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Exhibit A

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## DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR CANNON CROSSING

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR CANNON CROSSING ("Declaration") is made as of November 24, 2020, by CH-Muir's Chapel, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company ("Declarant").

### RECITALS

A. The Declarant is the owner of that certain property located in Guilford County, North Carolina, described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Property"). The Declarant intends that various portions of the Property be set aside for the collective use of the owners and residents of the planned community known as Cannon Crossing to be created on the Property. The initial plat of the planned community is recorded in Plat Book 204, Page 146 of the Guilford County Registry ("Plat").

B. In order to preserve and enhance the value of the homes built on the Property and to promote the welfare of their owners and occupants, the Declarant desires to subject the Property, including all Lots and the common elements as shown on the Plat, to this Declaration.

C. In order to facilitate the objectives described herein, the Declarant has formed a North Carolina non-profit corporation called Cannon Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), which shall be responsible for the enforcement and performance of certain obligations under this Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant declares that the Property, together with such additions thereto as are hereafter made pursuant to Article 2 of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, used, occupied and improved subject to the easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, servitudes, charges and liens created or provided for by this Declaration.

1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Article, the following words and terms have the following definitions, unless the context in which they are used clearly indicates otherwise. Some or all of the following words and terms may have the same definitions in other portions of this Declaration; if so, they are being repeated here for convenience; if not, as used in this Article, they have the definitions contained in this Article.

1.1. "Act" means the North Carolina Planned Community Act, as contained in Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes (or as contained in any successor portion of the North Carolina General Statutes), as the same exists from time to time.

1.2. "Architectural Review Board" or "ARB" means the committee created pursuant to Article 14 hereof.

1.3. "Articles" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Association which have been

filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of North Carolina, as amended from time to time.

1.4. “Assessment” means any of the types of assessments defined below in this Section.

1.4.1. “Attached Townhome Assessment” means the amounts charged to each Attached Townhome subject to assessment by the Association representing its proportionate share of the Attached Townhome Expenses as determined in accordance with Sections 11.5 and 11.8.

1.4.2. “Common Assessment” means the amounts charged to each Lot subject to assessment by the Association under Article 11, representing the Lot’s share of the Common Expenses as determined in accordance with Sections 11.5 and 11.6.

1.4.3. “Individual Assessment” means the amounts charged to one or more Lots by the Association in connection with (.1) the enforcement of the Governing Documents as a result of the acts or omissions of the Owner or Permitted Users of a Lot, their respective agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees, licensees or invitees for their failure to duly perform their obligations under the Governing Documents, (.2) reimbursing the Association for expenses incurred by the Association due to that Owner’s failure to Maintain his Lot or Unit pursuant to the standards set forth in this Declaration, (.3) reimbursing the Association for injury, loss or damage to the Association or to any Common Area, Association Property or other Lot caused by the Owner or Permitted Users, or their respective agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees, licensees or invitees, and not covered by insurance, or (.4) for any other purpose expressly authorized by this Declaration.

1.4.4. “Special Assessment” means and includes the following: the amounts charged to each Lot subject to assessment by the Association for any of the following purposes: (.1) unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of the amounts budgeted; (.2) expenses incurred by the Association for repair, replacement or reconstruction of any Improvements on any portion of the Common Areas or Association Property; (.3) expenses incurred by the Association for installation or construction of any Improvements in the nature of a capital improvement on any portion of the Common Areas or Association Property; (.4) expenses incurred by the Association for Restoration of portions of the Property in the event the insurance proceeds are insufficient to pay the Restoration Costs or in the event the injury, loss or damage resulted from an uninsured loss; or (.5) expenses incurred by the Association for installation or construction of any Improvements in the nature of a capital improvement to the Attached Townhomes in connection with Attached Townhome Services.

If Special Assessments are assessed for Common Expenses or for any purpose identified in clause (.2) or (.3) above, they shall be assessed against all Lots subject to assessment under Article 11. If Special Assessments are assessed for Attached Townhome Expenses, they shall be assessed against all Attached Townhomes subject to assessment within the particular Collection under Article 11. If Special Assessments are assessed for any purpose identified in clause (.4) above, they shall be assessed against the Owners of the damaged Attached Townhomes in the same proportion which the Restoration Costs attributable to their Attached Townhomes bears to all

Restoration Costs of the damaged Attached Townhomes as provided in Article 9. If Special Assessments are assessed for any purpose identified in clause (.5) above, they shall be assessed against all Attached Townhomes benefited by the installation or construction of capital improvements as provided under Article 11.

1.5. “Association Property” means all personal property owned by the Association. Association Property shall also include all personal property in which the Association holds possessory or use rights.

1.6. “Attached Townhome” means a two or more story Unit which has no Units located above or below it and which shares one or more Party Walls with adjacent Unit(s).

1.7. “Attached Townhome Building” means an Improvement consisting of two or more Attached Townhomes notwithstanding that each Attached Townhome therein is located on a separate Lot.

