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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EASEMENTS**

**OF**

**MAPLE LANE**

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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EASEMENTS  
OF  
MAPLE LANE**

This DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EASEMENTS OF MAPLE LANE ("**Declaration**") is made by D.R. HORTON BAY, INC., a Delaware corporation ("**Declarant**") with reference to the facts set forth below.

**RECITALS**

All initially capitalized terms used but not defined in the Recitals shall have the meanings set forth in **Article 1** (Definitions).

**A. The Community.** Declarant is the owner of a residential community situated in the City of San Leandro, County of Alameda, State of California known as "Maple Lane" ("**Community**"). If developed as planned, the Community may consist of residential Condominiums, together with an open space area, and Private Streets. Declarant intends to develop the Community in multiple Phases. The first Phase is planned to consist of three (3) Condominiums with an estimated total of thirty-nine (39) Condominiums. Declarant makes no guarantee that the Community will be constructed as presently proposed. Declarant intends to establish a plan of condominium ownership and to develop the Property as a condominium project within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code Section 11004.5(c) and California Civil Code Section 4125 to conform with the provisions of the California Subdivided Lands Law (California Business and Professions Code Section 11000, *et seq.*) and to subject the Property to certain limitations, restrictions, conditions and covenants as hereinafter set forth, in accordance with the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 4000, *et seq.*

**B. The Property.** The Community initially consists of the real property described on **Exhibit "A"** ("**Property**"). Declarant may add to the Property all or any of the real property described on **Exhibit "B"** ("**Annexable Property**") and upon annexation, the Annexable Property will be subject to this Declaration and included within the definition of the Property.

**C. The Association.** Declarant has formed the Maple Lane Community Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation ("**Association**") to manage and govern the Community and to perform certain maintenance obligations and provide certain services for the benefit of the Community. A primary responsibility of the Association will be to maintain the areas designated as Association Property in this Declaration and in Supplementary Declarations. In addition, the Association will provide design review and other services for the benefit of the Owners and the Community as provided in the Governing Documents.

**D. Ownership Interests.** Owners of a Condominium will receive title to a Unit plus an undivided fractional interest as tenant in common to the Common Area located within the Lot or Module, as applicable, in which the Unit is located. In addition, each Owner of a Condominium will receive the exclusive right of use and occupancy of a portion of the Association Property designated as an appurtenant Exclusive Use Easement, all as shown on the Condominium Plan covering that Phase. Each Owner of a Condominium will also receive an easement for ingress, egress and recreational use over the Association Property of the Phase in which the Condominium is situated and within each other Phase, effective upon annexation and conveyance of the first Condominium in each such subsequent Phase to a First Owner, subject to the terms of the Governing Documents. Each Condominium shall have appurtenant to it a membership in the Association.

**E. Dispute Declaration.** A separate Master Dispute Resolution Declaration will be or has been recorded against the Property and will set forth, among other matters, Declarant's binding dispute resolution procedures for the resolution of all Claims by an Owner or the Association involving Declarant or a Declarant Party, including without limitation, Construction Defect Claims. Each Owner and the Association are bound by the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration.



## DECLARATION

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant declares that the Property is, and shall be, held, conveyed, encumbered, leased and improved subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, liens and charges set forth in this Declaration, all of which are declared and agreed to be in furtherance of a plan of condominium ownership as described in California Civil Code Section 4000, *et seq.* for the subdivision, improvement, protection, maintenance, and for the sale of Condominiums and all of which are agreed to be for the purpose of enhancing, maintaining and protecting the value and appearance of the Property and which shall run with the land, shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of Declarant and all Owners having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the Property and shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the successors in interest of such parties. Declarant further declares that it is the express intent that this Declaration satisfy the requirements of California Civil Code Section 5975.

### ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise specifies or requires, the terms defined in this Article shall, for all purposes of this Declaration, have the meanings specified below.

**1.1** “**Additional Charges**” means costs, fees, charges and expenditures, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and costs, late charges, interest, administrative charges and recording and filing fees actually incurred by the Association in collecting and/or enforcing payment of Assessments, and other amounts levied under this Declaration. Additional Charges include, without limitation, the following: (a) reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs incurred in the event an attorney is employed to collect any Assessment or sum due, whether by suit or otherwise; (b) a late charge in an amount to be fixed by the Association in accordance with California Civil Code Section 5650 to compensate the Association for additional collection costs incurred in the event any Assessment or other sum is not paid when due or within any “grace” period established by Applicable Laws; (c) costs of suit and court costs incurred as are allowed by the court; (d) interest at the Interest Rate; and (e) any such other additional costs that the Association may incur in the process of collecting delinquent Assessments.

**1.2** “**ADU**” means an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit as defined in California Government Code Section 65852.2 and 65852.22, respectively.

**1.3** “**Annexable Property**” means the real property described on **Exhibit “B”** and any real property identified in a Supplementary Declaration as Annexable Property.

**1.4** “**Annexation**” means the process by which the Annexable Property may be made subject to this Declaration as set forth in **Article 15** (Annexation and Deannexation of Property).

**1.5** “**Applicable Laws**” means the Community Entitlements and/or any law, regulation, rule, order and ordinance of any Governmental Entities which are applicable to the Community now in effect or as hereafter promulgated.

**1.6** “**Articles**” means the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as they may from time to time be amended, which are or shall be filed in the Office of the California Secretary of State.

**1.7** “**Assessments**” means the assessments which are levied to cover the Common Expenses under **Article 6** (Assessments) or other assessments permitted to be levied by the Association under this Declaration and the other Governing Documents, which include the assessments described in **Section 6.4** (Regular Assessments) and **Section 6.5** (Other Type of Assessments) of the Declaration.

**1.8** “**Association**” means the Maple Lane Community Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation, and any successor entity.

**1.9** “**Association Maintenance Manual**” means the manual which may be prepared by Declarant setting forth the standards and requirements for maintenance of the Association Property by the Association.

**1.10** “**Association Property**” means all real property owned from time to time, in fee title by the Association and/or designated as Association Property by Declarant. Upon conveyance to the Association, the Association Property in the first Phase of the Community will consist of the real property identified as Association Property on **Exhibit “A.”** The Association Property in subsequent Phases shall be described in Supplementary Declarations.

**1.11** “**Board**” means the board of directors of the Association.

**1.12** “**Budget**” means the budget for the Association which sets forth all of the Common Expenses to be allocated among the Owners.

**1.13** “**Bylaws**” means the bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.

**1.14** “**City**” means the City of San Leandro, California.

**1.15** “**Common Area**” means the three-dimensional portion of each Lot or Module, as applicable consisting of airspace, which Common Area is owned in equal undivided interests by the Owners of Units in such Lot or Module. The lateral and vertical boundaries of the Common Area are shown on the applicable Condominium Plan.

**1.16** “**Common Expenses**” means the actual and estimated costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Association including, without limitation, the following: expenses for maintenance, management, operation, repair and replacement of the Association Property; expenses incurred in performing the duties and obligations of the Association set forth in this Declaration and the other Governing Documents; expenses incurred by the Association in connection with implementing and performing the maintenance, inspections and other obligations of the Association set forth in the Association Maintenance Manual; expenses incurred in complying with the Community Entitlements and Applicable Laws; expenses incurred in administering any committees formed by the Association; expenses incurred to cover due but unpaid Assessments; expenses for management and administration of the Association, including, without limitation, compensation paid by the Association to managers, accountants, attorneys, architects and consultants; expenses incurred in maintaining the legal status and qualifications of the Association as an entity in good standing and entitled to do business in the State of California; expenses of any inspections required or deemed appropriate by the Association; expenses, if any, required for the maintenance of any areas required by Governmental Entities or the Community Entitlements to be maintained by the Association; expenses for any utilities and other services benefiting the Owners and their Condominiums to the extent such services are paid for by the Association; expenses of insurance and/or fidelity bonds maintained by the Association; reasonable reserves as deemed appropriate by the Board or otherwise required pursuant to the Governing Documents or Applicable Laws; expenses of bonding of the members of the Board and any professional managing agent or any other person handling the funds of the Association; taxes and assessments paid by the Association; expenses incurred by the Association for the discharge of any lien or encumbrance levied against the Association Property or portions thereof; and any other expenses incurred by the Association in connection with the operation and/or maintenance of the Association Property, or in furtherance of the purposes or the discharge of any obligations imposed on the Association by the Governing Documents.

**1.17** “**Community**” means all of the Property together with all Improvements situated thereon.

**1.18** “**Community Entitlements**” means all governmental approvals, permits and authorizations issued in connection with the approval of the development of the Community including, without limitation, the tentative map, the Map, development agreements, conditions of approval and project permits.

**1.19** “**Condominium**” means an estate as defined in California Civil Code Section 4125 consisting of an undivided interest as a tenant-in-common in all or any portion of the Common Area, together with a separate fee interest in a Unit as described in this Declaration, the Condominium Plan and/or in the deed conveying the Condominium.

**1.20** “**Condominium Building**” means each building in which the Condominiums are located as shown on the Condominium Plan.

**1.21** “**Condominium Plan**” means each of the following: (a) each condominium plan recorded against the Property pursuant to California Civil Code Section 4285, *et seq.* that encumbers all or any portion of the Property, and all amendments to each such plan; and (b) any recorded condominium plan or plans, including amendments thereto, affecting any Phase which has been annexed hereto.

**1.22** “**County**” means the County of Alameda, California.

**1.23** “**Declarant**” means D.R. HORTON BAY, INC., a Delaware corporation and shall include those successors and assigns of D.R. HORTON BAY, INC. who acquire or hold title to any part or all of the Property and/or the Annexable Property for purposes of development and are expressly named as a successor Declarant to all or a portion of Declarant’s rights in an Assignment of Declarant’s Rights (“**Assignment of Declarant’s Rights**”) executed by Declarant or a successor Declarant, and recorded in the Official Records assigning the rights and duties of Declarant to such successor Declarant, and such successor Declarant accepts the assignment of such rights and duties. A successor Declarant shall also be deemed to include the beneficiary under any deed of trust securing an obligation from a then existing Declarant encumbering all or any portion of the Property and/or the Annexable Property, which beneficiary has acquired any such portion of the Property and/or the Annexable Property by foreclosure power of sale or deed in lieu of such foreclosure or sale.

**1.24** “**Declarant Party**” or “**Declarant Parties**” means Declarant and its current and future affiliates, and the respective current and future directors, officers, employees, members, managers, partners, trustees, trust beneficiaries, agents and representatives of Declarant.

**1.25** “**Declaration**” means this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Establishment of Easements of Maple Lane as said Declaration may from time to time be amended or supplemented.

**1.26** “**Design Guidelines**” means the design criteria adopted by the Board pursuant to **Article 8** (Design Review).

**1.27** “**Design Review Committee**” means the committee which may be appointed by the Board pursuant to **Article 8** (Design Review), provided however, that to the extent a Design Review Committee is not appointed by the Board, all references in this Declaration to Design Review Committee shall mean the Board.

**1.28** “**DRE**” means the California Department of Real Estate and any successor agency.

**1.29** “**Eligible Holder**” means any Mortgagee who has given written notice to the Association specifying its name and the address of the Condominium subject to the Mortgage and requesting written notice of any or all of the events to which such Eligible Holder is entitled to notice specified in this Declaration. For so long as is required by FNMA’s legal requirements for project acceptance, all references to “Eligible Holder” herein shall be deemed to include all guarantors of First Mortgages.

**1.30** “**Emergency**” means any situation, condition or event which threatens substantial imminent damage or injury to Person or property.

**1.31** **“Exclusive Use Easement or Exclusive Use Easement Area”** means those portions of the Association Property over which exclusive easements are reserved and granted for the benefit of certain Owners in accordance with California Civil Code Section 4145, described in this Declaration and shown on the Condominium Plan. The Exclusive Use Easements within the Community include the following areas:

**1.31.1** **“Exclusive Use Porch”** means those areas within the Association Property designated as “Exclusive Use Porch Areas” on the Condominium Plan over which exclusive easements are reserved for the benefit of certain Owners for porch purposes.

**1.31.2** **“Exclusive Use Deck”** means those areas within the Association Property designated as “Exclusive Use Deck Areas” on the Condominium Plan over which exclusive easements are reserved for the benefit of certain Owners for deck purposes.

**1.32** **“Federal Agencies”** means collectively one or more of the following agencies and the following letter designation for such agencies shall mean and refer to, respectively, the agency specified within the parentheses following such letter designation and any successors to such agencies: Federal Housing Administration (“**FHA**”), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“**FHLMC**”), Federal National Mortgage Association (“**FNMA**”), Government National Mortgage Association (“**GNMA**”), and United States Department of Veterans’ Affairs (“**VA**”).

**1.33** **“Fire Systems”** means all fire life safety equipment, components, fixtures and facilities located within or serving a Unit, including, without limitation, sprinkler heads, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide monitors, control valves, pipes, drains, alarms and those designated from time to time by Governmental Entities.

**1.34** **“First Mortgage”** means a Mortgage that is first in priority under the recording statutes of the State of California over all other Mortgages encumbering a specific Condominium in the Community.

**1.35** **“First Mortgagee”** means the Mortgagee of a First Mortgage.

**1.36** **“First Owner”** means the Owner of a Condominium who acquired the Condominium under authority of a Public Report from Declarant.

**1.37** **“Fiscal Year”** means the fiscal accounting and reporting period of the Association selected by the Board.

**1.38** **“Governing Documents”** means collectively this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws, Design Guidelines, Rules and any Supplementary Declarations.

**1.39** **“Governmental Entities”** means any federal, state, county, city, local or municipal governmental entity or quasi-governmental entity or body (or any departmental agency thereof) exercising jurisdiction over a particular subject matter for any portion of the Community.

**1.40** **“Hazardous Materials”** means any biologically or chemically active or toxic or hazardous waste or materials as defined or regulated by Applicable Laws. Hazardous Materials shall include without limitation those described in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, *et seq.*, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901, *et seq.*, and any applicable state, local or federal laws and the regulations adopted under these Acts.

**1.41** **“Improvements”** means all structures or improvements of every type or kind installed or erected on the Property or an alteration or modification to a Unit, Exclusive Use Easement Area or Association Property or any addition to a Unit or Association Property, including without limitation room partitions, structural alterations to any portion of a Unit or any Association Property surrounding the Unit; any addition or alteration to a Unit that causes penetration beyond the unfinished surface of the walls,

ceilings or surface flooring of a Unit or impacts or affects in any manner any Association Property; changes of level, grade or drainage pattern of any Exclusive Use Easement Area; deck covers; skylights; stairs; window tinting; plantings and potted plants; paving, tiling or other covering of any deck; Utility Facilities; poles and signs; and all other structures or improvements of every type and kind installed or erected on the Property. The Design Guidelines may identify additional items that are Improvements which require approval of the Board.

**1.42** “**Institutional Mortgagee**” means each of the following: (a) a First Mortgagee that is a bank, savings and loan association, insurance or mortgage company or other entity or institution chartered under federal and/or state law; (b) an insurer or governmental guarantor of a First Mortgage; (c) a First Mortgagee that is a Federal or State Agency; or (d) any other institution specified by the Board in a recorded instrument that is the Mortgagee of a Mortgage or the beneficiary of a deed of trust encumbering a Condominium.

**1.43** “**Interest Rate**” means the rate of interest chargeable under this Declaration equal to the rate established by the Association from time to time, but not to exceed the maximum rate allowed by Applicable Laws.

**1.44** “**Invitee**” means any Person whose presence within the Community is approved by or is at the request of a particular Owner, including, without limitation, Occupants, agents, contractors and the family, guests, employees or licensees of Owners or Lessees.

**1.45** “**Lease**” means each lease whereby a Person acquires rights to use or occupy a Condominium for a specified term.

**1.46** “**Lessee**” means any tenant or lessee occupying a portion of the Property with a Lease.

**1.47** “**Limited Warranty**” means the Limited Warranty provided by Declarant to the First Owner.

**1.48** “**Maintenance**” or “**Maintain**” whether capitalized or not means maintain, repair and replace unless otherwise specified in this Declaration.

**1.49** “**Maintenance Chart**” means **Exhibit “C”** attached hereto and incorporated herein which designates the components of the Community to be maintained by the Association and the Owners, respectively. The Maintenance Chart may be further modified or supplemented in a Supplementary Declaration.

**1.50** “**Maintenance Obligations**” means the Association’s obligations and each Owner’s obligations to perform: (a) all reasonable maintenance consistent with the terms of the Association Maintenance Manual and Owner Maintenance Manual, respectively; (b) any maintenance obligations and schedules in any warranty offered by Declarant or any manufacturer, and any maintenance obligations and schedules otherwise provided to the Association or the Owners by Declarant or any manufacturer, as applicable; (c) any commonly accepted maintenance practices intended to prolong the life of the materials and construction of the Association Property and Units, as applicable; and (d) any maintenance obligations imposed by the Governing Documents or Governmental Entities.

**1.51** “**Map(s)**” means the final subdivision or parcel map(s) covering all or any portion of the Property and any corrections, modifications and/or lot line adjustments to such maps.

**1.52** “**Master Dispute Resolution Declaration**” means any Master Dispute Resolution Declaration executed by Declarant which is recorded in the Official Records against any portion of the Property. References to the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration include any subsequently recorded amendments or supplements thereto. There may be more than one (1) Master Dispute Resolution Declaration at any given time; each may apply to different Condominiums or portions of the Community.

The Master Dispute Resolution Declaration recorded in the Official Records constitutes a part of this Declaration and is incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full herein. A copy of the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration can be obtained from the County Recorder of the County.

**1.53** “**Member**” means every Person who holds a membership in the Association.

**1.54** “**Mortgage**” means a recorded mortgage or deed of trust encumbering a Condominium in the Community.

**1.55** “**Mortgagee**” means a mortgagee under a Mortgage as well as a beneficiary under a deed of trust.

**1.56** “**Module**” means each module designated on the Condominium Plan(s). Each Module is a three-dimensional portion of the Property and has been created pursuant to California Government Code Section 66427. The lower and upper boundaries of each Module are set forth in the Condominium Plan. The lateral boundaries of each Module are vertical planes which are also described and depicted in the Condominium Plans. The Module includes all land and Improvements, whether now or hereafter, located within its boundaries.

**1.57** “**Notice and Hearing**” means the procedure that gives an Owner notice of an alleged violation of the Governing Documents and the opportunity for a hearing before the Board.

**1.58** “**Occupant**” means a Person that is entitled to occupy from time to time all or a portion of a Unit, whether pursuant to a Lease, sublease, license or other similar agreement.

**1.59** “**Official Records**” means the official public records of the County Recorder of Alameda County.

**1.60** “**Owner**” means the record owner, whether one or more Persons, including Declarant, of any Condominium, excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, unless and until such Person acquires fee title thereto.

**1.61** “**Owner Maintenance Manual**” means the manual prepared by Declarant setting forth the standards and requirements for the maintenance by an Owner of the Unit and other Improvements. The Owner Maintenance Manual may also be referred to as the “**Homeowner Manual**” or “**Homeowner Maintenance Manual**” in other related documents.

**1.62** “**Person**” means a natural person or any legal entity recognized under California law. When the word “person” is not capitalized, the word refers only to natural persons.

**1.63** “**Phase**” means that portion of the Property which is the subject of a separate Public Report.

**1.64** “**Private Streets**” means those streets, roads, drives and adjacent sidewalks within the Association Property and related lighting, private drainage, pollution control devices, sewage and water systems and other utility installations within such streets, roads, drives and sidewalks that are not maintained by a public agency or franchised utility.

**1.65** “**Property**” means all of the real property described on **Exhibit “A”** and any other real property which may be annexed hereto. In the event of the de-annexation of any Property previously subject to this Declaration, the term “Property” shall not include any such de-annexed land.

**1.66** “**Public Report**” means the final subdivision public report issued by the DRE for a Phase in the Community.

1.67 “**Residence**” means each Unit including all Exclusive Use Easement Areas appurtenant to the Unit.

1.68 “**Rules**” means the rules and regulations adopted by the Board from time to time.

1.69 “**Solar Contractor**” means a duly qualified and licensed contractor who engages and is knowledgeable in the installation of residential roof-top Solar Energy Systems and who is approved by the Board.

1.70 “**Solar Easement Agreement**” means that certain Easement Agreement and Grant of Easement which has been or will be recorded in the Official Records, and any amendments or supplements recorded against the Property that may be identified in a Supplementary Declaration.

1.71 “**Solar Energy System**” means fixed devices, structures or devices or structures that are used primarily to transform solar energy into thermal, chemical or electrical energy including roof-integrated photovoltaic roof tiles, modular solar energy panels, laminates, any “solar collector” (defined in California Public Resources Code Section 25981), roof-mounted panels or other roof-mounted devices that collect solar energy and generate energy by exposure to the sun. This description of a Solar Energy System and its components shall be interpreted to be subject to expansion or modification as a result of newer technology accepted by the Association for installation.

1.72 “**Solar Use Areas**” means, with respect to each Condominium, the portion of the Roof (as defined in **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems)) of the Condominium Building where the Solar Energy System servicing such Condominium is installed in connection with the original construction of the Condominium Building. The non-exclusive easement and rights of the Owners with respect to their respective Solar Use Area are appurtenant to the Condominium for which Solar Use Area was utilized in the initial installation of the Solar Energy System serving such Condominium. The Association shall have the right, upon request of an Owner, to expand the Solar Use Area appurtenant to any Condominium, to the extent that such expansion does not encroach on the Solar Use Area of another Condominium, to accommodate the expansion of a Solar Energy System, and to the extent such Solar Energy System is so expanded, the revised enlarged Solar Use Area shall be detailed and set forth in the records of the Association.

1.73 “**Solar Work**” means the maintenance, repair, installation, upgrading, removal, reinstallation and/or replacement of any Solar Energy System on a Condominium Building.

1.74 “**Storm Water Agreement**” means that certain Stormwater Treatment Measures and Hydromodification Management Controls Maintenance Agreement recorded in the Official Records, and any amendments or supplements recorded against the Property that may be identified in a Supplementary Declaration.

1.75 “**Storm Water Improvements**” means any private storm drain and water quality protection improvements and systems including, without limitation, detention and storm water basins and other pollution control devices located within the Property which are required to be maintained by the Association.

1.76 “**Supplementary Declaration(s)**” means those certain declarations of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or similar instruments, which may be recorded by Declarant to do any or all of the following: (a) annex all or a portion of the Annexable Property; (b) make modifications or adjustments to the description of the Annexable Property to reflect any lot line adjustments, or subsequently recorded parcel maps and final subdivision maps provided no additional real property is added; (c) impose additional covenants and restrictions on the Annexable Property; (d) designate a portion of the Property as a Phase; (e) conform this Declaration or any previously recorded Supplementary Declarations to Applicable Laws or any conditions of approval imposed by any Federal Agencies, Governmental Entities or Community Entitlements; (f) make minor corrections (including typographical errors and engineering errors) to the

provisions of this Declaration or previously recorded Supplementary Declaration(s), including exhibits hereto.

**1.77 “Unit”** means the elements of a Condominium which are not owned in common with the other Owners, such Units and their respective elements and boundaries being shown and particularly described in the Condominium Plan. The dimensions of a Unit are measured from the unfinished floor, walls and ceiling, except as otherwise noted herein. The Unit includes all Improvements situated within its boundaries, and includes, without limitation: (i) interior walls (except interior bearing walls); (ii) the interior undercoated surfaces of bearing walls and perimeter walls, floors and ceilings; (iii) any interior door; exterior doors and windows; (iv) appliances, cabinets, and all electrical, heating, plumbing and other utility fixtures; (v) the openings and outlets of all Utility Facilities that are located partially within the Unit and partially in the Association Property, such as electrical outlets, and that exclusively serve the Unit; (vi) all Utility Facilities serving solely that Unit, whether located in the Unit or the Association Property; (vii) the fire box of any fireplace located in the Unit; and (viii) the garage located in the Unit. The following are not part of any Unit: bearing walls, columns, floors, roofs, foundations, and Utility Facilities that serve two (2) or more Units wherever located. In interpreting deeds and plans, the then existing physical boundaries of a Unit, whether in its original state or reconstructed in substantial conformance with the original plans thereof, shall be conclusively presumed to be its boundaries rather than the boundaries expressed in the Condominium Plan, deed or in any other recorded document, regardless of variances between boundaries shown on the Condominium Plan or any other recorded document and those of the building within which the Unit is located and regardless of settling or lateral movement of the building in which the Unit is located.

**1.78 “Utility Facilities”** means all utility facilities serving the Community including, without limitation, intake and exhaust systems, backflow preventers, storm and sanitary sewer systems, drainage systems and pollution control devices, common ducting systems for ventilation and utility services, domestic water systems, natural gas systems, heating and air conditioning systems, electrical systems, fire protection water and sprinkler systems, telephone systems, cable television systems, telecommunications systems, satellite communications systems, water systems, sump pumps, pool equipment, central utility services and all other utility systems and facilities reasonably necessary to service any Improvement situated in, on, over and under the Community.

**1.79 “Voting Power”** means the voting power of the Association set forth in **Section 5.2** (Number of Votes).

## **ARTICLE 2 USE RESTRICTIONS**

**2.1 Animals.** Only domestic animals that are kept as household pets and are not kept, bred or raised for commercial purposes are permitted to be maintained within the Community. In no event shall poultry, livestock or other farm animals (including, without limitation, goats and chickens) be kept within the Community. No Owner shall keep: (a) more than a total of two (2) dogs; (b) any dogs which, in the reasonable determination of the Board, are determined to be a threat to the safety of the Occupants, which shall not be allowed under any circumstances; or (c) more than two (2) cats, or a combination of dogs and cats (but not to exceed two (2) dogs and cats in total) within such Owner’s Unit. Domestic reptiles, birds, rodents and fish shall be permitted in reasonable numbers so long as such animals are kept in the interior of a Unit. If an Owner keeps any birds, the birds shall not be heard outside of the Residence. No animal shall be permitted to be maintained, at any time, within any recreational areas situated within the Community. Nothing contained herein shall restrict the keeping of fish in an aquarium or fish in an exterior pond or pool (such as koi) so long as the approvals for the installation of such pond have been obtained under **Article 8** (Design Review). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Rules may further limit or restrict the keeping of pets and the Board shall have the power to prohibit the keeping or maintenance of any animal, which, in the opinion of the Board, after Notice and Hearing, is deemed by the Board to constitute a nuisance to any other Owner or Occupant or which constitutes a threat to personal safety in the sole and absolute opinion of the Board. Each person bringing or keeping a pet within the Community shall be liable to other Owners and their Invitees for any damage to persons or property caused by such pet. Each Owner shall clean up after such animals that have deposited droppings or otherwise used any portion of the Community.



