# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR THE GATES AT PARKSIDE VILLAGE

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## DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS

#### FOR

#### THE GATES AT PARKSIDE VILLAGE

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date set forth below by Traton Homes, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Declarant");

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration;

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to subject the real property described in Article II, Section 1 to the provisions of this Declaration to create a residential community of attached townhomes and to provide for the subjecting of other real property to the provisions of this Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant declares that, subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 of this Declaration, the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration, including the improvements constructed or to be constructed thereon, is subjected to the provisions of this Declaration, and shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments, and liens, set forth in this Declaration, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the title to, the real property subject to this Declaration, and shall be binding on all persons having any right, title, or interest in all or any portion of the real property subject to this Declaration, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns and shall be for the benefit of all owners of the property subject to this Declaration.

THIS DECLARATION DOES NOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE A CONDOMINIUM REGIME SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA CONDOMINIUM ACT,  $\underline{\text{O.C.G.A.}}$  § 44-3-70,  $\underline{\text{ET SEQ}}$ .

THIS DECLARATION DOES NOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO SUBMIT THE PROPERTY TO THE TERMS OF THE GEORGIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A.  $\S$  44-3-220, ET SEQ.

#### Article I

#### **Definitions**

The following words, when used in this Declaration or in any Supplementary Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit), shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Additional Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property and interests therein described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
- (2) "Architectural Control Committee" or "ACC" shall mean the committee established to exercise the architectural review powers set forth in Article VIII hereof, which shall be the Board of Directors of the Association unless by resolution the Board appoints a separate Architectural Control Committee.
- (3) "Area of Common Responsibility" shall mean the Common Property, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration or by agreement with any other Person become the Association's responsibility to maintain.
- (4) "Articles" or "Articles of Incorporation" mean the Articles of Incorporation of The Gates at Parkside Village Townhome Association, Inc., which has been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.
- (5) "Association" shall mean The Gates at Parkside Village Townhome, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- (6) "<u>Board</u>" or "<u>Board of Directors</u>" shall mean the appointed or elected body of the Association, as applicable, having its normal meaning under Georgia corporate law.
- (7) "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of The Gates at Parkside Village Townhome, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (8) "Common Expenses" shall mean the expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association for the general benefit of the Community, including, but not limited to, the costs of the common water and sewer bills and those expenses incurred for maintaining, repairing, replacing, and operating the Common Property and Area of Common Responsibility.
- (9) "Common Property" shall mean any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests, together with the facilities and improvements located on the Community, now or in the future owned by the Association, including but not limited to, all landscape and grassy areas, all roads, sidewalks and other concrete and paved areas not included in a Lot, park areas, and all personal property of the Association in any of these areas.
- (10) "Community" shall mean and refer to that certain real property and interests therein described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and such additions hereto as may be made by the Declarant or the Association by Supplementary Declaration of other real property.

- (11) "Community Documents" shall mean this Declaration and all exhibits hereto including the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, the Survey and any design standards and rules and regulations of the Association, all as may be supplemented or amended from time to time.
- (12) "<u>Community-Wide Standard</u>" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing on the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board and the ACC. This determination however, must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- (13) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Traton Homes, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, and such of its successors-in-title who shall (i) acquire, from a predecessor "Declarant," for the purpose of development or sale, all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "B" hereto, and (ii) be designated as the "Declarant" in the deed of transfer by which such successors-in-title shall so acquire its interest in such real property, or by written assignment of Declarant rights in an instrument recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records.

In all events there shall only be one (1) "Declarant" at any one time; in no event shall more than one (1) Person have the right to exercise the power and authority of the "Declarant" at any one time.

- (14) "<u>Declarant Control Period</u>" shall mean the period of time during which the Declarant is entitled to appoint and remove the members of the Board of Directors as provided in Article III, Part A, Section 2 of the Bylaws.
- (16) "Effective Date" shall mean the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.
- (17) "Exclusive Common Property" shall refer to that portion of the Common Property which is reserved for the exclusive use of the Owner or Occupant of one (1) Lot as more particularly set forth in this Declaration.
- (18) "Lot" shall mean any plot of land on the Community which constitutes a single-family residence site as shown on the Survey. Each Lot consists of a Lot and all improvements thereon, including but not limited to, a residence, but shall not include the landscaping or other yard areas outside the residence.
  - (19) "Majority" shall mean more than fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible number.
- (20) "Mortgage" shall mean any mortgage, deed to secure debt, and any and all other similar instruments used for the purpose of conveying or encumbering real property as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.
  - (21) "Mortgagee" or "Mortgage Holder" shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.
- (22) "Occupant" shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a Lot for more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.
- (23) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located on the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation. The term "Owner" also shall include Declarant during the Declarant Control Period.

- (24) "Person" shall mean any natural person, as well as a corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), association, trust, or other legal entity.
- (25) "<u>Supplementary Declaration</u>" shall mean an amendment or supplement to this Declaration that subjects additional property to this Declaration or imposes additional restrictions and obligations on the property, or both.
- (26) "<u>Survey</u>" shall mean the plat or plats for The Gates at Parkside Village, as amended, recorded in Cobb County, Georgia records. The Survey is incorporated herein by reference as fully as if the same were set forth in its entirety herein.
- (27) "<u>Total Association Vote</u>" shall mean all of the votes attributable to members of the Association (including votes of Declarant), and the consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community.

#### Article II

# <u>Property Subject To This Declaration, Conveyance and Partition</u> <u>Of Common Property</u>

- Section 1. <u>Property Hereby Subjected To This Declaration</u>. The real property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants and restrictions hereafter set forth and, by virtue of the recording of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to this Declaration.
- Section 2. Other Property. Only the real property described in Section 1 of this Article II is made subject to this Declaration. However, by one (1) or more Supplementary Declarations, other real property may be subjected to this Declaration, as provided in Article XVII.
- Section 3. <u>Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association</u>. The Declarant may transfer or convey to the Association any personal property and any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement, or other property interest which is or may be subjected to the terms of this Declaration. Such conveyance shall be accepted by the Association, and the property shall be Common Property to be maintained by the Association for the benefit of all or a part of its members. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Article II, Section 3.
- Section 4. <u>Partition of Common Property</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided, and no Owner or any other Person, but excluding the Declarant, shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part of the Common Property without the written consent of all Owners and all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the Community.
- Section 5. <u>Exclusive Common Property</u>. Certain portions of the Common Property may be designated on the Survey as Exclusive Common Property to serve only one (1) Lot, and shall include the driveway, stoops, apron, stairs, sidewalks, and deck abutting the residence located on such Lot.

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The Association's Board of Directors, without need for a membership vote, is hereby authorized to assign and to reassign Exclusive Common Property and Common Property not previously assigned as Exclusive Common Property in accordance with this Section. Common Property not previously assigned as an Exclusive Common Property may be so assigned and an Exclusive Common Property may be reassigned by the Board, without need for a vote of the Association, upon written application to the Association by the Lot Owner or Owners for whose exclusive use such Common Property is requested or whose use of the Exclusive Common Property previously assigned is directly affected. Upon such application, the Association shall prepare and execute an amendment to the Declaration assigning the Common Property as an Exclusive Common Property or reassigning the Exclusive Common Property, which amendment shall be executed by the Owner or Owners making such application. For so long as the Declarant owns a Lot primarily for the purpose of sale, an amendment to assign a Common Property, not previously assigned as an Exclusive Common Property shall be executed by the officers of the Association, if the request is made by the Declarant. The Board has the right to approve or disapprove any such request made by any Person other than Declarant.

#### Article III

#### Association Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. Every Person who is the record owner of a fee interest in any Lot that is subject to this Declaration shall automatically be a member in the Association. Membership shall not include Persons who hold a security interest only and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot. In the event of multiple Owners of a Lot, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the Bylaws. Membership shall go along with and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast nor one (1) office held for each Lot owned.

Section 2. <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be cast as those Owners decide and instruct the Secretary prior to any meeting. If the Secretary is not instructed, the Lot's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one (1) Owner of a Lot attempts to cast it.

#### **Article IV**

## Association Rights and Restrictions; Variances

- Section 1. <u>Association Rights and Restrictions</u>. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the right and authority, in addition to and not in limitation of all other rights it may have, to:
- (a) make and to enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Community, including the Lots and the Common Property;
- (b) enforce use restrictions, other Declaration and Bylaws provisions, and rules and regulations by imposing reasonable monetary fines, exercising self-help powers, and suspending use and voting privileges and services paid for as a Common Expense, as provided herein. These powers, however, 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

shall not limit any other legal means of enforcing the use restrictions or Association rules and regulations by either the Association or, in an appropriate case, by an aggrieved Owner;

- (c) grant and accept permits, licenses, utility easements, and other easements, permits, or licenses necessary for the proper maintenance or operation of the Community under, through, or over the Common Property, as may be reasonably necessary to or desirable for the ongoing development and operation of the Community;
- (d) control, manage, operate and, in the Board's discretion, maintain, replace, alter or improve all portions of the Community for which the Association is assigned maintenance responsibility under this Declaration;
- (e) to represent and act on behalf of the Association in the event of damage or destruction as a result of casualty loss, condemnation or eminent domain, in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration;
- (f) represent the Owners in dealing with governmental entities on matters related to the Common Property;
- (g) permanently or temporarily close any portion of the Common Property (excluding: (i) any portion of the Common Property the use of which is reasonably necessary for access to or from a Lot; or (ii) any portion of the Common Property over, on, upon or which the Declarant has an easement) with thirty (30) days prior notice to all Owners, except that, in emergency situations requiring a temporary closing, prior notice shall not be required so long as notice is given within three (3) days after the closing explaining the reason for the closing. Notwithstanding the above, the Owners may re-open the closed Common Property by a Majority of the Total Association Vote, cast at a duly called special or annual meeting;
- (h) enter into Lots, including a residence on a Lot, for maintenance, emergency, security, or safety purposes, or otherwise to discharge its powers or responsibilities hereunder, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all police officers, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Lot. For purposes of this Paragraph, an emergency justifying immediate entry into a Lot shall include, but not be limited to the following situations: a water or other utility leak, fire, strong foul odor, obvious insect infestation or sounds indicating that a person or animal might be injured or sick and require immediate medical attention. No one exercising the rights granted in this subparagraph shall be liable for trespass, damages, or in any other manner by virtue of exercising such rights. The failure to exercise the rights herein or to exercise said rights in a timely manner shall not create liability to any of the above-referenced parties, it being agreed that no duty to enter a Lot shall exist;
- (i) enter into Lots, including a residence on a Lot, for installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing utilities and other wiring serving other Lots; and
- (j) acquire, lease, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property.

Section 2. <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration, the Board of Directors or its designee shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community or in violation of state or federal law.

#### Article V

#### **Assessments**

Section 1. <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the common benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots, including the maintenance of real and personal property, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association (a) annual assessments or charges, (b) special assessments, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided, and (c) specific assessments against any particular Lot which are established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. All such assessments, together with late charges, interest not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law per annum on the principal amount due, and costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with late charges, interest, costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment fell due. Each Owner shall be personally liable for his or her portion of each assessment coming due while he or she is the Owner of a Lot, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings or deed in lieu of foreclosure.

The Association shall, within five (5) days after receiving a written request therefor and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance.

