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PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

FOR

RIVERWOOD FARM

SUBDIVISION

BINDING ARBITRATION

This is the First page of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Riverwood Farm Subdivision. Pursuant to South Carolina Code §15-48-10 *et seq.*, as amended, these Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions are subject to the following:

**THESE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION UNDER ARTICLE XVII HEREIN. THESE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ARE BINDING ON ALL OWNERS OF LOTS WITHIN RIVERWOOD Farm SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING ANY PERSON OBTAINING FINANCIAL RIGHTS IN SAID LOTS.**

***This Declaration imposes assessments constituting a lien on each Lot in the Subdivision. Please contact the Association to determine the status of a particular Lot with regard to payment of assessments.***

In the event other pages, including, but not limited to, cover pages, indexes, or tables of contents, are placed in front of this page, those pages shall not be deemed the first page. This page and only this page shall be deemed or considered the first page of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for all legal purposes.

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**DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS**

**FOR**

**RIVERWOOD FARM SUBDIVISION**

**THIS DECLARATION** is made on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004 by **Poinsett Development, LLC** (herein referred to sometimes as "Poinsett" and sometimes as the "Declarant")

W I T N E S S E T H

**WHEREAS**, Poinsett is the owner of the property described on Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, Poinsett desires to subject its property described on Exhibit "A" and possibly other property, to the covenants, conditions, easements and provisions of this Declaration in order to create a residential community; and

**WHEREAS**, Poinsett intends to develop the real property in phases, but Declarant reserves the right to remove any portion of the undeveloped property described on Exhibit "A" from the provisions of this Declaration by filing a written instrument in the office of the Register of Deeds for **Greenville** County, SC, removing such property; and

**WHEREAS**, Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the value and amenities of the property and to assure a flexible and appropriate development and improvement of the property for the overall benefit of the entire development; and

**WHEREAS**, Declarant intends by this Declaration to impose upon the property certain covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of the property under a general plan of development, and desires to provide for the management of the property and any amenities by means of a homeowners association which shall hold title to the common areas for the use and benefit of the owners.



**DEDICATION OF PROPERTY:**

NOW THEREFORE, **Poinsett Development, LLC** hereby declares that the real property described on **Exhibit "A"** of this Declaration (the property being described on **Exhibit "A"** being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Property"), including any improvements which may be (but are not required to be) constructed on the property, is subjected to the provisions of this Declaration. Such real property shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments, and liens contained in this Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration shall run with the title to the property subjected to this Declaration. This Declaration shall be binding on all persons having any right, title, or interest in all or any portion of the property now or hereafter made subject hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each and every owner of all or any portion thereof.

**ARTICLE I**  
**DEFINITIONS**

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

**"Area of Common Responsibility"** shall mean the Common Area, together with such other areas, if any, for which the Association has responsibility pursuant to this Declaration, any recorded plat, other covenants, contracts, or agreements.

**"Association"** shall mean Riverwood Farm Homeowners Association, Inc., a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.

**"Board"** or **"Board of Directors"** shall mean the governing body of the Association, selected as provided in the By-Laws.

**"By-Laws"** shall refer to the By-Laws of the Association, attached as **Exhibit "B."**

**"Common Area"** shall mean, if any, the real property, interests in real property, and personal property, easements, and other interests, together with improvements located on that property (if any) which are now or are hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of some or all of the Owners.

**"Community"** shall mean the real property and interests described on **Exhibit "A"** and such additions to that property as may be made by Declarant or by the Association pursuant to this Declaration.

**"Community-Wide Standard"** shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Association's Board of Directors. Such determination must

be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.

**"Declarant"** shall mean Poinsett Development, LLC. The Declarant may appoint and designate a successor Declarant by designating such appointment or designation in a deed filed in the real property records of the office of the Register of Deeds of **Greenville** County, South Carolina.

**"Declaration"** shall mean this Declaration of Protective Covenants for Riverwood Farm Subdivision and include any amendment or Supplementary Declaration hereto.

**"Lot"** shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed on that land, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single-family dwelling site as shown on a plat recorded in the land records of **Greenville** County, South Carolina. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall pass with each Lot as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, all of the right, title, and interest of an Owner in the Common Area and membership in the Association.

**"Mortgage"** shall mean any mortgage, security deed, deed of trust, or similar instrument used for the purpose of encumbering real property in the Community as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.

**"Mortgagee"** shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.

**"Occupant"** shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a Lot or other property located within the Community for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.