Pet waste shall be promptly removed and properly disposed from all Property sidewalks, pet areas, and landscaping. Animals must be kept within an enclosure or on a leash or other appropriate restraint or carrier held by a person capable of controlling the animal when outside the Unit. Animals shall not be left unattended on any Exclusive Use Easement Areas. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a restriction on legally recognized service animals. The Board has the power and discretion to determine whether the types or numbers of any animals kept in a Residence are a nuisance, and the Board shall have the power to abate the nuisance through any legal procedure that is available to the Association.

**2.2 Residential Use.** Units shall be used for residential purposes only, provided, however, that any Unit may be used incidentally for the purpose of operating a home based small business if, and only if: (a) the business is operated solely within the Residence; (b) the business is limited to arts and crafts, the rendition of professional services, or other similar activities; (c) the business is operated by the Owner whose principal residence is the Unit, by a Lessee whose principal residence is the Unit or by a member of such Owner's or Lessee's family whose principal residence is the Unit; (d) there is no sales activity conducted within the Association Property, no customers visiting the Unit and no advertising anywhere in the Community; (e) the operation is permitted by and is at all times in compliance with Applicable Laws; and (f) the operation of the business does not result in: (i) the violation of any of the other provisions of this Declaration; (ii) any unreasonable increase in the flow of traffic within the Community; (iii) any unreasonable odor, noise, or vibration outside of the Unit; (iv) any parking problems within the Community; or (v) any other adverse conditions to the Occupants of the individual Condominiums. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prohibit any home based business specifically required to be allowed by Applicable Law.

**2.3 Commercial Use.** Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, including without limitation **Section 2.2** (Residential Use), no part of the Community shall be used or caused, allowed, or authorized to be used in any way, directly or indirectly, for any business, commercial, manufacturing, mercantile, storing, vending, or other such non-residential purpose.

**2.4 Rental of Condominiums.** An Owner shall be entitled to rent his or her entire Condominium subject to the restrictions contained in the Governing Documents, any contractual agreement between Declarant and each original Owner for such Owner's Condominium as to such parties, any other restrictions of record applicable to such Owner's Condominium and all Applicable Laws. Any rental or lease agreement shall: (a) be in writing; (b) provide that the lease is subject to the Governing Documents; and (c) provide that any failure to comply with any provisions of the Governing Documents shall be a default under the terms of the rental or lease agreement. A copy of the rental or lease agreement shall, upon request, be provided to the Association. Owners shall, at all times, be responsible for their Lessee's compliance with the Governing Documents. A Lessee shall have no obligation to the Association to pay Assessments nor shall any Lessee have any voting rights in the Association. No Owner may lease such Owner's Condominium for hotel, motel or transient purposes and no Owner may lease only a portion of such Owner's Condominium. For purposes of this restriction, any lease which is either for a period of fewer than thirty (30) days or pursuant to which the lessor provides any services normally associated with a hotel shall be deemed to be for transient or hotel purposes and shall be prohibited. To the extent the rental restrictions set forth in this Section violate the requirements of any Federal Agency or Governmental Entity, such restrictions shall be deemed to no longer apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that Applicable Laws require that an Owner be allowed to lease the ADU, if any, on the Owner's Condominium without such Owner being required to lease the entire Condominium, this Section shall not prohibit such lease of an ADU.

**2.5 Further Subdivision.** Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, no Owner may further partition or subdivide the Owner's Condominium, including any division of such Owner's Condominium into time-share estates or time-share uses. This provision does not limit the right of an Owner to: (a) rent or lease the entire Condominium by means of a written lease or rental agreement subject to the Governing Documents; (b) sell such Owner's Condominium; or (c) transfer or sell any Condominium to more than one (1) Person to be held by them as tenants-in-common, joint tenants, tenants by the entirety or as community property.

**2.6 Time Sharing.** A Condominium may not be divided or conveyed on a time increment basis (commonly referred to as “time sharing”) of measurable chronological periods. The term “time sharing” as used herein shall include, but shall not be limited to, any agreement, plan, program or arrangement under which the right to use, occupy or possess the Condominium or any portion thereof in the Community rotates among various persons, either corporate partnership, individual or otherwise, on a periodically recurring basis for value exchanged, whether monetary or like-kind use privileges, according to a fixed or floating interval or period of time of sixty (60) consecutive calendar days or less.

**2.7 Signs and Displays.** Subject to California Civil Code Sections 712, 713, and 4710, no sign, poster, billboard, balloon, advertising device or other display of any kind shall be displayed in the Community, except for the following:

**2.7.1 Association and Community Signs.** Entry monuments, wayfinding signs, property identification signs, management company signs and traffic or parking control signs installed by Declarant and maintained by the Association, subject to compliance with City signage criteria;

**2.7.2 Name or Address Signs.** Each Unit may have one (1) nameplate or similar Owner name or address identification sign which complies with the Design Guidelines;

**2.7.3 Security Services Signs.** Each Unit may have one (1) sign advising of the existence of security services which complies with the Design Guidelines;

**2.7.4 For Sale and Lease Signs.** Each Unit may have one (1) sign advertising the Condominium for sale or lease that complies with the following requirements: (a) the sign has reasonable design and dimensions (which shall not exceed a total dimension of eighteen (18) inches by thirty (30) inches in size), consist of a single panel with no additional signs affixed to it, and does not adversely affect public safety, including traffic safety; and (b) the sign is of a color, style and location authorized by the Board;

**2.7.5 Noncommercial Signs.** Each Owner may install a noncommercial sign, poster, flag or banner on the Owner’s Unit that complies with the following requirements: (a) a noncommercial sign or poster may not be more than nine (9) square feet in size and a noncommercial flag or banner may not be more than fifteen (15) square feet in size; and (b) a noncommercial sign, poster, flag or banner may not be made of lights, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, or balloons, or any other similar building, landscaping, or decorative component, or include the painting of architectural surfaces. The Board has the power, but not the duty, to impose reasonable limits on the duration of display of noncommercial signs, consistent with current law and decisions interpreting restrictions on time, place and manner of noncommercial speech;

**2.7.6 Other Signs.** No other temporary or unauthorized signs including but not limited to banners, streamers and pennants shall be placed on the Property, unless approved by the City under a Temporary Sign Permit or Special Event Permit. The use of spotlights, feather signs, animated or inflatable signs, balloons, and lasers is prohibited at all times; and

**2.7.7 Compliance with Applicable Laws.** In addition to the foregoing, all signs must comply with all Applicable Laws.

**2.8 Parking and Vehicular Restrictions.**

**2.8.1 Authorized Vehicles.** The following vehicles are “**Authorized Vehicles**”: standard passenger vehicles, including automobiles, passenger vans designed to accommodate ten (10) or fewer people, motorcycles and pickup trucks having a manufacturer’s rating or payload capacity of one (1) ton or less and vehicles which are the principal source of transportation for an Owner. Authorized Vehicles may be parked in any portion of the Community intended for parking of motorized vehicles subject to this Section; provided, however, no Owner may park an Authorized Vehicle in a manner which the

Association determines either restricts the passage of pedestrians or vehicles over the streets or sidewalks in the Community or extends beyond the limits of the space where the Authorized Vehicle is parked. The Association has the power to identify additional vehicles as Authorized Vehicles in the Rules and to adapt this restriction to other types of vehicles.

**2.8.2 Prohibited Vehicles.** The following vehicles are “**Prohibited Vehicles**”: (a) recreational vehicles (e.g., motorhomes, travel trailers, camper vans, camper tops and boats); (b) commercial-type vehicles (e.g., stakebed trucks, tank trucks, dump trucks, step vans, cargo containers, concrete trucks and limousines); (c) buses or vans designed to accommodate more than ten (10) people; (d) vehicles having more than two (2) axles; (e) trailers; (f) inoperable vehicles or parts of vehicles; (g) aircraft; (h) boats; (i) any vehicles or vehicular equipment deemed a nuisance by the Board, and (j) any other vehicles not classified as an Authorized Vehicle. Prohibited Vehicles may not be parked, stored or kept within the Property including the Private Streets. If a vehicle qualifies as both an Authorized Vehicle and a Prohibited Vehicle, then the vehicle is presumed to be a Prohibited Vehicle unless the vehicle is expressly classified as an Authorized Vehicle in writing by the Association.

**2.8.3 General Restrictions.** Subject to the restriction on Prohibited Vehicles, all vehicles owned or operated by or under the control of an Owner or an Occupant and kept in the Community must be parked in the garage of that Owner to the extent of the space available, as provided in **Section 2.8.5** (Garage Use). Unless otherwise permitted by the Association, no Owner shall leave his or her vehicle parked within the Community other than within a garage of such Owner’s Unit, if the Owner or Occupant has more automobiles than will be accommodated within the garage. No maintenance, repair, restoration, or construction of any vehicle shall be conducted on the Property, with the exception of minor or emergency automobile repairs, and then only to the extent necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved to a proper repair facility. There is no guarantee, representation or assurance that vehicles will fit into the garages. Notwithstanding the forgoing, no storage is allowed in any garage which interferes with the parking of functional, operating, registered street legal vehicles. In no event shall parked automobiles, structures or other items block access to the Private Streets or restrict ingress or egress on, over, through and across the Private Streets.

**2.8.4 Parking Regulations.** The Association may establish additional regulations regarding any parking areas, including designating “parking,” “guest parking,” and “no parking” areas. Any vehicle parked within a fire lane may be towed without prior notice. The Board may take all actions necessary to enforce all parking and vehicle use regulations for the Property, including removing violating vehicles from the Community pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22658 or other Applicable Laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, certain streets providing access to the Community are public streets which are owned, maintained and operated by the City. This Declaration does not encumber such public streets, nor does the Association have the right to regulate the public streets providing access to the Community. As required by the City, each of the exterior parking spaces initially installed by Declarant shall be permanently maintained as parking spaces and shall not be used for any other purposes at any time.

**2.8.5 Garage Use.** Parking spaces in the garages shall be used as the exclusive parking space for automobiles. Garages shall be used for parking vehicles only and shall not be converted for living, recreational activities, business or storage that would prevent the ability of an Owner or Occupant to park the number of vehicles in the garage for which the garage was designed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that Applicable Laws require that an Owner be allowed to convert a garage, or a portion thereof, to living areas, including without limitation the construction or conversion of space into an ADU, such conversion shall only be allowed to the minimum extent required under Applicable Laws, so as to maximize the ability to utilize the garage for the parking of vehicles inside the garage. It is the intent of this Section to require an Owner and Occupant, to the extent such Owner or Occupant has automobiles in the Property, to park such automobiles in the garage. Garage doors shall remain closed except for reasonable periods while the garage is being used. All garages shall be equipped with roll-up garage doors and functioning garage door opener.

## **2.9 Installations.**

**2.9.1 Generally.** This Section does not apply to Improvements installed by Declarant.

**2.9.2 Outside Installations.** The following items are prohibited unless approved by the Board: (a) outside installations, including porch or deck covers, wiring, air conditioning equipment, water softeners, other machines and other Improvements; (b) Improvements to deck railings; and (c) other exterior additions or alterations to any Condominium or Exclusive Use Easement Area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, religious items may be displayed on the entry door or door frame of an Owner's Unit subject to the restrictions set forth in California Civil Code Sections 1940.45 and 4706.

**2.9.3 Inside Installations.** Nothing may be done in any Condominium or in, on or to the Association Property which may impair the structural integrity of any building in the Community or which structurally alters any such building, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration.

**2.9.4 Decks.** No Owner shall use any Exclusive Use Deck Area for storage purposes, including, without limitation, the storage of bicycles. Unless installed by Declarant, all plants kept in the Exclusive Use Deck Areas shall be kept in pots or planters which do not allow water to drain outside of such pot or planter, and no vegetation shall be permitted to extend beyond the railings, walls and/or other boundaries of the Exclusive Use Deck Areas, except as approved by the Board. The Board may require approval of any potted plants. No Owner shall change or alter the surface of any Exclusive Use Deck Areas without the consent of the Board.

**2.9.5 Sports Apparatus.** No basketball standards or fixed sports apparatus shall be attached to any Condominium or placed anywhere within the Association Property.

**2.9.6 Exterior Lighting.** No additional exterior lighting may be installed by an Owner. Any exterior electrical, gas or other artificial lighting installed on any Condominium Building shall be positioned, screened, or otherwise directed or situated and of such controlled focus and intensity so as not to unreasonably disturb the residents of any other Condominiums. Further rules regarding exterior lighting may be promulgated by the Board. Some of the exterior lighting on Condominium Buildings provides light to certain exterior portions of the Community and contains a photocell which will automatically control their operation. Such exterior lighting shall not be manually turned off and the photocell shall not be altered in any way by the Owners.

**2.9.7 Outside Drying and Laundering.** No exterior clothesline shall be erected or maintained or hung on balconies or railings within the Community. There shall be no exterior drying or laundering of clothes or any other items on any Exclusive Use Easement Area or Association Property.

**2.9.8 Window Coverings.** Temporary window coverings ("**Temporary Window Coverings**") in a design and color that does not conflict with the surrounding Improvements (but excluding aluminum foil, newspapers, or any other contrasting material) shall be permitted for a maximum period of ninety (90) days from the date that a Condominium is conveyed to an Owner by Declarant or such longer period that may be authorized by the Board. Except as specifically provided above, no Temporary Window Coverings shall be used to cover any door or window of any Unit.

**2.9.9 Holiday Decorations.** Outdoor holiday decorations, or indoor holiday decorations that are visible from outside, shall be limited to a reasonable period of time prior to the date of the holiday, as determined by the Association in the Rules, and shall be removed as and when required by the Rules.

**2.9.10 Fencing Material.** The use or installation of barbed wire, razor wire, chicken wire and chain-link fencing materials is prohibited within Community is prohibited.

**2.9.11 Water Beds and Limitations on Size of Aquariums.** No water beds shall be permitted in any Condominium, and no Owner shall maintain in its Condominium any aquarium or other

container holding thirty (30) or more gallons of water. Each Owner acknowledges that substantial damage to other Units and/or Association Property may occur as a result of a violation of this restriction.

**2.9.12 Vibrations.** No Owner shall install or use in its Unit any fixtures or equipment which will cause unreasonable vibrations, noise or annoyance to other Owners. /

**2.9.13 Rights of Disabled.** Subject to the provisions of **Article 8** (Design Review) and the Design Guidelines, each Owner may modify such Owner's Unit and the route over the Association Property leading to the front door of its Condominium, at such Owner's sole expense, to facilitate access to its Condominium by persons who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or physically disabled, or to alter conditions which could be hazardous to such Persons in accordance with Applicable Laws.

**2.9.14 Sound Attenuation.** In any multi-family dwelling, sound may be audible between Units, particularly where the sound level of the source is sufficiently high and the background sound in an adjacent Unit is very low. These sounds may include without limitation, music, voices, animal noises, footsteps, children noises, furniture movement, appliance usage, water usage and other sounds. To minimize the sound transmission from a Unit, each Owner shall adhere to the following:

(a) On demising walls (party walls), acoustical sealant shall be packed around the point of penetration of all pictures and other decorative items hung from the wall that require nailing or screwing. No holes or other penetrations shall be made in demising walls except for decorative items without the permission of the Board. No penetrations of any sort shall be made in the ceilings of any Unit.

(b) No modifications shall be made to any Unit which would result in a reduction in the minimum impact insulation class of the Unit.

(c) No Owner shall attach to the walls or ceilings or place on the floor of any Unit anything which will cause unreasonable sound levels, vibrations, noise or annoyance to the other Owners. No audio, television, stereo, speakers, or other audio, visual or media equipment shall be installed in or on any demising wall without the permission of the Board. Speakers for audio, television, stereo, or other audio, visual or media equipment shall not be supported from or contact demising walls and shall be elevated from the floor by an adequate acoustic platform. Sound from such speakers must be kept at a reasonable level so as not to interfere with other Owners' enjoyment of their Units.

(d) Pianos shall have adequate acoustic pads under the supports to minimize vibration transmission into the structure.

(e) All furniture shall have roller castors or adequate acoustic pads.

(f) No Owner shall install any hard surface or other flooring or make any other modification to any part of their Unit which may increase sound transmission between their Unit and other part of the Community, including without limitation, tile or hardwood floors and wall or ceiling coverings, unless the prior written approval of the Board has been obtained. As a condition to approving the installation of such modifications, the Owner shall submit to the Board construction specifications clearly describing the proposed modifications in sufficient detail necessary to determine whether sound transmission will be sufficiently mitigated.

**2.10 Mineral Exploration.** No portion of the Property shall be used in any manner to explore for or to remove any oil, minerals, natural gas or other hydrocarbons, geothermal heat or substances, water, gravel, earth or any earth substance or other mineral of any kind ("**Subsurface Resources**"). No well for the production of, or from which there is produced, Subsurface Resources shall be operated within the Community, nor shall any machinery, appliance or structure be placed, operated or maintained thereon for use in connection with any trading, manufacturing or repairing business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section or anywhere else in this Declaration shall be deemed to prohibit, impair or in any

way limit the rights of Declarant or any affiliate of Declarant (or a successor or assign to any rights of Declarant or an affiliate of Declarant to Subsurface Resources) to drill for, explore for, mine and/or remove any Subsurface Resources from any Property within the Community, and Declarant, any affiliate of Declarant, and any successors and assigns to any rights of Declarant or an affiliate of Declarant to the Subsurface Resources shall have such rights, including, without limitation, the right to whipstock or directionally drill and mine from lands other than the Community, wells, tunnels and shafts into, through or across the subsurface of the Property, and to bottom such whipstocked or directionally drilled wells, tunnels and shafts within or beyond the exterior limits of the Community.

**2.11 Trash.** Trash, garbage or other waste shall be kept only in sanitary containers. No Owner shall permit or cause any trash or refuse to be kept on any portion of the Community other than in the receptacles customarily used for it, which shall be stored within garages except on the scheduled day for trash pickup. Trash, recycling and organics bins shall be placed curbside no more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to scheduled service day(s). Bins shall be removed from the curb no more than twelve (12) hours after collection service. All trash containers shall be maintained such that the lids remain closed to prevent excessive odor from emanating therefrom. Owners shall comply with the Rules regarding trash disposal and recycling.

**2.12 Antenna Restrictions.** No Owner shall install any antenna, satellite dish, or other over-the-air receiving device ("**Antenna**"): (a) on any real property which such Owner is not entitled to exclusively use or control, as provided in Title 47 U.S.C. §§ 1, *et seq.*, 47 CFR § 1.4000 and any other Applicable Laws promulgated thereunder (collectively "**Antenna Laws**"); (b) in a particular location if, in the Board's opinion, the installation, location or maintenance of such Antenna unreasonably affects the safety of any Person, or for any other safety-related reason established by the Board; or (c) that is of a size larger than is permitted under the Antenna Laws. If an Owner is entitled to install an Antenna under the foregoing requirements, such Owner shall provide the Board with written notice that such Owner intends to install the Antenna and provide evidence of compliance with the foregoing requirements. If an Owner desires to install an Antenna, other than as described above, such Owner may do so only upon the prior approval of the Board pursuant to **Article 8** (Design Review). The Association shall not impose or enforce any restrictions upon Antennae that are inconsistent with the Antenna Laws. Notwithstanding any provision hereof, this Section shall be interpreted to comply with state and federal laws applicable to Antennas in effect at the time of enforcement of this Section. In that regard, this Section shall not be interpreted or enforced in a manner which would: (i) unreasonably delay or prevent installation, maintenance or use of such authorized Antenna; (ii) unreasonably increase the cost of installation, maintenance or use; or (iii) preclude reception of an acceptable quality signal.

**2.13 View Impairment.** There is no representation that any view exists from any Unit. Each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Condominium, acknowledges that grading of, construction on or installation of Improvements, including landscaping, on other Condominium Buildings and on surrounding real property may impair whatever view may exist from the Owner's Unit, and each Owner consents to such impairment and waives any claim for view impairment. Each Owner and the Association, by accepting a deed to a Unit or any Association Property, acknowledges that any construction or installation by Declarant, or by other Owners as provided in **Article 8** (Design Review), may impair the view of such Owner, and each Owner and the Association, on behalf of the Members, hereby consent to such view impairment and/or loss of privacy. By accepting a deed to a Unit, each Owner acknowledges that: (a) there are no protected views, and no Condominium is assured of the existence, quality or unobstructed continuation of any particular view, and Declarant makes no representation or warranty that there are now, or will be in the future, any such views or that any view will impact the value or desirability of any Condominium; (b) any view from the Condominium is not intended as part of the value of the Condominium and is not guaranteed; and (c) any future development, construction, landscaping, growth of trees, or other installation of Improvements by Declarant or other Owners or of properties surrounding the Community may impair the view from any Unit and/or may allow other persons to have a line of sight into Owner's Unit, which may affect the use and enjoyment of the Owner's Condominium, including Owner's privacy. There are no express or implied easements appurtenant to any Unit for view purposes or for the passage of light and air over another Unit or any other property whatsoever.

**2.14 Displaying the U.S. Flag.** The Board shall comply with California Civil Code Section 4705, by allowing an Owner to display the flag of the United States, as defined by California Government Code Section 434.5(b) within such Owner's Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Area, in a location reasonably approved by the Board. For purposes of this Section, "Displaying the flag of the United States" means a flag of the United States made of fabric, cloth or paper displayed from a staff or pole or in a window and does not mean a depiction or emblem of the flag of the United States made of lights, paint, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, balloons or any other similar building, landscaping or decorative component.

**2.15 Drainage.** Declarant may have installed one or more below-ground drain lines, surface Improvements such as area drains, earthen or concrete drainage swales or catch basins (each, a "**Drainage Improvement**") in or on the Exclusive Use Easement Area and/or Association Property. Drainage Improvements are intended to collect and transport surface waters from each Exclusive Use Easement Area and from elsewhere in the Property to proper points of disposal. No Person may block or interfere with the proper function or maintenance of the Drainage Improvements within the Community.

**2.15.1 Established Drainage.** There shall be no interference with or obstruction of the established surface drainage pattern(s) over any Exclusive Use Easement Area or in the Property, unless an adequate alternative provision is made for proper drainage, consistent with all Applicable Laws. For the purpose hereof, "established" drainage is defined as the drainage which exists at the time of the first conveyance to a First Owner, or as shown on any plan approved by the Board. Established drainage includes drainage from and to a Exclusive Use Easement Area and/or Association Property and to and from property lying outside or within the Property.

**2.15.2 Maintenance of Drainage Improvements.** Each Owner must maintain, and keep free of debris and obstructions, all Drainage Improvements located on or under the Owner's Exclusive Use Easement Area. To ensure adequate drainage within the Property, it is essential that the Drainage Improvements not be modified, removed or blocked without having first made alternative drainage arrangements. Therefore, no Owner may install, alter, modify, remove or replace any Drainage Improvements without first making alternative drainage arrangements approved in writing by the Board and by all applicable Governmental Entities.

**2.15.3 Indemnity.** Any Owner and the Association who violates the restrictions in this Declaration relating to drainage shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold each other Owner and Declarant free and harmless from any and all liabilities, actions, penalties and damages arising from or attributable to any such violation.

**2.16 Storm Water Pollution and Best Management Practices.** Each Owner and the Association acknowledge that water that enters a storm drain flows to waterways, creeks, streams, rivers, lakes and/or oceans. Accordingly, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the Federal Clean Water Act, and the policies and ordinances of the City prohibit discharging anything other than natural rain water into storm drainage systems, including gutters and streets which drain into storm drains. Toxic chemicals or hydrocarbon compounds such as gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, solvents, paints, paint thinners, wood preservatives, fertilizers, lawn clippings, yard waste, detergents, pet waste, paints and other such materials and pollutants shall not be discharged into any street, public or private, gutters, or into storm drains or storm water conveyance systems. The disposal of such pollutants and materials into a storm drain system may result in significant penalties and fines and Owners and the Association may be responsible for any activities by their respective contractors (e.g., painters, etc.) who dispose of such pollutants within the Community into a storm drain system. Use and disposal of pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, and other such chemicals shall meet all requirements of Governmental Entities.

**2.16.1 Best Management Practices.** To comply with the requirements of Governmental Entities and the Storm Water Agreement in connection with the storm water pollution prevention Best Management Practices, each Owner and the Association agree that they will, at all times, maintain all Improvements located within a Unit, or in the case of the Association, within the Association Property, in a clean, safe and attractive condition, free and clear of any and all debris and in accordance

with the Storm Water Agreement and any agreements that are recorded or may be recorded against the Community. All trash receptacles within an Owner's Unit shall be closed at all times except when disposing of trash. The Association and the Owners shall comply with the Storm Water Agreement and all applicable Best Management Practices and perform all maintenance that may be imposed by any water quality management plan that may affect the Property. The costs of the Association's portion of such maintenance, if any, shall be treated as a Common Expense. All Owners and the Association are required to comply with such restrictions and Best Management Practices. "**Best Management Practices**" means all best management practices imposed from time to time by Applicable Laws or Governmental Entities, including without limitation, pollution control practices or devices, erosion control to prevent silt runoff during construction, general housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices or devices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm water, receiving water or storm water conveyance system to the maximum extent practicable. Owners are encouraged to consult with the Governmental Entities concerning the proper disposal of any toxic or Hazardous Materials.

**2.16.2 Liability to Declarant.** So long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property, if an Owner or the Association is not in compliance with the provisions of this Section and, as a result, Declarant may incur any liability, Declarant shall have the right but not the obligation to enter upon the Association Property and the Unit to correct such violation. Any Owner who violates the requirements of this Section, and the Association, to the extent the Association violates the requirements of this Section, shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold Declarant and Declarant's officers, directors, successors and assigns entirely free and harmless from and against any liabilities, penalties, costs, expenses and actions, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs arising from or attributed to a violation of the provisions of this Section and shall, within fifteen (15) days after request from Declarant, reimburse Declarant for any costs and expenses incurred by Declarant in correcting any violation of this Section by the Owner or the Association.