Annual assessments shall be levied at a uniform rate per Lot and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, acceleration, upon ten (10) days written notice, of the annual assessment for delinquents. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the assessment shall be paid in annual installments.

Section 3. <u>Computation of Annual Assessment</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, which may include, if necessary, a capital contribution or reserve in accordance with a capital budget separately prepared.

The common assessment to be levied against each Lot for the coming year shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total revenue to the Association equal to the total budgeted operating costs of the Association. The Board shall cause the proposed budget and assessments to be levied against each Lot for the following year to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year (or at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date of the first installment in the case of the initial budget). The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a Majority of the Total Association Vote. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for the succeeding year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined, as provided herein, the budget in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year.

Section 4. <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to the other assessments authorized herein, the Association may levy special assessments to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted if approved by a Majority of the Total Association Vote. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board, and the Board may permit special assessments to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.

Section 5. <u>Lien for Assessments.</u> All sums assessed against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with late charges, interest, costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, as provided herein, shall be secured by a lien on such Lot in favor of the Association and the Association shall be entitled to file such a lien in the land records of Cobb County, Georgia. Such lien shall be superior to all other liens and encumbrances on such Lot, except for (a) liens for <u>ad valorem</u> taxes and (b) liens for all sums unpaid on a first Mortgage or on any Mortgage to Declarant duly recorded in the land records of Cobb County, Georgia and all amounts advanced pursuant to such Mortgage and secured thereby in accordance with the terms of such instrument.

All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration shall have been recorded in such records shall be deemed to consent that such liens or encumbrances shall be inferior to future liens for assessments, as provided herein, whether or not prior consent is specifically set forth in the instruments creating such liens or encumbrances.

Section 6. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. assessments or installments thereof which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount as the Board may from time to time determine which shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the assessment payment. The Association shall cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any member who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien, as herein provided, shall attach and, in addition, the lien shall include interest not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law per annum on the principal amount due from the date first due and payable, all late charges, all costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and any other amounts provided or permitted by law. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may, as the Board shall determine, institute suit to collect such amounts and/or to foreclose its lien. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or as a party to any other type of a conveyance, vests in the Association or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property. The lien provided for in this Article shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other Owners. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same. In addition to the other remedies provided herein, the Association shall have 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

the right to suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period during which any assessment against such Owner's Lot which is hereby provided for remains unpaid.

In the event that any assessment or other charge is delinquent for sixty (60) days and the amount owed is in excess of the dollar amount equal to three (3) times the monthly assessment owed by a Lot Owner, then, in addition to all other rights provided herein, upon no less than ten (10) days written notice, the Association shall have the right to suspend any utility or services to the Lot paid for as a Common Expense by the Association. Any costs incurred by the Association in discontinuing and/or reconnecting any utility or service, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be an assessment against the Lot. The utility or service shall not be required to be restored until all sums owed the Association are paid in full, at which time the Association shall make arrangements for restoration of the utility or service. A Lot Owner whose utility or service has been suspended hereunder shall not be entitled to use any such utility or service from any source, and any such unauthorized use shall be considered a theft of services under O.C.G.A. Section 16-8-5.

No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt himself or herself from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration, but not limitation, abandonment of the Lot. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant in the part of each Owner, and no diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration or the Bylaws, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

All payments shall be applied first to costs and attorney's fees, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.

Section 7. <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall commence as to a Lot on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Lot to a Person other than the Declarant. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, the Declarant shall not be responsible for the payment of any type of assessment, except that assessments shall commence on Lots containing occupied residences (but excluding those Lots containing model homes or a sales center) that are owned by Declarant on the first day of the month following the occupancy of the residence located on the Lot. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. The first annual common assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months then remaining in that fiscal year.

Section 8. Specific Assessments. The Board shall have the power to specifically assess pursuant to this Section as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board of Directors and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. Fines levied pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws and the costs of maintenance performed by the Association for which the Owner is responsible for under Article XII, Sections 1 and 2 of this Declaration shall be specific assessments. The Board may also specifically assess Owners for the following Association expenses:

- (a) expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots in the Community may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received; and
- (b) expenses of the Association which benefit all Lots, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Lots, may be assessed equitably among all Lots according to the benefit received.
- Section 9. <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control.</u> During the Declarant Control Period, Declarant may, but shall not be required to (a) advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves) and the sum of the annual, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year, and such advances shall be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant, or (b) cause the Association to borrow such amount from a commercial lending institution at the then prevailing rates for such a loan in the local area of the Community. The Declarant in its sole discretion may guarantee repayment of such loan, if required by the lending institution, but no Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan.

Section 10. <u>Initiation Fee.</u> The purchaser of each Lot at the closing of the sale or resale of a Lot shall pay to the Association an initiation fee in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). In the event such initiation fee is not paid in accordance with this Section 10, such amount shall be a specific assessment against such Lot. The initiation fee shall not be deemed an advance payment of regular or special assessments. The Board shall have discretion to increase the initiation fee by resolution of the Board; provided, however, the initiation fee shall not be changed by the Board without Declarant's consent during the Declarant Control Period. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no initiation fee shall be due from any Person who takes title through foreclosure (or deed in lieu of foreclosure) upon the lien of any first priority Mortgage covering the Lot and the lien of any secondary purchase money Mortgage covering the Lot. This initiation fee shall be an assessment, which is the personal obligation of the Owner, and shall constitute a lien, which may be collected as provided in this Article.

### Article VI Insurance and Casualty Losses

Section 1. <u>Insurance</u>. The Association's Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall have the authority to and shall obtain casualty insurance affording fire and extended coverage insurance for all structures in the Community; provided, however, the Association's insurance shall not include the Lot Owners' personal property (which shall be the sole responsibility of the Lot Owner). This insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire or other hazards, including extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.

If available at a reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the Board shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property insuring the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). If available at a reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the Board shall also obtain directors' and officers' liability insurance.

The Board is hereby authorized to contract with or otherwise arrange to obtain the insurance coverage required hereunder through Declarant or its affiliates and to reimburse the Person so providing or arranging the insurance coverage for the cost thereof, and Declarant or its affiliates shall be authorized, but not obligated, to purchase such insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association and the Owners upon Declarant or its affiliate, as the case may be, and the Association agreeing upon the terms and conditions applicable to reimbursement by the Association for costs incurred by Declarant or its affiliate, as the case may be, in obtaining such coverage. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, the Board shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this Article if the Board has contracted for or otherwise arranged to obtain the required insurance coverage through Declarant or its affiliates.

Premiums for all insurance shall be Common Expenses of the Association. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost.

All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee for the respective parties which may be benefited by such insurance, as their interests may appear. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:

- (a) All policies shall be written with a company authorized to do business in Georgia.
- (b) All policies on the Common Property shall be for the benefit of the Association and its members. Any policies covering improvements on Lots shall be for the benefit of the Owners and their Mortgagees, as their interests may appear.
- (c) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (d) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, Occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.
- (e) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement, if these are reasonably available, and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by one or more qualified Persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the county where the Community is located.
- (f) The Association's Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors, its manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents and guests;
- (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
- (iii) a statement that no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal, invalidated or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;
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- (iv) a statement that no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal, invalidated or suspended on account of any defect or the conduct of any director, officer or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;
- (v) a statement that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
- (vi) a statement that no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal, or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association.

In addition to other insurance coverage required by this Section, the Board shall obtain workers compensation insurance (if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable law) and, if available at reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, a fidelity bond or employees dishonesty coverage covering directors, officers, employees and other Persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds. The amount of a fidelity bond or employees dishonesty coverage, if obtained, shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment, but if reasonably available, shall not be less than three (3) months assessments plus a reasonable amount to cover all or a reasonable portion of the reserve funds in the custody of the Association at any time during the term of the bond. Such fidelity bond or employee dishonesty coverage, if obtained, shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of Persons serving without compensation and shall not be subject to cancellation, nonrenewal or substantial modification without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, steam boiler coverage and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

#### Section 2. <u>Damage and Destruction</u>.

- (a) <u>In General</u>. Immediately after the damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessary to comply with applicable building codes.
- (b) Repair and Reconstruction. Any damage or destruction to property required to be covered by insurance written in the name of the Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, at least eighty percent (80%) of the Total Association Vote, including the Owner or Owners of any damaged Lot or Lots otherwise agree. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether damage or destruction shall be repaired or 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

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If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Association's members, levy a special assessment against all Owners in proportion to the number of Lots owned by such Owners. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be deposited to the benefit of the Association.

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

- Section 3. <u>Insurance Deductible</u>. The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall, in the event of damage or destruction, be allocated among the Persons who would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance. If the loss affects more than one (1) Lot or a Lot and the Common Property, the cost of the deductible may be apportioned and assessed equitably by the Board among the parties suffering loss in accordance with the total costs of repair, unless the insurance policy provides that the deductible will apply to each Lot separately. If any Owner fails to pay the deductible when required hereunder, the Association can pay the deductible and assess the cost to any such Owner pursuant to Article V, Section 8 of this Declaration.
- Section 4. <u>Casualty Losses</u>. In the event of damage to or destruction of all or any part of the Community as a result of fire or other casualty, unless eighty percent (80%) of the Total Association Vote other than Declarant, including the Owner or Owners of the damaged Lot or Lots, and the Declarant vote not to proceed with the reconstruction and repair of the structure, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall arrange for and supervise the prompt repair and restoration of the structure. The Declarant's vote is required hereunder during the Declarant Control Period. In the event of substantial damage or destruction, each institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to written notice of the damage, and nothing in these documents shall be construed to afford a priority to any Owner with respect to the distribution of proceeds to any such Lot.
- (a) <u>Cost Estimates</u>. Immediately after a fire or other casualty causing damage to the Community, the Board of Directors shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repairing and restoring the structures (including any damaged Lot) to substantially the condition which existed before such casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Such costs may also include professional fees and premiums for such bonds as the Board of Directors determines to be necessary.
- (b) Source and Allocation of Proceeds. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Board of Directors, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair or upon completion of reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, a special assessment shall be made against all of the Owners without the necessity of a vote of the members or compliance with Article V, Section 4 above. If after repair and reconstruction is completed there is a surplus of funds, such funds shall be common funds of the Association to be used as directed by the Board of Directors.

- (c) <u>Plans and Specifications</u>. Any such reconstruction or repair shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications under which the Community was originally constructed, except where changes are necessary to comply with current applicable building codes or where improvements not in accordance with the original plans and specifications are approved by the Board of Directors. To the extent insurance proceeds are available, the Association may reconstruct or repair owner improvements damaged as a result of fire or other casualty.
- (d) <u>Encroachments</u>. Encroachments upon or in favor of Lots that may be created as a result of such reconstruction or repair shall not constitute a claim or basis for any proceeding or action by the Owner upon whose property such encroachment exists, provided that such reconstruction was substantially in accordance with the architectural plans under which the Community was originally constructed. Such encroachments shall be allowed to continue in existence for so long as the reconstructed building shall stand.
- (e) <u>Construction Fund</u>. The net proceeds of the insurance collected on account of a casualty and the funds collected by the Association from assessments against the Owners on account of such casualty shall constitute a construction fund which shall be disbursed in payment of the cost of reconstruction and repair in the manner set forth in this Article VI, Section 4(e) to be disbursed by the Association in appropriate progress payment to such contractor(s), supplier(s), and personnel performing the work or supplying materials or services for the repair and reconstruction of the buildings as are designated by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VII**

#### Condemnation

In the event of a taking by eminent domain of any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after the taking, Owners holding at least eighty percent (80%) of the Total Association Vote other than Declarant and the Declarant otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace the improvements taken on the remaining land included in the Common Property to the extent lands are available. The Declarant's vote is required hereunder during the Declarant Control Period. The provisions of Article VI, Section 4, above, applicable to Common Property improvements damage, shall govern replacement or restoration and the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced.