1.8. “Attached Townhome Expenses” means all actual and estimated expenses which the Association incurs or expects to incur to provide Attached Townhome Services for the benefit of Owners of Attached Townhomes, including any of the following in connection therewith: Maintaining (including reasonable reserves for capital improvements, repairs and replacements) and providing labor, materials, goods, services, or benefits in connection with Attached Townhome Services, all as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association in accordance with this Declaration.

1.9. “Attached Townhome Owner” means the Owner of an Attached Townhome.

1.10. “Attached Townhome Services” means those goods, services, items or benefits provided by the Association for the benefit of the Attached Townhomes pursuant to this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration or agreement approved by a majority of the voting interests of the Attached Townhome Owners present in person or by proxy at a meeting of the Attached Townhome Owners. Attached Townhome Services include the following:

1.10.1. Exterior Maintenance for Attached Townhomes;

1.10.2. Procurement and Maintenance of the insurance coverage described in Section 8.3 of this Declaration; and

1.10.3. Restoration of those portions of the Attached Townhomes when damaged by casualty or loss as provided in Article 9 of this Declaration.

The Association has the right in its sole and absolute discretion to change, add, modify, expand, reduce or eliminate Attached Townhome Services upon not less than ninety (90) days prior written notice to the Attached Townhome Owners.

1.11. “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the board of directors of the Association, and is the executive board as defined in the Act. The Board is responsible for the management and administration of the Association as provided for in this Declaration and in the Act.

1.12. “Bylaws” means the Bylaws of the Association adopted by the Board, as amended from time to time.

1.13. “City” or “City of Greensboro” means the City of Greensboro, a North Carolina municipal corporation.

1.14. “Class A Member” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2.1.

1.15. “Class B Member” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2.2.

1.16. “Code” means the Land Development Ordinance or Code of Ordinances for the City of Greensboro, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

1.17. “Collection” means a group of Units having similar features or characteristics which are designated as such by an amendment hereto or in a Supplemental Declaration. A group of Units may be designated as a separate Collection for purposes of receiving goods, services or benefits, such as Exterior Maintenance, that are not provided to all of the Units or are provided at a different level or frequency. A Collection may be comprised of more than one group of Units or type of Improvement within the Property, and the Lots within the Collection need not be contiguous or adjacent. For so long as the Declarant or its affiliates own any portion of the Community, the Lots within any Collection shall be determined by the Declarant in its reasonable discretion and thereafter by the Association. In addition, a Sub-Association Declaration may be recorded to designate certain Lots as part of a Collection or impose additional measures or restrictions on a Collection.

1.18. “Common Areas” means all real property and interests in real property, together with any Improvements situated thereon, intended for the common use and benefit of the Association, the Owners, and/or the Permitted Users of the Property, and/or designated as a “Common Area”, “Common Elements”, “Common Property” or similar designation in this Declaration, on a Subdivision Plat or other document recorded in the Registry. Common Areas may be owned or leased by the Association or dedicated to the Association on a Subdivision Plat or may be owned by another Person with the Association having a right or easement therein (for example, part or all of a private stormwater drainage easement located on either a Lot or real property that is not part of the Property and that serves more than one (1) Lot or a right of the Association to use of a portion of a public street right of way pursuant to an encroachment agreement with the City).

1.19. “Common Expenses” means all of the actual and estimated expenses of the Association for owning, leasing, administering, Maintaining, managing, operating, insuring, repairing, and replacing the Common Areas and Association Property (including unpaid Common Assessments and Special Assessments not paid by the Owner responsible for payment), and performing its rights

and responsibilities under the Act and the Governing Documents, together with any other expenses incurred by the Association as are specifically provided for elsewhere in this Declaration or are otherwise reasonably incurred by the Association in connection with the Association, Common Areas or Association Property or for the benefit of the Owners and their Permitted Users.

1.20. “Community” means that planned community known as Cannon Crossing and depicted on the Site Plan.

1.21. “County” means Guilford County, North Carolina.

1.22. “Declarant” means CH-Muirs Chapel, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, its successors and those assigns to which the Declarant may assign all or a portion of its rights hereunder in a written assignment recorded in the Registry. In the event of a partial assignment, the assignee shall not be deemed the Declarant, but may exercise such rights of Declarant specifically assigned to it. Any such assignment may be made on a nonexclusive basis.

1.23. “Declarant Control Period” means any period of Declarant control of the Association, as provided in 3-103(d) of the Act and established in this Declaration. For purposes of this Declaration and other Governing Documents, “Declarant Control Period” refers to the period during which the Declarant shall have the right to control the Association and appoint all of the Board of Directors. The Declarant Control Period shall expire on first to occur of the following events:

1.23.1. December 31, 2050;

1.23.2. The later of 120 days or the annual meeting following the date on which one hundred (100%) percent of the Units in all phases of the Community that may ultimately be subject to this Declaration have been conveyed to Class A Members; or

1.23.3. When the Declarant records a notice in the Registry expressly terminating its Class B membership.

1.24. “Declarant’s Permittees” means the Declarant’s officers, directors, partners, joint venturers, managing members (and the officers, directors and employees of any such corporation, partnership, joint venture or limited liability company), employees, beneficiaries, agents, independent contractors (including both general contractors and subcontractors), suppliers, visitors, licensees and invitees and those of any affiliate of the Declarant.

