inc., hereinafter called "Association", 611 West Bay Street, Tampa, Florida

WHEREAS, Riverglen, Ltd., previously recorded that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions Restrictions, and Easements of River Watch, beginning at Official Records Book 8667, Page 288, of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, (the "Declaration"), amendment recorded April 23, 1998 at O.R. 9004, Page 0966, of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida; Second Amendment recorded March 31, 1999 at O.R. 9551, Page 0047, of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida; Third Amendment recorded June 18, 1999 at O.R. 9690, Page 0474; of the public records of Hillsborough County, ing the state of t in agus inseadhn a sioseál a ag gi Florida; and 

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2. The remaining terms of the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, the Association has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

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River Watch Homeowners Association of Hillsborough, Inc.,

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