

ARTICLE III

River Watch HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF HILLSBOROUGH, INC.

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

Section 2. Membership.

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

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

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

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

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and as long as there is a Class B voting membership the Declarant shall be entitled to 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 utility. 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 the individual Owners shall not be responsible for such maintenance. The Association, in any event, shall have the duty and responsibility to maintain all irrigation systems and landscaping and signs constructed by the Declarant or the Association servicing the Common Area. The Association also may provide other services, such as, but not limited to security services, as the Association deems appropriate. The association has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances.

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

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

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

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

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