**2.17 Post Tension Slabs.** The concrete slabs for the Condominium Building in the Community are reinforced with a grid of steel cables that were installed in the concrete and then tightened to create very high tension. This type of slab is commonly known as a "**Post Tension Slab**." Cutting into a Post Tension Slab for any reason (e.g., to install a floor safe, to remodel plumbing, etc.) is very hazardous and may result in serious damage to the Unit and/or personal injury. By accepting a grant deed to a Condominium in the Community, each Owner specifically covenants and agrees that: (a) such Owner shall not cut into or otherwise tamper with the Post Tension Slab; (b) such Owner shall not knowingly permit or allow any person to cut into or tamper with the Post Tension Slab; (c) such Owner shall disclose the existence of the Post Tension Slab to any Occupant or subsequent purchaser of the Condominium; and (d) such Owner shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold Declarant and its officers, employees, contractors and agents, free and harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, or other liability (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) arising from any breach of this Section.

**2.18 Solar Energy Systems.** The Solar Energy Systems installed as a part of the original construction of the Condominium Buildings, and any successor or replacement Solar Energy Systems that may be installed on the Condominium Buildings are subject to the provisions in this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems). The Solar Energy Systems installed as a part of the original construction of the Condominium Buildings will either be owned by an Owner or the Owner will lease the Solar Energy System or purchase the power generated by the Solar Energy System from the owner of the Solar Energy System ("**Solar Company**"). Declarant makes no representation or warranty regarding the efficiency (including the amount of electrical generation) of the Solar Energy Systems installed as a part of the original construction of the Condominium Buildings. Efficiency may vary based on a number of factors including building height, building orientation, topography, roof slopes, roof equipment, and adjacent structures and vegetation. In addition, Declarant makes no representation or warranty of any nature regarding the Solar Energy Systems installed as a part of the original construction of the Condominium Buildings. Owners must rely solely on the manufacturer's warranty and/or any warranty that may be issued by the Solar Company to Owner and any guarantees regarding the efficiency of the Solar Energy System that may be issued by a manufacturer of the Solar Energy System or the Solar Company. Inverters may be installed and maintained on the Association Property rooftops of the Condominium Buildings (collectively, "**Roof**") and Owners shall have



access to the inverters subject to the Solar Rules. As used herein “**Solar Rules**” means the rules adopted by the Board regulating Solar Energy Systems and Solar Use Areas that do not conflict with the terms, conditions and restrictions in this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems) or California Civil Code sections 714, 714.1 and 4746 and any amendments or successors thereto (collectively, “**Solar Laws**”), and including rules regarding access to and use of any Association Property for placement of inverters, batteries, and conduits between inverters and the solar modular panels. The Solar Rules may add additional requirements or restrictions provided they do not materially alter the rights or duties of an Owner or Solar Company with respect to any Solar Energy System installed before the adoption of the additional requirements or restrictions.

**2.18.1 Solar Energy System Design.** Due to the limited surface area of each Condominium Building roof that is capable of accommodating the installation and operation of a Solar Energy System, certain Solar Energy Systems installed in the Community as part of the original construction of the Community, or as provided for in this Declaration, may be constructed with a design in which multiple Solar Energy Systems on a Condominium Building roof are grouped in close proximity to one another. Although each Owner’s Unit is anticipated to be exclusively served by specific solar panels, these solar panels may be grouped together, located on a joint racking system and/or constructed with other design features that attach the Solar Energy Systems in some fashion. Accordingly, Owners are advised that future arrangements with the Solar Company or other solar providers may be limited by certain design and installation feasibility constraints. It is Owner’s obligation to consult with the Solar Company or other solar providers to determine the feasibility of Owner’s desired Solar Energy System arrangements in the future. As described in this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems), the Board has the right to establish additional rules, including the Solar Rules, concerning Solar Energy Systems and solar energy issues.

**2.18.2 Solar Agreements with Solar Contractors.** The Solar Energy Systems on the Condominium Buildings may be subject to individual lease agreements, power purchase agreements, or other forms of written agreements entered into between an Owner and the Solar Company or a Solar Contractor. The lease agreements and/or power purchase agreements entered into in connection with the original construction and sale of the Condominiums are deemed approved by the Association. Excluding any Unit then subject to a solar lease agreement or power purchase agreement, an Owner’s assignment of its rights and obligations under this Declaration to a third-party Solar Contractor, concerning the installation, maintenance, operation and removal of a Solar Energy System, is subject to the prior right of the Board to review and approve the proposed Solar Contractor and the form of the proposed solar lease, solar power purchase agreement or other written agreement for the Solar Energy System. Any such proposed solar agreement by an Owner with a Solar Contractor that does not have the approval of the Association prior to installation of the Solar Energy System shall be void. Owners shall be responsible for reimbursing the Association for its costs, including legal costs, of the review of such solar agreements.

**2.18.3 Ownership of Solar Energy System.** The Solar Energy System exclusively serving a Condominium is personal property owned by the Owner of such Condominium or, if applicable, the Solar Company. In the future, with the development of newer solar energy technologies, the components of the Solar Energy System described in this Declaration may change. Components of the Condominium Building that are installed below the roof and within the Condominium Building attic or walls (for example, junction boxes, wiring and conduit), are fixtures of the Condominium Building and a part of the Association Property. The Association will NOT maintain any insurance on the Solar Energy System, and it shall be responsibility of the Owner to maintain any insurance desired by Owner for the Solar Energy System. The lease, power purchase agreement or other agreement between Owner and the Solar Company may provide that the Solar Company will perform certain of the Owner’s duties under this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems), including maintenance and repair of the Solar Energy System and maintaining insurance, provided that the Owner retains full responsibility and liability for any failure to properly perform these duties or otherwise adhere to the terms of this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems).

**2.18.4 Maintenance and Modification.**

(a) The Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair, including the cost of such maintenance and repair, of (i) the Solar Energy System that serves the Owner’s

Condominium and/or any modifications thereto (including subsequent installations), and (ii) any portion of the Roof or Association Property on which the Solar Energy System is located, which maintenance and repair is required due to the Roof penetration or damage to the Roof resulting from the Solar Energy System, including without limitation its installation, removal, reinstallation or operation, provided that modifications and maintenance and repair shall be performed by a Solar Contractor. The Owner's foregoing responsibility for the repair of damage to the Roof or Association Property due to the Solar Energy System shall exist regardless of the existence or applicability of any warranty associated with the Solar Energy System. No Solar Energy System may be modified or expanded in any manner without the prior written approval of the Board. The Association shall cooperate in providing the Owner or its Solar Contractor access to the Roof to install, maintain, repair, remove or replace its Solar Energy System, including the inverter, subject to reasonable conditions that may be imposed by the Board, including conditions regarding access times, access routes and licensing and insurance requirements and other terms as may be set forth in the Solar Rules. Solar Energy Systems associated with a given Condominium may only be placed in the Solar Use Area appurtenant to such Condominium, subject to the right of the Association to expand any Solar Use Area to accommodate an Owner's desire to expand a Solar Energy System.

(b) After the initial installation of any Solar Energy System on a Condominium Building roof in connection with the original construction of a Condominium Building, no installation, maintenance, improvement, replacement or removal of any components of a Solar Energy System may be undertaken by any Owner, Solar Company, Solar Contractor or other Person (other than the Solar Company in accordance with the Solar Easement Agreement) without first obtaining the Association's approval and complying with the other applicable requirements of this Declaration, the Rules, the other Governing Documents, and Applicable Laws. The Association shall have no responsibility or liability for the performance or costs of the installation, reinstallation, maintenance, removal (including removal and reinstallation for roof repair or replacement) or disposal of any Solar Energy Systems that serve Owners' Units, except to the extent that the Association is required to perform such work by the express provisions of this Declaration, a Supplementary Declaration, any amendment thereof, or by written agreement of the Association. If an Owner fails to remove a non-operational Solar Energy System after Notice and Hearing, the Association may elect to remove the same, restore the affected roof area, and levy a Special Assessment against the Owner to reimburse the Association of all its incurred costs.

(c) The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to oversee any Solar Work to ensure that the Roof and other portions of the Condominium Building are not damaged. If an Owner fails to cause any maintenance or repairs to be completed associated with the Solar Work, due to the presence of the Solar Energy System on the Association Property, or other repairs or maintenance required to be performed by Owner under this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems), within a reasonable period of time after the Board has provided written notice to the applicable Owner and the Board determines that such repairs must be made to protect the health and safety of Occupants and/or to avoid damage to any other portion of the Condominium Building, the Board may, at its option, have such work completed and levy a Compliance Assessment against the defaulting Owner. Additionally, each Owner and each successive Owner shall be responsible for all of the following in accordance with California Civil Code Section 4746(b)(2): (a) the costs incurred by the Association to repair any damage to the Roof or other Association Property or other portions of Condominium Buildings resulting from the Solar Work; (b) the costs incurred by the Association to repair any damage to the Roof or other Association Property or other portions of Condominium Buildings after removal of the Owner's Solar Energy System; (c) disclosing to prospective buyers of such Owner's Condominium the existence of the Owner's Solar Energy System, any agreement between the Owner and the Solar Company ("**Solar Agreement**") and related responsibilities of the Owner under the Governing Documents and the Solar Agreement, if any.

**2.18.5 Insurance and Indemnification.** Owner shall provide proof of insurance by Owner and by the Solar Contractor prior to commencing any work on the Solar Energy System which shall include the following:

(a) **Liability Insurance.**

(i) **As to Owner.** Owner shall have in effect and provide proof of comprehensive general liability insurance, in standard form, with limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage each occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate. Each Owner is strongly advised to seek the advice of a qualified insurance consultant regarding their insurance obligations hereunder.

(ii) **As to Solar Contractor.** Solar Contractor shall have in effect and provide proof of Comprehensive general liability insurance, in standard form, with limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and in the aggregate covering all claims for death, personal injury and property damage.

(b) **Policy Requirements.** All insurance policies required under this Section shall be specifically endorsed to provide that the coverage will be primary and that any insurance carried by the additional insureds shall be in excess and non-contributory and shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of said entities. All insurance required shall be issued by insurance companies authorized to do business in California and shall have an AM Best Rating of at least A-VII and shall be specifically endorsed to provide that such coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the manager of the Association. The certificates of insurance must name the Association as an additional insured on a separate endorsement form which shall be provided to the Association within fourteen (14) days of approval of the application for work on the Solar Energy System, and in any event prior to the commencement of the work on the Solar Energy System, by the Solar Contractor, and as to the Owner's policy, annually thereafter. Owner shall confirm, prior to Solar Contractor commencing any work, that the Solar Contractor's liability insurance policy has no exclusion for limiting or eliminating coverage for work on condominiums commonly known as a "multi-family exclusion" endorsement.

(c) **Insurance of the Solar Energy System.** The Solar Energy System will not be insured under the Association's insurance policies.

(d) **Indemnification.** Each Owner shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold the Association and all other Owners of Units located within the Owner's Condominium Building, and their respective successors and assigns, and its officers, directors, successors and assigns, the management company for the Association and Declarant entirely free and harmless from and against any and all claims, costs, expenses, liabilities, actions and damages, including without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs and costs of enforcing this indemnification (collectively, "**Solar Claims**") arising from or attributable to any acts or omissions of Owner, the Solar Contractor, or any of their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or material suppliers arising out of or based upon any injury or damage resulting from the operation, maintenance, repair, removal, or re-installation of the Owner's Solar Energy System. This indemnity does not include any Solar Claims to the extent they arise out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Association or any other Owner.

**2.18.6 Maintenance Removal and Reinstallation.** Owner agrees that performance of any Solar Work shall not interfere with the Association's maintenance, repair or replacement of the Roof ("**Roof Work**"). If the Association has to perform Roof Work, Owner shall cooperate with the Association to timely remove and store any Solar Energy System located in the Roof Work area, at Owner's expense, as provided below. Except in cases of emergency where reasonable notice will not be provided, the Association shall give Owner at least seven (7) days prior written notice of its intent to have Roof Work performed, the location of the Solar Energy System that will be affected by the Roof Work, and a deadline by which Owner is required to have an approved Solar Contractor remove the affected Solar Energy System at Owner's expense. If Owner fails to remove the Solar Energy System by the deadline stated in the Association's notice, then the Association shall have the right to employ a contractor experienced with solar energy systems to remove the Solar Energy System from the areas where the Roof Work will be performed and to store the Solar Energy System, in which case the Association shall not be responsible for any loss or damage caused to such Solar Energy System during or after such removal, including any damage resulting from the storage of the Solar Energy System unless the Association commits gross negligence or

willful misconduct in connection with such removal. If the Association removes the Owner's Solar Energy System, the Association may levy an Assessment for reimbursement against Owner for all expenses incurred for the removal. After the Association's Roof Work is completed, Owner shall have the Solar Energy System re-installed by an approved Solar Contractor within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice from the Association that such Roof Work is complete. Owner shall be responsible for all costs for removal, storage and reinstallation of the Solar Energy System in connection with any Roof Work. The Association shall not be liable for any interruption in service or for interference with the Solar Energy System due to the Roof Work.

**2.18.7 Damage and Destruction.** In the event of any damage or destruction to a Condominium Building, and as a result, the Condominium Building is not rebuilt or repaired, the Association shall not have any liability or obligations to Owner with regard to the Solar Energy System that may have been located on such Condominium Building. If the Condominium Building is rebuilt, Owner's right to access the Roof to reinstall Owner's Solar Energy System shall be suspended until such time as the Condominium Building is complete and the Association authorizes the reinstallation.

**2.18.8 Condominium Transfers.** If title to a Condominium is or will be transferred to a successor Owner, the transferring Owner or the Solar Company may remove the Solar Energy System, except the conduits and wiring between the electrical closet and the Solar Use Area which shall remain for use by the successor Owner. If the Owner, or the Solar Company fails to notify the Association in writing no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date title is transferred that the Solar Energy System will be removed, which removal must be performed by an approved Solar Contractor and occur prior to the date of transfer, the successor Owner shall be deemed the new owner, lessee or party to the power purchase agreement with Solar Company, as applicable, of or relating to the Solar Energy System and responsible and liable as the Owner under this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems) for any acts or omissions occurring on or after the date of transfer. The transferring Owner shall remain liable for all acts or omissions occurring before the date of transfer.

This **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems) applies to Solar Energy Systems installed as a part of the original construction of the Condominium Buildings, and any successor or replacement Solar Energy Systems that may be installed on the Condominium Buildings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, removal, and re-installation of a Solar Energy System shall be subject to applicable rules, including the Solar Rules. The Solar Rules shall initially be set forth in the Rules. In the event of any conflict between the Solar Rules and this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems) or the Solar Laws, this **Section 2.18** (Solar Energy Systems) or the Solar Laws shall control, as applicable. Notwithstanding any restrictions on use or otherwise as set forth in the Solar Rules, the Owner's rights to the Solar Use Area appurtenant to the Owner's Condominium shall remain in full force and effect.

**2.19 Notice of Airport in the Vicinity.** The Property is located in the vicinity of an airport, within what is known as an airport influence area. For that reason, the Property may be subject to some of the annoyances or inconveniences associated with proximity to airport operations (for example, noise, vibration, or odors). Individual sensitivities to those annoyances can vary from person to person. Each Owner should consider what airport annoyances, if any, are associated with the Property before such Owner completes his or her purchase and determine whether such annoyance is acceptable to such Owner.

**2.20 Nuisances.** No noxious or offensive activities shall be conducted within the Community. Nothing shall be done on or within the Community that may be or may become a nuisance to the residents of the Community, or that in any way interferes or may interfere with the quiet enjoyment of Occupants of Units. Unless otherwise permitted by the Rules, no Owner shall serve food or beverages, cook, barbecue, or engage in similar activities, except within such Owner's Unit or areas permitted for such purposes within the Association Property, if any. Each Owner and the Association shall comply with the City's noise ordinance. Noise or amplified music in excess of the City's residential noise standards are prohibited. Outdoor loudspeakers and public announcement systems are prohibited from use or installation in the Community.

**2.21 Compliance With Laws, Etc.** Nothing shall be done or kept in any Unit or in the Association Property that might increase the rate of, or cause the cancellation of, insurance for the Community, or any portion of the Community. No activities shall be conducted on any portion of the Property and no Improvements shall be constructed within the Community that are unsafe or hazardous to any person or property. No Owner or the Association shall permit anything to be done or kept in the Community that violates Applicable Laws, including any Applicable Laws pertaining to the use or storage of any Hazardous Materials. The Association and each Owner shall comply with all Applicable Laws and all applicable requirements of the Community Entitlements.

**2.22 Smoking.** As required under the Community Entitlements, smoking and vaping is prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of the common open patio area within Lot 3.

**2.23 Declarant Exemption.** The restrictions set forth in this Article shall not apply to Declarant so long as: (a) Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Annexable Property; or (b) Declarant is exercising any of its rights under **Article 9** (Development Rights) or any other rights or powers or easements reserved to Declarant under this Declaration.

### **ARTICLE 3 OWNERSHIP AND EASEMENTS**

**3.1 Ownership of Condominium.** Ownership of each Condominium within the Community shall include: (a) fee title to a Unit; (b) an undivided interest in the Common Area located within the Module or Lot in which the Unit is situated, as shown on the Condominium Plan and the deed to the Condominium; (c) a membership in the Association; and (d) subject to the terms of the Governing Documents, any exclusive or non-exclusive easement or easements appurtenant to such Condominium over the Association Property as described in this Declaration, the Condominium Plan, and the deed to the Condominium, subject to any limitation set forth in the Governing Documents.

**3.2 Title to Association Property.** Any portions of the Property within a Phase made subject to this Declaration that is intended or required to be Association Property shall be conveyed to the Association prior to the conveyance of the first Condominium in that Phase to a First Owner.

**3.3 Commencement of Easements.** Each of the easements reserved or granted under this Declaration shall be deemed to be established upon the recordation of this Declaration and the conveyance by Declarant of a Condominium to a First Owner and shall thereafter be deemed to be covenants running with the land for the use and benefit of the Owners, the Condominiums, the Association, and the Association Property superior to all other encumbrances applied against or in favor of any portion of the Community.

#### **3.4 Access, Use and Maintenance Easements.**

**3.4.1 Easements Over Association Property.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to each Owner, for such Owner's benefit and the benefit of such Owner's Invitees, a non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and use of the Association Property, subject to the terms of the Community Entitlements and Governing Documents; provided, however, that Owners and Invitees shall not have an easement over any areas restricted from access by the Association or restricted under the Community Entitlements.

**3.4.2 Enforcement Easements.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to the Association, non-exclusive easements and right of access over, upon, across and through all portions of the Property, for the purpose of taking such action as may be reasonably required to exercise the remedies of Declarant or the Association (as applicable) in regard to any violation of this Declaration or any of the other Governing Documents.

**3.4.3 Exclusive Use Easements.** Declarant hereby reserves and grants to each Owner an exclusive easement to use each portion of the Association Property (if any) that are described in

the Condominium Plan or the deed to the Owner's Condominium as being an Exclusive Use Easement Area appurtenant to such Condominium for the purposes described in the Condominium Plan or the deed.

**3.4.4 City License.** The City shall have a license and right of entry to enforce the terms of the City's graffiti removal program.

**3.5 Encroachment Easements.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to each Owner and to the Association non-exclusive easements over, under, across and through the Property, for encroachment, support, maintenance, repair, occupancy and use of such portions of the Units and/or Association Property as are encroached upon, used or occupied as a result of any original construction design, accretion, erosion, addition, deterioration, decay, errors in original construction, movement, settlement, shifting or subsidence of any building, structure, or other improvements or any portion thereof, or any other cause. In the event any portion of the Property is partially or totally destroyed, the encroachment easement shall exist for any replacement structure that is rebuilt pursuant to the original construction design. The easement for the maintenance of the encroaching improvement shall exist for as long as the encroachments exists; provided, however, that no valid easement of encroachment shall be created due to the willful misconduct of the Association or any Owner. Any easement of encroachment may, but need not be, cured by repair and restoration of the structure.

**3.5.1 Structural Support.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to each Owner and to the Association, non-exclusive easements and rights in and to all supporting components within and upon the Condominium Buildings and other portions of the Community, for structural support of the Improvements situated therein. Such non-exclusive easements shall not be deemed to create any rights for Owners to attach Improvements to the exterior of the Condominium Buildings.

**3.6 Drainage and Utility Easements.**

**3.6.1 Easements for Drainage and Runoff.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to each Owner and to the Association, non-exclusive easements for drainage through the established system of drainage pipes and facilities over, through, under and across the Units and the Association Property. Such easements shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in **Section 2.15** (Drainage).

**3.6.2 Utilities.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to the Association, non-exclusive easements over, under, across and through the Property for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Utility Facilities serving the Association Property pursuant to this Declaration. Declarant hereby grants to each Owner, non-exclusive easements over, under, across and through the Property for the use, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Utility Facilities exclusively servicing such Owner's Unit pursuant to this Declaration.

**3.7 Declarant's Easements and Rights.**

**3.7.1 Maintenance and Repair.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself non-exclusive easements over, under, through and across the Property for access by Declarant, its agents, employees and contractors to perform necessary maintenance or repair of any Improvements or to implement any warranty provided by Declarant. Such right includes the right of Declarant to enter upon the Property to perform any work required to be performed pursuant to any of the Community Entitlements, or to cure any failure of the Association to perform any work required as a condition to the release of any bonds or other security posted with Governmental Entities or any other obligee and to perform its obligations under any warranties provided by Declarant to an Owner and/or to exercise any repair rights granted to Declarant under this Declaration, any warranties or Applicable Laws; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to impose any obligations on Declarant to cure any failure of the Association to perform its Maintenance Obligations.

**3.7.2 Inspection and Repair.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself non-exclusive easements over, under, through and across the Property for access by Declarant, its agents, employees and contractors to inspect the Association Property on an periodic basis to determine whether any repair to or routine maintenance of any Improvements within the Association Property is needed in accordance with **Section 7.7** (Inspection of the Community) and to perform any necessary repair or maintenance of any Improvements within the Association Property; provided that nothing herein shall create an obligation on Declarant to inspect the Association Property, to repair or maintain any portion thereof or any Improvements there within, or to cure any failure of the Association to perform its Maintenance Obligations.

**3.7.3 Easements to Exercise Rights.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself non-exclusive easements over, under, through and across the Property to perform its duties and exercise its powers granted or reserved in this Declaration.

**3.7.4 Development Easements.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself non-exclusive easements over, under, through and across the Property as is reasonable and necessary to undertake and complete the work of development, construction, marketing, conveyance and/or repair and replacement of the Improvements and as may be necessary to access the Annexable Property until all of such Annexable Property is annexed to the Property and made subject to this Declaration.

**3.7.5 Additional Improvements and Utility Facilities.** Declarant hereby reserves to itself non-exclusive easements over, under, through and across the Property, for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining landscaping, sidewalks, walkways, drainage areas, lighting, signage, monumentation, Utility Facilities, and other facilities and Improvements within the Property, as may be deemed appropriate by Declarant and/or required by the Community Entitlements, Governmental Entities or in connection with the issuance of any permits or approvals for the benefit of Declarant or as may be required in connection with the development of the Property. In addition, Declarant hereby reserves to itself non-exclusive easements over, upon and across all Association Property for purposes of such access as may be reasonably required in connection with such activities.

**3.7.6 Parking Rights for Marketing.** Until Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property and Annexable Property, Declarant shall have the sole right to exclusively utilize the parking spaces located in the vicinity of the model homes for sales, marketing, construction and customer service purposes. In connection with such rights, Declarant shall have the right to tow any vehicles which park within any space which is designated for model home and sales use by Declarant.

**3.8 Limitations on Easements.** The easement rights, and the reservations of the right and authority to grant easements described in the foregoing provisions of this Article and elsewhere in this Declaration, shall be subject to the limitations set forth below.

**3.8.1 Easements of Record.** The Property and all of the easements granted or reserved herein are subject to all covenants, conditions, restrictions, encumbrances, easements, dedications, and rights of way as set forth in Supplementary Declarations, as well as the Map and any other matters of record, including, without limitation, the Community Entitlements and any agreements recorded against the Property. Nothing in this Declaration shall be deemed to limit the right of Declarant, or (with the prior consent of Declarant) the Association, to grant or reserve any additional easements over any portion of the Property to such grantees and for such purposes as Declarant, or the Association may deem appropriate, provided that any such easements shall not be inconsistent with the easement rights granted in this Declaration by Declarant to memorialize the easements and other rights reserved to Declarant under this Declaration.

**3.8.2 Governing Documents.** All of the easements and other rights reserved and granted in this Declaration are subject to the limitations, restrictions and easements set forth in the Governing Documents.

**3.8.3 Restricted Access.** Subject to the Governing Documents and the rights specifically reserved by Declarant, the Association shall have the right to: (a) limit or permit usage of

Association Property by Persons as the Association deems appropriate; and (b) limit the number of Persons using the Association Property. The Association and Declarant shall have the right to temporarily close or restrict access to the Association Property as may be reasonably necessary in connection with the exercise of any Maintenance Obligations or in the event of an Emergency or to exercise any other rights reserved or granted by Declarant or the Association hereunder.

**3.8.4 Suspend Rights to Use Association Property.** All of the easements are subject to the right of the Association, after Notice and Hearing, to temporarily suspend an Owner's rights as a Member to use the facilities within the Association Property for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days (unless such rights are suspended for failure to pay assessments) pursuant to the terms of the Governing Documents. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall the Association suspend an Owner's easement or right of ingress and egress to and from such Owner's Unit, or such Owner's easements for utilities servicing such Owner's Unit.

**3.8.5 Easements and Dedication.** The Association shall have the right without the consent of the Owners to dedicate, transfer or grant easements over all or any part of the Association Property or any interest therein to Governmental Entities or other Person, which dedication, transfer or easements shall be subject to the provisions of this Declaration and such other conditions as the Association deems proper.