#### Article VIII

#### Architectural Standards

- Section 1. <u>General</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, no Owner, Occupant, or any other Person may, without first obtaining the written approval of the Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"):
  - (a) make any encroachment onto the Common Property;
  - (b) construct any improvement on a Lot;

- (c) make any exterior change, alteration, modification or construction on a Lot (including, but not limited to, painting) or the Exclusive Common Property (including, but not limited to, regrading, altering or replacing any mailbox (if any), and making any landscaping modifications); and
- (d) erect, place or post any object, sign, clothesline, playground equipment, basketball hoops, light, storm door or window, artificial vegetation, exterior sculpture, fountains, flags or other thing on the Exclusive Common Property, on the Lot, in any windows of the residence on such Lot, or on any Common Property.

The standard for approval of such improvements shall include, but not be limited to: (1) aesthetic considerations, (2) materials to be used, (3) compliance with the Community-Wide Standard, this Declaration, or the design standards which may be adopted by the Board or ACC, (4) harmony with the external design of the existing buildings, Lots and structures, and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography, and (5) any other matters deemed to be relevant or appropriate by the Board or ACC.

Applications for approval of any such architectural modification shall be in writing and shall provide such information as the ACC may reasonably require. The ACC or its designated representative (including, but not limited to the architect of the original floor plans of a residence located on a Lot) shall be the sole arbiter of such application and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction which is not in conformance with approved plans. The Board or the ACC may publish written architectural standards for exterior and Common Property alterations or additions, and any request in substantial compliance therewith shall be approved; provided, however, each such requested change shall be in harmony with the external design of the existing buildings and Lots and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography of the vicinity.

The ACC or the Board, subject to this Article VIII, Section 1, may allow such encroachments on the Common Property as it deems acceptable.

If the ACC or its designated representative fails to approve or to disapprove such application within forty-five (45) days after the application and such information as the ACC may reasonably require shall have been submitted, its approval will not be required and this Section will be deemed complied with; provided, however, even if the requirements of this Section are satisfied, nothing herein shall authorize anyone to construct or maintain any structure or improvement that is otherwise in violation of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the design standards, the Association's rules and regulations, or applicable zoning ordinances.

This Article shall not apply to the activity of the Declarant, nor to constructions or improvements or modifications to the Common Property by or on behalf of the Association.

## Section 2. <u>Architectural Control Committee.</u>

(a) <u>During Declarant Control</u>. During the Declarant Control Period, there shall be no Architectural Control Committee ("ACC") and all encroachments onto the Common Property and any exterior change, alteration or construction (including painting any improvement and landscaping) and any erection, placement or posting of any object, sign, light, flag or thing on any Lot or in any window (except window treatments as provided herein), must receive the prior written approval of the Declarant. Granting or withholding such approval shall be within the sole discretion of the Declarant.

(b) After Declarant Control. After expiration of the Declarant Control Period, the ACC shall consist of the Board unless the Board delegates to other Persons the authority to serve on the ACC. The ACC shall have the authority to select and employ professional consultants to assist it in discharging its duties, the cost of such consultants to be paid by the Owner of any Lot for which plans and specifications have been submitted for approval. The Owner of any such Lot shall be responsible for paying the full costs of each review, whether or not submitted plans and specifications are approved by the ACC, and the ACC may require payment of all such costs prior to approval of plans and specifications. The Association, by and through the ACC, also may charge reasonable fees to cover the cost of review or inspections performed hereunder, and any such fees shall be published in the design standards.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the ACC shall have the authority to select and employ professional consultants to assist it in discharging its duties, the cost of such consultants to be paid by the Owner of any Lot for which plans and specifications have been submitted for approval. The Owner of any such Lot shall be responsible for paying the full costs of each review, whether or not submitted plans and specifications are approved by the ACC, and the ACC may require payment of all such costs prior to approval of plans and specifications. The ACC also may charge reasonable fees to cover the cost of review or inspections performed hereunder, and any such fees shall be published in the design standards for the Community.

- Section 3. Alterations to the Interior of a Residence Located on a Lot. Except as provided herein, no Owner or Occupant shall make any changes, alterations, modification or construction to the interior of a residence located on a Lot that involves connecting to a pipe, line, conduit and/or other apparatus for access to common utilities, or places an excessive load on any structural or load bearing portions of a residence or otherwise negatively impacts the structural integrity of the residence and any adjoining residences without first obtaining the prior written approval of the ACC. Such approval shall not be granted by the ACC unless the Owner has presented to the ACC a report and/or drawing prepared by a licensed structural engineer showing that compensating measures will be taken to ensure the structural integrity of the residence and any adjoining residences. All building code requirements must be complied with and necessary permits and approvals for the proposed change, alteration, modification or construction shall be secured by an Owner at Owner's sole expense.
- Section 4. <u>Condition of Approval.</u> As a condition of approval for a requested architectural change, modification, addition, or alteration, an Owner, on behalf of himself or herself and his or her successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance to and on such change, modification, addition, or alteration. In the discretion of the Board or the ACC, an Owner may be made to verify such condition of approval by written instrument in recordable form acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of himself or herself and all successors-in-interest.
- Section 5. <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Article VIII may be made on any basis, including solely the basis of aesthetic considerations, and neither the Board nor the ACC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the design, quality, structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes, zoning regulations and other governmental requirements. Neither the Association, the Board, the ACC, or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages or loss arising out of the manner, design or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot.
- Section 6. No Waiver of Future Approvals. Each Owner acknowledges that the members of the Board and the ACC will change from time to time and that interpretation, application and enforcement of the architectural standards may vary accordingly. The approval of either the Board or the ACC of any 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

proposals, plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval of the Board or the ACC, shall not constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.

Section 7. <u>Enforcement.</u> Any construction, alteration, or other work done in violation of this Article VIII, the Declaration, the Bylaws or the design standards shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from the Board, Owners shall, at their own cost and expense, remove such construction, alteration, or other work and shall restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the construction, alteration, or other work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required hereunder, the Board or its designees shall have the right to enter the property, remove the violation and restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the construction, alteration or other work. All costs thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against the violating Lot.

In addition to the above, the Board shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to impose reasonable fines and to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Article VIII and its decisions or those of the ACC. Furthermore, the Board shall have the authority to record in the Cobb County land records notices of violation of the provisions of this Article VIII.

If any Owner or Occupant makes any exterior change, alteration, or construction (including landscaping) upon the Common Property in violation of this Article VIII, he or she does so at his or her sole risk and expense. The Board may require that the change, alteration or construction remain on the Common Property without reimbursement to the Owner or Occupant for any expense he or she may have incurred in making the change, alteration or construction.

Section 8. <u>Commencement of Construction</u>. All improvements approved by the ACC hereunder must be commenced within six (6) months from the date of approval. If not commenced within six (6) months from the date of such approval, then such approval shall be deemed revoked by the ACC, unless the ACC gives a written extension for commencing the work. All work approved by the ACC hereunder shall be completed in its entirety within three (3) months of commencement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the ACC. The failure to timely complete work approved by the ACC in its entirety shall result in the automatic revocation of the approval by the ACC and upon occurrence of this event, the Owner shall remove all approved work and restore the Lot (and if applicable the Common Property) to the condition it was in prior to the approval being granted.

Section 9. Approval of Contractors, Landscapers and Architects. Any contractor, landscaper or architect, prior to performing any work on any Lot must first be approved by the Declarant or the ACC if there no longer is a Declarant, as to financial stability, building, landscaping or design experience and ability to build, landscape or design structures or grounds of the class and type of those which are to be built on the Community. Such approval may be granted or withheld in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the ACC. Moreover, no person shall be approved as a contractor, landscaper or architect unless such Person obtains his income primarily from construction, landscaping or design of the type which the contractor, landscaper or architect is to perform upon the Lot, and has provided the Declarant or ACC, as applicable, evidence of public liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance.

#### **Article IX**

### **Use Restrictions and Rules**

- Section 1. <u>General</u>. This Article IX, beginning at Section 2, sets out certain use restrictions which must be complied with by all Owners and Occupants of Lots. These use restrictions may only be amended in the manner provided in Article XVI, Section 1, regarding amendment of this Declaration. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the Owners, adopt, modify, or delete rules and regulations applicable to the Community. These rules shall be distributed to all Owners prior to the date that they are to become effective and after distribution shall be binding upon all Owners and Occupants of Lots until and unless overruled, canceled, or modified, by the Declarant (during the Declarant Control Period) or by a Majority of the Total Association Vote, at a regular or special meeting. Notwithstanding the above, during the Declarant Control Period, no rules and regulations which affect the Declarant may be adopted, modified, or deleted without the written consent of the Declarant.
- Section 2. <u>Residential Use</u>. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only, and no trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot, except that the Owner or Occupant residing in a residence on a Lot may conduct such ancillary business activities within the residence so long as:
- (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside of the residence;
- (b) the business activity does not involve visitation of the residence by employees, clients, customers, suppliers or other business invitees in greater volume than would normally be expected for guest visitation to a residential residence without business activity;
  - (c) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Community;
- (d) the business activity does not increase traffic in the Community in excess of what would normally be expected for residences in the Community without business activity (other than by deliveries by couriers, express mail carriers, parcel delivery services and other such similar delivery services);
- (e) the business activity does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the Association's ability to obtain insurance coverage;
- (f) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Community and does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community, and does not otherwise violate any other provision of the Association's legal instruments, as determined in the Board's discretion; and
- (g) the business activity does not result in a materially greater use of Common Property facilities or Association services.

The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefor. Notwithstanding the above, the

employment of a cleaning service, caregiver, or nanny by an Owner to assist an Owner or Occupant shall not be deemed to be a violation of this provision.

Section 3. Number of Occupants. The maximum number of occupants in a dwelling on a Lot shall be limited to two (2) people per bedroom in the dwelling. "Occupancy," for purposes hereof, shall be defined as staying overnight in a dwelling for a total of more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year. This occupancy restriction shall not apply to require the removal of any person lawfully occupying a dwelling on the Effective Date hereof. Upon written application, the Board shall grant variances to this restriction to comply with provisions of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 or any amendments thereto.

If an Owner of a Lot is a corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity not being a natural person, the entity shall designate in writing to the Board the name(s) of the Person(s) who will occupy the dwelling on the Lot. The designated Person(s) to occupy the dwelling may not be changed more frequently than once every six (6) months.

Section 4. <u>Use of Common Property</u>. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Property, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Property without the prior written consent of the Association, except as specifically provided herein.