1.25. “Declaration” and “this Declaration” means (and, except as otherwise provided in Section 1.62, “herein”, “hereto”, “hereof”, “hereunder” and words of similar import shall refer to) this document together with all exhibits and amendments to the document and Supplemental Declarations thereto.

1.26. “Eligible Mortgagee” means a First Mortgagee which owns, services, insures or guarantees



a First Mortgage encumbering a Unit which has notified the Association in writing of its name and address and status as a holder, insurer or guarantor of a First Mortgage. Such notice will be deemed to include a request that the Eligible Mortgage Holder be given the notices and other rights described in Article 17.

1.27. “Exterior Maintenance” means all labor, materials, goods and services necessary or desirable to Maintain in good repair and condition, operate, inspect, test, repair, preserve, perform minor alterations, clean, and/or any other action or activity commonly or customarily regarded as Maintenance of the following exterior portions of an Attached Townhome:

1.27.1. periodic cleaning and periodic painting of exterior paintable surfaces of exterior walls and entry doors, together with caulking;

1.27.2. repair and replacement of the roof of each Attached Townhome, including roof shingles, flashing, fascia, soffit, decking, gutters and downspouts, and boots around vents and fresh air returns, but excluding roof trusses, joists, or any other structural element of the roof;

1.27.3. repair and replacement of exterior doors and related hardware; and

1.27.4. such other exterior portions of an Attached Townhome as the Board from time to time may elect to Maintain on not less than ninety (90) days prior written notice to the Owners of Attached Townhomes.

The cost of Exterior Maintenance for Attached Townhomes shall be an Attached Townhome Expense.

Exterior Maintenance shall not include repair, replacement or reconstruction of any of the following parts or components of an Attached Townhome: windows or interior doors; Hardi board, rebar, mortar, tie beams, roof trusses or joists, or any structural element of the exterior walls or roof; all or any portion of the plumbing, electrical or mechanical systems whether located inside or outside of the Attached Townhome; all patios, terraces, decks and stairs; all exterior lighting fixtures and bulbs; and all sidewalks, driveways and front porches (except for the roof and decorative columns of a porch which are the Maintenance responsibility of the Association to the extent described in this Section). All portions of an Attached Townhome other than those which are Maintained by the Association as part of Exterior Maintenance shall be the Owner’s responsibility.

1.28. “Fiscal Year” means the calendar year until such time as the Board, by appropriate resolution, establishes a different Fiscal Year for the Association.

1.29. “Future Development Property” means the real property more particularly described in Exhibit B attached hereto, as amended from time to time, which may be developed as Lots, Units or Common Areas; however, the boundaries, location, size, configuration, and uses of any such Lots, Units, and Common Areas have not been determined as of this Declaration. The Declarant

has no obligation to declare all or any portion of the Future Development Property to be Lots, Units or Common Areas.

1.30. “Governing Documents” means collectively this Declaration (including any Supplemental Declaration), Articles, Bylaws, architectural guidelines and the rules and regulations of the Association and all exhibits to any of the foregoing, all as they may be amended, restated or supplemented from time to time.

1.31. “Guest” means any Person who is physically present in or occupies a Unit on a permanent or temporary basis at the invitation of the Owner or Tenant without the payment of consideration. Any Person who is physically present in or occupies a Unit at the invitation of the Owner or Tenant for consideration shall be deemed a “Tenant.”

1.32. “Improvement” means any structure or artificially created condition or appurtenance located on the Property, including any building constructed on any Lot, any additions and structural alterations to any Unit or Lot, any walkway, sprinkler pipe, road, driveway, parking area, fence, screening wall, retaining wall, stairway, deck, landscaping, hedge, fountain, tree, planting, shrub, recreational or other facilities, windbreak, pole, swimming pool, pool deck, sign, screen enclosure, sewer, drain, disposal system, grading, paving, or exterior heating, ventilating or air-conditioning equipment or water softener fixture or equipment.

1.33. “Include,” “includes,” or “including” is intended to include of the particular matter described and to be interpreted as if it were followed by either the phrase “without limitation” or “but not limited to,” unless otherwise clearly obvious from the context.