**3.9 Rights of Invitees and Occupants.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration or the Governing Documents, nothing contained in this Article is intended to grant any third party beneficiary rights or any other rights to an Invitee and Occupant. No Invitee or Occupant shall have any rights under this Article independent of the rights granted to the Association and the Owners under this Declaration.

**3.10 Assignment of Easements.** Any of the easements hereunder reserved by Declarant may be assigned or transferred by Declarant to any Person, without the consent of any Owners or the Association.

**3.11 Duration of Easements.** Except for the rights of Declarant, the easement rights granted under this Declaration shall be for a term and duration coextensive with the Owner's title or interest in and to a Condominium. Upon conveyance of a Condominium, such rights shall pass to the successor Owner(s) of the Condominium being conveyed. All of the rights reserved to Declarant shall continue so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property.

**3.12 Light, Air and View.** No Owner shall have an easement for light, air or view over the Condominium of another Owner or the Association Property, and no diminution of light, air or view by any Improvement now existing or hereafter erected shall entitle an Owner or any Invitee to claim any easement for light, air or view within the Community.

**3.13 No Separate Conveyance.** The interest of each Owner in the use and benefit of the Association Property and all other easements reserved and granted hereunder to each Owner shall be appurtenant to the Condominium owned by the Owner. No Condominium shall be conveyed by the Owner separately from the right to use the portions of the Association Property that are open for access by the Owners and their Invitees in accordance with the Governing Documents. Any conveyance of any Condominium shall automatically transfer the interest in the Owner's right to use the Association Property as provided in this Declaration and the Governing Documents without the necessity of express reference in the instrument of conveyance.

**3.14 Delegation of Use.** Any Owner entitled to the right of use of the Association Property to the extent provided in this Declaration or the other Governing Documents may delegate such Owner's rights to the Occupants who reside in such Owner's Condominium, subject to reasonable regulation by the Association and the Governing Documents. An Owner who has made such a delegation of rights shall not be entitled to use of the Association Property for so long as such delegation remains in effect, other than such access rights as are directly related to the Owner's rights and duties as landlord.



## ARTICLE 4 THE ASSOCIATION

**4.1 The Organization.** The Association is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation formed under the nonprofit mutual benefit laws of the State of California. On the conveyance of the first Condominium to a First Owner, the Association shall be charged with the duties and given the powers set forth in the Governing Documents.

**4.2 Association Action; Board and Officers; Members' Approval.** Except as to matters requiring the approval of Members as set forth in the Governing Documents, the affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board and officers as the Board may elect or appoint. Such election or appointment shall be in accordance with the Governing Documents. Except as otherwise provided in Governing Documents, all matters requiring the approval of Members shall be deemed approved if: (a) Members holding a majority of the total Voting Power consent to them in writing as provided in the Bylaws; (b) such matters are approved by a majority vote of a quorum of Members at any regular or special meeting held in accordance with the Bylaws; or (c) in certain situations set forth in **Section 4.4** (Duties of the Association), such matters as are approved in accordance with the procedures set forth in **Section 4.4** (Duties of the Association).

**4.3 Powers of the Association.** The Association shall have all the powers of a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California subject only to such limitations on the exercise of such powers as are set forth in the Governing Documents. It shall have the power to do any lawful thing that may be authorized, required, or permitted to be done by the Association under the Governing Documents including, without limitation, the powers set forth below.

**4.3.1 Performance of Duties; Commencement of Association's Duties and Powers.** The Association shall have the power to undertake all of the express duties required to be performed by the Association. Unless otherwise specified in a Supplementary Declaration, the duties, rights and powers of the Association as described in this Declaration shall commence from and after the date of the conveyance of fee ownership of any portion of the Property from Declarant to a First Owner, or such earlier date that Declarant may elect, and the Association shall thereupon assume all such duties and such rights and powers.

**4.3.2 Assessments.** The Association shall have the power to establish, fix, and levy Assessments against the Owners and to enforce payment of such Assessments, in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents.

**4.3.3 Right of Enforcement.** The Association shall have the power to: (a) take disciplinary action and/or assess monetary fines against an Owner for violation of the Governing Documents by such Owner or their Invitees; (b) commence and maintain actions for damages or to restrain and enjoin any actual or threatened breach of any provision of the Governing Documents; (c) after Notice and Hearing, suspend the rights to use any portion of the Association Property or membership rights or privileges (other than voting rights); and/or (d) enforce by mandatory injunction, or otherwise, any resolutions of the Board or any provision of the Governing Documents. In addition, the Association can temporarily suspend the membership rights and privileges and/or can assess monetary fines against any Owner or other person entitled to exercise such rights or privileges for any violation of the Governing Documents or Board resolutions, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Declaration and in the Bylaws; provided, however, that unless such suspension is due to a failure to pay Assessments pursuant to **Article 6** (Assessments), such suspension shall not last longer than sixty (60) days. In no event shall the Association (i) suspend an Owner's right and easement of access for ingress and egress over the Association Property to the extent necessary to provide access and utility service to the Unit; or (ii) suspend an Owner's voting rights as a Member for so long as such Owner is a Member.

**4.3.4 Right of Entry.** The Association or any authorized representative thereof shall have the right, upon forty-eight (48) hours' prior notice and during reasonable hours, to enter in or on any Exclusive Use Easement Area or the interior of any Unit for the purpose of: (a) construction, maintenance

or repair; (b) enforcing the provisions of the Governing Documents or to perform its obligations under the Governing Documents to cure any default by an Owner; or (c) inspecting, maintaining and repairing the Improvements, if any, located within said Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Area which are required to be maintained by the Association as provided in this Declaration. Notwithstanding the forgoing, in the event that there is an Emergency, the agents and representatives of the Board may enter such Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Area immediately and without notice for the sole purpose of taking such action as is necessary under the circumstances. Any damage caused by entry by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be repaired by the Association. Such Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry.

**4.3.5 Delegation of Rights of Use.** Subject to the Governing Documents, the Association shall have the power to exclusively use or to allow the Owners or Occupants the exclusive use on a temporary basis of portions of the Association Property for events and functions, on terms and conditions that the Board deems appropriate, including charging such Owners or Occupants for such use provided that if Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property, the prior consent of Declarant shall be obtained.

**4.3.6 Delegation of Powers; Professional Management.** The Association shall have the power to delegate its powers, duties, and responsibilities to committees or employees, including a professional managing agent, subject to the requirements of **Section 4.5.2** (Property Manager).

**4.3.7 Easements and Rights of Way.** The Association shall have the power to exercise any of the easements and other rights granted to the Association under **Article 3** (Ownership and Easements). Declarant or the Association may grant and convey to any third party non-exclusive easements and licenses for use and rights of way over, through, under and across any Association Property in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration, so long as such easements do not materially and adversely interfere with the Owners' rights set forth in this Declaration. The affirmative vote of majority of Members shall be required before the Board may grant exclusive use of any portion of the Association Property to any Member unless the grant of exclusive use is one of the exceptions to Member approval requirements listed in California Civil Code Section 4600.

**4.3.8 Capital Improvements.** Subject to the terms of this Declaration, the Association shall have the power to approve the construction, installation or acquisition of a particular capital improvement to the Association Property.

**4.3.9 Acquire Property.** The Association shall have the power to acquire and hold real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient for (i) the management or operation of the Association Property, (ii) the administration of the affairs of the Association or (iii) the benefit of the Owners. The Association may dispose of the same by sale or otherwise.

**4.3.10 Restrict Access.** The Association shall have the power to restrict access on or to any portion of the Association Property for purposes of facilitating construction or making repairs of Improvements by the Association on such terms as the Association may deem reasonably appropriate. Any such restriction shall reasonably minimize any impact on access to and from any neighboring areas.

**4.3.11 Enter Into Agreements and Contracts.** The Association shall have the power to enter into maintenance, cost sharing and/or easement agreements with owners of property adjacent or in the vicinity of the Property (including, without limitation, Governmental Entities) or any owners associations. Unless otherwise specified in the agreement or a Supplementary Declaration, any agreements entered into by Declarant with Governmental Entities relating to the Property shall be binding on the Association. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration regarding the term of contracts with Declarant for providing services to the Association, the Association shall have the power to enter into maintenance, use, subsidy or similar agreements with Declarant. The Association shall have the power to contract for goods and services for the benefit of the Association Property and the Community that are necessary for the Association to perform its duties and obligations under the Governing Documents and/or

as may be required by Governmental Entities, including engaging legal, management and accounting services.

**4.3.12 Borrow Funds.** The Association shall have the power to borrow money to improve, repair or maintain the Association Property and to hypothecate any or all real or personal property owned by the Association, including pledging as collateral the assessment liens levied thereon provided that: (a) the borrowing of any money or hypothecation of any real or personal property in excess of five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association shall require the approval by written ballot of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of each class of Members; and (b) the lender's rights of default for any loan obtained pursuant to this Section are limited to, after taking possession of any Association Property, charging reasonable admission and fees, and, upon satisfaction of the debt, such Association Property shall be returned to the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event may the Association borrow money to fund any litigation by the Association relating to the Community or the Improvements unless the consent of a majority of each class of Members is obtained.

**4.3.13 Rights Regarding Title Policies.** If any title claims regarding the Association Property are made by any third party, the Association shall have the power to pursue such claims on any title insurance policy held by the Owners or the Association, and each Owner hereby delegates, on a non-exclusive basis, and assigns to the Association any rights he or she may have under his or her title insurance policies to the extent that the title claim relates to the Association Property.

**4.3.14 Rules.** The Board, by majority vote, shall have the power to adopt the Rules. The Board shall further have the power to amend the Rules as it deems appropriate relating to the use and operation of the Community. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary and to the extent California Civil Code Section 4340, *et seq.* is applicable to the Rules, any rule which is considered to be an operating rule under California Civil Code Section 4340, *et seq.* may not be adopted, changed or amended except by and pursuant to the procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 4340, *et seq.*

**4.3.15 Control Parking.** Subject to the provisions of this Declaration, the Association shall have the right to control parking within the Community and to promulgate rules and regulations to control parking in a manner consistent with this Declaration. The Board shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether there is a violation of the parking and vehicular restrictions set forth in this Declaration or established by the Board, and, if such noncompliance is determined by the Board to exist, the Board shall have the power to enforce all parking and vehicle use regulations applicable to the Community, including the power to remove violating vehicles from the Community pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22658.2 or other Applicable Laws.

**4.3.16 Assignment of Maintenance Responsibilities.** The Association shall have the power to relinquish or assign its maintenance responsibilities to Governmental Entities, including, without limitation, maintenance or assessment districts, utility companies and/or water, sewer or school districts, provided that such Governmental Entities shall have accepted such maintenance responsibility of the Association.

**4.4 Duties of the Association.** In addition to the powers described above, and without limiting their generality, the Association has the power and the obligation to perform duties set forth in this Declaration and the other Governing Documents, subject to and in accordance with the Governing Documents, the Community Entitlements and Applicable Laws.

**4.4.1 Applicable Laws, Community Entitlements and Governing Documents.** The Association shall comply with all Applicable Laws and the Community Entitlements and the Storm Water Agreement. The Association shall perform all duties that may be imposed on the Association in the Governing Documents.

**4.4.2 Acceptance of Property.** The nature, design, quality and quantity of all Improvements to the Association Property shall be determined by Declarant, in its sole discretion. The Association shall accept any Association Property and Improvements situated thereon and any

maintenance or other easements conveyed by Declarant and/or created under this Declaration and shall maintain, repair, replace, operate, and otherwise manage all of the Improvements and facilities required to be maintained by the Association, and all personal property acquired by the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Governing Documents and the Community Entitlements. The Board shall periodically review the nature and scope of the operations of the Association to assure such operations are in satisfactory compliance with the requirements of the Governing Documents and the Association Maintenance Manual. The Association shall comply with the requirements of any agreements entered into between Declarant and Governmental Entities pertaining to the Association Property. In the event that a dispute arises between Declarant and the Association with respect to the nature, design, quality or quantity of such Improvements, or the acceptance of maintenance responsibilities therefor, the Association shall be obligated to accept title to the Association Property and undertake maintenance responsibilities therefore, pending resolution of the dispute, in accordance with the provisions for enforcement set forth in **Article 16** (Term and Enforcement).

**4.4.3 Utilities.** The Association shall acquire, provide and pay for water and other utility services for the Association Property to the extent necessary. The Association shall permit utility suppliers and other providers of any telecommunications or other services to use portions of the Association Property reasonably necessary to the ongoing development and operation of the Community.

**4.4.4 Taxes, Assessments and Liens.** The Association shall pay all real and personal property taxes levied against the Association Property or any other taxes or assessments which could become a lien on the Association Property or any portion thereof. Such taxes and assessments may be contested by the Association provided that they are paid or that a bond insuring payment is posted before the sale or the disposition of any property to satisfy the payment of such taxes.

**4.4.5 Architectural Control.** The Association shall promulgate architectural standards and procedures it deems appropriate, may appoint or remove members of the Design Review Committee and may hire a consultant in connection therewith in accordance with the provisions of **Article 8** (Design Review).

**4.4.6 Rules.** The Association shall adopt and be entitled to modify and enforce the Rules as it deems reasonable. The Rules shall govern the Community. However, the Rules shall not be inconsistent with or materially alter any provisions of the Governing Documents. A copy of the Rules, as adopted, amended or repealed, shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each Owner. In case of any conflict between any of the Rules and any other provisions of this Declaration, the conflicting Rules shall be deemed to be superseded by the provisions of the Declaration. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, and to the extent Civil Code Section 4340, *et seq.* is applicable to the Rules, any rule which is considered to be an operating rule under California Civil Code Section 4340, *et seq.* may not be adopted, changed or amended except by and pursuant to the procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 4340, *et seq.*

**4.4.7 Warranties.** The Association shall comply with the terms of each warranty in favor of the Association, if any, for any equipment or facilities within the Association Property, which warranties may be impaired or eliminated if the Association fails to maintain in compliance with a warranty or if it fails to keep in effect certain maintenance contracts.

**4.4.8 Maintenance Manuals.** The Association shall maintain at the offices of the Association a copy of the Owner Maintenance Manual(s) provided by Declarant to the Owners and shall make available to every Owner upon request a copy of the Owner Maintenance Manual applicable to such Owner's home. The Association shall have the right to charge the requesting Owner a fee for the copying of such Owner Maintenance Manual. The Association shall also comply with provisions of the Association Maintenance Manual provided by Declarant to the Association. The Association may, from time to time, make appropriate revisions to the Association Maintenance Manual based on the Board's review thereof to update such manual to provide for maintenance according to current industry practices, so long as such changes do not reduce the useful life or functionality of the items being maintained. The Association shall require that any management company hired by the Association for the Community: (i) ensures that review

of the Association Maintenance Manual requirements and issues is included on the agenda of each meeting of the Board; (ii) ensures that the Association Maintenance Manual is brought to each regular meeting of the Board; and (iii) ensures that the Association Maintenance Manual is updated with all inspection reports for the Association Property or any other Association maintained areas.

**4.4.9 Minutes of Board Meetings.** The Association shall supply copies of the minutes or a summary of the minutes of any meeting of the Board to Declarant within thirty (30) days of the applicable meeting of the Board for a period of one (1) year after the conveyance of the last Condominium within the Property and Annexable Property by Declarant to a First Owner.

**4.4.10 Dedications to the City.** Certain portions of the Property may have been dedicated to the City on the Map. If the City does not accept such dedications, the Association shall be required to accept the conveyance of such Property in fee title. The Association's acceptance of such transfer shall be through the Board of the Association who shall be authorized to execute any document(s) required to facilitate transfer of such areas or any portion thereof.

**4.4.11 Use of Proceeds to Repair.** If the Association receives, on its own behalf or for the benefit of the Owners, any proceeds as a result of any construction defect or other claims or litigation brought by the Association, then the Association shall apply such proceeds first for the purpose of repairing such defects or replacing reserve funds previously utilized by the Association to cause such repairs and then, to the costs of such litigation. Any excess proceeds shall be applied as determined by the Board, subject to any requirements established by the nonprofit mutual benefit laws of the State of California and any other Applicable Laws.

**4.4.12 Reporting Obligation of the Association.** The Association shall cooperate and provide information relating to the status of the Community, potential construction defects, substantial disputes or dissatisfaction among Owners regarding the operations of the Community or the Owner's insurance, disputes concerning Owners and disputes over rights, privileges and obligation including, without limitation, homeowners association fees as may be reasonably requested by Declarant in connection with obtaining any approvals for government financing (including Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA and VA financing). The Association acknowledges that such cooperation is a benefit to the Owners so as to ensure the availability of government financing and that failure to so cooperate may result in the inability to have government financing available at the Community. The Association shall promptly provide a certification or other statements as may be reasonably requested by Declarant, but no later than five (5) business days after any such request is delivered to the Association.

#### **4.5 Limitations on Authority of Board.**

**4.5.1 Actions Requiring Member Approval.** The Association shall not take any of the actions listed below except with: (a) the vote or written consent of a majority of the Members of each of Class A and Class B Members during the time the Class B voting structure set forth in **Section 5.2.2** (Class B Members) is in effect; or (b) the vote at a meeting of the Association, or by written ballot without a meeting pursuant to Corporations Code Section 7513, of at least a majority of the Members including at least a majority of Members other than Declarant after conversion to a single Class A voting membership.

**(a) Limit on Capital Improvements.** The Association shall not, without obtaining the consent of the Members as set forth above, incur aggregate expenditures for capital improvements to the Association Property in any Fiscal Year in excess of five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that Fiscal Year.

**(b) Limit on Sales of Association Property.** The Association shall not, without obtaining the consent of the Members as set forth above, sell during any Fiscal Year property of the Association having an aggregate fair market value greater than five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that Fiscal Year.

(c) **Limit on Compensation.** The Association shall not, without obtaining the consent of the Members as set forth above, pay compensation to Members for services performed in the conduct of the Association's business; provided, however, the Board may cause a member of the Board, an officer of the Association or a member of a committee of the Association to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the Association.

(d) **Limit on Third Person Contracts.** The Association shall not enter into a contract with a third person wherein the third person will furnish goods or services for the Association, Association Property, for a term longer than one (1) year, with the following exceptions: (i) any management contract, the terms of which have been approved by the Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Administration; (ii) a contract with a public utility company if the rates charged for the materials or services are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission; provided, however, that the term of the contract shall not exceed the shortest term for which the supplier will contract at the regulated rate; (iii) an agreement for cable television services and equipment or satellite television services or equipment not to exceed five (5) years duration, provided that the supplier is not an entity in which Declarant has a direct or indirect ownership interest of ten percent (10%) or more; (iv) an agreement for the sale or lease of burglar alarm and fire alarm equipment, installation and services not to exceed five (5) years duration, provided that the supplier is not an entity in which Declarant has a direct or indirect ownership interest of ten percent (10%) or more; (v) a prepaid casualty and/or liability insurance policy not to exceed three (3) years duration; provided that the policy permits for short-rate cancellation by the insured; (vi) a contract for a term not to exceed three (3) years that is terminable by the Association after no longer than one (1) year without cause, penalty or other obligations upon ninety (90) days written notice of termination to the other party; (vii) a contract which has been submitted to the DRE in connection with an application for a Public Report or for any other purpose; (viii) any agreement required to be entered into under the Community Entitlements; and (ix) any maintenance agreement for the maintenance of any portion of the Association Property which is required as a condition to the effectiveness of any warranty in favor of the Association.

**4.5.2 Property Manager.** The manager of the Association shall at all times be a professional manager operating as an independent contractor. The professional manager shall be covered by its own fidelity insurance policy, which must provide the same coverage required of the Association. The fidelity coverage shall be for its officers, employees, and agents handling or responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of, the Association. The Association shall not discontinue the management of the Association by a professional, and certified or accredited management company without the vote of: (a) Declarant, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property; and (b) a vote in accordance with **Section 13.11** (Self-Management); provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict the Board from changing professional management companies from one professional management company to another. If the Association decides to change professional management companies from one professional management company to another, then any replacement manager shall have at least five (5) years' experience in the management of similar communities.

**4.6 Indemnification of Management Parties.** No volunteer officer or volunteer director of the Board, or of any committee of the Association, or any officer of the Association, or any manager, or Declarant, or any agent or employee or consultant of Declarant (each a "**Management Party**"), shall be personally liable to any Owner or to any other party, including the Association, for any act or omission of any Management Party if such Person has, on the basis of such information as was actually possessed by him or her, acted in good faith without willful, wanton or gross misconduct when performing an act within the scope of the Person's duties (collectively, an "**Official Act**"). The Association has the power and duty to indemnify, defend, protect and hold harmless each Management Party for all damages and expenses incurred (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs), and to satisfy any judgment or fine levied as a result of any action or threatened action brought because of an act or omission which such Person reasonably believed was an Official Act. Management Parties are deemed to be agents of the Association when they are performing Official Acts for purposes of obtaining indemnification from the Association pursuant to this Section. The entitlement to indemnification under this Declaration inures to the benefit of the successors-in-interest of any Person entitled to such indemnification. The Association has the power, but not the duty, to indemnify any other Person acting as an agent of the Association for

damages incurred, pay expenses incurred, and satisfy any judgment or fine levied as a result of any action or threatened action because of an Official Act. The Association also has the power, but not the duty, to contract with any person to provide indemnification in addition to any indemnification authorized by Applicable Laws on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Association may impose.

**4.7 Contracts.** Any agreement for professional management of the Community, employment contract or lease of recreational or parking areas or facilities, or any agreement providing for services of Declarant or an affiliate of Declarant or any contract or lease, including franchises and licenses to which Declarant or an affiliate of Declarant is a party, shall be for a term not to exceed one (1) year without the consent of a majority of each class of Members; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement exceed a term of three (3) years. Any such agreement shall provide that the agreement may be terminated by either party without cause and without payment of a termination fee upon not more than ninety (90) days' written notice.

**4.8 Additional Provisions.** Certain laws apply to the operation of the Association and the Property by the Association, including, without limitation, the Davis Stirling Common Interest Development Act of Section 4000, *et seq.* of the California Civil Code, and the Association and Owners shall comply with all Applicable Laws.

## **ARTICLE 5 MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN ASSOCIATION**

### **5.1 Membership.**

**5.1.1 Qualifications.** Each Owner of a Condominium which is subject to Assessment, including Declarant, shall be a Member of the Association. Ownership of a Condominium shall be the sole qualification for membership in the Association. Each Owner shall remain a Member of the Association until such Owner's ownership interest in the Condominium(s) ceases, at which time such Owner's membership in the Association shall automatically cease. Any reference in this Declaration to a vote of the Members shall refer only to those Members against whose Condominium Assessments have commenced, unless otherwise specified in the Governing Documents.

**5.1.2 Members' Rights and Duties.** Each Member shall have the rights, duties, and obligations set forth in the Governing Documents, as the same may from time to time be amended.

**5.1.3 Approval by Members.** Except as otherwise provided in the Governing Documents, all matters requiring the approval of Members shall be deemed approved if: (a) Members holding a majority of the total Voting Power consent to them in writing as provided in the Bylaws; or (b) such matters are approved by a majority vote of a quorum of Members at any regular or special meeting held in accordance with the Bylaws.

**5.1.4 Transfer of Membership.** The Association membership of each Owner shall be appurtenant to each such Condominium, and shall not be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated, conveyed or alienated in any way except on a transfer of title to each such Condominium or interest in it and then only to the transferee. Any attempt to make a prohibited transfer shall be void. Any transfer of title to a Condominium or interest in it shall operate automatically to transfer the appurtenant membership right in the Association to the new Owner.

**5.1.5 Commencement of Voting Rights.** An Owner's right to vote, including Declarant's right to vote, shall not vest until Regular Assessments have been levied upon such Owner's Condominium as provided in this Declaration. All voting rights shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations provided for herein and in the other Governing Documents.

**5.2 Number of Votes.** The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership, as described below. The voting rights described in **Sections 5.2.1** (Class A Members) and **5.2.2** (Class B Members) shall constitute the Voting Power of the Association:

**5.2.1 Class A Members.** Class A Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of Declarant (until the conversion of Declarant's Class B membership to a Class A membership, as provided in **Section 5.2.2** (Class B Members)), and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Condominium owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an interest in any Condominium, all such Persons shall be Members. The vote for such Condominium shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to such Condominium.

**5.2.2 Class B Members.** Class B Member(s) shall be Declarant who shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Condominium owned by Declarant in a Phase for which Assessments have commenced. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of the earliest of the following to occur: (a) the second anniversary of the first close of escrow for conveyance of a Condominium in a Phase to a First Owner covered by the most recently issued Public Report for any Phase of the Community; or (b) the fourth anniversary of the first conveyance of a Condominium covered by the original Public Report for the first Phase to a First Owner of the Community.

As long as Class B membership exists, no action by the Association that must have the prior approval of the Members shall be deemed approved by the Members unless approved by the appropriate percentage of Class A and Class B Members, except as otherwise set forth in this Declaration. Upon conversion to a single Class A voting membership, any action by the Association that must have the prior approval of the Members will require approval by at least a majority of the Members including at least a majority of Members other than Declarant.

**5.3 Joint Owner Votes.** The voting rights for each Condominium may not be cast on a fractional basis. If the joint Owners of a Condominium are unable to agree among themselves as to how their voting rights shall be cast, they shall forfeit the vote on the matter in question. If any Owner exercises the voting rights of a particular Condominium, it will be conclusively presumed for all purposes that such Owner was acting with the authority and consent of all other Owners of the same Condominium. If more than one (1) Person exercises the voting rights for a particular Condominium, their votes shall not be counted and shall be deemed void.

## **ARTICLE 6 ASSESSMENTS**

**6.1 Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments.** Declarant, for each Condominium owned within the Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of a Condominium by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association all Assessments levied pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. All Assessments levied hereunder, together with Additional Charges, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Condominium of such Owner against which each such Assessment is made, the lien to be effective upon recordation of a Notice of Delinquent Assessment (defined below). Each such Assessment, together with Additional Charges, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Condominium at the time when the Assessment fell due and shall bind its heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns. Unlike the lien for non-delinquent Assessments, the personal obligation for delinquent Assessments shall not pass to successive Owners, unless expressly assumed by such successive Owner. No such assumption of personal liability by a successor Owner shall relieve any Owner against whose Condominium the lien was levied from personal liability for delinquent Assessments. If more than one Person is the Owner of a Condominium, the personal obligation to pay such Assessment or installment respecting such Condominium shall be both joint and several.