With the prior written approval of the Board of Directors, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board, an Owner or Owners may reserve portions of the Common Property for use for a period of time as set by the Board. The Board of Directors shall be permitted to charge such Owner or Owners reasonable fees, as determined in the Board's sole discretion, in connection with the reservation and use of any portion of the Common Property. Any such Owner or Owners who reserve a portion of the Common Property as provided herein shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their guests, Occupants and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Property and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. The Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

Section 5. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws and of any rules and regulations, use restrictions or design guidelines promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to Occupants even though Occupants are not specifically mentioned. The Owner shall be responsible for ensuring that an Occupant, and the guests, invitees and licensees of an Owner or Occupant strictly comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Fines may be levied against Owners or Occupants. If a fine is levied against an Occupant and is not timely paid, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.

Section 6. Signs. Except as may be required by legal proceedings, no signs, advertising posters or billboards of any kind shall be erected or placed by an Owner, Occupant or other Person, or permitted to remain on the Community without the prior written consent of the Board or its designee, except that one (1) professional security sign not to exceed four inches (4") by four inches (4") in size may be displayed from within the interior of a residence in a window, and one (1) professionally lettered "For Rent" or "For Sale" sign not to exceed eighteen inches (18") by twenty-eight inches (28") may be displayed from within the interior of a residence in a window on a Lot. The Board shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs on behalf of the Association. The Board also shall have the authority to adopt

regulations permitting temporary signs on Lots announcing births, birthdays or other events for limited periods of time. This Section 6 shall not apply to the Declarant.

Section 7. <u>Vehicles and Parking</u>. An Owner or Occupant of a Lot shall be permitted to park the maximum number of cars or similarly sized motor vehicles that can be parked in a garage according to its design capacity and completely within the apron designated as Exclusive Common Property reserved for the exclusive use of the Owner or Occupant of a Lot. Parking for guests of Owners or Occupants may also be permitted on other areas authorized in writing by the Board, and the Board may adopt reasonable rules limiting the number of vehicles of guests of Owners and Occupants that may be parked at the Community.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the Community, except in garages. For purposes of this Article IX, Section 7, a vehicle shall be considered "disabled" if it does not have a current license tag or is obviously inoperable. A vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it remains on the Community for fourteen (14) consecutive days or longer without being driven and without prior written Board permission.

Boats, trailers, buses, panel trucks, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, vans (excluding vans used by handicapped persons, mini-vans or utility vehicles used as passenger vehicles and receiving a "car" or "passenger vehicle" classification by the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles), recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes, and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors other than Sheriff's, Marshall's or police officer's vehicles marked as such, are also prohibited from being parked on a Lot or on the Community, except in garages. Notwithstanding the foregoing, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Community during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any Lot or the Common Property; provided, however, no such vehicle shall remain on the Lot or the Common Property overnight for any purpose unless prior written consent of the Board is first obtained.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Community in violation of this Article IX, Section 7 or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed or booted. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of a Person to contact regarding the alleged violation. A notice also shall be conspicuously placed at the Community stating the name and telephone number of the Person or entity which will do the towing or booting. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6) months of such notice, the vehicle may be towed or booted in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the vehicle owner or user.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicle or access to another Owner's or Occupant's Lot, residence or Exclusive Common Property, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked on any grassy area, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed or booted in accordance with this Article IX, Section 7, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing activity. The Association's right to tow or boot is in addition to, and not in limitation of all other rights of the Association, including the right to assess fines. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow or boot.

Section 8. Garages. It is prohibited for an Owner or Occupant of a Lot that includes a garage to convert such garage to any other use. No Owner or Occupant of a Lot that includes a garage shall park his or her car or other motor vehicle on any portion of the Community, other than in the garage, except that an Owner or Occupant may park his or her car completely within the apron assigned as Exclusive Common Property to such Owner or Occupant's Lot if the maximum number of cars or similarly sized motor vehicles which can be parked in the garage according to its design capacity are already parked in said garage. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times, except for necessary use, ingress, and egress. All garages shall be maintained in such a manner that parking for the maximum number of motor vehicles for which it was originally designed to hold is allowed and possible.

Section 9. <u>Garage Sales</u>. No garage sale, yard sale, flea market, or similar activity shall be conducted in any portion of the Community without prior written Board consent. If so permitted, any such activities shall be subject to all reasonable conditions that the Board may impose.

Section 10. <u>Animals and Pets</u>. No Owner or Occupant may keep any animal on any portion of the Community except as expressly permitted in this Section. An Owner or Occupant may keep dogs and cats in a Lot and a reasonable number of other generally recognized household pets, as determined in the Board's sole discretion, including by way of illustration, but not limitation, fish, gerbils and small birds.

No Owner or Occupant may keep, breed or maintain any pet for any commercial purpose, and no structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet, such as dog houses and dog runs, shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the Community without prior written ACC approval. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times when on the Common Property and on the Lot of another Owner. When on the Common Property, pets must be under voice command or the physical control of a responsible person at all times. Feces left by pets upon the Common Property must be removed by the owner of the pet or the person responsible for the pet.

No potbellied pigs, snakes, or other animals determined in the Board's sole discretion to be dangerous may be brought onto or kept on the Community at any time. Furthermore, any pet that is permitted to roam free, or in the Board's sole discretion, endangers the health of any Owner or Occupant, makes objectionable noise, or constitutes a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners or Occupants or to the owner of any property located adjacent to the Community, may be permanently removed by the Board from the Community upon seven (7) days written notice to the owner of such pet. If the Owner or Occupant fails to remove the pet from the Community, the Board may remove the pet. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any pet which, in the Board's sole discretion, presents an immediate danger to the health, safety or property of any Community member may be removed by the Board without prior written notice to the pet's owner.

All Owners and Occupants keeping pets within the Community shall comply with all applicable governmental ordinances and regulations. Without prejudice to the Board's right to remove any such household pets, the Board may prohibit a household pet that has caused damage or injury from being walked in the Community. Animal control authorities shall be permitted to enter the Community to patrol and remove pets. Pets shall also be registered, licensed and inoculated as required by law. Furthermore, any Owner or Occupant who keeps or maintains any pet upon the Community shall be deemed to have agreed to indemnify and hold the Association, its directors, officers, and agents free and harmless from any loss, claim or liability of any kind or character whatever arising by reason of keeping or maintaining such pet within the Community.

Section 11. <u>Prohibition of Damage, Nuisance and Noise</u>. The residences located on Lots in the Community are built in close proximity to one another, resulting in the sharing of common walls. As 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

a result, noise and vibration may be detectable between residences. Therefore, an Owner or Occupant shall not conduct activities within a residence or on any portion of the Community in a manner that interferes with or causes disruption to the use and quiet enjoyment of another residence by its respective Owner and Occupant, including, without limitation, the use of stereo speakers or equipment that will, in the reasonable discretion of the Board of Directors, interfere with the rights, comfort or convenience of other Owners or Occupants. Furthermore, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except for devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any Lot unless required by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any siren or device for security purposes shall contain a device that causes it to automatically shut off within fifteen (15) minutes.

It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkept condition on his or her Lot. No Lot on the Community shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause a Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye. Moreover, no substance, thing, or material may be kept on any portion of the Community that will discharge foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the surrounding property. Furthermore, no noxious, destructive or offensive activity shall not be conducted within any portion of the Community, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any person using any property on the Community. No Owner or Occupant shall maintain any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Community.

No damage to or waste of the Common Property, or any part thereof, shall be permitted by any Owner or member of his or her family or any invitee of any Owner. Each Owner shall indemnify and hold the Association and the other Owners harmless against all loss to the Association or other Owners resulting from any such damage or waste caused by such Owner, members of his or her family, guests, invitees, or Occupants of his or her Lot.

Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to affect the rights of an aggrieved Owner to proceed individually for relief from interference with his or her property or personal rights.

Section 12. <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, including without limitation, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, shall not be pursued or undertaken on any part of the Community. Clothing, clotheslines, bedding, rugs, mops, appliances, indoor furniture, and other household items shall not be placed or stored outside the residence. Only appropriate outdoor items, such as neatly stacked firewood, patio furniture and grills may be kept on the patio or deck serving the Lot.

Section 13. <u>Window Treatments</u>. No foil or other reflective materials shall be used on any window for sunscreens, blinds, shades or for any other purpose. The side of any window treatment that is visible from the outside of a residence located on a Lot shall be white or off-white in color, or if wooden window treatments are used, such wooden window treatments may be a natural wood color. Transparent film that reduces light transmission may be used on windows. Bed sheets and/or towels shall not be used as window treatments.

Section 14. <u>Air Conditioning Units</u>. Except as may be permitted by written consent of the ACC, no window air conditioning units may be installed. Unless otherwise placed on a Lot by the Declarant, condensing units for air conditioners shall only be located in the rear or along the side of a 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

residence constructed upon a Lot and shall be screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots, Common Property and all streets which border the Lot.

- Section 15. Antennas and Satellite Dishes. Except as provided below, no satellite dish, antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of television signals, radio signals or any form of electromagnetic wave or radiation shall be erected, used or maintained on any portion of the Community; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain such devices. The following shall apply to all Owners:
- (a) No transmission antenna, of any kind, may be erected anywhere on the Community without written approval of the Board of Directors or the ACC.
- (b) No direct broadcast satellite (DBS) antenna or multi-channel multi-point distribution service (MMDS) antenna larger than one (1) meter in diameter shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon the Community.
- (c) DBS and MMDS satellite dishes or antennas one (1) meter or less in diameter and television broadcast service antennas may only be installed in accordance with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules and the rules and regulations of the Association, both as may be amended from time to time.

In the event of a transfer of a Lot which includes the satellite dish or antenna, the Grantee shall assume all responsibility for the satellite dish or antenna and shall comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws and the rules and regulations regarding satellite dishes and antennas, including, but not limited to, those requirements relating to maintenance and removal of satellite dish or antenna.

- Section 16. <u>Fences</u>. No fence or fencing-type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, excluding fences erected by Declarant.
- Section 17. <u>Park Areas</u>. Any park area or equipment located on the Common Property shall be used at the risk of the user, and the Association shall not be held liable to any Person for any claim, damage, or injury occurring thereon or related to use thereof. No organized sport shall be played on such park areas, and only passive uses which do not create loud noise, such as walking and sitting on benches, shall be permitted.
- Section 18. <u>Trash Disposal</u>. No garbage or trash shall be placed on the Common Property temporarily or otherwise, except as provided herein. Rubbish, trash and garbage shall be disposed of in appropriate sealed bags and placed in proper trash receptacles for collection. No Owner or Occupant shall be permitted to place any garbage can, recycling bin, trash bag or any other form of rubbish in the area located within the Common Property, as designated by the Board, except within the twelve (12) hours preceding such Owner or Occupant's scheduled garbage or recycling pickup. All such garbage, trash and rubbish receptacles shall be removed from the area located within the Common Property courtyard, as designated by the Board, within twelve (12) hours after such scheduled garbage or recycling pickup.
- Section 19. <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the Board or its designee. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots owned by Declarant. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations.