1.34. “Lot” means that portion of the Property (.1) which is developed or intended for development, use and occupancy as a Unit and is shown as a numbered or letter parcel on any Subdivision Plat of any part or all of the Property and is declared to be a Lot in this Declaration or a Supplemental Declaration and (.2) which is not a Common Area, dedicated street or transit right of way, Sub-Association Common Area or greenway or park lands owned in fee simple by the City. The Declarant may declare a portion of the Property to be a “Lot” subject to the Governing Documents on a Subdivision Plat, replat, or by this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration or any other recorded instrument. The term “Lot” shall include any Unit constructed thereon. No portion of the Future Development Property shall be deemed to be a Lot unless and until it is expressly declared to be a Lot in a Supplemental Declaration.

1.35. “Lot Landscaping” means the following portions of a Lot which are Maintained by the Association, as determined from time to time by the Board: (.1) the grass, shrubs, trees and other landscaping materials located in the front, side or back yards, and (.2) those irrigation lines and facilities, if any, installed on a Lot by the Declarant, a Participating Builder or Association. Neither the Declarant, a Participating Builder nor the Association shall have any obligation to install any irrigation lines or facilities. Lot Landscaping does not include any spa, pool, fountain, patio, courtyard paving, screening, landscaping within an enclosed or gated area or similar Improvement located on a Lot.

1.36. “Maintain,” “Maintenance,” “Maintaining,” or any similar term used in this Declaration includes any one or more of the following, as the context requires: acquisition, purchase, construction, re-construction, installation, maintenance, inspection, examination, upkeep, cleaning, renewal, alteration, repair, replacement, repainting, remodeling, restoration, removal, improvement, administration, operation, use, planting, mowing, cutting, trimming, pruning, fertilizing, watering and preservation.

1.37. “Member” means each Person who or which holds membership in the Association by virtue of his ownership of a Lot.

1.38. “Mortgage” means any mortgage or deed of trust encumbering a portion of the Property, including a Lot. “First Mortgage” means any recorded Mortgage with first priority or seniority over other Mortgages on a particular portion of the Property.

1.39. “Mortgagee” means any beneficiary, payee or holder of any Mortgage, and the term Mortgage is deemed to refer to both mortgages and deeds of trust. “First Mortgagee” means any beneficiary, payee or holder of a First Mortgage.

1.40. “Operating Deficit” means the difference between the total amount of the Assessments for a Fiscal Year levied on all Lots and the amount of actual expenditures by the Association during the Fiscal Year for Common Expenses, including funding of reserves, but excluding (.1) amounts levied against a Lot, but which are not paid, and (.2) Special Assessments for capital improvements.

1.41. “Owner” means the record Owner, whether one or more Persons, of fee simple title to any Lot or Future Development Property, and shall include Declarant as to any Lot or Future Development Property owned by Declarant. “Owner” shall not include any Person who holds an interest in a Lot or Future Development Property merely as security for the performance of an obligation or as a Tenant or as a purchaser under an executory contract of sale.

1.42. “Participating Builder” means any Person which acquires any portion of the Property from the Declarant for the purpose of constructing improvements for sale to consumers or who purchases any portion of the Property for development and resale in the ordinary course of its business.

1.43. “Party Wall” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.3.1.

1.44. “Party Wall Co-Owner” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.3.1.

1.45. “Permitted Users” means the Tenants or Guests of an Owner.

1.46. “Person” includes any natural person, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, governmental entity (including the City), or



other entity.

1.47. “Property” means, collectively, all of the real property and interests in real property subject to any part or all of the terms of this Declaration. The Property is legally described in Exhibit A hereto (including all Improvements thereon), plus whatever additional real property (together with all Improvements thereon) is declared to be Property in any Supplemental Declaration, less whatever portions of the Property (together with all Improvements thereon) are declared to be withdrawn from the provision of this Declaration in any Supplemental Declaration.

1.48. “Registry” means the office of the Guilford County Register of Deeds (or any successor office under applicable law). All references herein to recording or to any requirement to record a document or Subdivision Plat refer to recording in the Registry of the County or Counties in which the applicable portion of the Property is situated.

1.49. “Restore,” “Restoration,” Restoring” or any similar term used in this Declaration includes any one or more of the following, as the context requires: debris removal, alteration, reconstruction, installation, inspection, examination, repair, replacement, repainting, restoration of an Improvement lost or damaged by fire or other casualty, deterioration or obsolescence, or any taking by condemnation or eminent domain proceedings.

1.50. “Restoration Costs” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

1.51. “Site Plan” means the graphic representation of the proposed plan for development of the Community depicted on the Preliminary Plan for Cannon Crossing, dated September 28, 2017, as approved by the City, as amended from time to time. The Declarant reserves the right to alter or modify the Site Plan as it deems desirable in its sole discretion.

1.52. “Stormwater Covenant” means any covenant recorded in the Registry as required by the Code relating to Stormwater Control Measures for the Property or any part thereof, and includes all amendments and supplements to such agreements. The Stormwater Covenant includes any operation and maintenance agreement for Stormwater Control Facilities made by Declarant and the Association and recorded in the Registry.