**"Open Space"** means land and/or water within the property, owned by the Association, which is designed and intended for the common use or enjoyment of each Owner, which may contain such accessory structures and improvements as are necessary and appropriate for passive recreational purposes and utilities, but which may not be further subdivided and which is or shall be designated as "Open Space" on the plat or plats of the property. All Open Space shall be considered part of the Common Area, but all Common Area is not as restricted as Open Space is.

**"Owner"** shall mean the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community; excluding any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.

**"Person"** means a natural person, corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), limited liability company, limited liability partnership, association, trust, or other legal entity.

**"Supplementary Declaration"** means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein, or both.



**"Total Association Vote"** means all of the votes attributable to members of the Association. If the Total Association Vote is taken during a time while Declarant has the right to appoint members of the Board of Directors, a Total Association Vote approving some item or proposition must contain the affirmative vote of Declarant or the item or proposition will be deemed not to have been approved.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PREEXISTING COVENANTS IN COMMUNITY**

**2.1 Wetlands.** Pursuant to a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for **Greenville** County, South Carolina (the "Wetlands Covenant"), specific property within the Community (the selection, boundaries and configuration of which shall be in the sole discretion of the Declarant) will be made subject to restrictions on certain activities. The Wetlands Covenant is intended to preserve its subject property in its natural condition forever. The Wetlands Covenant prohibits certain activities on its subject property and allows specific parties, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District; the U.S. Department of Justice; and/or the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the right to enforce the terms of the Wetlands Covenant.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION**

**3.1. Property Subjected to this Declaration.** The real property which is subject to the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration is the real property described in **Exhibit "A"**.

**3.2 Other Property.** Only the real property described in Section 3.1 is made subject to this Declaration. However, Declarant may subject additional property to this Declaration by recording one or more amendments hereto or supplementary declarations. Declarant specifically reserves right, but shall be obligated, to annex additional property into the subdivision and Declarant specifically reserves the right, but shall not be obligated to impose these covenants and restrictions upon said additional property.

**3.3 Removal of Property Subjected to this Declaration.** There is no guarantee being given by Declarant that all of the property made subject to this Declaration will be developed and/or will remain subject to this Declaration. Declarant expressly reserves the right to remove, and shall have the right to release, all or any portion of the undeveloped property described on **Exhibit "A"** from the provisions of this Declaration, at any time, in its sole discretion by filing a written instrument in the office the Register of Deeds for **Greenville** County, SC, removing such property. The determination of whether such property shall be considered "undeveloped" shall be in the sole discretion of the Declarant.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

**4.1 Membership.** Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. If a Lot is owned by more than one Person, there shall be only one (1) membership per Lot, and the votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the By-Laws. Membership shall be appurtenant to 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 more than one (1) office held for each Lot owned.

**4.2 Voting.** The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership.

**(a) Class A:** Class A members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to **one (1) vote** for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members and shall be entitled to rights of membership and of the use and enjoyment appurtenant to such ownership. The vote for each such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, and the Secretary of the Association shall be notified of such designation prior to any meeting, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any such Lot. In the absence of such notification, the vote allocated to such particular Lot shall be suspended in the event more than one person or entity seeks to exercise the right to vote. Any Owner of a Lot which is leased may assign his voting right to the tenant, provided that a copy of the assignment is furnished to the Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting at which the tenant exercises the voting right. In the event the Owner is an entity, that entity shall, by written resolution, designate the individual who shall be authorized to exercise the voting rights of that Lot and shall deliver an original or certified copy of such written resolution to the Secretary of the Association, who shall file it with the Association's books and records.

**(b) Class B:** The Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant and any successor of Declarant who takes title to all or a portion of the Property for the purpose of development and sale and who is designated as a successor declarant in a recorded instrument in accordance with this Declaration. Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned and three (3) votes for each one-half (0.50) of an acre of undeveloped land owned and subjected to this Declaration. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (1)** December 31, 2008; or
- (2)** when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership.

Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Class B membership shall not terminate if, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the condition set forth in Section 4.2(b)(2)

is fulfilled, all or a portion of any additional property is incorporated into the Community and as a result, the number of votes of the Class B member(s), determined on the basis of three (3) votes per Lot owned, is greater than the number of votes held by Class A members. From and after the termination of the Class B membership, Declarant and any designated successor Declarant shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. At such time, or at any earlier time as Declarant may desire to voluntarily relinquish its Class B membership, Declarant shall call a meeting of the Owners to inform the members of the termination of the Class B membership and to transfer control of the Association to the Owners, to be evidenced by a written notice recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyances for **Greenville** County, South Carolina.