- Section 20. <u>Outbuildings</u>. No structures of a temporary character such as tents, shacks, carports, barns, tool sheds, dog houses, cages or coops or other outbuilding shall be erected by any Owner or Occupant on any portion of the Community, at any time, other than by Declarant.
- Section 21. <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees or shrubs on any portion of the Community shall be removed without the express written consent of the ACC.
- Section 22. <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The display or discharge of firearms or fireworks on the Common Property is prohibited; provided, however, that the display of lawful firearms on the Common Property is permitted for the limited purpose of transporting the firearms across the Common Property to or from the Owner's Lot. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. The term "fireworks" shall include those items as listed in <u>O.C.G.A.</u> Section 25-10-1.
- Heating of Residences in Colder Months. In order to prevent breakage of water pipes during colder months of the year resulting in damage to the Community, increased Common Expenses, and increased insurance premiums or cancellation of insurance policies due to numerous damage claims, the thermostats within the residence on Lots shall be maintained with the heat in an "on" position and at a minimum temperature setting of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit (except during power failures or periods when heating equipment is broken) whenever the temperature is forecasted to or does reach thirtytwo (32) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Owners and Occupants of Lots shall take all steps possible on a timely basis to keep heating equipment, including, but not limited to, the thermostat, in good working order and repair. At any time during the months specified above when the heating equipment is not working properly, the Owner or Occupant shall immediately inform the Association of this failure of the equipment and of the time needed to repair the equipment. All Owners and Occupants of Lots also shall be obligated to shut any and all cut-off valves for any and all outdoor spigots whenever the temperature is forecasted to or does reach thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration or in the Bylaws to the contrary, the Board of Directors, without a prior warning, demand or hearing, may fine any Owner or Occupant up to Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) or may cause the water service to the violator's Lot to be discontinued for violation of this Article IX, Section 23, in addition to any other remedies of the Association. Any fine imposed pursuant to this Article IX, Section 23 shall be deemed an assessment against the Lot and may be collected in the same manner as provided herein for collection of assessments.
- Section 24. <u>Abandoned Personal Property</u>. Personal property, except for personal property owned by the Association, is strictly prohibited from being stored, kept, or allowed to remain for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours upon any portion of the Common Property or on the rights-of-way located within the Community. If the Board or its designee, in its sole discretion, determines that property is kept, stored, or allowed to remain on the Common Property or on the rights-of-way located on the Community in violation of this Article IX, Section 24, then the Board may remove and either discard or store the personal property in a location which the Board may determine. If personal property is removed in accordance with this Article IX, Section 24, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any Person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to remove abandoned or improperly stored personal property, as set forth herein.
- Section 25. <u>Impairment of Residences and Easements</u>. An Owner shall do no act nor any work that will impair the structural soundness or integrity of any residence or impair any easement or other 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

interest in real property, nor do any act nor allow any condition to exist which will adversely affect the other Lots or their Owners or Occupants.

- Section 26. <u>Lighting</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ACC, exterior lighting shall not be permitted except for (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; and (b) illumination for all exterior lighting shall be generated from clear light bulbs or such other light bulbs specified by the Association.
- Section 27. <u>Mailboxes</u>. The Declarant may provide a mailbox or mail slot for each Lot. In the event Declarant provides a mailbox for each Lot and such mailbox is destroyed or damaged, it shall be replaced or restored to its original appearance, unless prior approval is given by the ACC for a different mailbox.
- Section 28. <u>Decks.</u> No objects other than potted plants and patio furniture shall be placed on a deck. This prohibition applies to objects such as, but not limited to, umbrellas, bicycles, laundry garments, towels and objects other than potted plants and patio furniture, except as may be authorized by the Board. Patio furniture umbrellas may be allowed only after written approval of the ACC. Objects shall not be permitted to hang over or be attached to any exterior deck wall or to otherwise protrude outside of the vertical plane formed by the exterior surface of the deck wall. Penetration of the surfaces of a deck wall or floor is prohibited. Enclosure of a deck is also prohibited. As used herein, "enclosure" shall mean the permanent enclosure of a deck into the heated and cooled space within the boundaries of a residence on a Lot.
- Section 29. <u>Grilling</u>. The use of outdoor grills on any portion of the Community, including, without limitation, a deck, shall be governed by applicable state laws and local ordinances having jurisdiction over the Community. Such use of outdoor grills shall be restricted to gas grills or electric grills.
- Section 30. Zoning Conditions. In addition to the use restrictions set forth above, all Lots shall also be subject to any zoning conditions applicable to the Community established by the appropriate governmental authority.

#### ARTICLE X

#### Leasing

- Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. In order to preserve the character of the Community as predominantly owner-occupied, the leasing of a residence located on a Lot shall be governed by the restrictions set forth in this Article X. Except as provided herein, the leasing of a residence located on a Lot shall be prohibited. "Leasing," for the purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a residence located on a Lot by any Person other than the Owner; provided, however, for the purposes of this Declaration, Leasing shall not include the occupancy of a residence located on a Lot by the child or parent of an Owner. For purposes hereof, occupancy by a roommate of an Owner who occupies the residence as such Owner's primary residence shall not constitute Leasing hereunder. The Board shall have the power to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations and to fine, in accordance with the Declaration and Bylaws, in order to enforce the provisions of this Article X.
- Section 2. <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Leasing of a residence located on a Lot shall be governed by the following provisions:

- (a) General. An Owner desiring to lease his or her residence may do so only if the Owner has applied for and received from the Board of Directors either a "Leasing Permit" or a "Hardship Leasing Permit." Such a permit, upon its issuance, will allow an Owner to lease his or her residence provided that such Leasing is in strict accordance with the terms of the permit and this Article X. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish conditions as to the duration and use of such permits consistent with this Article X. All Leasing Permits and Hardship Leasing Permits shall be valid only as to a specific Owner and such Owner's residence and shall not be transferable between either residences or Lot Owners, but shall be transferable to successors in title to the same Lot.
- (b) Leasing Permits. An Owner's request for a Leasing Permit shall be approved if current, outstanding Leasing Permits have not been issued for more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of Lots (excluding Lots owned by the Declarant) in the Community. A Leasing Permit shall be automatically revoked upon the happening of any of the following events: (1) the sale or transfer of the Lot to a third party (excluding sales or transfers to (a) an Owner's spouse, (b) a person cohabitating with the Owner, and (c) a corporation, partnership, company, or legal entity in which the Owner is a principal); (2) the failure of an Owner to lease his or her residence within one hundred eighty (180) days of the Leasing Permit having been issued; or (3) the failure of an Owner to have his or her residence leased for any consecutive one hundred eighty (180) day period thereafter. If current Leasing Permits have been issued for more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of Lots (excluding Lots owned by the Declarant), no additional Leasing Permits shall be issued (except for Hardship Leasing Permits) until the number of outstanding current Leasing Permits falls below twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of Lots (excluding Lots owned by the Declarant) in the Community. Owners who have been denied a Leasing Permit shall automatically be placed on a waiting list for a Leasing Permit and shall be issued the same if they so desire when the number of current outstanding Leasing Permits issued falls to twenty-five percent (25%) or less of the total number of Lots (excluding Lots owned by the Declarant) in the Community. The issuance of a Hardship Leasing Permit to an Owner shall not cause the Owner to be removed from the waiting list for a Leasing Permit.
- Hardship Leasing Permits. If the failure to lease will result in a hardship, the Owner may seek to lease on a hardship basis by applying to the Board of Directors for a Hardship Leasing Permit. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to issue or deny requests for Hardship Leasing Permits in its discretion after considering the following factors: (1) the nature, degree, and likely duration of the hardship, (2) the harm, if any, which will result to the Community if the permit is approved, (3) the number of Hardship Leasing Permits which have been issued to other Owners, (4) the Owner's ability to cure the hardship, and (5) whether previous Hardship Leasing Permits have been issued to the Owner. A "hardship" as described herein shall include, but not be limited to the following situations: (1) an Owner must relocate his or her residence outside the greater Atlanta metropolitan area and cannot, within six (6) months from the date that the residence was placed on the market, sell the residence except at a price below the current appraised market value, after having made reasonable efforts to do so; (2) where the Owner dies and the residence is being administered by his or her estate; and (3) the Owner takes a leave of absence or temporarily relocates and intends to return to reside in the residence. Hardship Leasing Permits shall be valid for a term not to exceed one (1) year. Owners may apply for additional Hardship Leasing Permits. Hardship Leasing Permits shall be automatically revoked if during the term of the permit, the Owner is approved for and receives a Leasing Permit.
- (d) <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Leasing which is authorized, pursuant to permit, hereunder shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (i) Notice. At least seven (7) days prior to entering into the lease of a residence 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

located on a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board with a copy of the proposed lease agreement. The Board shall approve or disapprove the form of said lease. In the event a lease is disapproved, the Board shall notify the Owner of the requisite action to be taken in order to bring the lease in compliance with the Declaration and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

- (ii) General. A residence located on a Lot may be leased only in its entirety; no fraction or portion may be leased without prior written Board approval. All leases shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the lease. The Board may maintain and, upon request, provide a form that is deemed acceptable. There shall be no subleasing of a residence or assignment of leases without prior written Board approval. All leases must be for an initial term of not less than one (1) year, except with written Board approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld in cases of undue hardship. Within ten (10) days after executing a lease agreement for the lease of a residence, the Owner shall provide the Board with a copy of the lease and the name of the lessee and all other people occupying the residence. The Owner must provide the lessee copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed as giving the Association the right to approve or disapprove a proposed lessee; the Board's approval or disapproval shall be limited to the form of the proposed lease.
- (iii) <u>Liability for Assessments, Use of Common Elements, and Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations</u>. Each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of a residence located on a Lot shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into the lease by existence of this covenant, and the lessee, by occupancy of the residence, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and incorporation of the following language into the lease:
  - (a) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. The lessee shall comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and shall control the conduct of all other Occupants and guests of the leased residence in order to ensure such compliance. The Owner shall cause all Occupants of his or her residence to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and shall be responsible for all violations by such Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants of the residence are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any such violation. If the lessee, or a person living with the lessee, violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule or regulation for which a fine is imposed, notice of the violation shall be given to the Owner and the lessee, and such fine may be assessed against the lessee in accordance with Article V of the Bylaws. If the fine is not paid by the lessee within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association of the lessee's failure to pay the fine. Unpaid fines shall constitute a lien against the Lot.

Any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the lessee, any Occupant, or any guest of lessee, is deemed to be a default under the terms of the lease and authorizes the Owner to terminate the lease without liability and to evict the lessee in accordance with Georgia law. The Owner hereby delegates and assigns to the Association, acting through the Board, the power and authority of enforcement against the lessee for breaches resulting from the violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including the power and authority to evict the lessee as attorney-in-fact on behalf and for the benefit of the Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof. If the Association proceeds to evict the

lessee, any costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred and court costs associated with the eviction shall be an assessment and lien against the Lot.

- (b) <u>Use of Common Elements</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Elements, including but not limited to, the use of any and all recreational facilities and other amenities.
- (c) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. When an Owner who is leasing his or her residence fails to pay any annual or special assessment or any other charge for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the delinquent Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual and special assessments and other charges payable during and prior to the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee. However, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply with the Board's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all amounts authorized under the Declaration as if lessee were an Owner. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.
- (e) Applicability of Article X. Notwithstanding the above, this Article X shall not apply to any leasing transaction entered into by the Declarant (regardless of whether said lease is entered into prior to or after the expiration of the Declarant Control Period), the Association, or the holder of any first Mortgage on a Lot who becomes the Owner of a Lot through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage. Such parties shall be permitted to lease a residence located on a Lot without first obtaining a permit in accordance with this Article X, and such residence located on a Lot shall not considered as being leased in determining the maximum number of residences that may be leased in accordance with this Article X.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### Sale of Lots

An Owner intending to make a transfer or sale of a Lot or any interest in a Lot shall give the Board written notice of such intention within seven (7) days after execution of the transfer or sales documents. The Owner shall furnish the Board, as part of the notice, the name and address of the intended grantee and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. This Paragraph shall not be construed to create a right of first refusal in the Association or in any third party.