1.53. “Stormwater Control Measures” or “Stormwater Control Facilities,” such terms being used interchangeably in this Declaration and shall refer to the wet detention/retention pond for the Community as shown on the initial Subdivision Plat for the Community. All Stormwater Control Measures are Common Area, to be maintained in accordance with this Declaration and the requirements of the City department responsible for watershed protection.

1.54. “Stormwater Manual” means any manual, however named, referenced in the Stormwater Covenant as establishing the requirements for the Maintenance of Stormwater Control Measures and the payment of the costs thereof.

1.55. “Sub-Association” means any sub-association formed pursuant to the North Carolina non-

profit corporation act.

1.56. “Sub-Association Declaration” means any Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Easements for a Sub-Association recorded in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Declaration permitting the same, together with all exhibits and supplements thereto, as they may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.

1.57. “Subdivision Plat” means any recorded graphic representation drawn to scale showing the showing the location and geographic boundaries of individual lots, tracts, parcels, blocks, subdivisions, open spaces, rights of way, easements and if applicable common areas for all or portions of the Community, as approved by the City, as amended from time to time. The Declarant reserves the right to alter, modify or replat all or any portion of a Subdivision Plat as it deems desirable in its sole discretion.

1.58. “Supplemental Declaration” means any instrument recorded by the Declarant or the Association in the office of the Registry for the purpose of: adding additional property to the Property; declaring Future Development Property or other property to be Lots, Units, Attached Townhomes, Collections or Common Areas; requiring the Association to perform Lot Landscaping for portions of the Property; requiring the Association to perform Exterior Maintenance for portions of the Property; withdrawing property from the Property; or changing the designation of certain property as Lots, Units, Attached Townhomes, Collections, Common Areas or Future Development Property.

1.59. “Tenant” means any Person who is physically present in or is entitled to occupy a Unit in exchange for consideration. Tenants shall not be Members of the Association, but shall, through the Owner, be entitled to certain rights and undertake certain obligations with respect to the Unit.

1.60. “Unit” means a Lot on which has been constructed an Improvement intended for use as a single residential dwelling unit, whether such unit is located in a single family, duplex, townhouse or multiunit building.

1.61. “Working Capital Contribution” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.23.

1.62. Interpretation and Flexibility. In the event of any ambiguity or question as to whether any Person, property or Improvement falls within any of the definitions set forth in this Article 1, the determination made by Declarant in such regard (as evidenced by a recorded Supplemental Declaration stating same) shall be binding and conclusive. Moreover, Declarant may also, by way of Supplemental Declaration, alter or amend the application of any portion of this Declaration as to any specified portion(s) of the Property to reflect any unique characteristics thereof. Provided, however, such altered or amended application may not go so far as to be unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Property contemplated in this Declaration.

## 2. GENERAL PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT; PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION; ADDITIONS THERETO.

2.1. General Plan. Declarant is the owner of the Property. Declarant presently plans to develop all or a portion of the Property as a multi-phased, planned community comprised of residential, recreational and related uses.

2.2. Legal Description. The legal description of the Property is provided on Exhibit A attached hereto. The real property and Improvements thereto described in Exhibit B attached hereto are designated as "Future Development Property."

2.3. Future Development. Declarant does not represent or warrant that the development shown in any Site Plan, drawings, renderings, plans or models for the Future Development Property will be carried out or that the Future Development Property will actually be developed or built. Any Site Plan or drawings, renderings, plans or models for the Future Development Property are conceptual in nature and do not represent a final development or improvement plan. No portion of the Future Development Property shall be deemed to be a Lot, Unit, Attached Townhome, Collection or Common Area unless and until it is declared to be such in a Supplemental Declaration executed by the Declarant and the Owner of the Future Development Property if other than the Declarant. The Declarant has no obligation to declare all or any portion of the Future Development Property to be Lots, Units, Attached Townhomes, a Collection or Common Areas.

The Owners acknowledge, covenant and agree that Declarant will have no liability to the Owners for any changes to, or failure to complete any development or Improvements in accordance with the Site Plan, or any drawings, renderings, plans or models. Each Owner acknowledges that the development of the Property may extend over a number of years, and agrees and consents to all changes in the uses or density of Units within the Property and the architectural scheme of the Property. Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that the Owner is not entitled to rely upon, and has not received or relied upon, any representations, warranties, or guarantees whatsoever as to the current or future: (.1) design, construction, completion, development, use, benefits, or value of land within the Property; (.2) number, types, sizes, prices, or designs of any Unit, structure, building, facilities, amenities or improvements built or to be built in any part of the Property; or (.3) use or development of any land adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Property.