**6.2 Funds Held in Trust.** The Assessments collected by the Association shall be held by the Association for and on behalf of each Owner and shall be used solely for the operation, care and maintenance of the Community. Upon the sale or transfer of any Condominium, the Owner's interest in the



funds shall be deemed automatically transferred to the successor in interest of such Owner. A general operating fund shall be established for current expenses of the Association.

**6.3 Purpose of Assessments.** The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to perform the obligations and duties of the Association, including, without limitation, the improvement and maintenance of the Association Property and for any other maintenance responsibilities of the Association, and to reimburse the Association for the costs incurred in bringing an Owner into compliance with the Governing Documents. The Association shall not impose or collect any Assessment, penalty or fee that exceeds the amount necessary for the purpose or purposes for which it is levied. If the Association decides to use or transfer reserve funds to pay for litigation, the Association must provide general notice to its Members of the decision in accordance with California Civil Code Sections 4045 and 5520. Such notice shall provide an explanation of why the litigation is being initiated or defended, why operating funds cannot be used, how and when the reserve funds will be replaced, and a proposed budget for the litigation. The notice must state that the Members have a right to review an accounting for the litigation as provided in California Civil Code Section 5520 which will be available at the Association's office. The accounting shall be updated monthly.

**6.4 Regular Assessments.**

**6.4.1 Payment of Regular Assessments.** The Assessments for Common Expenses ("**Regular Assessment**") for each Fiscal Year shall be established when the Association approves the Budget for that Fiscal Year, which Budget shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents. Regular Assessments shall be levied on a Fiscal Year basis. Unless otherwise specified by the Board, Regular Assessments shall be due and payable in monthly installments on the first day of each month during the term of this Declaration. Declarant's obligation or subsidy for such Regular Assessments may be reduced in accordance with the terms of any maintenance or subsidy agreement executed by Declarant and the Association.

**6.4.2 Budgeting.** Each fiscal year the Association shall prepare, approve and make available to each Member a Budget as described in the Bylaws not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the Fiscal Year or as otherwise required by Applicable Laws.

**6.4.3 Restrictions for Tax Exemption.** As long as the Association seeks to qualify and be considered as an organization exempt from federal and state income taxes pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 528 and California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701t and any amendments thereto, then the Board shall prepare its annual Budget and otherwise conduct the business of the Association in such a manner consistent with federal and state requirements to qualify for such status.

**6.4.4 Reallocation of Assessments.** After conveyance of the first Condominium in a Phase to a First Owner, the Assessments shall be reallocated among all Condominiums located in Phases in which the conveyance of a Condominium to a First Owner has occurred, in the same manner as described in this Article.

**6.4.5 Non-Waiver of Assessments.** If the Association fails to fix Regular Assessments for the next Fiscal Year before the expiration of the then-current Fiscal Year, the Regular Assessment established for the preceding year shall continue until a new Regular Assessment is fixed.

**6.4.6 Supplemental Assessments.** If the Board determines that the Association's essential functions may be properly funded by a Regular Assessment in an amount less than the maximum authorized Regular Assessment described above, it may levy such lesser Regular Assessment. If the Board determines that the estimate of total charges for the current year is or will become inadequate to meet all Common Expenses, it shall determine the approximate amount of the inadequacy. Subject to the limits described in **Section 6.6** (Changes to Assessments), the Board may levy a supplemental Regular Assessment reflecting a revision of the total charges to be assessed against each Condominium.

## **6.5 Other Type of Assessments.**

**6.5.1 Special Assessments.** If the Association determines at any time that the estimated total amount of funds necessary to fund the Common Expenses of the Association for a given Fiscal Year is or will become inadequate to meet expenses for any reason, including, without limitation, unanticipated delinquencies, costs of construction, unexpected repairs or replacements of capital improvements on, damage and destruction or condemnation of the Association Property or any other areas which the Association is obligated to maintain, the Board shall determine the approximate amount necessary to defray such expenses, and may levy a special assessment ("**Special Assessment**"). Special Assessments shall be subject to the limitations set forth in **Section 6.6** (Changes to Assessments); provided, however, that such limitation shall not apply to Special Assessments levied by the Board to replenish the Association's reserve account as provided in the Article of the Bylaws entitled "Association's Accounts." The Board may, in its discretion, prorate such Special Assessment over the remaining months of the Fiscal Year or levy the Assessment immediately against each Condominium as to which Assessments have commenced. The Association must comply with California Civil Code Section 5610.

**6.5.2 Capital Improvement Assessments.** In addition to any other Assessments provided for hereunder, the Association may levy a capital improvement assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or replacement of a capital improvement ("**Capital Improvement Assessment**"). Capital Improvement Assessments shall be due and payable by all Owners in such installments and during such period or periods as the Board shall designate. Capital Improvement Assessments shall be subject to the limitations set forth in **Section 6.6** (Changes to Assessments).

**6.5.3 Compliance Assessments.** The Association may levy an assessment ("**Compliance Assessment**") against any Owner for bringing the Owner or the Owner's Condominium into compliance with the provisions of the Governing Documents and/or any other charge designated a Compliance Assessment in the Governing Documents, together with any Additional Charges. The Association shall have the authority to adopt a reasonable schedule of Compliance Assessments for any violation of the Governing Documents. If, after Notice and Hearing which satisfies California Corporations Code Section 7341 and California Civil Code Section 5855, the Owner fails to cure or continues such violation, the Association may impose an additional fine each time the violation is repeated, and may assess such Owner and enforce the Compliance Assessment as herein provided for nonpayment of an Assessment. A hearing committee may be established by the Association to administer the foregoing. A Compliance Assessment imposed by the Association as a means to reimburse the Association for costs incurred by the Association in the repair of damage to Association Property and facilities caused by a Member or a Member's Invitee may become a lien against the Member's Condominium enforceable by the sale of the interest under California Civil Code Sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, except as provided in **Section 6.11** (Collection of Assessments; Liens), Compliance Assessments imposed by the Association as a disciplinary measure for failure of a Member to comply with the Governing Documents are Assessments but they may not become a lien against the Owner's Condominium that is enforceable by a power of sale under California Civil Code Sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c; provided, however, that this restriction on Compliance Assessment liens imposed by the Association as a disciplinary measure for failure of a Member to comply with the Governing Documents, does not apply to late payments.

## **6.6 Changes to Assessments.**

**6.6.1 Limitation on Assessments.** From and after January 1st of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Condominium to a First Owner, the annual Regular Assessment may not, except in the case of an Emergency, be increased by an amount greater than twenty percent (20%) of the Regular Assessments for the preceding Fiscal Year, and Special Assessments and Capital Improvement Assessments shall not be imposed that in the aggregate exceed five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that Fiscal Year, without the consent of the Members, constituting a quorum and casting a majority of the votes at a meeting or election of the Association conducted in accordance with the provisions of: (i) California Civil Code Section 5100, *et seq.* and the rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto; and (ii) California Corporations Code Sections 7510, *et seq.* and

7613. The Board may not increase the Regular Assessments for any Fiscal Year unless it has complied with California Civil Code Section 5605. For the purpose of this Section, a quorum shall mean more than fifty percent (50%) of the Members, pursuant to California Civil Code Section 4070, and an Emergency shall mean any one of the following: (a) an extraordinary expense required by an order of a court; (b) an extraordinary expense necessary to repair or maintain the Association Property or other portions of the Community that the Association is obligated to maintain where a threat to personal safety is discovered; or (c) an extraordinary expense necessary to repair or maintain the Association Property or other portion of the Community that the Association is obligated to maintain, that could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Board in preparing and distributing the Budget required under this Declaration and the Bylaws and California Civil Code Section 5300.

**6.6.2 Calculation of Increase in Regular Assessments.** For the purpose of calculating whether an increase to Regular Assessments exceeds twenty percent (20%), the term "Regular Assessments" shall be deemed to include the amount assessed against each Condominium as a Regular Assessment plus any amount paid by Declarant as a subsidy pursuant to any subsidy agreements, to the extent such subsidy payments offset any amount which would otherwise be paid by Owners as Regular Assessments. Any increases authorized under this Section shall not be imposed unless the Board has complied with the budgetary requirements set forth in the Bylaws with respect to the Fiscal Year for which an Assessment is being levied.

**6.7 Allocation of Assessments.** Regular Assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Condominiums and may be collected on a monthly basis and shall be determined by dividing the amount of the Assessment by the total number of Condominiums then within the Community and subject to assessment. Special Assessments and Capital Improvement Assessments shall be allocated in the same manner as Regular Assessments. Compliance Assessments shall be levied directly to the individual Condominiums in a manner consistent with the provisions of **Section 6.5.3** (Compliance Assessments).

**6.8 Commencement of Assessments.** Regular Assessments shall commence as to all Condominiums in a Phase subject to this Declaration on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the first Condominium in that Phase to First Owner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant may elect to commence to pay Regular Assessments for a Phase prior to the conveyance of a Unit in such Phase to a First Owner (provided that, upon making such election, Declarant shall continue to pay such Regular Assessments for such Phase until conveyance of such Units in the Phase as to which Regular Assessments have commenced to a First Owner) and in such case, Declarant shall have the voting rights as to the Units in such Phase pursuant to **Section 5.2** (Number of Votes).

**6.9 Notice and Assessment Due Dates.** The Association shall provide notice by first class mail to each Owner (pursuant to California Civil Code Section 4040) of an increase in the Regular Assessment and notice of any Special Assessment or Capital Improvement Assessment (or increase therein) not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the increased Regular Assessment or the Special Assessment or Capital Improvement Assessment becoming due. The due dates for the payment of Regular Assessments normally shall be the first day of each month unless some other due date is established by the Association. The due date for Special Assessments or Capital Improvement Assessments shall be specified in the notice provided by the Association and if such Special Assessments or Capital Improvement Assessments are payable in installments, such installments normally shall be due the first day of each month unless some other due date is established by the Association. Each installment of Regular Assessments, Special Assessments and Capital Improvement Assessments shall become delinquent if not paid within fifteen (15) days after its due date. Additional Charges shall accrue with each delinquent installment but shall not, in any event, exceed the maximum rates permitted under California Civil Code Section 5600, *et seq.*

**6.10 Estoppel Certificate.** On not less than ten (10) days' prior written request, the Association shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the party making such request a statement in writing stating both of the following: (a) whether or not, to the knowledge of the Association, a particular Owner is in default in connection with the payment of Assessments as to such Owner's Condominium; and (b) the dates to which installments of Assessments, have been paid as to such Condominium. Any such statement may be relied

on by any prospective purchaser or Mortgagee of the Condominium, but reliance on such statement may not extend to any default not involving the payment of Assessments of which the signer had no actual knowledge.

## **6.11 Collection of Assessments; Liens.**

**6.11.1 Right to Enforce.** The right to collect and enforce Assessments is vested in the Board acting for and on behalf of the Association. The Board may enforce the obligations of the Owners to pay Assessments provided for in this Declaration by commencement and maintenance of a suit at law or in equity, or the Board may foreclose by judicial proceedings or through the exercise of the power of sale pursuant to **Section 6.11.5** (Notice of Default; Foreclosure) enforce the lien rights created. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid Assessments together with all other Additional Charges shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien rights. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, a monetary penalty imposed by the Association as a disciplinary measure for failure of a Member to comply with the Governing Documents or in bringing the Member and its Condominium into compliance with the Governing Documents may not be characterized nor treated as an Assessment that may become a lien against the Member's Condominium enforceable by a sale of the interest hereunder. The limitation in the preceding sentence however, does not apply to any Additional Charges.

**6.11.2 Notice of Assessments and Foreclosure.** The Association shall distribute a written notice regarding Assessments and foreclosure as set forth in California Civil Code Section 5730 during the sixty (60) day period immediately preceding the beginning of the Association's Fiscal Year.

**6.11.3 Delinquent Assessments.** In collecting delinquent Assessments, the Association shall comply with the requirements of California law, including, without limitation, California Civil Code Section 5650. As of the date of this Declaration, such laws require that, among other things, before the Association records a lien against the Owner's Condominium, the Association shall: (a) notify the delinquent Owner of certain matters; and (b) offer and, if requested by the Owner, participate in, dispute resolution procedures pursuant to the Association's "meet and confer" program required by California Civil Code Sections 5900 through 5920.

**6.11.4 Assignment.** The Association may not voluntarily assign or pledge the Association's right to collect payments or Assessments, or to enforce or foreclose a lien to a third party except where provided under California Civil Code Section 5735.

**6.11.5 Notice of Default; Foreclosure.** The Association can record a notice of default and, subject to the requirements and limitations of California Civil Code Section 5700, *et seq.*, can cause the Condominium with respect to which a notice of default has been recorded to be sold either in the same manner as a sale is conducted under California Civil Code Sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c or through judicial foreclosure and as provided in California Civil Code Section 5700, *et seq.* However, as a condition precedent to the holding of any such sale under Section 2924c, appropriate publication shall be made. In connection with any such sale, the Board is authorized to appoint a trustee for purposes of conducting the sale. If a delinquency is cured before sale of the Condominium or before completing a judicial foreclosure, or if it is determined that a lien previously recorded against a Condominium was recorded in error, the Board shall apply payments and follow the procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 5685. On becoming delinquent in the payment of any Assessment or installment, each delinquent Owner shall be deemed to have absolutely assigned all rent, issues and profits of its Condominium to the Association and shall further be deemed to have consented to the appointment of a receiver (which appointment may, at the election of the Association, be enforced by the Association through specific performance). The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid upon the Condominium at foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the Condominium and vote as an Owner of the Condominium.

**6.11.6 Creation of Lien.** If there is a delinquency in the payment of any Assessment (other than a Compliance Assessment), any amounts that are delinquent, together with any Additional Charges, shall be a lien against the defaulting Owner's Condominium upon the recordation in the Official

Records of a notice of delinquent assessment (“**Notice of Delinquent Assessment**”) as provided in California Civil Code Section 5675. After its recordation, the Notice of Delinquent Assessment shall be mailed to all Owners of record for the Condominium for which the lien is being filed as provided in California Civil Code Section 5675.

**6.11.7 Payment of Assessments.** Any payments of sums due under this Article shall first be applied to Assessments owed, and only after Assessments owed have been paid in full shall the payments be applied to the Additional Charges. If an Owner requests a receipt after payment of a delinquent Assessment, the Association shall provide a receipt which sets forth the date of payment and the individual who received such payment.

**6.12 Additional Charges.** In addition to any other amounts due or any other relief or remedy obtained against an Owner who is delinquent in the payment of any Assessments, each Owner agrees to pay Additional Charges incurred or levied by the Association including such additional costs, fees, charges and expenditures as the Association may incur or levy in the process of collecting from that Owner monies due and delinquent subject to California Civil Code Section 5650, *et seq.*

**6.13 Waiver of Exemptions.** Each Owner, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, waives, to the extent of any liens created pursuant to this Article, the benefit of any homestead or exemption laws of California in effect at the time any Assessment or installment becomes delinquent or any lien is imposed.

**6.14 Subordination of Lien to First Mortgages.** When a Notice of Delinquent Assessment has been recorded, such Assessment shall constitute a lien on such delinquent Owner’s Condominium prior and superior to all other liens, except: (a) all taxes; (b) bonds; (c) assessments and other levies that, by law, would be superior thereto; and (d) any First Mortgage now or hereafter placed upon any Condominium subject to Assessment. The sale or transfer of any Condominium pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a First Mortgage, or pursuant to the remedies provided in the First Mortgage, shall extinguish the lien of such Assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Condominium from any Assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien of any subsequent Assessment. Where the Mortgagee of a First Mortgage or other purchaser of a Condominium obtains title to the same as a result of foreclosure, or pursuant to the remedies provided in the First Mortgage, such acquiror of title, and his or her successors and assigns, shall not be liable for the share of the Common Expenses or Assessments chargeable to such Condominium that became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Condominium by such acquiror, except for a share of such charges or Assessments resulting from a reallocation of such charges or Assessments that are made against all Condominiums.

**6.15 No Offsets.** All Assessments shall be payable in the amounts specified by the particular Assessment, and no offsets against such amounts shall be permitted for any reason, including, without limitation, a claim that the Association is not properly exercising its duties of maintenance, operation or enforcement.

**6.16 Personal Liability of Owner.** No Owner may exempt himself or herself from personal liability for Assessments, nor any part thereof, levied by the Association, nor release the Condominiums owned by him or her from the liens and charges hereof by waiver of the use and enjoyment of the Association Property and facilities thereof, or by abandonment of such Owner’s Condominiums.

**6.17 Transfer of Condominiums.** After transfer or sale of a Condominium, the selling Owner(s) shall not be liable for any Assessment levied on such Condominium after the date of transfer of ownership and written notice of such transfer is delivered to the Association. The selling Owner(s) shall remain responsible for all Assessments and charges levied on his or her Condominium prior to any such transfer.

**6.18 Failure to Fix Assessments.** The omission by the Board to fix the Assessments hereunder before the expiration of any Fiscal Year for that or the next year shall not be deemed either a waiver or modification in any respect of the provisions of this Declaration or a release of the Owner from

the obligation to pay the Assessments or any installment thereof for that or any subsequent Fiscal Year, but the Assessment fixed for the preceding Fiscal Year shall continue until a new Assessment is fixed.

**6.19 Property Exempt From Assessments.** The Association Property shall be exempt from the Assessments, charges and liens created herein.

**6.20 Uncompleted Facilities.** Although no land or Improvements devoted to dwelling use in the Community shall be exempt from Assessment, the Board may, but shall have no obligation to, exclude from the Regular Assessments those portions of budgeted Common Expenses that are for the purpose of defraying expenses and reserves directly attributable to the existence of Improvements to be maintained by the Association that are not complete at the time of the Assessment. Any such exemption from the payment of Assessment shall be in effect only until the earlier to occur of the following: (a) a notice of completion for the subject Improvements has been recorded; or (b) the Improvements have been placed into use.

**6.21 Association Property Improvements.** If the Improvements to be installed by Declarant on the Association Property in a Phase have not been completed prior to the issuance by the DRE of a Final Subdivision Public Report covering the Phase, and in the further event that the Association is the obligee under a bond to secure performance by Declarant to complete such Improvements, then if such Improvements have not been completed and a notice of completion filed within sixty (60) days after the completion date specified in the planned construction statement appended to the bond, the Board shall consider and vote upon the question of whether or not to bring action to enforce the obligations under the bond. If the Association has given an extension in writing for the completion of any such Improvement, then the Board shall consider and vote on said question if such Improvements have not been completed and a notice of completion filed within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the extension period. In the event that the Board determines after the expiration of any written extension(s) not to take action to enforce the obligations secured by the bond or does not vote on the question as above provided, then, in either such event, upon petition signed by Members representing five percent (5%) or more of the Voting Power, excluding the Voting Power of Declarant, the Board shall call a special meeting of the Members to consider the question of overriding the decision of the Board or of requiring the Board to take action on the question of enforcing the obligations secured by the bond. Said meeting of Members shall be held not less than thirty-five (35) days nor more than forty-five (45) days following receipt of the petition. At said meeting, a vote of a majority of the Voting Power, excluding the vote of Declarant, to take action to enforce the obligations under the bond shall be deemed to be the decision of the Association, and the Board shall thereafter implement the decision by initiating and pursuing appropriate action in the name of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 7 MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**7.1 Maintenance.** Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this Article, "maintenance," "maintain" or "maintaining" means the operation, inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration and replacement of the areas and facilities designated for maintenance by the Association or Owner. To the extent repair, restoration and replacement is required as a result of damage or destruction under **Article 11** (Destruction of Improvements and Condemnation), then the repair and replacement shall be governed by the provisions of **Article 11** (Destruction of Improvements and Condemnation).

**7.1.1 Maintenance Chart.** The Maintenance Chart attached hereto identifies certain maintenance responsibilities of the Association and the Owners. In the event of a conflict between the maintenance responsibilities set forth in this Article and the Maintenance Chart, the provisions of this Article shall control.

**7.2 Maintenance Obligations of the Association.** The Association shall maintain all areas designated for maintenance by the Association on the Maintenance Chart. The requirements set forth in this Section are in addition to, and supplement the Association's obligations set forth on the Maintenance Chart. The Association shall maintain the Association Property (including without limitation all portions of

the Condominium Buildings except for the Units contained therein) in a good condition of repair in accordance with the Maintenance Obligations and the Association Maintenance Manual, including all Improvements, landscaping, irrigation, monument signs and any private storm drains located on or in the Association Property.

**7.2.1 Private Streets.** The Association shall maintain all Private Streets, including, without limitation, any parkway and sidewalk Improvements located within the Private Streets, and the street lights within or adjoining the Private Streets as part of the Private Streets.

**7.2.2 Cluster Mailboxes.** The Association shall maintain the cluster mailboxes, except that the Owners shall maintain the locks as provided below.

**7.2.3 Utility Facilities.** The Association shall maintain the private Utility Facilities which service more than one (1) Unit. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to undertake the maintenance of any private Utility Facility which exclusively services a Unit when located within Association Property and to levy a Compliance Assessment against the Owner.

**7.2.4 Storm Water Improvements.** The Association shall maintain all Storm Water Improvements within the Association Property. Such maintenance shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of the Storm Water Agreement and all Governmental Requirements.

**7.2.5 Pet Waste Disposal Station.** The Association shall maintain the pet waste disposal station within the Association Property.

**7.2.6 Parking Areas.** The Association shall regularly maintain all parking areas (except garages) and shall be responsible for the prompt clean up and removal of litter, oil stains and spilled vehicle fluids. Parking areas shall be well maintained and kept free of litter and debris at all times.

**7.2.7 Fencing and Walls.** All fencing and walls within the Community shall be structurally sound, graffiti-free and well maintained at all times by the Association. Graffiti shall be promptly removed by the Association from walls and fences and the Association shall comply with the rules and regulation of the City's graffiti removal program.

**7.2.8 Additional Items.** The Association shall also be responsible for maintaining any Improvements designated for Association maintenance in a Supplementary Declaration and/or that a majority of the Board or a majority of the Voting Power designates for maintenance by the Association.

**7.2.9 Compliance with Maintenance Obligations.** The Association shall comply with the Maintenance Obligations for the Association Property and any other areas to be maintained by the Association in accordance with the requirements of the Association Maintenance Manual and this Declaration. The Association's Maintenance Obligations in any Phase shall commence on the date Regular Assessments commence on Units in such Phase. Notwithstanding the foregoing, contractors or subcontractors of Declarant may be contractually obligated to maintain the landscaping or other Improvements on the Association Property pursuant to warranties or other existing contractual obligations to Declarant. The Association shall not interfere with the performance of such warranty or other contractual maintenance obligations. Maintenance performed by such contractors or subcontractors of Declarant shall not serve to postpone the commencement of Regular Assessments pursuant to this Declaration, nor entitle an Owner to claim any offset or reduction in the amount of such Regular Assessments.

### **7.3 Maintenance Obligations of Owners.**

**7.3.1 Maintenance by Owners.** Each Owner of a Condominium shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Improvements described on the Maintenance Chart attached hereto and the items described below.

(a) **Solar Energy System.** Any Solar Owner shall be responsible for maintenance of that Owner's Solar Energy System and appurtenances. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to oversee any Solar Work to ensure that the Roof and other portions of the Condominium Building are not damaged. If a Solar Owner fails to cause any maintenance or repairs to be completed within a reasonable period of time after the Board has provided written notice to the applicable Solar Owner and the Board determines that such repairs must be made to protect the health and safety of Occupants and/or to avoid damage to any other portion of the Condominium Building, the Board may, at its option, have such work completed and levy a Compliance Assessment against the defaulting Solar Owner. Additionally, each Solar Owner and each successive Solar Owner shall be responsible for all of the following in accordance with California Civil Code Section 4746(b)(2): (a) the costs incurred by the Association to repair any damage to the Roof or other Association Property or other portions of Condominium Buildings resulting from the Solar Work; (b) the costs incurred by the Association to repair any damage to the Roof or other Association Property or other portions of Condominium Buildings after removal of the Owner's Solar Energy System; (c) disclosing to prospective buyers of the existence of the Owner's Solar Energy System, the Solar Agreement and related responsibilities of the Solar Owner under the Governing Documents and the Solar Agreement.

**7.3.2 Other Maintenance Obligations.** Each Owner shall perform any maintenance obligations designated in a Supplementary Declaration as a maintenance responsibility of an Owner whose Unit is subject to such Supplementary Declaration(s).

**7.3.3 Quality of Maintenance.** All maintenance required to be performed by an Owner pursuant to this Declaration shall be performed in such a manner as shall be deemed necessary in the judgment of the Association to preserve the attractive appearance thereof, and to protect the value thereof in compliance with all requirements of the Owner Maintenance Manual, the Maintenance Chart and the Maintenance Obligations. Any such maintenance of any of the foregoing which is visible from outside of a Unit shall be consistent with the existing design, aesthetics and architecture of the Community.

**7.3.4 Compliance with Maintenance Obligations.** By accepting a deed to a Condominium, each Owner acknowledges and agrees that each Owner is required to comply with all of the Maintenance Obligations and schedules set forth in the Owner Maintenance Manual, and each Owner is further obligated to provide a copy of all documents describing Maintenance Obligations to any successor purchaser of such Owner's Condominium.

**7.3.5 Liability for Damage.** Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for any and all costs and expenses which may be incurred by the Association to repair any damage to the Association Property which may be sustained by reason of the negligence or willful misconduct of said Owner, the members of his family, his tenants, lessees, or their respective guests or invitees, whether minor or adult. Any such costs and expenses shall be levied by the Board as a Compliance Assessment against such Owner in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

**7.3.6 Non-Compliance With Maintenance Obligations.** If an Owner ("Non-Maintaining Owner") fails to perform its Maintenance Obligations as required under this Declaration, the Association, in addition to any other rights under this Declaration, shall have the right to cure such failure and the provisions set forth below shall apply.

