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

Section 27. "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 guarantee the security of Owner's personal safety or security of Owner's the Declarant and the Owner acknowledges that Association have no control over said gates and Owner hereby releases Declarant from all liability related to the gates. Owner agrees that it shall be the sole and exclusive obligation of Owner to determine and institute for themselves the appropriate security and any other precautions to protect from and against trespass, criminal acts and any other dangers to Owner's safety and security of their property, because the gate in and of itself will not protect Owner from and against said risks and dangers. further agrees that the Declarant and the Association shall have no obligation whatsoever for providing protection to Owner or the Property from conditions existing within public or private streets, parks or common areas. Owner agrees that the Declarant and the Association shall not be liable for injuries or damage suffered by Owner resulting from any failure, defect or malfunction in the gate or equipment or personnel related thereto or acting in place of the gate (I) to restrict the Property to the residents and their invitees; or (ii) that limits the ability of Owner to leave or exit the Property by means of the gate.

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

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

destruction, a majority of the Members elect to rebuild.

Section 6. Common Area Easements.

- a. Declarant has dedicated and conveyed or will dedicate or convey to the Association 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. Water 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.