2.4. Supplements. Declarant has the right, but not the obligation, to develop the land constituting the Property in "phases" from time to time and to declare such portions of the Property to be Lots, Units, Attached Townhomes, a Collection or Common Areas by Supplemental Declaration. So long as the Declarant owns any property in the Community, the Declarant may designate as "Property" other land in the Community or any adjacent property (including the Improvements thereon) by recording Supplemental Declarations, which shall not require the consent of then-existing Owners or the Association. If Declarant is not the owner of the land to be added to the Property as of the date the applicable Supplemental Declaration is to be made, then the owner(s) of such land shall join in such Supplemental Declaration. Once so added, such land shall be deemed a part of the Property for all purposes of this Declaration, except as modified pursuant to Section 1.62 hereof, if at all. Nothing in this Declaration shall, however, obligate Declarant to add to real property designated as the Property or to develop the Future Development

Property or any other real property (adjacent or otherwise) under the common scheme contemplated by this Declaration, nor to prohibit Declarant (or the applicable Declarant-affiliated Owner) from changing the development plans with respect to the Property.

All Owners by acceptance of their deeds to or other conveyances of their Lots thereby automatically consent to any such change, addition, withdrawal or deletion thereafter made by the Declarant (or the applicable Declarant-affiliated Owner thereof) and shall evidence such consent in writing if requested to do so by the Declarant at any time (provided, however, that the refusal to give such written consent shall not obviate the general effect of this provision).

Any such Supplemental Declaration may submit the Property added by it to such additions to and modifications of the Governing Documents as may be necessary or convenient in the Declarant's judgment to reflect or adapt to any changes in circumstances or difference in the character of the added properties or Improvements thereon.

The Declarant reserves the right to modify the voting interests, Assessment rates and Assessment commencement dates by Supplemental Declaration.

2.5. Withdrawal. Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration unilaterally at any time, without the consent of any Owner, for the purpose of removing any portion of the Property then owned by the Declarant or its affiliates or the Association from the provisions of this Declaration for any reason. Any withdrawal of land not owned by Declarant shall not be effective without the written consent or joinder of the then-owner(s) of the withdrawn land.

2.6. Disclaimer of Implication. Only the Property described in Exhibit A hereto is submitted to the Governing Documents by this Declaration. Unless and until a Supplemental Declaration is recorded in the fashion required by Section 2.4 with respect to it, no other portion of the Community, if any, shall be in any way affected by the Governing Documents, and every such portion may be freely sold, conveyed or otherwise disposed of by their owner or owners free and clear of the Governing Documents.

2.7. Amendment. This Article 2 shall not be amended without the prior written consent of the Declarant, so long as Declarant (or any of its affiliates) owns any portion of the Community.

### 3. COMMON AREA PROVISIONS.

3.1. Common Areas. Certain portions of the Property are designated as Common Areas and are designed and intended for the common, non-exclusive use of the Declarant, Owners of all Lots, and all of the respective Permitted Users and invitees of the Declarant and the Owners, all as provided and regulated herein or otherwise by the Association. Declarant shall have the right, subject to obtaining all required governmental approvals and permits, to construct on the Common Areas such facilities as Declarant deems appropriate. The timing and phasing of all such construction shall be solely within the discretion of Declarant.



Without limiting the generality of Section 1.62, in the event that Declarant determines that a particular portion of the Property is or is not a Common Area hereunder (in the manner provided in Section 1.62), such determination shall be binding and conclusive. It is specifically contemplated that the Common Areas may change from time to time in connection with changes in development plans and other factors not now known (including by increase, decrease or transfer to the Sub-Association or a governmental entity). Accordingly, references in this Declaration to the Common Areas shall be deemed to refer to the Common Areas as they may exist as of the relevant time.

3.1.1. This Declaration is subject to any other easement currently of record which affects any of the Property. Any easement in favor of the Association and its benefits and burdens shall be deemed a Common Area. Additionally, Declarant reserves on behalf of the Association the right to accept any easements in favor of the Association over, under, across or through any portion of the Property or real property which abuts or is adjacent to the Property, and such easements shall be deemed a Common Area to the extent of such easements created. Any real property shall be considered adjacent to or abutting the Property even though a street, lake, canal or similar geographic separation may lie between any of such properties.

3.1.2. Declarant will endeavor to specifically identify (by recorded legal description, signage, physical boundaries, site plans or other means) the Common Areas of the Property, but such identification shall not be required in order for a portion of the Property to be Common Area hereunder. The Association need not have fee simple title to a portion of the Property in order for such portion to be designated as a Common Area.

3.2. Prior to Conveyance. The Owners shall have no right in or to any portion of the Community unless and until same is declared to be a Common Area in this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration and actually constructed, completed, and conveyed to, leased by, dedicated to, and/or Maintained by the Association. The Declarant has no obligation or responsibility to construct or supply any such Common Area of the Association, and no party shall be entitled to rely upon any statement contained in this Declaration as a representation or warranty as to the extent of the Common Areas to be owned, leased by, or dedicated to the Association. So long as Declarant (or any of its affiliates) owns any portion of the Community, the Declarant shall retain the right to add to, delete from, and modify any of the Common Areas.