(a) **Maintenance Deficiencies.** Upon a finding by the Association of a deficiency by a Non-Maintaining Owner in its Maintenance Obligations, the Association may provide to the Non-Maintaining Owner a written notice ("**Notice of Deficiency**"), which shall briefly specify the conditions which the Association finds to be deficient, and request that such deficiency be cured within a specified reasonable period of time. If the Association determines that such deficiency continues to exist at the end of the period of time specified in the Notice of Deficiency, the Association may, at its option, either: (a) enter on and accomplish the maintenance of such portion of the Property that continues to be deficient; (b) contract with another party to accomplish such maintenance; or (c) seek any other remedy available at law or in equity, including, without limitation, specific performance or an injunction to enforce the Non-Maintaining Owner's Maintenance Obligations provided herein. Any of the foregoing remedies may be



employed at the option of the Association, and the failure to employ any of such remedies upon any occurrence giving rise to such remedies shall not be a waiver of the right to employ such remedies in connection with any other occurrence.

(b) **Emergency Maintenance.** If the Association determines that such deficiency constitutes an Emergency which requires action prior to the expiration of any cure period, the Association may take the actions provided for in this Section without a Notice of Deficiency being given in advance of taking such action, provided that as soon as reasonably practicable after taking the Emergency action the Association gives a Notice of Deficiency (without providing a cure period) to the Non-Maintaining Owner.

(c) **Reimbursement of Association.** If the Association elects to perform a Non-Maintaining Owner's Maintenance Obligations, whether by use of its own employees and equipment or by contract with a third party, the entire cost of accomplishing such maintenance shall be an obligation of the applicable Non-Maintaining Owner and shall be reimbursed by the Non-Maintaining Owner to the Association with interest at the Interest Rate within fifteen (15) days after receipt of a statement therefor. If such amounts are not reimbursed when due, the Association may levy a Compliance Assessment.

**7.4 Duty to Protect Against Mechanics' Liens.** In performing their Maintenance Obligations, and in connection with any other Improvements, the Association and any Owner (for the purposes of this Section, the "**Contracting Party**," as applicable) shall each promptly pay all costs, expenses, liabilities and liens arising out of or in any way connected with contracts for any service, labor or materials provided or supplied to the Property or the construction of any Improvements authorized or undertaken by the Contracting Party. A Contracting Party shall not cause or permit any mechanic's lien to be filed against the Community for labor or materials alleged to have been furnished or delivered to the Community by the Contracting Party. If any Contracting Party causes or permits a lien to be filed, such Contracting Party shall: (a) immediately either cause the lien to be discharged within ten (10) days after notice to such responsible party by the Contracting Party, or post a bond which protects the title of the affected Contracting Party to their Property; and (b) indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the other Owners and/or the Association, as applicable, from any loss, damage, liability, expense or claims whatsoever by reason of any expenses incurred in connection therewith, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of defending against the foregoing claims incurred by the Association and/or another Owner and any costs of enforcing this indemnity prior to the defense thereof by the Contracting Party.

**7.5 Liability to Declarant.** So long as Declarant has any obligation or liability under any permits issued by Governmental Entities, if an Owner or the Association is not in compliance with the provisions of this Article and as a result, Declarant may incur any liability, Declarant shall have the right but not the obligation to enter upon the applicable portion of the Community to correct such violation. If the Association or an Owner violates the requirements of this Article, the Association or Owner shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold Declarant, and its officers, directors, successors and assigns entirely free and harmless from and against any liabilities, penalties, costs, expenses and actions, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs arising from or attributed to a violation of the provisions of this Article and shall, within fifteen (15) days after request from Declarant, reimburse Declarant for any costs and expenses it incurred as a result of a violation of this Article by the Association or Owner.

**7.6 Inspection of the Community.** The Association shall regularly inspect all major components of the Association Property at least once each year. One of the primary purposes of the inspection shall be to determine how to extend the life of Association Property Improvements and to prevent damage to such Improvements resulting from the Association's neglect or the failure to properly and adequately maintain. The Association shall keep appropriate records to document that it has performed all inspections and maintained all Improvements in compliance with the Association Maintenance Manual and this Declaration. For a period of ten (10) years after the date of the last close of escrow of a Condominium in the Community, Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to inspect the Association Property on a periodic basis, at least once each year, to determine whether any repair to or routine maintenance of the Association Property is needed. Such inspection by Declarant shall be in addition to, not in place of, the inspections required of the Association in this Declaration. Nothing herein shall create an obligation of

Declarant to inspect the Association Property, to repair or maintain any portion thereof or any Improvements there within, or to cure any failure of the Association to perform its Maintenance Obligations. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Association shall have all inspections performed and otherwise comply with California Civil Code Section 5551 to the extent the inspection is required for the Community under such section.

**7.7 Future Construction.** Nothing in this Declaration shall limit the right of Declarant to complete construction of Improvements to the Association Property and to Condominiums owned by Declarant or to alter them or to construct additional Improvements as Declarant deems advisable before completion and sale of the entire Community.

## **ARTICLE 8 DESIGN REVIEW**

**8.1 Scope of Review.** No Improvements of any kind whatsoever shall be commenced, erected, placed or altered upon or around any Unit or any Exclusive Use Easement Area until the Owner has submitted complete plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height and materials of such Improvements, including the color and any other requirements set forth in the Design Guidelines (“Plans”), and such Plans have been approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location with regard to surrounding structures and topography by the Board. In addition, the grade, level or drainage characteristics of the Unit, Exclusive Use Easement Area or any portion thereof shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the Board. An Owner shall also be obligated to obtain any approvals required by the City or other Governmental Entities.

**8.2 Design Guidelines.** The Board may, from time to time and in accordance with California Civil Code Section 4355, *et seq.*, adopt, amend and repeal, rules and regulations to be known as “**Design Guidelines.**” The Design Guidelines shall interpret and implement the provisions hereof by setting forth the standards and procedures for Board review and guidelines for architectural design of Improvements, placement of Improvements, color schemes, exterior finishes and materials and similar features which are recommended for use in the Community; provided, however, that the Design Guidelines shall not be in derogation of the standards required by this Declaration. The Design Guidelines shall be in compliance with all Applicable Laws including, without limitation, California Civil Code Sections 4720 and 4735.

**8.3 Approval of Plans.** Prior to the installation of any Improvements, or taking other action that requires the prior approval of the Board, the Owner (“**Applicant**”) shall submit a complete set of Plans and any review fee required pursuant to the Design Guidelines and any other materials required by the Association in accordance with the Design Guidelines, including evidence satisfactory to the Board that the proposed Improvements are acceptable under the terms of this Declaration and the Design Guidelines, and comply with all Applicable Laws and, as applicable, building code requirements (such Plans and materials referred to collectively as, “**Application**”).

**8.3.1 Time Periods for Review.** Within forty-five (45) days after an Owner’s proper submittal to the Board of an Application for approval, the Board shall consider and act upon such request. In the event the Board fails to approve or disapprove the Application within forty-five (45) days after all documents and information requested by the Board have been received by it, the Owner requesting said approval may submit a written notice to the Board advising the same of its failure to act. If the Board fails to approve or disapprove any such Application within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of said notice from such Owner, said Application shall be deemed approved, provided that any Improvements conform to all conditions and restrictions contained in this Article and are aesthetically harmonious with similar structures erected within the Community.

**8.3.2 Compliance With California Civil Code.** In approving Plans submitted to it pursuant to this Article, the Board shall comply with the requirements of California Civil Code Section 4765.

**8.3.3 Reconsideration.** If a Design Review Committee is appointed and the Design Review Committee disapproves any Plans submitted by an Owner pursuant to this Article, the Applicant

may submit a written request for reconsideration to the Board. The Board must receive such written request not more than thirty (30) days following the final decision of the Design Review Committee. Within thirty (30) days following receipt of the written request for reconsideration, the Board shall render its written decision in accordance with California Civil Code Section 4765. The decision of the Board shall be binding and final.

**8.3.4 Effectiveness of Final Approval.** The approval granted as provided above shall be effective for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. In the event construction does not commence within such twelve (12) month period, the approval shall be deemed to have expired and a new approval pursuant to the provisions of this Article must be obtained.

**8.4 Inspection and Correction of Work.** Inspection of work performed by or on behalf of Owner and correction of defects therein shall proceed as set forth below.

**8.4.1 Right of Inspection.** The Board or its duly authorized representative may enter into any Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Area, from time to time, as provided below during construction or installation of any Improvements for the purpose of inspecting the construction or installation thereof. If the Board determines that such construction and/or installation is not being done in substantial compliance with the approved Plans, it shall notify the Owner of such non-compliance. The Board may not enter into a Unit without obtaining the prior permission of the Owner or Occupant; provided, however, that such prior permission shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be given for entry by the Board or its duly authorized representative during the daylight hours within forty-eight (48) hours of the request for entry.

**8.4.2 Notice of Completion.** Upon completion of any construction or reconstruction or the alteration or refinishing of any Improvements, or upon the completion of any other work for which approved Plans are required under this Article, the Owner shall give written notice of completion thereof to the Board.

**8.4.3 Inspection.** Within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of completion, the Board, or its duly authorized representative, shall have the right to enter into a Unit as provided in **Section 8.4.1** (Right of Inspection), to inspect the Improvements to determine whether they were constructed or installed in substantial compliance with the approved Plans. If the Board finds that such construction or installation was not done in substantial compliance with the approved Plans, it shall notify the Owner in writing of such non-compliance within such thirty (30) day period, specifying particulars of non-compliance, and shall require the Owner to remedy such non-compliance.

**8.4.4 Non-Compliance.** If an Owner fails to remedy such non-compliance within thirty (30) days after the date of notice of non-compliance, the Board, after affording the Owner Notice and Hearing, shall determine whether there is a non-compliance, and if so, the nature thereof and the estimated cost of correcting or removing the same. If non-compliance exists, the Board shall require the Owner to remedy or remove the same within a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of the Board ruling. If the Owner does not comply with the Board ruling within such period or within any extension of such period as the Board in its discretion may grant, the Board, at its option, may either remove the non-complying Improvement or remedy the non-compliance, and the Owner shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection therewith upon demand. If such expenses are not promptly repaid by the Owner to the Association, the Board shall levy a Compliance Assessment against such Owner for reimbursement.

**8.4.5 Failure to Notify.** If for any reason the Board fails to notify the Owner of any non-compliance within sixty (60) days after receipt of the notice of completion from the Owner, the Improvements shall be deemed to be in accordance with said approved Plans.

**8.4.6 Government Regulations.** If in the event there is any conflict between the requirements or actions of the Board and the Applicable Laws relating to the Property, to the extent that such Applicable Laws are more restrictive, the Applicable Laws shall control, and the Board shall modify its requirements or actions to conform to the Applicable Laws; provided, however, that if the Applicable Laws

are less restrictive, the provisions of this Declaration shall nonetheless apply. The application to and the review and approval by the Board of any Plans or other submittals by an Owner shall in no way be deemed to be satisfaction or compliance with any building permit process or other Applicable Laws or public utility requirements (hereinafter collectively referred to as “**Additional Requirements**”), the responsibility for which shall lie solely with the Owner; provided, however, if the Additional Requirements are less restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration or the other Governing Documents, this Declaration and the other Governing Documents shall nonetheless apply.

**8.5 Diligence in Construction.** Upon approval by the Board or Design Review Committee of any Plans, the Owner shall, if Owner elects to undertake the construction of the Improvements, commence construction of the Improvements within twelve (12) months from such approval by the Board or Design Review Committee, and once such Improvements are undertaken, diligently pursue the same to completion.

**8.6 Fee for Review and Inspection.** The Board shall have the right to establish a fee for the review and approval of Plans and inspection of Improvements that must be submitted to the Board pursuant to the provisions of this Article. The Board shall have the right to hire an outside consultant, the opinion of which the Board deems necessary in connection with its review of any plans submitted by any Owner, and such Owner shall be liable for payment of such consultant’s fee.

**8.7 Interpretation.** All questions of interpretation or construction of any of the terms or conditions herein shall be resolved by the Board, and its decision shall be final, binding and conclusive on all of the parties affected.

**8.8 Waiver.** The approval by the Board of any Plans for any work done or proposed, or for any other matter requiring the approval of the Board under this Declaration, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval of any similar Plans or matter subsequently submitted for approval.

**8.9 Estoppel Certificate.** Within thirty (30) days after written demand is delivered to the Board by any Owner, and upon payment to the Association of a reasonable fee (as fixed from time to time by the Association), the Board shall deliver an estoppel certificate, executed by any member of the Board (with respect to any Unit of said Owner), stating that as of the date thereof, either: (a) all Improvements made and other work completed by said Owner comply with this Declaration; or (b) such Improvements or work do not so comply, in which event the estoppel certificate shall also identify the non-complying Improvements or work and set forth with particularity the basis of such non-compliance. Any purchaser from the Owner, or from anyone deriving any interest in said Unit through the Owner, shall be entitled to rely on said estoppel certificate with respect to the matters therein set forth, such matters being conclusive as between the Association, Declarant and all Owners and such Persons deriving any interest through them.

**8.10 Liability.** Neither the Board, any Design Review Committee, nor any member thereof shall be liable to the Association or to any Owner for any damage, loss or prejudice suffered or claimed on account of: (a) the approval or disapproval of any Plans, whether or not defective; (b) the construction or performance of any work, whether or not pursuant to approved Plans; (c) damage to the Community or any property within the Community; or (d) the execution and filing of an estoppel certificate pursuant to **Section 8.9** (Estoppel Certificate), whether or not the facts therein are correct; provided, however, that the Board member has acted in good faith on the basis of such information as may be possessed by him or her. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board, or any member thereof, may, but is not required to, consult with or hear the views of any Owner with respect to any Plans or any other proposal submitted to the Board.

**8.11 Variances.** The Board may authorize variances from compliance with any of the architectural provisions of this Declaration or the Design Guidelines, including, without limitation, restrictions upon height, size, floor area or placement of Improvements or other similar restrictions, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, aesthetic or environmental considerations may require. Such variances may be evidenced in writing and must be signed by at least two (2) officers of the Board and shall

become effective upon execution. If such variances are granted, no violation of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration or the Design Guidelines shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance was granted. The granting of such a variance shall not operate to waive any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Area and particular provision hereof covered by the variance, nor shall it affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all Applicable Laws affecting its use of the Condominium, including, without limitation, zoning ordinances and lot setback lines or requirements imposed by the City or any other Governmental Entities.

**8.12 Appointment of Design Review Committee.** The Board shall have the right to delegate its review and approval rights under this Article to a Design Review Committee or an outside consultant. If the Board so elects to appoint members to serve as a Design Review Committee, the Design Review Committee shall consist of three (3) members. One (1) alternate member may be designated by the Board to act as a substitute on the Design Review Committee. In the event the Board appoints an Design Review Committee, the rights and obligations set forth in **Section 8.3** (Approval of Plans) (other than **Section 8.3.3** (Reconsideration)), and **Section 8.4** (Inspection and Correction of Work), and/or such other rights and obligations under this Article as the Board may delegate in writing to the Design Review Committee, shall apply to the Design Review Committee and all references to the Board in such Sections shall be deemed to refer to the Design Review Committee. The initial members of the Design Review Committee shall be representatives of Declarant (or its agents) until one (1) year after the original issuance of the Public Report for the Property ("**First Anniversary**"). After the First Anniversary, the Board may appoint and remove one (1) member of the Design Review Committee, and Declarant may, but is not obligated to, appoint and remove a majority of the members of the Design Review Committee and fill any vacancy of such majority, until the earlier of: (a) the date of the close of escrow for the sale of the Condominium representing the ninetieth (90th) percentile close of escrow of all the Condominiums in the Community and the Annexable Property, or (b) the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the original issuance of the Public Report for the Property, after which the Board may appoint and remove all members of the Design Review Committee. Design Review Committee members appointed by the Board must be Owners, but Design Review Committee members appointed by Declarant need not be Owners. Directors may serve as Design Review Committee members. The Board may, upon notice, remove any member of the Design Review Committee, other than a member appointed to the Design Review Committee by Declarant. Exercise of the right of appointment and removal as set forth herein shall be evidenced by the specification in the minutes of the Association of each new Design Review Committee member or alternate member appointed and each member or alternate replaced or removed from the Design Review Committee.

**8.13 Compensation.** The members of any Design Review Committee appointed by the Board shall receive no compensation for services rendered other than reimbursement by the Association for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder, unless the Association retains a professional architect, engineer or designer as a member of the Design Review Committee for the purpose of providing professional services, in which event reasonable compensation for such member shall be approved by the Board.

**8.14 Declarant Exemption.** The provisions of this Article shall not apply to any Improvements installed by Declarant or repaired by Declarant pursuant to the Limited Warranty or Civil Code Section 895, *et seq.*, and neither the Board nor the Design Review Committee shall have any rights of review or approval with respect thereto.

## **ARTICLE 9 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

**9.1 Limitations of Restrictions.** Declarant is undertaking the work of developing Condominiums and other Improvements within the Community. The completion of the development work and the marketing and sale, rental and other disposition of the Condominiums by Declarant are essential to the establishment and marketing of the Property as a first class condominium community. In order that the work may be completed, nothing in this Declaration shall be interpreted to deny Declarant the rights set forth in this Article.

**9.1.1 Access.** Declarant and its agents, contractors and subcontractors shall have the right to obtain reasonable access over and across the Association Property or do within any Unit owned by it whatever is reasonably necessary or advisable in connection with the completion of the Community and the development, marketing and maintenance thereof, and Declarant and its contractors and subcontractors shall have such rights of access over and across the Association Property for purposes of satisfying any obligation of Declarant that Declarant has secured by a bond in favor of Governmental Entities.

**9.1.2 Construct Improvements.** Declarant and its contractors and subcontractors shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain on the Association Property or within any Condominium owned by Declarant such structures or Improvements, including, without limitation, sales offices and signs, as may be reasonably necessary for the conduct of its business to complete the work, establish the Community as a residential community and dispose of the Community or other communities owned by Declarant by sale, lease or otherwise, as determined by Declarant in its sole discretion and to perform or complete any work to improvements required for Declarant to obtain a release of any bonds posted by Declarant with Governmental Entities.

**9.1.3 Grant Easements.** Declarant shall have the right to establish and/or grant such easements and rights of way on, over, under or across all or any part of the Association Property to or for the benefit of Governmental Entities or public organization, or any public utility entity or cable television provider, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating and maintaining Improvements thereon, therein or thereunder at that time or at any time in the future. The Governmental Entities furthermore are granted an easement across the Association Property for ingress and egress for use by emergency vehicles of the Governmental Entities.

**9.2 Size and Appearance of Community.** Declarant shall not be prevented from increasing or decreasing the number of Condominiums that may be annexed to the Community or from changing the exterior appearance of Association Property structures, the landscaping or any other matter directly or indirectly connected with the Community in any manner deemed desirable by Declarant, provided Declarant obtains governmental consents required by Applicable Laws. The nature, design, quality and quantity of all Improvements to the Association Property shall be determined by Declarant, in its sole discretion.

**9.3 Marketing Rights.** Declarant shall have the right to: (a) maintain structures (including model homes), signs, billboards, sales offices, storage areas and related facilities on any portion of the Property as are necessary or reasonable, in the opinion of Declarant, for the sale, leasing or disposition of any Condominiums; (b) use such portions of the Condominiums as may be necessary or advisable to complete the sale or leasing of the Condominiums; (c) maintain construction, leasing and/or sales offices within the Property; (d) place signs, flags, banners, balloons and other promotional advertising materials on the Condominium Buildings and other portions of the Property during the marketing and leasing of Condominiums or any grand opening; (e) provide ongoing maintenance, operation, service, construction, punch out, and repairs to any portion of the Units and other Improvements within any portion of the Property; (f) change the appearance of portions or all of the Property, or change the development plan if Declarant complies with Applicable Laws; (g) enter within or upon the Property in exercising the inspection and cure rights granted to Declarant under any other warranty rights or obligations; (h) make reasonable use of the Association Property and facilities for the sale of any Condominium; and (i) conduct their business of disposing of the Condominiums by sale, lease or otherwise.

Any easement rights reserved by Declarant for marketing, sales or leasing shall continue until Declarant has conveyed all of the Units within the Property and Annexable Property to Owners under a Public Report, and any easement rights reserved by Declarant in favor of Declarant for any construction, inspection or cure purposes shall be for a term and duration co-extensive with Declarant's, interest in any portion of the Property or Annexable Property.

**9.4 Title Rights.** This Declaration shall not be construed to constitute a limitation on Declarant's title rights to the Annexable Property prior to its Annexation, nor shall it impose any obligation on Declarant or any other Person to improve, develop or annex any portion of the Annexable Property. The

rights of Declarant under this Declaration may be assigned to any successor(s) by an express assignment in a recorded instrument, including without limitation, a deed, option or lease. This Declaration shall not be construed to limit the right of Declarant at any time prior to such an assignment to establish additional licenses, reservations and rights-of-way to itself, to utility companies, to Governmental Entities, or to others as may be reasonably necessary to the proper development and disposal of property owned by Declarant.

**9.5 Control of Access into the Community.** Until development of the Community is complete and Declarant has concluded sales, leasing or other marketing programs, Declarant shall have the exclusive right to control all aspects of the operation of any and all Community entry facilities, if any, (including, without limitation, locking the Community entry facilities in an open position for sales purposes, and opening any or all of the Community entry facilities to provide access for construction traffic in accordance with Applicable Laws). Consequently, access into the Community may be open to the public for an extended period of time. At such time as Declarant relinquishes its right to control the operation of all of the Community entry facilities, such facilities will be owned, operated and controlled by the Association. The presence of entry facilities in the Community is not a warranty or representation by Declarant that any security is being provided to any Owner or to any Owner's Residence, person or property.

**9.6 Declarant Exemptions.** None of the covenants, restrictions and limitations set forth in **Article 2** (Use Restrictions), **Article 8** (Design Review) or elsewhere in this Declaration shall be applied to the development, construction, marketing or sales or leasing activities of Declarant or construed in such a manner as to prevent or limit development, construction, marketing, leasing or sales activities by Declarant. This Section shall not be amended or removed without Declarant's prior written consent so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property. Declarant and any Person to whom Declarant has assigned all or a portion of its rights as Declarant under this Declaration is exempt from the restrictions established under **Article 2** (Use Restrictions) and **Article 8** (Design Review).

**9.7 Declarant's Veto Right.** Declarant has the right to veto the Association actions listed in this Section. This veto right shall terminate on the date on which Declarant no longer owns any Property or Annexable Property. The following actions are subject to Declarant's veto: (a) any change in the general, overall architectural and landscaping design of the Community; (b) all decisions of the Design Review Committee, any decisions made on appeal to the Board, and any decision to terminate the Design Review Committee; (c) the decision to terminate the Board; (d) modifications to level or frequency of maintenance of Association Property or to the Maintenance Obligations; and (e) any significant reduction of Association Property services, the amount of Assessments or entering into contracts for maintenance or other goods and services benefiting the Association or the Association Property at contract rates which are fifteen percent (15%) or more below the reasonable cost for such maintenance, goods or services as determined pursuant to the Maintenance Obligations.

**9.8 Participation in the Association.**

**9.8.1 Observation of Open Meetings.** Until Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property, the Association shall provide Declarant with written notice of all meetings of the Board and Declarant shall be entitled, without obligation, to have a representative present at all such Board meetings, excluding any meetings while the Board is in executive session. In furtherance of Declarant's rights and the performance of the obligations of Declarant, the Association and Owners under the Right to Repair Act, Declarant shall have the right to observe and speak at open meetings of the Board in accordance with this Section. Commencing on the date on which Declarant no longer has a representative on the Board, and continuing until the date of expiration of all applicable statutes of limitations or repose for the filing of a complaint or suit or other legal remedies against Declarant by the Association under the Right to Repair Act (including any tolling periods): (a) the Association shall provide Declarant with written notice of all meetings of the Board that is open for any Owner to attend (each, an "**Open Meeting**"); (b) Declarant shall be entitled to have its representatives attend all Open Meetings and speak (during the Owner comment period) on matters governed by the Right to Repair Act, including maintenance and repair of Association Property, Units and Improvements thereon; and (c) Declarant representatives shall be entitled to receive copies of the minutes, proposed minutes and summary minutes

of all Open Meetings and meetings of members, upon request for, and reimbursement of, the actual costs to copy and mail such minutes. This Section creates no right in representatives of Declarant to attend executive sessions of the Board or to participate in deliberations by the Board. Declarant representatives shall attend any Open Meeting they are permitted to attend under this Section in an observer capacity only, and they shall not have any right to vote on matters coming before the Board.

**9.8.2 Limit on Actions.** Until Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property or the Annexable Property, the following actions, before being undertaken by the Association, must first be approved in writing by Declarant: (a) any amendment to the Governing Documents or action requiring the approval of First Mortgagees; (b) the levy of a Capital Improvement Assessment for the construction of new facilities not constructed on the Association Property by Declarant; or (c) subject to those provisions of **Section 6.6** (Changes to Assessments) regarding limitations on yearly Assessment increases, any significant reduction of Association Property maintenance or other services, or entering into contracts for maintenance or other goods and services benefiting the Association or the Association Property at contract rates which are fifteen percent (15%) or more below the reasonable cost for such maintenance, goods or services as determined pursuant to the maintenance provisions contained in this Declaration.

## **ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE**

### **10.1 Association's Insurance Obligations.**

**10.1.1 Liability Insurance.** The Association shall obtain and maintain liability insurance providing coverage at least as broad as a current Insurance Services Office, Inc. ("ISO") commercial general liability insurance form or its equivalent (including coverage for medical payments and coverage for owned and non-owned automobiles, if applicable), insuring the Association, Declarant (as long as Declarant is the Owner of any portion of the Property or the Annexable Property) and the Owners against liability arising from the ownership, operation, maintenance and use of the Association Property by the Association and the performance by the Association of its duties under this Declaration. Such coverage shall also include legal liability arising out of lawsuits related to employment contracts of the Association, if any. Coverage for such matters shall be primary to any coverage provided by any other liability insurance policy maintained by such insureds. The limits of such insurance shall at all times meet or exceed the minimum requirements of California Civil Code Section 5805. Such insurance shall include coverage against water damage liability, a broad form named insured endorsement, if reasonably available as determined by the Board, and may include coverage against any other liability customarily covered with respect to properties similar in construction, location and use, all as may be determined by the Board. Such policy shall include, if reasonably available as determined by the Board, a cross-liability or severability of interest endorsement insuring each insured against liability to each other insured.