In addition, a non-refundable contribution to the working capital fund of the Association shall be paid to the Association by the purchaser of a Lot at the closing of each sale or resale of a Lot in the amount of two (2) months of the general assessment charged to such Lot.

Within seven (7) days after receiving title to a Lot, the purchaser of the Lot shall give the Board written notice of his or her ownership of the Lot. Upon failure of an Owner to give the required notice 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

within the seven-day time period provided herein, the Board may levy fines against the Lot and Owner thereof, and assess the Owner for all costs incurred by the Association in determining his or her identity.

#### Article XII

#### **Maintenance**

- Section I. <u>Association's Responsibility</u>. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Area of Common Responsibility, which shall be deemed to include the following:
- (a) maintenance, repair, and replacement subject to any insurance then in effect, of the Common Property, including, but not limited to, all Exclusive Common Property as defined herein, and all Common Property landscaping and grassy areas, all roads, sidewalks and other concrete and paved areas not included in a Lot, the entry feature, two (2) water pressure pumps, park areas, and all retaining walls;
- (b) maintenance and repair of all water and sewer pipes or facilities which serve more than one (1) Lot to the extent that such pipes and facilities are not maintained by the Owner as set forth below or by public, private, or municipal utility companies; and
  - (c) maintenance and repair of the following portions of the Lots:
- (i) all roof surfaces, and portions of roofs above the roof joists, including the plywood underdecking, sheathing, if any, roof shingles, flashing, all gutters and all downspouts;
- (ii) all exterior building surfaces (including all brick, stone, siding and columns, if any, and all wrought iron and metal surfaces); and
- (iii) all exterior painting (including painting of all shutters, trim and columns, if any, and all wrought iron and metal surfaces).

The two (2) above-referenced water pressure pumps run on electrical current which do not have a backup source of energy if electrical service is interrupted. While there is no formal maintenance schedule for maintaining the water pressure pumps, the seals on the pumps should be checked at least annually. There is a limited life span on the water pressure pumps. It is estimated that the water pressure pumps will need to be replaced approximately every ten (10) years if maintained in proper working order. Said water pressure pumps were installed by Mayland Southern Pump & Process, Inc., whose contact address and telephone number as of the recording of this Declaration was 1461 Ventura Drive, Cumming, Georgia 30044, (770) 886-6886.

Specifically excluded from such Area of Common Responsibility shall be the following: (1) HVAC or similar equipment located outside the residence; (2) all doors (including screen, storm and garage doors), hinges, frames, locks, and hardware which are part of the entry system, except the Association shall paint the exterior portion of the front door and the garage doors; (3) hoses, vents or water spigots contained in exterior walls of the residence; (4) lighting fixtures pertaining to a particular residence and being located outside an entryway or in a garage; (5) window screens, frames, hardware and glass; (6) foundations and footings including waterproofing above and below grade; (7) pipes which serve only one Lot located within the Lot's boundaries or, if located in the front yard on the Lot, outside the Lot's boundaries, the portion of the pipe from the cutoff valve serving the Lot to the Lot itself, including the cutoff valve serving the Lot; (8) gas lanterns; (9) the replacement of any dead trees located in natural areas; (10) decks assigned as Exclusive Common Property in accordance with this Declaration, and (11) all improvements made by any Owner or Occupant. The Association shall replace dead trees located in landscaped areas on the Lot.

Upon resolution of the Board of Directors and approval of a Majority of the members present or represented by proxy at a duly constituted meeting of the members, the Association may assume responsibility for providing additional exterior maintenance upon Lot improvements. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association where the Board has determined that such maintenance would benefit all Owners.

The foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to person or property caused by the elements or by the Owner of any Lot, or any other Person, or resulting from any utility, rain, snow or ice which may leak or flow from any portion of the Area of Common Responsibility or from any pipe, drain, conduit, appliance or equipment which the Association is responsible to maintain hereunder. The Association shall not be liable to the Owner of any Lot or such Owner's Occupant, guest, or family, for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property which may be stored in or upon any of the Common Property. The Association shall not be liable to any Owner, or any Owner's Occupant, guest or family for any damage or injury caused in whole or in part by the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities under this Article XII, Section 1 where such damage or injury is not a foreseeable, natural result of the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities. No diminution or abatement of assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order to directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

The Association shall repair incidental damage to any Lot resulting from performance of work which is the responsibility of the Association. Repairs to improvements on a Lot shall be completed only to the extent of being "paint-ready." Such repair and subsequent cleaning shall be performed based on a reasonableness standard and at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association shall have the authority to delegate such Persons, firms or corporations of its choice, such duties as are approved by the Board of Directors.

In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, his or her family, guests, lessees, or invitees, and is not completely covered or paid for by insurance, then the Association may perform the maintenance, repair or replacement at the expense of the Owner, and all costs shall be specifically assessed against the Owner and shall be added to and become a part of the assessment obligation of the Owner and shall become a lien against the Lot.

In performing its responsibility hereunder, the Association shall have the authority to delegate to such Persons, firms or corporations of its choice, such duties as are approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. Except as provided in Article XII, Section 1 above, all maintenance of the Lot shall be the responsibility of the Owner thereof. In addition, the Owner shall maintain all pipes, lines, ducts, conduits, or other apparatus which serve only the Lot located within the Lot's boundaries or, if located outside the Lot's boundaries, the portion of the pipe from the cutoff valve serving the Lot (including all gas, electricity, water, sewer and air conditioning pipes, lines, ducts, conduits and other apparatus and the cut off valves for same serving only the Lot). The Owner shall also maintain and repair all doors and windows on the Lot, except for the painting of the front door and the garage doors, which shall be the Association's responsibility. Such maintenance shall be performed consistent with this 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

Declaration and the Community-Wide Standard established pursuant hereto. Any maintenance which involves an exterior change, including, without limitation, repainting of the exterior of improvements in a different color, shall require prior approval of the Board or its designee pursuant to Article VIII of this Declaration.

Subject to the maintenance responsibilities herein provided, any maintenance or repair performed on or to the Common Property by an Owner or Occupant which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder (including, but not limited to landscaping of Common Property) shall be performed at the sole expense and risk of such Owner or Occupant, and the Owner or Occupant shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the Association even if the Association accepts the maintenance or repair.

#### Each Owner also shall be obligated:

- (a) To perform his or her responsibility in such manner so as not to unreasonably disturb other persons in other Lots.
- (b) To promptly report to the Association or its agent any defect or need for repairs, for which the Association is responsible.
- (c) Not to make any alterations in the portions of the Lot which are to be maintained by the Association or to remove any portion thereof or to make any additions thereto or do anything with respect to the exterior or interior of the Lot which would or might jeopardize or impair the safety or soundness of any Lot without first obtaining the written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association and all Owners and Mortgagees or the Lots affected, nor shall any Owner impair any easement without first obtaining written consent of the Association and of the Owner or Owners and their Mortgagees for whose benefit such easement exists.
- (d) To pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item which is the responsibility of the Owner but which responsibility such Owner fails or refuses to discharge (which the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to do), or to pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item which, although the responsibility of the Association, is necessitated by reason of the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his or her family, tenants or guests, with the cost thereof to be added to and become part of the Owner's next chargeable assessment.
- (e) To aid and assist the Association and its agents and employees as requested by the Association or its agents and employees, including, without limitation, removing, covering, shielding, or otherwise protecting any and all personal property in the areas to be maintained or repaired by the Association and its agents and employees in order for the Association and its agents and employees to conduct its maintenance and repair obligations on the Lots. The Association and its agents and employees shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss to such personal property that is not removed, covered, shielded or otherwise protected by the Owner or Occupant of the Lot on which such personal property is located as requested by the Association or its agents and employees.
- Section 3. Failure to Maintain. If the Board of Directors determines that: (a) any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his or her obligation with regard to the maintenance, repair or replacement of items of which he or she is responsible hereunder; or (b) that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement which is in the Area of Common Responsibility is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner, his or her family, guests, lessees, or invitees, and is not covered or paid by insurance, in whole or in part, then, except in an emergency situation, the Association shall give the Owner 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

written notice of the Association's intent to provide necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair, or replacement deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. In the case of (a) above where the Owner has not discharged his or her responsibility, unless the Board of Directors determines that an emergency exists, the Owner shall have ten (10) days within which to complete maintenance or repair, or if the maintenance or repair is not capable of completion within such time period, to commence replacement or repair and diligently pursue completion thereof within ten (10) days. If the Board determines that an emergency exists or that an Owner has not complied with the demand given by the Association as herein provided, or that the need for maintenance or repair is in the Area of Common Responsibility as in the case of (b) above, then the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense, and such costs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject, shall become and be a lien against the Lot, and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

## Section 4. <u>Measures Related to Insurance Coverage.</u>

- (a) The Board of Directors, upon resolution, shall have the authority to require all or any Owner(s) to do any act or perform any work involving portions of the Community which are the maintenance responsibility of the Owner, which will, in the Board's sole discretion, decrease the possibility of fire or other damage to the Community, reduce the insurance premium paid by the Association for any insurance coverage or otherwise assist the Board in procuring or maintaining such insurance coverage. This authority shall include, but need not be limited to, requiring all Owners to turn off cutoff valves, which may now or hereafter be installed, during winter months for outside water spigots; requiring Owners to insulate pipes sufficiently or take other preventive measures to prevent freezing of water pipes; requiring Owners to install smoke detectors; requiring Owners to make improvements to the Owner's Lot; and such other measures as the Board may reasonably require so long as the cost of such work does not exceed Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) per lot in any twelve (12) month period.
- (b) In addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights the Association may have, if any Owner does not comply with any reasonable requirement made by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article XII, Section 4(a) above, the Association, upon fifteen (15) days written notice (during which period the Owner may perform the required act or work without further liability), may perform such required act or work at the Owner's sole cost and expense. Such cost shall be specifically assessed against the Owner and shall be added to and become a part of the assessment obligation of such Owner and shall become a lien against the Lot and shall be collected in the manner provided for collection of assessments. The Association shall have all rights necessary to implement the requirements mandated by the Board pursuant to this Article XII, Section 4(b), including, but not limited to, a right of entry during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Lot, except that access may be had at any time without notice in an emergency situation.
- Section 5. <u>Maintenance Standards and Interpretation</u>. The maintenance standards and the enforcement thereof and the interpretation of maintenance obligations under this Declaration may vary as the composition of the Board of Directors changes. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the Board of the right to adopt and enforce maintenance standards under this Article XII. No decision or interpretation by the Board shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to subsequent decisions or interpretations of the Board.
- Section 6. <u>Mold and/or Mildew</u>. Mold and/or mildew can grow in any portion of the Community that is exposed to elevated levels of moisture. The Association and each Owner agree to: (i) 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

regularly inspect the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain, and which are visible and accessible without having to first remove building components or conduct invasive testing, for the existence of mold, mildew, and/or water intrusion (except when the water intrusion is part of the normal functioning of improvements and appliances such as showers, sinks, dishwashers, and other similar appliances and improvements) and/or water damage; (ii) upon discovery, immediately repair in a good and workmanlike condition the source of any water intrusion in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain; (iii) remediate or replace, in accordance with current industry accepted methods, any building material located in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain that has absorbed water or moisture as a result of water intrusion; and (iv) promptly and regularly remediate in accordance with current industry-accepted methods all mold and/or mildew discovered in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain. In addition, except for routine housekeeping items and other de minimis matters, the Association agrees to notify the Owners, and each Owner agrees to notify the Association of the discovery of mold, mildew, and/or water intrusion and/or damage in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain. Each Owner further agrees not to block or cover any of the heating, ventilation or air-conditioning ducts located in the Lot.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant shall have no obligation to perform any invasive testing or inspections, maintenance or repairs in accordance with this Article XII, Section 6, and shall not be held liable for any loss or damage caused by the failure of the Association or an Owner to perform their obligations herein.