3.3. Conveyance or Dedication of Common Areas. Except for those areas which the Code requires be conveyed to the City, the Common Areas shall be conveyed to the Association, subject to this Declaration, the Sub-Declaration (if applicable), drainage, greenway, utility, conservation and other easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations, and declarations of record at the time of conveyance, zoning, land use regulations and survey matters and the lien of real property taxes not yet due and payable. Title to Common Areas shall be conveyed to the Association at such time as may be determined by Declarant in its sole discretion, or when required by the Code or Act. The Association shall accept all Common Areas deeded to it and/or dedicated to it on any recorded Subdivision Plat of the Property, including any Improvements installed thereon by Declarant, whether or not the conveyance or dedication occurs

prior to the time of the conveyance of the first Lot within the applicable phase of the Property. The Association shall be responsible for the Maintenance of all Common Areas (whether or not conveyed or to be conveyed to the Association) in a continuous and satisfactory manner provided, however, Declarant, in its sole discretion may elect, but shall not be obligated, to maintain such Common Areas in such manner as Declarant deems reasonable prior to its conveyance of such Common Area(s) to the Association or Sub-Association.

The conveyance or transfer of Common Areas shall be "As Is." The Association shall be deemed to have assumed and agreed to pay all continuing obligations and service and similar contracts relating to the ownership, Maintenance and operation of the Common Area and other obligations relating to the Common Area imposed herein. The Association hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Declarant harmless on account thereof. The Association, by its joinder in this Declaration, hereby accepts such dedication(s) or conveyance(s) without setoff, condition, or qualification of any nature. THE ASSOCIATION AGREES TO ACCEPT "AS IS" THE CONVEYANCE OF THE COMMON AREA AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR BY LAW, AS TO THE CONDITION OR FITNESS OF THE COMMON AREA, OR PORTIONS THEREOF AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.

3.4. Operation After Conveyance. After the conveyance or transfer of any portion of the Common Area to the Association, the portion of the Common Area so conveyed or transferred shall be owned, operated, Maintained and administered by the Association for the use and benefit of the Owners, in accordance with the Governing Documents. Subject to the Association's right to grant easements, leaseholds and other interests as provided herein, the Association may not convey, transfer or encumber all or a portion of the Common Areas to a third party without (a) the approval of eighty (80%) percent of the total voting interests of the Owners; and (b) the written consent of the Declarant so long as Declarant (or any of its affiliates) owns any portion of the Community.

3.5. Taxes. It is intended that all real estate taxes assessed against the Common Areas owned or to be owned by the Association shall be (or have been, because the purchase prices of the Units have already taken into account their proportionate shares of values of the Common Area) proportionally assessed against and payable as part of the taxes of the Units within the Property. However, in the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such taxes are assessed directly against the Common Areas, the Association shall be responsible for the payment (subject to protest or appeal before or after payment) of the same, including taxes on any Improvements and any personal property thereon accruing from and after the date this Declaration or Supplemental Declaration designating the portion of the Property as Common Areas was recorded. Such taxes shall be prorated between Declarant (or the then Declarant-affiliated Owner thereof) and the Association as of the date of such recordation. Any taxes, including, without limitation, any local taxes, on the Common Areas shall be Common Expenses of the Association. In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall be responsible for the payment of assessments for public and private improvements made to, or for the benefit of the Common Areas.

Upon default by the Association in the payment to the jurisdiction of any assessments for public improvements or ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Areas, which default shall continue for a period of six (6) months, each Owner shall become personally obligated to pay to the jurisdiction a portion of the taxes or assessments in an amount determined by dividing the total taxes and/or assessments due to the jurisdiction by the total number of Lots in the Community. If the sum is not paid by the Owner within thirty (30) days following receipt of notice of the amount due, the sum shall become a continuing lien on the Owner's, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives, and assigns interest in the Lot. The taxing or assessing jurisdiction may either bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or may elect to foreclose the lien against the Owner's Lot.

3.6. Assumption of Risk. Without limiting any other provision herein, each Person using any portion of the Common Areas accepts and assumes all risk and responsibility for liability, injury, loss or damage connected with use of such Common Areas. The Person also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Declarant, the Association and all employees, directors, representatives, officers, agents, and partners of the foregoing, from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the Person's use of the Common Areas, including attorneys' fees and costs at trial, upon appeal or otherwise.

3.7. Negligence. The expense of any Maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the Common Areas necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner, its Permitted User or other Person utilizing the Common Areas, through or under such Owner, shall be borne solely by such Owner and the portions of the Property owned by that Owner shall be subject to an Individual Assessment for that expense.