**10.1.2 Property Insurance.** The Association shall obtain and maintain property insurance for the risks covered by, and providing coverage at least as broad as, a current ISO "special form" policy or its equivalent, insuring: (i) all Improvements upon, within or comprising the Association Property, including fixtures and building service equipment; (ii) all personal property owned or maintained by the Association, and (iii) any items required to be included under Subsection (a) below (collectively, "**Association Insured Property**"). Such insurance shall be maintained in the amount of the maximum insurable replacement value of the property as determined annually by the Board. Such coverage may exclude land, foundations, excavations, and other items typically excluded from property insurance coverage on properties similar in construction, location and use.

**(a) Units.** The property insurance maintained by the Association shall also cover any portions of the Units not required to be insured by the Owners pursuant to **Section 10.2.1** (Property Insurance), including without limitation, the following items and components installed by Declarant within Units at the time of original construction of the Units (and any equivalent replacements thereof): fixtures, interior walls and doors, ceiling, floor and wall surface materials (e.g. paint, wallpaper, mirrors, carpets, and hardwood floors); cabinets, built-in appliances; heating and air conditioning systems, and water heaters.



(b) **Course of Construction.** Whenever any Improvements or alterations to the Association Insured Property are in the course of construction, the insurance required under this Section shall be carried by the Association in builder's risk form written on a completed value basis, insuring against loss to the extent of at least the full replacement value of the Association Insured Property (excluding foundations and footings, except for earthquake coverage) of the Property being covered.

(c) **Payment of Insurance Proceeds.** Subject to the rights of Mortgagees, the proceeds from such property insurance shall be payable to the Association or an insurance trustee ("**Trustee**") to be held in trust for the benefit of the Association and the Owners, Mortgagees and others, as their respective interests shall appear. If so named as an insured, the Trustee shall have exclusive authority to negotiate losses under any policy providing property or liability insurance and to perform such other functions as are necessary to accomplish this purpose. The Trustee shall be a commercial bank or other financial institution with trust powers in the County that agrees in writing to accept such trust.

(d) **Primary.** With respect to Association Insured Property, the property insurance maintained by the Association shall be primary and noncontributing with any other property insurance maintained by an Owner covering the same loss.

(e) **Endorsements.** The property insurance policy shall contain, to the extent available on commercially reasonable terms as may be determined by the Board, the following endorsements or their equivalents: agreed amount, boiler and machinery (to the extent applicable), inflation guard, ordinance or law, replacement cost, and such other endorsements as may customarily be obtained with respect to properties similar in construction, location and use, as may be determined by the Board.

(f) **Adjustment of Losses.** The Association shall timely file, pursue and complete the adjustment of all claims arising under the property insurance policies carried by the Association. The Board is appointed attorney-in-fact by each Owner to negotiate and agree on the value and extent of any property damage under any policy carried by the Association. The Board is granted full right and authority to: (i) compromise and settle any property damage claim under any policy of property insurance carried by the Association, or enforce any such claim by legal action or otherwise; and (ii) execute releases in favor of any insurer with respect to any such claim.

(g) **Waiver of Claims and Subrogation.** The Association waives all claims against the Owners for any damage to the Association Insured Property (including without limitation, any loss of use of such property), except that the Association may claim against an Owner for property damage caused by that Owner to the extent that either: (i) the peril causing such damage is not covered by the property insurance required by this Declaration to be maintained by the Association or the property insurance actually maintained by the Association (whichever is greater), provided that such Owner's liability for such uninsured damage is limited to the amount of liability insurance required to be maintained by such Owner pursuant to this Declaration; (ii) the peril causing such damage is covered by the Association's property insurance, but the damage is within the amount of the deductible or self-insured retention, provided that such Owner's liability for such damage is limited to the amount of liability insurance required to be maintained by such Owner pursuant to this Declaration; or (iii) such damage is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of that Owner. Any property insurance policy obtained by the Association must contain a waiver of subrogation rights by the insurer consistent with this Section; provided, however, that a failure or inability of the Association to obtain such a waiver from an insurer shall not defeat or impair the waivers between the Association and the Owners as set forth herein. If an Owner is liable for damage under this Section, the Association may, after Notice and Hearing, levy a Compliance Assessment amount of damage for which the Owner is responsible, and the increase, if any, in insurance premiums directly attributable to such damage. The waivers of claims and subrogation set forth in this subsection apply only in favor of the Owners and do not limit or waive, release or discharge any claims that the Association (or its insurers) may have against any third party, including without limitation any contractor, service provider, agent, or Invitee, provided that such waivers shall also apply in favor of a Lessee if and to the extent that the Owner has similarly agreed in such lease agreement to a waiver of claims and subrogation against such Lessee.

**10.1.3 Fidelity Bond.** The Association shall maintain a commercial crime policy or a fidelity bond in an amount equal to the greater of: (a) the estimated maximum amount of funds, including reserves, expected to be regularly held by or on behalf of the Association or a managing agent at any given time during the term of the fidelity bond; and (b) three (3) months' aggregate of the Regular Assessments on all Condominiums plus any reserve funds. If the Association maintains a bond, the bond shall name the Association as obligee and if the Association maintains insurance, the policy shall name the Association as the insured and shall insure against loss by reason of the acts of the officers, directors and employees of the Association, and any managing agent and its employees, whether or not such persons are compensated for their services. The bond shall contain waivers by the issuers of the bond of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation from the definition of "employees", or similar terms or expressions.

**10.1.4 Worker's Compensation Insurance.** The Association shall maintain worker's compensation insurance to the extent necessary to comply with all Applicable Laws.

**10.1.5 Directors and Officers Insurance.** The Association shall maintain a policy insuring the Association's officers and directors against liability for their acts or omissions while acting in their capacity as officers and directors of the Association. The limits of such insurance shall at all times meet or exceed the minimum requirements of California Civil Code Section 5800.

**10.1.6 General Policy Requirements.** All insurance policies the Association is required to obtain pursuant to this Article shall be placed and maintained with companies rated at least "A/VIII" by A.M. Best Company, Inc. and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Association. If an A.M. Best Company, Inc. rating is not available, a comparable rating service may be used. Such insurance policies may have reasonable deductible amounts comparable to those customarily maintained with respect to properties similar in construction, location and use, as may be determined by the Board. For projects approved by FNMA, the maximum deductible may not exceed the maximum deductible, if any, established by FNMA. For projects approved by FNMA and/or FHA, the insurance may not be prejudiced by any acts, negligence or omissions of Owners which is not in the control of such Owners collectively. The coverage amounts required for such insurance policies may be satisfied by any combination of primary and excess policies that collectively serve to satisfy the requirements of this Article. The name of the insured under such policy must be set forth therein substantially as follows: "Maple Lane Homeowners Association for use and benefit of the individual homeowners". The Board is appointed attorney-in-fact by each Owner for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining property and liability insurance, including: the collection and appropriate disposition of the proceeds thereof; the negotiation of losses and execution of releases of liability; the execution of all documents; and the performance of all other acts necessary to accomplish such purpose.

**10.1.7 Copies of Policies.** Copies of all insurance policies of the Association shall be retained by the Association and available for inspection by Owners and First Mortgagees at reasonable times. All such insurance policies and fidelity bonds shall provide that they shall not be cancelable or substantially modified by the insurer without first giving at least thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the Association, Owners and First Mortgagees (and in the case of any FNMA Mortgage, the servicer of such Mortgage), except that ten (10) days prior written notice shall be required if the cancellation is for non-payment of premiums. In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall provide to the Owners such information regarding the insurance of the Association as may be required by Applicable Laws or under the Bylaws.

**10.1.8 Earthquake Insurance.** ALL PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY BUDGET AND IS NOT BEING OBTAINED BY DECLARANT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OWNERS OR THE ASSOCIATION. NEITHER DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION IS OBLIGATED TO MAINTAIN EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE ON THE COMMUNITY OR ANY PORTION THEREOF. Declarant or any Owner (and/or their respective lenders) may maintain earthquake insurance for their own benefit, but the premiums therefor may not be included by Declarant or the Association in the assessments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at such time as the Board is no longer controlled by Declarant, the Association may, in its discretion, (but without any

obligation to do so) obtain earthquake insurance from time to time, on those portions of the Community that are to be insured by the Association, and if so obtained, the premiums for such insurance may be included in the Assessments. All parties acknowledge that earthquake insurance is typically very expensive and if purchased by the Association a material increase in Assessments may be required to cover the additional cost of such insurance.

**10.1.9 Compliance with Federal Regulations.** Notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein, the Association shall continuously maintain in effect such casualty, flood and liability insurance and a fidelity bond meeting the minimum insurance and fidelity bond requirements established by Federal Agencies, so long as any of the above is a Mortgagee or an Owner of a Unit, except to the extent such coverage is not available or has been waived in writing by the Federal Agencies as applicable. If the FNMA or FHLMC requirements conflict, the more stringent requirements shall be met.

**10.2 Owners' Insurance Obligations.** Each Owner is strongly advised to seek the advice of a qualified insurance consultant regarding: (i) the amount of property insurance the Owner should procure for casualty losses to property not covered under the Association's property insurance policy; and (ii) the amount of personal liability insurance coverage the Owner should maintain, subject to the requirements of Owners to obtain the insurance coverage set forth in this Section.

**10.2.1 Property Insurance.**

(a) **Units.** Each Owner shall obtain and maintain at its sole expense property insurance for the risks covered by, and providing coverage as least as broad as, a current ISO form residential condominium homeowners insurance policy or its equivalent, insuring: (i) all personal property located within the Owner's Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Areas including without limitation any property of others under the care, custody, or control of Owner, except the Association's property); and (ii) any upgrades or Improvements which are not Association Insured Property and which are located within the Unit or Exclusive Use Easement Areas (including landscaping Improvements) (collectively referred to as the "**Residential Owner's Property**") for an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value thereof, which shall include coverage for any Solar Energy System not otherwise covered under the terms of any Solar Agreement between Owner and a Solar Company.

(b) **Waiver of Claims and Subrogation.** Each Owner waives all claims against the Association for any damage to the real and personal property that such Owner is obligated under this Declaration to insure (including without limitation any loss of use of such property), except that an Owner may claim against the Association for property damage to the extent that the damage is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Association or its managing agent. Any property insurance policy obtained by an Owner must contain a waiver of subrogation rights by the insurer consistent with this Section; provided, however, that a failure or inability of an Owner to obtain such a waiver from an insurer shall not defeat or impair the waivers between the Owners and the Association set forth herein.

The waivers of claims and subrogation set forth in this Subsection apply only in favor of the Association and do not limit or waive, release or discharge any claims that an Owner (or its insurers) may have against any third party, including without limitation any contractor, service provider, agent, other Owner, or Invitee; provided, that such waivers shall also apply in favor of the Association's managing agent if and to the extent that the Association has similarly agreed in a written management agreement to a waiver of claims and subrogation against such managing agent.

**10.2.2 Liability Insurance.** Each Owner shall, at such Owner's sole cost and expense maintain liability insurance providing coverage at least as broad as the current ISO commercial general liability insurance form or its equivalent (including coverage for medical payments), insuring the Owner against liability arising from the ownership, operation, maintenance and use of the Owner's Unit and Exclusive Use Easement Area by such Owner. Such liability insurance shall have limits of liability of not less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 300,000) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) general aggregate

**10.2.3 Copies of Policies.** The Association shall have the right but not the obligation to request copies of any insurance policy or certificate of such insurance which an Owner is required to maintain pursuant to this Declaration, and in such case, the Owner shall deliver a copy to the Association within fifteen (15) days upon request. All policies shall indicate they may not be canceled or modified without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association, except that ten (10) days prior written notice shall be required if the cancellation is for non-payment of premiums. The acceptance of a copy of an insurance policy by the Association from an Owner shall not constitute a waiver of any of the insurance requirements set forth herein.

**10.2.4 General Policy Requirements.** All insurance policies the Owners are required to obtain pursuant to this Article shall be placed and maintained with companies rated at least "B/VII" by A.M. Best Company, Inc. in *Best's Insurance Reports* and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Association. The coverage types and amounts required for such insurance may be satisfied by any combination of primary and excess policies that collectively serve to satisfy the requirements of this Article, including without limitation condominium Owners' policy forms that provide both property damage and liability insurance coverage under one policy.

**10.3 Compliance With Insurance Requirements in Documents of Record.** The Association shall obtain insurance as required by any document of record affecting the Association Property. Each Owner shall obtain insurance as required by any document of record affecting such Owner's Unit.

**10.4 Review of Insurance.** The Board shall review the adequacy of all insurance required by this Declaration to be maintained by the Association and by the Owners at least once every year. The review shall include a reasonable determination of the replacement cost of all Association Insured Property without respect to depreciation.

**10.5 Association's Authority to Revise Insurance Requirements.** Subject to any statutory insurance requirements, the Board shall have the power and right to adjust and modify the insurance requirements for Owners and the Association set forth herein to require coverage and protection that is customarily carried by and reasonably available to prudent owners and associations of projects similar in construction, location and use. If the Board elects to materially reduce the coverage required to be maintained by the Association from the coverage required in this Article, the Board shall make all reasonable efforts to notify the Owners and Mortgagees of the reduction in coverage and the reasons therefor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the reduction. The Association and its directors and officers and the Owners shall have no liability to each other or to any Mortgagee and shall not be in breach of their obligations hereunder if, after a good faith effort, the Association or Owner is unable to obtain one or more of the insurance coverages required hereunder to the extent the insurance is no longer available, or, if available, the insurance can be obtained only at a cost that the Board, in its sole discretion, determines is unreasonable under the circumstances, or in the case of insurance required to be maintained by the Association, if the Owners fail to approve any Assessment increase needed to fund the insurance premiums.

## **ARTICLE 11 DESTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND CONDEMNATION**

**11.1 Restoration Defined.** As used in this Article, the term "restore" or "restoration" shall mean repairing, rebuilding or reconstructing damaged Improvements to substantially the same condition and appearance in which they existed prior to fire or other casualty damage. The Association shall have the obligation to restore the Association Property in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

### **11.2 Restoration Proceeds for Association Property.**

**11.2.1 Sufficient Proceeds.** The costs of restoration of the damaged Improvement shall be paid first from any insurance proceeds paid to the Association under existing insurance policies. If the insurance proceeds exceed the costs of restoration, the excess proceeds shall be paid into reserves and held for the benefit of the Association. If the insurance proceeds are insufficient to restore the damaged

Improvement, the Board shall then add to the insurance proceeds all reserve account funds designated for the repair or replacement of the damaged Improvement. If the total funds then available are sufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, the Improvement shall be restored. If the aggregate amount of insurance proceeds and such reserve account funds are insufficient to restore the damaged Improvements, and if such claims are not waived, the Association shall determine whether to levy a Compliance Assessment against any Owner or Owners who caused such damage in accordance with **Section 10.1.2(g)** (Waiver of Claims and Subrogation). If the aggregate amount of insurance proceeds and such reserve account funds are insufficient to pay the total costs of restoration, a Special Assessment against all Owners shall be levied by the Board up to the maximum amount permitted without the approval of the Members in accordance with the limitations set forth in this Declaration and by law. If the total funds then available are sufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, the Improvement shall be restored.

**11.2.2 Insufficient Proceeds.** If the total funds available to the Association are still insufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, then the Board first shall attempt to impose an additional Special Assessment pursuant to subsection (a) below, and second to use a plan of alternative reconstruction pursuant to subsection (b) below. If the Members do not approve such actions, then the entire building of which the damaged Improvement is a part shall be sold pursuant to subsection (c) below.

**(a) Additional Special Assessment.** If the total funds available to restore the damaged Improvement as provided in **Section 11.2** (Restoration Proceeds for Association Property) are insufficient, then a meeting of the Members shall be called for the purpose of approving a Special Assessment to make up all or a part of the deficiency ("**Additional Special Assessment**"). If the amount of the Additional Special Assessment approved by the Members, and the amounts available pursuant to **Section 11.2** (Restoration Proceeds for Association Property), are insufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, or if no Additional Special Assessment is approved, the Association shall consider a plan of alternative reconstruction in accordance with subsection (b).

**(b) Alternative Reconstruction.** The Board shall consider and propose plans to reconstruct the damaged Improvement making use of whatever funds are available to it pursuant to **Section 11.2** (Restoration Proceeds for Association Property) and subsection (a) above ("**Alternative Reconstruction**"). All proposals shall be presented to the Owners. If two-thirds of the Voting Power of the Owners whose Units were materially damaged, as determined by the Association ("**Affected Owners**") and a majority of the Voting Power, including the Affected Owners, agree to any plan of Alternative Reconstruction, then the Board shall contract for the reconstruction of the damaged Improvement in accordance with the plan of Alternative Reconstruction making use of whatever funds are then available to it. If no plan of Alternative Reconstruction is agreed to, then the provisions of subsection (c) shall apply.

**(c) Sale of Building.** If the damaged Improvement is part of a Condominium Building ("**Damaged Building**"), the damage renders one or more of the Condominiums uninhabitable, and the Improvements will not be restored in accordance with the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) above, the Board, as the attorney-in-fact for each Owner of a Condominium in the Damaged Building, shall be empowered to sell the Damaged Building, including all Condominiums therein, in their then present condition, on terms to be determined by the Board, provided that the Board receives adequate assurances that the purchaser shall, and has the financial capability to: (i) restore the Damaged Building (either by renovation or removal and rebuilding); (ii) remove the Damaged Building (including foundations), grade the area, and appropriately landscape or otherwise improve the area; or (iii) perform any combination of the foregoing. Any work to be performed by the purchaser with respect to any of the foregoing shall be subject to the provisions of this Declaration. In lieu of selling the Damaged Building to a third Person, the Association may purchase the Condominium Building on satisfaction of the following conditions: (a) Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power (including the votes allocated to the Condominiums within the Damaged Building) approve of the purchase; (b) the purchase price is the fair market value of the Damaged Building as of the date of sale as determined by an appraisal made by a qualified and independent real estate appraiser; (c) any special assessment needed to fund the purchase price shall be levied against all Condominiums, including the Condominiums within the Damaged Building; and (d) the Association has an adequate source of funds to repair, renovate or rebuild all or a portion of the Damaged Building and to remove and appropriately landscape the remaining area. For this purpose, no

Condominium that is being purchased shall be subject to any Assessment intended to be used as a source of such funds.

(d) **Distribution of Proceeds**. The proceeds from the sale, together with the insurance proceeds received and any reserve funds allocated to the Damaged Building, after deducting therefrom the Association's sale expenses, including commissions, title and recording fees, and legal costs, shall be distributed among the Owners in the Damaged Building and their respective Mortgagees, in proportion to the respective fair market values of these Condominiums immediately prior to the date of the event causing the damage as determined by an independent appraisal made by a qualified real estate appraiser selected by the Board.

If a Damaged Building is removed and not restored so that the new building contains the same number of Condominiums as the removed building, the Board shall take appropriate steps to adjust the property interests of the remaining Owners and to effect such amendments as may be necessary to this Declaration, the Condominium Plan and the Map to reflect the revised property interests and other related changes.

**11.3 Rebuilding Contract**. The Board or its authorized representative shall obtain bids from at least two (2) licensed and reputable contractors and shall accept the restoration work from whomever the Board determines to be in the best interests of the Members. The Board shall have the authority to enter into a written contract with the contractor for such restoration, and the insurance proceeds shall be disbursed to the contractor according to the terms of the contract. The Board shall take all steps necessary to assure the commencement and completion of authorized restoration at the earliest possible date. Such restoration shall be commenced no later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the event requiring restoration and shall thereafter be diligently prosecuted to completion. Such restoration shall return the damaged Improvements to substantially the same condition and appearance in which it existed prior to the damage or destruction.

**11.4 Private Streets**. The Association shall restore the Private Streets. In the event the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to cause such restoration, the Board shall levy a Special Assessment to the Owners to provide the necessary funds for such restoration.

**11.5 Insurance Trustee**. All property insurance proceeds payable to the Association under the policy described in **Article 10** (Insurance), subject to the rights of Mortgagees under **Article 13** (Rights of Mortgagees), may be paid to a trustee as designated by the Board to be held and expended for the benefit of the Owners and Mortgagees, as their respective interests shall appear. The trustee shall be a commercial bank or other financial institution with trust powers in the county in which the Community is located that agrees in writing to accept such trust. If repair or reconstruction is authorized, the Association will have the duty to contract for such work as provided for in this Declaration.

**11.6 Authority to Effect Changes**. If any adjacent Units or portion thereof are damaged or destroyed or in need of renovation or rehabilitation and the Units are repaired or reconstructed pursuant to the provisions set forth herein, the Unit may be repaired or reconstructed in a manner that alters the boundaries of such Units or the adjacent Association Property provided the following conditions are satisfied:

**11.6.1** the alteration has been approved by the Board, by the holders of any First Mortgages to the extent required herein and the Owners of the affected Units;

**11.6.2** the Board has determined that the alteration is necessary in order to comply with current building code requirements, to meet current building construction standards and procedures, or to improve the conditions and quality of the affected Units;

**11.6.3** the alteration does not materially change the location of any Unit or materially reduce the size of any Unit without the consent of the Owner and the holders of any First Mortgages thereon.

For purposes herein, a material reduction in the size of the Unit shall mean any alteration that increases or decreases the square footage of the interior floor space of the Unit by more than ten percent (10%) from the square footage as shown on the Condominium Plan;

**11.6.4** the Board has determined that any alteration that will relocate or reduce the Association Property will not unreasonably interfere with the rights of the Owners and occupants to use and enjoy the Association Property;

**11.6.5** the Condominium Plan is amended to reflect the alteration to the Units or Association Property; and

**11.6.6** easements for any encroachments created by such alterations are granted to the Affected Owners by the Association.

Each Owner irrevocably appoints the Association as that Owner's attorney-in-fact and irrevocably grants to the Association the full power in the name of the Owner to effect any alteration to any Unit or Association Property as authorized above, including, without limitation, the execution, delivery and recordation of any Condominium Plan amendments, deeds or other instruments.

**11.7 Condemnation of Association Property.** If any portion of the Association Property is taken by condemnation, eminent domain or any proceeding in lieu thereof, then the Owners and their Mortgagees as their respective interests then appear, shall be entitled to receive a distribution from the award for such taking in the same proportion as insurance proceeds would be distributed pursuant to the provisions above; provided, however, that should it be determined to repair or rebuild any portion of the Association Property, such proceeds shall be paid to the Association for that purpose in the same manner and subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations as are set forth above in this Article for repairing damaged or destroyed portions of the Association Property. A decision to repair or rebuild shall be made in the same manner and subject to the same conditions and limitations as provided above in this Article for determining whether to rebuild or repair following damage or destruction.

**11.8 Minor Repair and Reconstruction.** The Board shall have the duty to repair and reconstruct Improvements, without the consent of Members and irrespective of the amount of available insurance proceeds, in all cases of partial destruction when the estimated cost of repair and reconstruction does not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). The Board is expressly empowered to levy a Special Assessment for the cost of repairing and reconstructing improvements to the extent insurance proceeds are unavailable and determine whether to levy a Compliance Assessment against any Owner who caused the damage pursuant to **Section 10.1.2(g)** (Waiver of Claims and Subrogation), such Assessment to be levied as described above (but without the consent or approval of Members, despite any contrary provisions in this Declaration).

**11.9 Damage or Destruction to a Unit.** In the event of damage or destruction to any Unit, the Owner thereof shall (unless the Association is not required to repair surrounding damaged Association Property pursuant to the terms set forth above) reconstruct the same as soon as reasonably practicable and substantially in accordance with the original plans and specifications therefor; provided, however, that any such Owner may, with the written consent of the Board, reconstruct or repair the same pursuant to new or changed plans and specifications. In the event the Board fails to approve or disapprove such changed plans and specifications within sixty (60) days of the receipt thereof, they shall be deemed to have been approved. The Owner shall be entitled to the benefit of any master policy of property insurance maintained by the Association to the extent it covers the damage or destruction of elements of the Condominium that are within the Unit and which are the obligation of the Owner to repair as provided in this Declaration. With the exception of any casualty or damage insured against by the Association pursuant to **Section 10.1** (Association's Insurance Obligations), restoration and repair of any damage to the interior of any individual Unit, including without limitation all fixtures, cabinets and improvements therein, together with restoration and repair of all interior paint, wall coverings and floor coverings, shall be made by and at the individual expense of the Owner, provided however, that nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as a waiver of claims that the Owner of a damaged Unit may have against another Owner who caused the

damage. In the event of a determination to rebuild the Property after partial or total destruction, as provided in this Article, such interior repair and restoration shall be completed as promptly as practical and in a lawful and workmanlike manner, in accordance with Plans approved in accordance with **Article 8** (Design Review).

**11.10 Condemnation of a Unit.** In the event of any taking of a Unit, the Owner (and such Owner's Mortgagees as their interests may appear) of the Unit shall be entitled to receive the award for such taking and after acceptance thereof such Owner and such Owner's Mortgagee shall be divested of all further interest in the Unit and membership in the Association if such Owner shall vacate such Owner's Unit as a result of such taking. In such event said Owner shall grant its remaining interest in the Common Area appurtenant to the Unit so taken, if any, to the other Owners owning a fractional interest in the same Common Area, such grant to be in proportion to the fractional interest in the Common Area then owned by each Owner.

## **ARTICLE 12 PARTITION AND SEVERABILITY OF INTERESTS**

**12.1 Suspension.** The right of partition is suspended pursuant to California Civil Code Section 4610 as to the Community. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit partition of a co-tenancy in a Condominium.