#### Article XIII

### Party Walls and Fences

- Section 1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall or fence built as a part of the original construction on the Lots which shall serve and or separate any two (2) adjoining Lots shall constitute a party wall or party fence, as applicable. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article XIII, Section 1, the general rules of law regarding the party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto. Owner shall make no modification to party wall construction that may compromise acoustic privacy and fire rating.
- Section 2. <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall or fence shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the wall or fence.
- Section 3. <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party wall or fence is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has used the party wall or fence may restore it. If other Owners thereafter use the wall or fence, they shall contribute to the restoration cost in equal proportions. However, such contribution will not prejudice the right to call for a larger contribution from the other users under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
- Section 4. <u>Right to Contribution Runs With Land</u>. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article XIII, shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.
- Section 5. <u>Arbitration</u>. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall or fence, each party shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. Should any party refuse to appoint an arbitrator within ten (10) 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

days after written request by the Board of Directors, the Board shall appoint an arbitrator for the refusing party. The arbitrators appointed shall appoint one (1) additional arbitrator. The decision by a majority of all three (3) arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties and shall be a condition precedent to any right of legal action that either party may have against the other.

#### Article XIV

## **Mortgagee Provisions**

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages on Lots in the Community. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the Bylaws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

- Section 1. <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the Lot number) (therefore becoming an "eligible holder") will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Community or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by an Owner of a Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or Bylaws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- (d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgage holders.
- Section 2. <u>Approval of Action</u>. Unless two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Owners other than the Declarant give their consent, the Association shall not:
- (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Property which the Association owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Property shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this Article XIV, Section 2(a)) other than personal property of the Association;
- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an Owner;
- (c) by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

Lots and of the Common Property (The issuance and amendment of architectural standards, procedures, rules, and regulations or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver, or abandonment within the meaning of this Article XIV, Section 2(c);

- (d) fail to maintain insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
- (e) use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Property losses for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such property.

Nothing contained in this Section 2 shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration for any of the acts set out in this Section 2.

First Mortgagees, after written notice to the Association, may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Property and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of an Association policy, and first Mortgagees making such payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

- Section 3. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.
- Section 4. <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.
- Section 5. <u>Amendments by Board</u>. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.
- Section 6. <u>VA/HUD Approval</u>. During the Declarant Control Period and so long as the Community is approved by HUD for insuring any Mortgage in the Community (as determined by consulting the current list of approved subdivisions regularly published by HUD and furnished to Mortgage companies) or the VA for guaranteeing any Mortgage in the Community (as determined by telephone inquiry to VA), the following actions shall require the prior approval of the VA and/or HUD, as applicable: annexation of additional property to the Community, except for annexation by Declarant in accordance with Article X, Section 1 hereof pursuant to a plan of annexation previously approved by the VA and/or HUD, as applicable; dedication of Common Property to any public entity; mergers and consolidations; dissolution of the Association; mortgage of Common Property; and material amendment of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
- Section 7. <u>Applicability of this Article</u>. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, Bylaws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.
- Section 8. <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the

Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request.

#### Article XV

#### **Easements**

Section 1. <u>Easements for Encroachment and Overhang</u>. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for encroachment and overhang as between each Lot and adjacent portion of the Common Property or as between adjacent Lots due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration). The easement shall be five (5) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Lot and the adjacent portion of the Common Property or as between adjacent Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point. However, an easement for encroachment shall not exist if the willful conduct by an Owner, Occupant, or the Association caused the encroachment.

## Section 2. <u>Easements for Use and Enjoyment.</u>

- (a) Every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of entry and exit, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to his Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (i) the right, but not the obligation, of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his or her family, tenants, guests, and invitees;
- (ii) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of an Owner and the right of an Owner to use the recreational facilities in the Community for any period during which any assessment against his or her Lot which is provided for herein remains unpaid and for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations;
- (iii) the right of the Association to borrow money as may be set forth in the Bylaws; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for any Lot or Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community (Any provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights therein by the holder thereof in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of any Lot or Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community.);
- (iv) the right of the Association to dedicate or grant permits, licenses or easements over, under, through and across the Common Property to governmental entities for public purposes; and

- (v) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Property subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members of the Association. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been approved by the affirmative vote of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots (other than Lots of Declarant so long as the consent of Declarant is required) and the consent of Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Community).
- (b) Any Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property and facilities located thereon to the members of his or her family, his or her tenants and guests. An Owner shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all these rights to the Occupants of the Owner's Lot, if leased.
- Section 3. <u>Easements for Street Lights and Utilities</u>. There is reserved to the Declarant, and the Association, blanket easements upon, across, above and under all Lots on the Community for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing and maintaining all utilities and services, including but not limited to all street lights serving the Common Property, and reading meters for: (a) all utilities serving the Community or any portion of the Common Property, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, (b) water runoff and storm drainage systems, (c) street lights, and (d) any other services such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, master satellite system or security system which may be installed to serve the Community. It shall be expressly permissible for the Declarant, the Association, or the designee of either, to do or to authorize the installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining of the wires, conduits, cables, bulbs and other equipment related to providing any such utility or service. Should a party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the Declarant or Board, as applicable, shall have the right to grant such easement.

It shall also be expressly permissible for any agent or employee of any utility company to enter onto a Lot to read any utility meter. In the event a meter on a Lot is in a gated or fenced in area, such area shall be universally keyed for the utility company(ies) or at the request of the Association, such Owner shall provide the Association with a key to such area, to be used by the utility company. Neither the Declarant nor the Association shall be liable for any loss or damage due to its holding such key or use of such key for the purposes described above and each Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Declarant, the Association and its officers and directors against any and all expenses, including attorneys fees reasonably incurred by or imposed upon the Declarant, the Association or its officers or directors in connection with any action, suit or other proceeding (including settlement of such action, suit or proceeding) brought by the Owner or the Owner's family, tenants, guests, employees, invitees or licensees against the Declarant, the Association, its officers or directors, arising out of or relating to its holdings or use of such key for the purposes described above.

- Section 4. <u>Easement for Entry</u>. In addition to the right of the Board to exercise self-help as provided in the Association's legal instruments, the Board shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon, over and under any property on the Community, including, but not limited to residences on Lots, for:
- (a) emergency, security, and safety reasons. This right may also be exercised by the agents of the Association, and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner, and the entering party shall be responsible for any damage 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

caused. This right of entry shall include the right of the Board to enter to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire, slope erosion, or other hazard in the event an Owner or Occupant fails or refuses to cure the condition after request by the Board; and

- (b) installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing utilities and other wiring serving other Lots.
- Section 5. <u>Easement for Association Maintenance</u>. Declarant expressly reserves a perpetual easement for the benefit of the Association over, under and across such portions of the Community, determined in the sole discretion of the Association, as are necessary to allow for the maintenance required pursuant to this Declaration. This maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to a Lot.
- Section 6. Easements to Serve Additional Property. The Declarant and its duly authorized agents, representatives, and employees, as well as its successors, assigns, licensees, and mortgagees, shall have and hereby reserves an easement over and under the Common Property for the purposes of enjoyment, use, access, and development of the Additional Property described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein, whether or not such Additional Property is made subject to this Declaration. This easement includes, but is not limited to, a right of ingress and egress over the Common Property for construction of roads and for connecting and installing utilities on the Additional Property. Declarant agrees that it and its successors or assigns shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Common Property as a result of vehicular traffic connected with development of the Additional Property. Declarant further agrees that if the easement is exercised for permanent access to the Additional Property and such Additional Property or any portion thereof is not made subject to this Declaration, the Declarant, its successors or assigns shall enter into a reasonable agreement with the Association to share the cost of maintenance of any access roadway serving the Additional Property. Such agreement shall provide for sharing of costs based on the ratio which the number of residences on that portion of the Additional Property which is served by the easement and is not made subject to this Declaration bears to the total number of residences within the Community and on such portion of the Additional Property.
- Section 7. <u>Easement for Entry Features and Street Signs</u>. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant, the Association, and the designee of either, an easement over, under, and upon all of the Community for ingress to, egress from, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features and street signs for the Community. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around all entry features and the right to grade the land under and around the entry features.
- Section 8. Public in General. The easements and rights created in this Article XV do not, are not intended to, and shall not be construed to create any easements or rights in or for the benefit of the general public; provided, however, that nothing set forth herein shall in any way limit or restrict any existing easements or rights already granted to the public as such easements or rights are previously recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia records. The Board of Directors hereby reserves the right to close temporarily, to the extent reasonably practicable, upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice (which may be given by posting in conspicuous locations upon the relevant portion of the Community), all or any portion of the Community which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, may be legally necessary to prevent a dedication thereof, or any accrual of any rights therein, in the general public or in any Person other than the Persons for which such easements are expressly created in this Declaration.

Section 9. Pest Control. The Association may but shall not be obligated to dispense chemicals for the extermination of insects and pests within the Lots and Common Property. In the event the Association chooses to provide such pest control, the Association and its duly authorized contractors, representatives, and agents shall have an easement to enter Lots for the purpose of dispensing chemicals for the exterminating of insects and pests within the Lots and Common Property. Owners shall either provide a key to the Lot for purpose of such entry or have someone available at such times as are designated by the Board of Directors to allow entry into the Lot for this purpose. The Association shall not be liable for any illness, damage, or injury caused by the dispensing of these chemicals for this purpose.

#### Article XVI

## **General Provisions**

Section 1. Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if an amendment is necessary to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination with which it is in conflict; (b) if an amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration; (c) if an amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable the lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; or (d) if an amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration, However, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Owner's Lot unless the Owner consents to the amendment in writing. Further, during the Declarant Control Period, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owner, nor shall it adversely affect title to any Lot without the consent of the affected Owner.

In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent, of Owners holding at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote. During the Declarant Control Period, any amendment to this Declaration shall require the written consent of the Declarant. Amendments to this Declaration shall become effective upon recordation, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment. No provision of this Declaration which reserves, grants, or exempts special rights or exemptions to the Declarant shall be amended without the Declarant's prior written consent so long as the Declarant owns any property in the Community primarily for development and/or sale.