**4.3 Association as Successor to Declarant.** Upon the termination of the Class B membership as described above, the Association shall succeed to all of the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Declarant under this Declaration. The Association shall not, however, succeed to any rights of Declarant regarding any portion of any additional property which has not then been annexed to, and incorporated within, the Community, nor succeed to the any rights of the Declarant regarding any portion of undeveloped Property subjected to this Declaration that may be removed by the Declarant. The Association may delegate any of such rights, duties and responsibilities to the Architectural Review Committee or to any other committee or entity which it may choose to form.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ASSESSMENTS**

**5.1 Purpose of Assessment.** The assessments provided for in this Declaration shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots, as may be authorized from time to time by the Board. The assessments levied by the Association shall also be used for the administration, operation, improvement, maintenance, use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including the streets, the entrance landscaping, whether or not located on Common area, and including, but not limited to, the cost of repairs, replacements, additions, insurance, labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision, other personnel or contract services deemed appropriate, establishing a maintenance and replacement reserve, repaying loans incurred by the Association, including interest, the payment of taxes assessed against such Common Area, and the employment of attorneys, accountants and other professionals to represent the Association when necessary, and to provide such other services which the Association determines to be necessary or desirable. Additionally, in the event that any Owner fails to properly maintain the exterior of such Owner's residence, including the yard and any fence or fences on such Owner's Lot, the Board of Directors of the Association may, by majority vote, levy a special assessment against the Owner of such Lot, which assessment shall be in an amount equivalent to that required to properly maintain the exterior of such residence, fence, fences or yard or may expend portions of the assessments for maintenance of the exterior of such Owner's residence, yard or fence, in which event, the Owner shall be assessed for such expense of maintenance as provided for herein.



**5.2 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments.** For each Lot owned within the Community, 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, and is deemed to covenant and agree, to timely pay the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, including any street maintenance, entrance landscaping, whether or not located on Common Area, and privacy costs, which assessments or charges may be assessed and/or collected on such basis as the Association deems appropriate, and (2) special assessments for capital improvements and other purposes, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and (3) default assessments which may be assessed against an Owner's Lot for failure to perform an obligation under this Declaration, or because the Association has incurred an expense on behalf of an Owner under this Declaration or the Association documents. Neither the Declarant nor Poinsett Homes, LLC will be responsible for the payment of assessments on Lots it owns until such time as the Association converts to Class A membership; however, the Declarant shall fund such amount necessary to pay approved expenses in excess of the amount collected by the Association until the date Class B membership ceases.

**5.3 Late Charges.** All assessments shall accrue late charges, interest (not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due), and costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. The assessments and charges shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made, and shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment fell due and upon such Owner's successor in title if unpaid on the date of the conveyance of such Lot.

**5.4 Personal Liability.** Each Owner shall be personally liable for the portion of each assessment coming due while the owner of a Lot, and each grantee of an Owner, shall be jointly and severally liable for the assessments which are due at the time of conveyance; however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor or immediately preceding Owner shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings, in which event, the prior owner shall continue to remain liable.

**5.5 Certificate of Payment.** The Association shall, within five (5) business days after receiving a written request, 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 shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance. The Board shall have the right to impose a reasonable charge for providing this certificate.

**5.6 Annual Assessments.** Annual assessments shall be levied equally on all similarly situated Lots and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. The Board may, in its sole discretion, distinguish between the occupied Lots and the unoccupied Lots for the purpose of annual assessments. If the Board sets a lower assessment for the unoccupied Lots, the Owner of an unoccupied Lot may not use the Common Areas unless such Owner pays the assessment established by the Board for occupied Lots. The Board may allow annual assessments to be paid in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual periodic payments as determined by the Association's Board of

Directors, and the Board shall have the right to accelerate any unpaid installments in the event an Owner is delinquent. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the annual assessment shall be paid in annual installments. Neither the Declarant nor Poinsett Homes, LLC will be responsible for the payment of assessments on Lots it owns until such time as the Association converts to Class A membership; however, the Declarant shall fund such amount necessary to pay approved expenses in excess of the amount collected by the Association until the date Class B membership ceases.

**5.7 Computation of Annual Assessments.** The Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, which may include a capital contribution or reserve. The Board shall cause the budget and the assessments to be mailed or delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote. In the event the membership disapproves the proposed budget, or the Board fails to establish a budget for the succeeding year, the budget in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year until changed by the Board. In the event the Board's budget is disallowed, the Board shall have the right to make a new budget retroactive to the start of the fiscal year.

**5.8 Special Assessments.** In addition to the other assessments authorized by this Declaration, the Association may levy special assessments from time to time. Special assessments must be approved at a meeting by two-thirds (2/3) 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.