3.8. Partition. Except as permitted in this Declaration, there shall be no judicial partition of the Common Areas or any part thereof, nor shall any Person acquiring any interest in the Property or any part thereof seek any judicial partition of the Common Areas or any part thereof, unless the Property has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Article shall not be construed to prohibit the Board of Directors from acquiring and disposing of tangible personal property nor from acquiring title to real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION

4.1. Membership. Declarant and every Owner within the Property shall be a Member of the Association, and by execution of this Declaration or by acceptance of a deed conveying to such Owner title to any Lot, each Owner consents to be a Member of the Association, subject to the terms of the Governing Documents. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of the Member's Lot. The foregoing is not intended to include any Person that holds an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Upon termination of ownership, an Owner's membership with respect to the transferred Lot shall automatically terminate and be automatically transferred to the new Owner of the Lot. The Owner of the Future

Development Property shall be a Member of the Association but no votes shall be allocated to any portion of the Future Development Property unless and until such portion is declared to be Lots by the Declarant and Owner of the Future Development Property, if other than the Declarant.

4.2. Voting Rights. Each Member shall have those voting rights established in this Declaration, which may be different for different classes of membership. The Association shall have two (2) classes of Members:

4.2.1. Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners of Lots, with the exception of the Declarant so long as the Declarant is a Class B Member. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Declaration, a Class A Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Unit developed or intended to be developed on a Lot owned by the Class A Member.

4.2.2. Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to ten (10) votes for each Class A vote and ten (10) votes for each Lot owned by a Class B Member. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the expiration of the Declarant Control Period.

4.2.3. Eighty Percent Threshold. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for the sole purpose of exercising the rights specified in Section 5.3, below, Declarant shall, at all times during the Declarant Control Period, be deemed to have no less than an eighty percent (80%) voting interest in the Association.

4.2.4. Co-Owners. When more than one Person holds an interest in any portion of the Property, all such Persons shall be Members of the Association and may attend any meeting of the Association. The vote or votes for such portion of the Property shall be exercised as such Persons may determine among themselves, but in no event shall more votes be cast with respect to any portion of the Property than the number provided in this Declaration. If a Lot is owned by two or more co-owners and only one of the co-owners is present at a meeting of the Owners, the co-owner who is present is entitled to cast all the votes allocated to that Lot. If more than one of the co-owners are present, the votes allocated to that Lot may be cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority in interest of the multiple co-owners. Majority agreement is conclusively presumed if any one of the co-owners casts the votes allocated to that Lot without protest being made promptly to the person presiding over the meeting by any of the other co-owners of the Lot. The President of the Association shall have the authority to require that such multiple Owners of a Lot file a certificate with the Secretary of the Association, signed by all of the Owners, designating the person entitled to cast the vote or votes for such Lot. Such certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate. If such certificate is not filed when required, the vote of such Owners shall not be considered in determining the requirements for a quorum or for any other purpose.

4.3. Modifications. The Declarant shall have the right in its sole discretion to modify the voting allocations set forth in Section 4.2 and to set forth such modified allocations in a Supplemental Declaration.



4.4. General Matters. When reference is made in the Governing Documents to a majority or specific percentage of Owners or Members, such reference shall be deemed to be reference to a majority or specific percentage of the voting interests of Members represented at a duly constituted meeting thereof (i.e., one for which proper notice has been given and at which a quorum exists) and not of the number of the Members themselves or number of Lots or the total aggregate number of voting interests unless this Declaration or Act expressly requires a majority or specific percentage of the "total voting interests," in which case the majority or specific percentage shall be computed on the total aggregate number of voting interests in the Association.

## 5. CERTAIN EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS

5.1. Owners' Rights of Use. Each Owner and Permitted User on the Property shall have a non-exclusive right of use and enjoyment and easement in the Common Areas, including the right of ingress and egress to and from all Common Areas throughout the Property, subject to such rules and regulations as are allowed under the Governing Documents to be imposed by the Association and subject to suspension of use rights allowed in the Governing Documents; provided that no suspension of rights shall occur without first providing notice of the charge, opportunity to be heard and to present evidence, and notice of the decision as required by §3-107.1 of the Act. But the right of access and support, the right to drain stormwater and the right to use Stormwater Control Measures, private streets, private utility services provided to the Lot or Future Development Property through easements in Common Area, and any assigned parking areas shall not be suspended for violation of the Association's rules and regulations.

5.2. Limitations on Use of Common Areas. All rights of use and enjoyment in the Common Areas are subject to the following:

5.2.1. Easements over and upon the Common Areas in favor of the Association and its Members shall not be deemed to grant any easements or use rights which are not specifically granted elsewhere herein or in any other documents to which the Property (or any applicable portion(s) thereof) are now or hereafter made subject.

5.2.2. The right of the Association to:

5.2.2.1. Suspend the rights of an Owner and his Permitted Users to use the Common Areas (except legal access and drainage easements) as set forth in Subsection 11.16.6 for any period during which any applicable Assessment remains unpaid subject to the requirements of the Act, Article 13 and Subsection 11.16.6 of this Declaration.

5.2.2.2. Adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas. Any rule and/or regulation so adopted by the Association shall apply until rescinded or modified.

5.2.3. The Declarant shall have the right to construct, erect and build