Section 2. <u>Duration.</u> The covenants, restrictions and easements of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Community, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent permitted by law. However, so long as Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provision of this Declaration affected by the law shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by the law, after which time the provisions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years, unless fifty-one percent (51%) of the persons owning plots execute a document to terminate the covenants containing a legal description of the entire area affected by the covenant, a list of all owners affected by the covenant and a description of the covenant to be terminated or such other requirement as provided in <u>O.C.G.A.</u> § 44-5-60. A written instrument reflecting any termination must be recorded no sooner than, but within two years immediately preceding the beginning of a twenty 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

(20) year renewal period. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest (including, without limitation, a security interest) in any interest (including, without limitation, a security interest) in any real property subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance, agrees that provisions of this Declaration may be extended and renewed as provided in this Article XVI, Section 2.

Security. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain or support Section 3. certain activities within the Community designed to make the Community safer than they otherwise might be. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANT, NOR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT SHALL IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED INSURERS OR GUARANTORS OF SECURITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANT, NOR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT SHALL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT, AND ALL TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ASSOCIATION, AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DECLARANT, ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT, AND ACC DO NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT ANY FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM, BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM, OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM DESIGNATED BY OR INSTALLED ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE DECLARANT OR THE ACC, IF ANY, MAY NOT BE COMPROMISED OR CIRCUMVENTED; NOR THAT ANY FIRE PROTECTION OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS, IF ANY, WILL PREVENT LOSS BY FIRE, SMOKE, BURGLARY, THEFT, HOLD-UP, ASSAULT OR OTHERWISE; NOR THAT FIRE PROTECTION OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS, IF ANY, WILL IN ALL CASES PROVIDE THE DETECTION OR PROTECTION FOR WHICH THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED. ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT, AND ALL TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER, ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, DECLARANT, OR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT ARE NOT INSURERS. ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT AND ALL TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER ASSUME ALL RISKS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS, TO LOTS, AND TO THE CONTENTS OF LOTS AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, DECLARANT, OR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT HAVE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, NOR HAS ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT, OR ANY TENANT, GUEST, OR INVITEE OF ANY OWNER RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, RELATIVE TO ANY FIRE AND/OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED OR INSTALLED OR ANY SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE PROPERTIES.

Section 4. <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any Owner or Occupant must give written notice to the Board requesting a hearing with the Board and attend such hearing to discuss amicable resolution of any dispute before that Owner or Occupant files any lawsuit against the Association, the Board, any director, or any agent of the Association. The Owner or Occupant shall, in such notice and at the hearing, make a good faith effort to explain the grievance to the Board and resolve the dispute in an amicable fashion, and shall give the Board a reasonable opportunity to address the Owner's or Occupant's grievance before filing suit. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Board shall give notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the person requesting the hearing. The Board shall schedule this hearing for a date no less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the notice of hearing by the person requesting the hearing.

- Section 5. <u>No Discrimination</u>. No action shall be taken by the Association or the Board of Directors which would unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap.
- Section 6. <u>Indemnification</u>. In accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, and to the full extent allowed by Georgia law, the Association shall indemnify every person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association), by reason of the fact that such person is or was serving as a director or officer of the Association, against any and all expenses, including attorneys' fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding, if such person acted in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Any indemnification shall be made by the Association only as authorized in a specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the person is proper under the circumstances.
- Section 7. <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, any use restriction or rule, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it or reasonably necessary to effectuate the right or privilege.
- Section 8. <u>Perpetuities</u>. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.
- Section 9. <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.
- Section 10. <u>Agreements</u>. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant (during the Declarant Control Period) all agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board of Directors shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in the Community or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Community.
  - Section 11. <u>Disclosures</u>. Each Owner and Occupant acknowledge the following:
- (a) The Community is located adjacent to thoroughfares that may be affected by traffic and noise from time to time and may be improved or widened in the future;
- (b) The views from an Owner's Lot may change over time due to, among other circumstances, additional development and the removal or addition of landscaping;
- (c) Declarant makes no representations regarding the schools that currently or may in the future serve the Community;
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- (d) Since in every neighborhood, there are conditions which different people may find objectionable, it is acknowledged that there may be conditions outside of the Community that an Owner or Occupant may find objectionable and that it shall be the sole responsibility of the Owners and Occupants to become acquainted with neighborhood conditions which could affect the Lot;
- (e) All Owners and Occupants acknowledge and understand that the Declarant will be constructing portions of the Community and engaging in other construction activities related to the construction of the Community. Such construction activities may, from time to time, produce certain conditions in the Community, including, without limitation: (i) noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, frequency or shrillness; (ii) smoke; (iii) noxious, toxic, or corrosive fumes or gases; (iv) obnoxious odors; (v) dust, dirt or flying ash; (vi) unusual fire or explosion hazards; and/or (vii) temporary interruption of utilities and services; and/or (viii) other conditions that may threaten the security or safety of Persons in the Community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Owners and Occupants agree that such conditions in the Community resulting from construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance and shall not cause Declarant and its agents to be deemed in violation of any provision of the Declaration;
- (f) Exposed concrete surfaces in portions of the Community which are not heated and cooled are subject to cracking due to (i) water penetration, (ii) expansion and contraction of the concrete with temperature changes, and (iii) building settlement;
- (g) Concrete surfaces in heated and cooled portions of the Lots are subject to cracking due to building settlement;
- (h) No representations are made that the residence on the Lot is or will be soundproof or that sound may not be transmitted from one Lot to another;
- (i) Some of the residences on the Lots may contain elevators which may cause noise and/or vibration in detectable on other Lots;
- (j) The residence on a Lot may trap humidity created by every day living (cooking, bathing, laundering etc.). As a result, condensation may appear on the interior portion of windows and glass surfaces and fogging of windows and glass surfaces may occur due to temperature disparities between the interior and exterior portions of the windows and glass. If left unattended and not properly maintained by Owners and Occupants, the condensation may increase resulting in staining, damage to surrounding seals, caulk, paint, wood work and sheetrock, and potentially, mildew and/or mold (see Article XII, Section 6 herein);
  - (k) Light may emit from structures on adjacent properties; and
  - (l) Ponding of water may occur on flat surfaces.
- Section 12. <u>Preparer</u>. This Declaration was prepared by Seth G. Weissman and Katherine L. Harris, Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco, P.C., One Alliance Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 3500 Lenox Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.
- Section 13. <u>Captions</u>. The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and Section, are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, 421616\_5.DOC (The Gates at Parkside Village)

limiting, extending, or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.

Section 14. Gender and Grammar. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine pronoun shall include the neuter and feminine.

#### Article XVII

## Annexation of Additional Property

- Section 1. Annexation. For seven (7) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, Declarant shall be entitled to unilaterally annex a portion or all of the additional real property described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia, records a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall require the signature of the Declarant only and shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration, unless otherwise provided in such Supplementary Declaration. After the seven (7) year period has expired, subject to the consent of the owner, upon the affirmative vote, or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Owners holding a Majority of the Total Association Vote, the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia, records a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Association, and any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration, unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Declaration.
- Section 2. <u>Withdrawal of Property.</u> Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration unilaterally at any time so long as it holds an unexpired option to expand the Community pursuant to this Article, without prior notice and without the consent of any Person, for the purpose of removing certain portions of the Community then owned by the Declarant or its affiliates from the provisions of this Declaration to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Community desired to be effected by the Declarant.
- Section 3. Additional Covenants and Easements. The Declarant may unilaterally subject any portion of the Community submitted to this Declaration initially or by Supplemental Declaration to additional covenants and easements, including covenants obligating the Association to maintain and insure such property on behalf of the Owners and obligating such Owners to pay the costs incurred by the Association through assessments. Such additional covenants and easements shall be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration filed either concurrent with or after the annexation of the subject property, and shall require the written consent of the owner(s) of such property, if other than the Declarant.
- Section 4. <u>Acquisition of Additional Common Property</u>. Declarant may convey to the Association additional real estate, improved or unimproved, which upon conveyance or dedication to the Association shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of all its Members.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

**Declarant's Rights** 

- Section 1. Transfer of Declarant's Rights. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in this Declaration or the Bylaws may be transferred to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained in this Declaration or in the Bylaws, as applicable. Furthermore, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the public records of Cobb County. Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require the Declarant or any successor to develop any of the property set forth in Exhibit "B" in any manner whatsoever.
- Section 2. <u>Construction and Sale Period.</u> Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation of the Association, use restrictions, rules and regulations, design guidelines, and any amendments thereto, so long as Declarant owns any property in the property for development and/or sale, Declarant reserves an easement across all property in the Community for Declarant to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Community as Declarant may reasonably deem necessary, such facilities and activities as in the sole opinion of Declarant may be required, convenient, or incidental to Declarant's development, construction, and sales activities related to property described on <u>Exhibit "A"</u> and <u>Exhibit "B"</u> to this Declaration, including, but without limitation:
- (a) the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in the Community, including, without limitation, any Lot;
- (b) the right to tie into any portion of the Community with driveways, parking areas and walkways;
- (c) the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain and repair any device which provides utility or similar services, including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, natural gas, water, sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community;
- (d) the right to grant easements over, under, in or on the Community, including, without limitation, the Lots, for the benefit of neighboring properties for the purpose of tying into and/or otherwise connecting and using sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community;
  - (e) the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community;
  - (f) the right to erect and maintain signs, and
- (g) the right to construct and operate business offices, construction trailers, model residences, and sales offices. Declarant may use residences, offices, or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant as model residences and sales offices.

Rights exercised pursuant to such reserved easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense. This Section shall not be amended without the Declarant's express written consent until the Declarant's rights hereunder have terminated as hereinabove provided.

[SIGNATURES COMMENCE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the duly appointed officers of Declarant herein, have executed this instrument and affixed the corporate seal this day of September, 2005.

By: Ose All (SEAL)

Dale W. Bercher, member of Management
Committee authorized to sign on behalf of Traton
Homes, LLC

WITNESS

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

# **Description of Property Submitted**

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying in and being a portion of Land Lots 934 and 935 of the 16<sup>th</sup> District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, Cobb County, Georgia, as more particularly described on that certain Plat for The Gates at Parkside Village prepared by Due West Surveying, Inc., and recorded in Plat Book 237, Page 25, of the Cobb County, Georgia records.

# **EXHIBIT "B"**

# **Description of Additional Property**

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 934 and 935 of the  $16^{th}$  District,  $2^{nd}$  Section of Cobb County, Georgia.

## ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT IN LIEU OF

# THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GATES AT PARKSIDE VILLAGE TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, being the initial directors of The Gates at Parkside Village Townhome Association, Inc. ("Corporation"), named in the Action of Incorporation of The Gates at Parkside Village Townhome Association, Inc., by written consent in lieu of a meeting, hereby consent to and adopt the following resolutions at the Organizational Meeting of Directors of the Corporation and hereby direct that this written consent be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation:

1.

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia on September 13, 2005, are hereby accepted and approved for and on behalf of the Corporation;

2.

RESOLVED, that the bylaws attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference are hereby adopted as the bylaws of the Corporation for the regulation and management of its affairs;

3.

RESOLVED, that the initial directors of the Corporation are hereby appointed as follows:

Dale Bercher - President Christopher Poston - Vice-President William Poston, Jr. - Secretary Rebecca Bryant - Treasurer

4.

The undersigned, being the initial directors of The Gates at Parkside Village Townhome Association, Inc., elected by the incorporator, hereby consent to and take the foregoing action by written consent, without a meeting effective as of the 13th day of September 2005.

, Director

Dale-Bercher

Christopher Poston

, Director

William Poston, Jr.

Director

Rebecca Bryant

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