**5.9 Lien for Assessment.** All sums assessed against any Lot, Owner, or member pursuant to this Declaration shall be secured by a lien on such Lot in favor of the Association.

**5.10 Priority.** The lien of the Association shall be superior to all other liens and encumbrances on such Lot, except for (a) liens for ad valorem taxes; (b) liens for all sums unpaid on a first priority Mortgage or deed to secure debt, or (c) a lien arising by virtue of any Mortgage in favor of Declarant which is duly recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located. All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration shall have been recorded shall be deemed to acknowledge that their liens shall be inferior to the lien of the Association for assessments in existence at that time or which arise in the future.

**5.11 Effect of Nonpayment of Assessment.** Any assessments (or installments) which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment (or installment) which is delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount set by the Board. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien shall attach to the Owner's Lot. The lien shall cover all assessments then due or which come due until the lien is cancelled of record, and any other amounts provided in this Declaration or permitted by law. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after thirty (30) days,



the Association may, in its sole discretion, may take any or all of the following action:

(a) Assess an interest charge from the date of delinquency at the rate per annum two points above the prime rate charged by the Association's bank, or such other rate as shall have been established by the Board of Directors;

(b) Assess a late charge at the rate established by the Board per delinquency or such other charge as shall have been established by the Board of Directors;

(c) Suspend the voting rights of the Owner during any period of delinquency;

(d) Accelerate all remaining assessments for the fiscal year in question so that unpaid assessments for the remainder of the fiscal year shall be due and payable at once;

(e) Bring an action at law or in equity against the Owner personally obligated to pay the delinquent assessment by instituting suit to collect such amounts and foreclose its lien against the Lot, and interest, costs of collection and reasonable attorneys fees of such action of foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such assessment. The Association shall have the right to foreclose its lien through any method allowed by law. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same.

No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability of the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of such Owner's Lot.

**5.12 No Set Off or Deduction.** No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt himself from liability for the assessments provided for in this Declaration. No setoff, diminution, or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action, 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. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner and is not subject to setoff.

**5.13 Application of Payments.** All payments shall be applied first to costs, then to late charges, then to interest, and then to delinquent assessments.

**5.14 Date of Commencement of Assessments.** Assessments shall start on the date of closing for the sale of the Lot to a Person other than Declarant or Poinsett Homes, LLC. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of days then remaining in that fiscal year.

**5.15 Special Assessments.** The Board shall have the power to determine special assessments pursuant to this Section as it shall deem appropriate, in its sole

discretion. 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. The Board may also determine special assessments on Owners for the following Association expenses (except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association):

(a) expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefitted 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.

(c) **For Capital Improvements.** In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any calendar year, a special assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvements upon any Common Area, including the streets, entrance walls, signs, and landscaping, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, or to make up any deficit or shortage in the current year's budget; provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of Class A members and the approval of the Class B member(s) who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. All special assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis as determined by the Association's Board of Directors. Notice of the amount and due dates for such special assessments must be sent to each Owner at least thirty (30) days prior to such due date.

(d) **For Exterior Maintenance, Yard and Fence.** In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, in the event that any Owner fails to properly maintain the exterior of such Owner's residence, including the yard and any fence or fences on such Owner's Lot, the Board of Directors of the Association may, by majority vote, levy a special assessment against the Owner of such Lot, which assessment shall be in an amount equivalent to that required to properly maintain the exterior of such residence, fence, fences or yard or may expend portions of the assessments for maintenance of the exterior of such Owner's residence, yard or fence, in which event, the Owner shall be assessed for such expense of maintenance as provided for herein.

**5.16 Budget Deficits During Declarant Control.** For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, 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 and the sum of the annual, special, and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year. Such advances shall, upon request of Declarant, be repaid from assessments or may be

evidenced by promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant. The failure of Declarant to obtain a promissory note shall not invalidate the debt; or

(b) cause the Association to borrow such amount, or a general borrowing from a third party at the then prevailing rates for such a loan in the local area of the Community. Declarant, in its sole discretion, may guarantee repayment of such loan, if required by the lending institution, but no Mortgage secured by the Common Area or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan; or

(c) acquire property for, or provide services to, the Association or the Common Area. Declarant shall designate the value of the property or the services provided and such amounts, at the request of the Declarant, be evidenced by a promissory note. Failure to obtain a promissory note shall not invalidate the obligation referred to in this Section.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**MAINTENANCE & CONVEYANCE**  
**OF COMMON AREA TO ASSOCIATION**

**6.1 Association's Responsibility.** (a) The Association shall maintain in good repair the Common Area, including (without limitation) maintenance, repair, and replacement of all landscaping and improvements situated on the Common Area. The Association shall also maintain all lakes and associated dams, if any, in or about the Community or any Lot thereon to the extent maintenance of such lake is required and the lake is not otherwise maintained by a governmental entity or third party.

(b) The Association shall also maintain all Community entry features, Common Areas, and operate and maintain street lights (if not maintained and operated by a governmental entity) for the Community including the expenses for water and electricity, if any, provided to all such entry features, Common Areas, and street lights; all storm water detention facilities and easements serving the Community (to the extent such facilities and easements are not maintained by a governmental entity); and all property outside of Lots located within the Community which was originally maintained by Declarant.

(c) The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or without the Community, where the Board has determined that such maintenance would benefit the Owners.

(d) In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement of property described above is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the family, guests, lessees, or invitees of any Owner, and is not covered or paid for by insurance, in whole or in part, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair, or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs thereof shall be an special assessment against such Owner subject to the Association's lien and collection rights provided for in this Declaration.

(e) All maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

**6.2 Owner's Responsibility.** Except as provided in Section 6.1(a) above, all maintenance of the Lot and all structures, parking areas, landscaping, and other improvements thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. In the event that the Board determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly any of such Owner's obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair, or replacement of items for which such Owner is responsible, the Association may perform such maintenance, repair, or replacement for the Owner at the expense of the Owner. Except in an emergency situation, the Association shall give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repairs, or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair, or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair, or replacement is not capable of completion within a ten (10) day period, to commence such work, which shall be completed within a reasonable time. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs shall be assessed against the Owner as a special assessment.

**6.3 Conveyance of Common Area by Declarant to Association.** The Declarant may convey to the Association any personal property, any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement, or other property interest located within or adjacent to the Community. Such conveyance shall be accepted by the Association, and the property shall thereafter be Common Area 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 Section.

## **ARTICLE VII** **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

**7.1 Purpose.** In order to maintain a high quality residential development, to assure that all houses and other structures are of appropriate size, harmonious in design, properly located in relationship to neighboring structures and adapted to the terrain of each Lot, Declarant has retained full architectural control as herein provided. Accordingly, no building, fence, wall or other structure of any kind, or alterations or additions or change of exterior appearance thereto shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Property or any Lot until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by Declarant or by the Architectural Control Committee, as defined in Section 7.2 of this Article.



**7.2 Architectural Review Committee.** (a) The "Architectural Review Committee" shall mean, as follows: So long as Declarant owns any portion of the property subjected to this Declaration, the Architectural Review Committee shall mean the Declarant, unless Declarant shall elect to transfer such control to the Association or to an Architectural Review Committee whose members shall be Lot Owners.

(b) The Architectural Review Committee may be established such that it is divided into two (2) subcommittees, with one (1) subcommittee having jurisdiction over modifications and the other having jurisdiction over new construction.

(c) The Board may employ architects, engineers, or other persons as it deems necessary to enable the Architectural Review Committee to perform its review.

(d) The Architectural Review Committee may, from time to time, delegate any of its rights or responsibilities hereunder to one (1) or more duly licensed architects or other qualified Persons, which shall have full authority to act on behalf of the committee for all matters delegated.

(e) Written design guidelines and procedures shall be promulgated for the exercise of this review, which guidelines may be provided to Owners for a reasonable fee.

(f) So long as the Declarant owns any property for development or sale in the Community, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the Architectural Review Committee. Upon the expiration or earlier surrender in writing of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the Architectural Review Committee.

(g) At such time as all of the Lots in the Community have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and such Lots have been sold to permanent residents, or at such time as Declarant desires to transfer control to an Architectural Review Committee, the Declarant shall notify the President of the Board of Directors of the Association to that effect. Declarant will then execute a written instrument transferring control to the Board of Directors of the Association and record it in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyances for **Greenville** County, South Carolina. Thereupon, the Declarant's rights and obligations as the Architectural Review Committee shall forthwith terminate; and, thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Association shall have the right, power, authority, and obligation to establish a successor Architectural Review Committee and prescribe rules and regulations pursuant to which such Committee shall serve and act. Any such successor Architectural Review Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) but not more than seven (7) Owners. The term of each committee member shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.

**7.3 Review and Approval of Plans.** (a) No building, fence, wall or other structure of any kind, or alteration or addition or change of exterior appearance thereto, may be commenced, erected or maintained on any Lot, until two (2) sets of plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color and location of the same shall have been submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for written