**12.2 Partition.** Except as provided in this Declaration, there shall be no judicial partition of the Common Area, or any part thereof, for the term of the Community, nor shall Declarant, any Owner or any other person acquiring any interest in any Condominium seek any such judicial partition. The undivided interest in the Common Area described above may not be altered or changed as long as the prohibition against severability of interests in a Condominium remains in effect as provided in this Declaration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, judicial partition shall be permitted as follows:

**12.2.1** With the approval, after substantial destruction or condemnation of the Community occurs, of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power and approval by Eligible Holders who represent at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Condominiums that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Holders; or

**12.2.2** With the approval, for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation of the Community, of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power and approval by Eligible Holders who represent at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Condominiums that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Holders; or

**12.2.3** As allowed by California law, including Civil Code Section 4610, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**12.3 Eligible Holder Deemed Approval.** An Eligible Holder who receives a written request to give such approvals referenced in **Section 12.2** (Partition) who does not deliver or mail the requesting party a negative response within sixty (60) days shall be deemed to have given such approval, provided such written request was delivered by certified mail or registered mail with "return receipt" requested. For so long as is required by FNMA's legal requirements for project acceptance, all references to "Eligible Holder" in this Section shall be deemed to include all guarantors of First Mortgagees.

**12.4 Distribution of Proceeds.** Proceeds or property resulting from a partition shall be distributed to and among the respective Owners and their Mortgagees as specified or apportioned in the judgment of partition, or if not so specified, as their interests appear in proportion to the fair market value of the Condominiums at the date of the sale as determined by an independent appraisal conducted by a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers with the designation of a Member Appraisal Institute (M.A.I.) or if such institute no longer exists, an appraiser of comparable experience.



**12.5 Power of Attorney.** Each of the Owners irrevocably appoints the Association as attorney-in-fact and irrevocably grants to the Association full power in the name and stead of such Owner to sell the entire Community, and to execute deeds and conveyances to it, in one or more transactions, for the benefit of all Owners when partition of the Community may be had under California Civil Code Section 4610. The power of attorney shall:

**12.5.1** Be binding on all Owners, whether they assume the obligations under this Declaration or not;

**12.5.2** Be exercisable by a majority of the Board acting on behalf of the Association, subject to obtaining the prior approval by vote or written consent of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Owners and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all Institutional Mortgagees; and

**12.5.3** Be exercisable only after recordation with the County Recorder of a certificate executed by those who have power to exercise the power of attorney that the power of attorney is properly exercisable under the authority of this Declaration. This certificate shall be conclusive evidence of proper exercise in favor of any person relying on it in good faith.

**12.6 Prohibition Against Severance.** An Owner shall not be entitled to sever such Owner's Condominium from its membership in the Association, and shall not be entitled to sever such Owner's Condominium and such Owner's membership from such Owner's undivided interest in the Common Area for any purpose. None of the component interests in a Condominium can be separately sold, conveyed, encumbered, hypothecated or otherwise dealt with, and any violation or attempted violation of this provision shall be void. Similarly, no Owner can sever any exclusive easement appurtenant to such Owner's Condominium over the Association Property from such Owner's Condominium, and any attempt to do so shall be void. It is intended hereby to restrict severability pursuant to California Civil Code Section 4630. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the suspension of such right of severability contained herein shall not extend beyond the period set forth in **Section 12.2** (Partition) in which the right to partition the Community is suspended thereunder.

**12.7 Conveyances.** Any conveyance of a Condominium by an Owner shall be presumed to convey the entire Condominium. However, nothing contained in this Section shall preclude the Owner of any Condominium from creating an estate for life or years, cotenancy or joint tenancy in the ownership of the Condominium with any other person or persons.

### **ARTICLE 13 RIGHTS OF MORTGAGEES**

**13.1 Conflict.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision contained elsewhere in the Governing Documents, the provisions of this Article shall control with respect to the rights and obligations of Mortgagees as specified herein.

**13.2 Liability for Unpaid Assessments.** Any Institutional Mortgagee who obtains title to a Condominium pursuant to the remedies provided in the First Mortgage or by foreclosure of the First Mortgage shall take the property free of any claims for unpaid assessments or charges against the Condominium which accrue prior to the acquisition of title to the Condominium by the Institutional Mortgagee.

**13.3 Payment of Taxes and Insurance.** All taxes, assessments and charges that may become a lien prior to the lien of any First Mortgagee shall be levied only to the individual Condominium and not the Community as a whole. Institutional Mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges that are in default and that may or have become a charge against any Association Property or Improvements situated thereon and may pay overdue premiums on property insurance policies or secure new property insurance coverage on the lapse of a policy for such Association Property. Institutional Mortgagees making such payments shall be owed immediate reimbursement for such expenditures from the Association and,

on demand, the Association shall execute an agreement in favor of all Institutional Mortgagees reflecting entitlement to reimbursement.

**13.4 Notice to Mortgagees.** A Mortgagee and guarantor of a Mortgage on a Condominium within the Community are entitled to timely written notice of the following events: (a) any condemnation loss or casualty loss that affects either a material portion of the Community or the Condominium on which the Mortgagee holds a Mortgage; (b) any delinquency in the payment of Assessments or charges owed by the Owner that is subject to a Mortgage held by the Mortgagee if the delinquency is not cured within sixty (60) days after its due date; (c) any lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; (d) any proposal to take any action specified in this Article or **Article 11** (Destruction of Improvements and Condemnation), provided that, for purposes of a proposal to terminate the Community and/or dissolve the Association, "timely written notice" shall mean at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice; (e) any default by the Owner-Mortgagor of a Condominium subject to a Mortgage held by the Mortgagee in the performance of its obligations under this Declaration or the Bylaws which is not cured within sixty (60) days; or (f) any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of the Mortgagees.

**13.5 Reserve Fund.** The Association shall maintain as a reserve fund a reserve account fund sufficient to pay for maintenance, repair and periodic replacement of Association Property and any other property that the Association is obligated to maintain and any cost sharing obligations. This reserve fund shall be funded by Regular Assessments of Owners that are payable in installments rather than by Special Assessment; provided, however, that this provision shall not be deemed to limit the power of the Association to levy any other type of Assessment or charge authorized by this Declaration.

**13.6 Inspection of Books and Records.** Upon request, any Owner, Declarant, prospective purchaser or Eligible Holder shall be entitled to inspect the books, records and financial statements of the Association, the Governing Documents and any amendments thereto, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances.

**13.7 Financial Statements.** The Association, at its expense, shall prepare an audited financial statement for the immediately preceding Fiscal Year and make the same available within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Association's Fiscal Year-end to any current or prospective Institutional Mortgagee or Eligible Holder that has submitted a written request for it.

**13.8 Actions Requiring Eligible Holder Approval.** Unless at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Eligible Holders (based on one vote for each First Mortgage owned) and at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Owners other than Declarant have given their prior written approval, the Association shall not be entitled to: (a) by act or omission, seek to abandon or terminate the Community and/or dissolve the Association; (b) by act or omission abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer any property or improvements owned, directly or indirectly, by the Association for the benefit of the Condominiums and the Owners (provided that the granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of the Community by the Association and Owners shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this Section); (c) by act or omission change, waive or abandon any scheme of regulations, or enforcement thereof, pertaining to architectural design or exterior appearance of Units, the exterior maintenance of Units, or the upkeep of lawns, plantings or other landscaping in the Community; (d) by act or omission change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues or other charges that may be levied against an Owner; (e) partition or subdivide a Condominium; (f) fail to maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on insurable portions of the Association Property on a current replacement cost basis in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the insurable value based on current replacement cost; and (g) use insurance proceeds for losses to any property or Improvements owned by the Association other than for the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such property and Improvements.

**13.9 Votes for Termination of Community.** Any election to terminate the legal status of the Community as a condominium community shall require:

**13.9.1** The approval of Mortgagees that represent at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of Condominiums that are subject to Mortgages and at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power if the election to terminate the legal status is a result of substantial destruction or a substantial taking in condemnation of the property within the Community; or

**13.9.2** The approval of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power and Mortgagees that represent at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes of Condominiums that are subject to Mortgages, if **Section 13.9.1** is not applicable.

For so long as is required by FNMA's legal requirements for Community acceptance, all references to "Mortgages" in this Section shall be deemed to include all guarantors of such Mortgages.

**13.10 Condemnation or Destruction.** In the event a portion of the Community is either condemned or destroyed or damaged by a hazard that is insured against, restoration or repair shall be performed substantially in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration and the original plans and specifications for the Community unless Eligible Holders representing at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of Condominiums subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Holders approve the taking of other action by the Association.

**13.11 Self-Management.** The vote or approval by written ballot of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power and Eligible Holders that represent at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of Condominiums that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Holders shall be required to assume self-management of the Community if professional management of the Community has been required by an Eligible Holder at any time.

**13.12 Mortgagee Protection.** A breach of any of the conditions contained in this Declaration shall not defeat nor render invalid the lien of any First Mortgage made in good faith and for value as to any Condominium; provided, however, that the conditions contained in this Declaration shall be binding upon and effective against any Owner of a Condominium if the Condominium is acquired by foreclosure, trustee's sale or otherwise.

**13.13 Distribution of Insurance and Condemnation Proceeds.** No Owner, or any other party, shall have priority over any right of Institutional Mortgagees of Condominiums pursuant to their Mortgages in case of a distribution to Owners of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of Condominiums or Association Property. Any provision to the contrary in the Governing Documents is to such extent void. All applicable fire and all physical loss or extended coverage insurance policies shall contain loss payable clauses acceptable to the affected Institutional Mortgagees naming the Mortgagees, as their interests may appear.

**13.14 Voting Rights on Default.** In case of default by any Owner in any payment due under the terms of any Institutional Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Condominium or the promissory note secured by the Mortgage, the Mortgagee or its representative, on giving written notice to such defaulting Owner or Owners, and placing of record a notice of default, is hereby granted a proxy and can exercise the voting rights of such defaulting Owner attributable to such Condominium at any regular or special meeting of the Members held during such time as such default may continue.

**13.15 Foreclosure.** If any Condominium is encumbered by a First Mortgage made in good faith and for value, the foreclosure of any lien created by any provision set forth in this Declaration for Assessments, or installments of Assessments, shall not affect or impair the lien of the First Mortgage. On foreclosure of the Mortgage, the lien for Assessments, including Additional Charges, that have accrued up to the time of foreclosure shall be subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage with the foreclosure-purchaser taking title to the Condominium free of the lien for Assessments, including interest, costs (including attorneys' fees), and late charges levied by the Association with respect thereto or installments, that have accrued up to the time of the foreclosure sale. On taking title to the Condominium, the foreclosure-purchaser shall only be obligated to pay Assessments or other charges levied or assessed by the Association after the foreclosure-purchaser acquired title to the Condominium. The subsequently accrued

Assessments or other charges may include previously unpaid Assessments provided all Owners, including the foreclosure-purchaser, and its successors and assigns are required to pay their proportionate share as provided in this Section.

**13.16 Non-Curable Breach.** Any Mortgagee who acquires title to a Condominium by foreclosure or by deed-in-lieu of foreclosure or assignment-in-lieu of foreclosure shall not be obligated to cure any breach of this Declaration that is non-curable or that is not practical or feasible to cure.

**13.17 Loan to Facilitate.** Any Mortgage given to secure a loan to facilitate the resale of a Condominium after acquisition by foreclosure or by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure or by an assignment-in-lieu of foreclosure shall be deemed to be a loan made in good faith and for value and entitled to all of the rights and protections of this Article.

**13.18 Appearance at Meetings.** Because of its financial interest in the Community, any Mortgagee may appear (but cannot vote except as may be provided for herein) at meetings of the Members and the Board to draw attention to violations of this Declaration that have not been corrected or made the subject of remedial proceedings or Assessments.

**13.19 Right to Furnish Information.** Any Mortgagee can furnish information to the Board concerning the status of any Mortgage.

**13.20 Inapplicability of Right of First Refusal to Mortgagee.** No right of first refusal or similar restriction on the right of an Owner to sell, transfer or otherwise convey the Owner's Condominium shall be granted to the Association without the written consent of any Mortgagee of the Condominium. Any right of first refusal or option to purchase a Condominium that may be granted to the Association (or other person, firm or entity) shall not apply to any lease, conveyance or transfer of title to such Condominium, whether voluntary or involuntary, to a Mortgagee that acquires title to or ownership of the Condominium pursuant to the remedies provided in its Mortgage or by reason of foreclosure of the Mortgage or deed- or assignment-in-lieu of foreclosure.

**13.21 Notice to Mortgagees or Guarantors of First Mortgages.** If a Mortgagee or guarantor of a First Mortgage has not given written notice to the Association specifying its name, the name of the Owner and address of the Condominium encumbered by the First Mortgage, any written notice or proposal required or permitted by this Declaration to be given to such Mortgagee or guarantor shall be deemed properly given if deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the Mortgagee or guarantor at its address appearing of record in the First Mortgage (or assignment thereof, if applicable).

## **ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENTS**

**14.1 Amendment Before the Conveyance of First Condominium.** Before the conveyance of the first Condominium to a First Owner, this Declaration and any amendments to it may be amended in any respect or revoked by the execution by Declarant and any Mortgagee of record of an instrument amending or revoking the Declaration. The amending or revoking instrument shall make appropriate reference to this Declaration and its amendments and shall be acknowledged and recorded in the Official Records.

**14.2 Amendments After Conveyance of First Condominium.** Except as may otherwise be stated in this Declaration and as set forth below, after the conveyance of the first Condominium to a First Owner and during the period of time prior to conversion of the Class B membership in the Association to Class A membership, this Declaration may be amended at any time and from time to time provided that the vote or approval by written ballot of a majority of the Voting Power of each class of Members has been obtained. After conversion of the Class B membership in the Association to Class A membership, this Declaration may be amended at any time and from time to time, provided that the vote or approval by written ballot of: (a) at least a majority of the total Voting Power; and (b) at least a majority of the Voting Power of

the Members, other than Declarant, has been obtained. The vote on a proposed amendment to the Declaration shall be held by secret written ballot in accordance with the procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 5100 and the rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto. Such amendment shall become effective upon the recording of a Certificate of Amendment signed and acknowledged by the President or Vice President and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association certifying that such votes or approval by written ballot have been obtained. For the purposes of recording the Certificate of Amendment, the President or Vice President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association are hereby granted an irrevocable power of attorney to act for and on behalf of each and every Owner in certifying and executing and recording the Certificate of Amendment in the Official Records. Nothing contained herein shall limit the Members from exercising the rights of the Association under California Civil Code Section 4275.

**14.2.1 Minor Corrections by Declarant.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, Declarant (for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property) may unilaterally amend this Declaration or any Supplementary Declaration by recording a written instrument signed by Declarant in order to: (a) conform this Declaration or any Supplementary Declaration to the rules, regulations or requirements of Federal Agencies or other Governmental Entities; (b) amend, replace or substitute any exhibit to correct typographical or engineering errors, (c) include any exhibit that was inadvertently omitted at the time of recording, (d) comply with any City, County, State or Federal laws or regulations; (e) correct typographical errors; (f) supplement this Declaration with provisions which pertain to rights and obligations of Declarant, the Association or Owners arising under of the Right to Repair Act; and (g) change any exhibit or portion of an exhibit to conform to as-built conditions.

**14.2.2 Minor Corrections by the Board.** The Board may amend this Declaration or a Supplementary Declaration by recording a written instrument signed by two (2) officers of the Association certifying that the Board approved the amendment for the purposes described in **Sections 14.2.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), and/or (e)** (Minor Corrections by Declarant). However, until the end of all applicable statutes of limitation or repose for the filing of a complaint or suit or other legal remedies against Declarant or its affiliates under the California Civil Code Division 2, Part 2, Title 7 (commencing with Section 895) (including tolling periods), the Board must obtain the prior written approval of Declarant to any amendment approved by the Board, or any other amendment by the Board or Association that affects the rights of Declarant under the California Civil Code Division 2, Part 2, Title 7 (commencing with Section 895), this Declaration or any Supplementary Declaration, or for any amendment by the Board concerning matters discussed in **Article 9** (Development Rights).

**14.3 Approval of Material Amendments.** In addition to the requirements of **Section 14.2** (Amendments After Conveyance of First Condominium), in the case of any Material Amendment, as defined below, the vote of Mortgagees that represent at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of Condominiums that are subject to Mortgages and at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Voting Power of each class of Members (or, following conversion of Class B membership to Class A membership, at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Voting Power of the Association and at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the voting power of Members other than Declarant) shall also be required. For purposes of this Section, "**Material Amendment**" shall mean any amendments to provisions of this Declaration governing any of the following subjects: (a) the fundamental purpose for which the Community was created (such as a change from residential use to a different use); (b) assessments, collection of assessments, assessment liens and subordination thereof; (c) the reserves for repair and replacement of the Association Property; (d) Maintenance Obligations; (e) casualty and liability insurance or fidelity bond requirements; (f) reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction; (g) rights to use the Association Property; (h) reallocation or conveyance of any interests in the Common Area or Association Property; (i) voting; (j) any provision that, by its terms, is specifically for the benefit of Mortgagees, or specifically confers rights on Mortgagees; (k) expansion or contraction of the Community or the addition, annexation or withdrawal of property to or from the Community, other than the addition or deletion of the Annexable Property; (l) the redefinition of Condominium boundaries or the conversion of a Condominium or Condominiums into Association Property; (m) conversion of a Condominium into Common Area or Association Property or vice versa; (n) imposition of any restriction on any Owner's right to lease, sell or transfer its Condominium; (o) merger or consolidation

of the Association; and (p) determination not to require professional management if required pursuant to this Declaration.

Any Mortgagee who receives written request to consent to additions or amendments requiring consent under this provision who does not deliver to the requesting party a negative response within sixty (60) days after receipt of a notice delivered by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, shall be deemed to have consented to such request. If any provision of this Declaration requires a greater or lesser percentage of the voting rights of any class of Members in order to take affirmative or negative action under such provision, the same percentage of such class or classes of Members shall be required to amend or revoke such provision. Also, if the consent or approval of any governmental authority, Mortgagee or other person, firm, agency or entity is required under this Declaration with respect to any amendment or revocation of any provision of this Declaration, no such amendment or revocation shall become effective unless such consent or approval is obtained. Any amendment or revocation subsequent to the close of such first sale shall be evidenced by an instrument certified by the Secretary or other duly authorized officer of the Association and shall make appropriate reference to this Declaration and its amendments and shall be acknowledged and recorded in the Official Records.

#### **14.4 Additional Approvals.**

**14.4.1 Governmental Approvals.** If the consent or approval of Governmental Entities or Federal Agencies is required with respect to any amendment or revocation of any provision of this Declaration, no such amendment or revocation shall become effective unless such consent or approval is obtained pursuant to the requirements of the Governmental Entities or Federal Agencies. All amendments or revocations of this Declaration shall comply with the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 11018.7 to the extent such section is applicable.

**14.4.2 Amendment of Certain Provisions.** If any provision of this Declaration requires a greater or lesser percentage of the voting rights of any class of Members in order to take affirmative or negative action under such provision, the same percentage of such class or classes of Members shall be required to amend or revoke such provision. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration, **Sections 1.50** (Maintenance Obligations), **7.2.8** (Compliance with Maintenance Obligations), **7.3.4** (Compliance with Maintenance Obligations) and **16.5** (Disputes Involving Declarant) and this Section of this Declaration shall not be amended, nor shall other provisions be adopted that purport to supersede them without the prior written approval of Declarant.

**14.4.3 Declarant's Consent.** So long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or Annexable Property, this Declaration may not be amended to do any of the following without the prior written approval of Declarant: (a) diminish or eliminate any rights specifically granted or reserved to Declarant; or (b) modify or eliminate the easements reserved to Declarant.

**14.5 Reliance on Amendments.** Any amendments made in accordance with the terms of this Declaration shall be presumed valid by anyone relying on them in good faith.

**14.6 Conflict with Other Provisions of this Declaration.** To the extent any provisions of this Article conflict with the provisions of **Article 13** (Rights of Mortgagees) or any other provision of this Declaration except those contained in this Section, the provisions of **Article 13** (Rights of Mortgagees) shall control.

**14.7 Notice to Eligible Holders.** Eligible Holders shall be entitled to timely written notice of any amendments to this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Articles.

**ARTICLE 15**  
**ANNEXATION AND DEANNEXATION OF PROPERTY**

**15.1 Annexation.** Any of the Annexable Property may be annexed to and become subject to this Declaration by any of the methods set forth hereinafter in this Article. Declarant intends to sequentially develop the Annexable Property on a phased basis. However, Declarant may elect not to develop all or any part of such real property under this Declaration in increments of any size whatsoever, or to develop more than one such increment at any given time and in any given order or develop such real property as a separate community. Although Declarant shall have the ability to annex the Annexable Property, Declarant shall not be obligated to annex all or any portion of the Annexable Property, and the Annexable Property shall not become subject to this Declaration unless and until a Supplementary Declaration covering it has been recorded.

**15.2 Annexation Without Approval.** All or any part of the Annexable Property may be annexed to and become subject to this Declaration and subject to the jurisdiction of the Association without the approval, assent or vote of the Association or its Members, provided that:

**15.2.1** The proposed Annexation is in substantial conformance with a detailed plan of phased development submitted to the DRE with the application for a Public Report;

**15.2.2** The proposed Annexation will not result in a substantial and material overburdening of the common interests of the then existing Owners;

**15.2.3** The proposed Annexation will not cause a substantial increase in Assessments against existing Owners that was not disclosed in the Public Reports under which pre-existing Owners purchased their interests;

**15.2.4** For each Condominium to be annexed for which a rental program has been in effect by Owner for a period of at least one (1) year as of the date of conveyance of the first Condominium to a First Owner in the annexed Phase, Owner shall pay to the Association, before or concurrently with the first close of escrow for the sale of a Condominium within the annexed Phase, an amount for each month or portion thereof during which the Condominium was occupied under such rental program that shall be established by the Board for reserves for replacement or deferred maintenance of Association Property Improvements necessitated by or arising out of the use and occupancy of the Condominiums under the rental program; and

**15.2.5** Each Supplementary Declaration effecting the Annexation contemplated under this Section must be executed by Declarant.

For purposes of this Section, the issuance of a Public Report shall conclusively be deemed to be satisfaction of the criteria set forth above.

**15.3 Supplementary Declarations.** The annexation authorized under the foregoing Sections shall be made by filing of record by Declarant, of a Supplementary Declaration which shall extend the plan of this Declaration to such property. A Supplementary Declaration may also be recorded for any of the purposes described in **Sections 1.76** (Supplementary Declarations).

**15.4 Mergers or Consolidations.** Upon a merger or consolidation of the Association with another association, the Association's properties, rights and obligations may, by operation of law, be transferred to the surviving or consolidated association, or, alternatively, the properties, rights and obligations of another association may, by operation of law, be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated association may administer the covenants, conditions and restrictions established by this Declaration within the Community, together with the covenants and restrictions established upon any other property as one plan.

**15.5 De-Annexation.** Declarant may delete all or any portion of the Property from the coverage of this Declaration and rescind any Supplementary Declaration, provided that: (a) Declarant is the sole Owner of all of the real property described in the Supplementary Declaration to be rescinded or obtains the consent of the fee title Owner(s) of the real property to be de-annexed; and (b) assessments have not commenced with respect to any portion of the real property to be de-annexed. Such deletion shall be effective upon the recordation of a written instrument signed by Declarant, in the same manner as the Supplementary Declaration to be rescinded was recorded.

## **ARTICLE 16 TERM AND ENFORCEMENT**

**16.1 Term.** The covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, Declarant or any Member, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of sixty (60) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument signed by at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Members has been recorded at least one (1) year prior to the end of any such period in the manner required for a conveyance of real property, in which it is agreed that this Declaration shall terminate at the end of the then applicable term.

**16.2 Enforcement of Governing Documents.** Subject to **Section 16.5** (Disputes Involving Declarant), Declarant, the Association or any Owner shall have a right of action against any Owner, and Declarant or any Owner shall have a right of action against the Association, to enforce by proceedings at law or in equity, all covenants, conditions, and restrictions, now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of the Governing Documents or any amendment thereto, including the right to prevent the violation of such covenants, conditions and restrictions and the right to recover damages or other dues for such violation, except that Owners shall not have any right of enforcement concerning Assessment liens. The Association shall have the exclusive right to the enforcement of provisions relating to architectural control and the Rules, unless the Association refuses or is unable to effectuate such enforcement, in which case any Owner who otherwise has standing shall have the right to undertake such enforcement. Failure of the Association, Declarant or any Owner to enforce any covenants or restrictions herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

**16.2.1 Disputes Involving Members.** Prior to filing an Enforcement Action (as such term is defined in California Civil Code 5925) by a Member solely for declaratory relief or injunctive relief, or for declaratory relief or injunctive relief in conjunction with a claim for monetary damages, related to the enforcement of the Governing Documents, the Members shall be required to comply with California Civil Code Sections 5925 through 5965, if applicable. Failure of a Member to comply with the alternative dispute resolution requirements of California Civil Code Section 5930 may result in the loss of the Member's right to sue the Association or another Member regarding enforcement of the Governing Documents or Applicable Laws.

**16.2.2 Disputes Involving the Association and Members.** Prior to filing a civil action by either the Association or by a Member solely for declaratory relief or injunctive relief, or for declaratory relief or injunctive relief in conjunction with a claim for monetary damages (other than for nonpayment of Assessments) related to the any of the following matters: (a) enforcement of the Governing Documents; (b) damage to the Association Property; or (c) damage to a Condominium that arises out of, or is integrally related to, damage to the Association Property, the Association shall be required to perform any act reasonably necessary to resolve any civil claim or action through alternative dispute resolution proceedings such as mediation, binding arbitration, or non-binding arbitration proceedings. Any dispute resolution procedure imposed by the Association shall satisfy the requirements of California Civil Code Sections 5900, 5905 and 5910. In the event the Association does not comply with the minimum requirements of a fair, reasonable and expeditious dispute resolution procedure, the Association or any Member may invoke the procedures provided for in California Civil Code Section 5915. The Board may impose any of the remedies provided for in the Bylaws.



**16.2.3 Notice Requirements.** Members shall annually be provided a summary of the provisions of California Civil Code Section 5900, *et seq.* which specifically references the provisions of California Civil Code Section 5965. The summary shall be provided either at the time the Budget required by California Civil Code Section 5300 is distributed or in the manner specified in California Corporations Code Section 5016. The summary shall include a description of the Association's internal dispute resolution procedure, as required by California Civil Code Section 5920.

**16.2.4 Civil Action.** A civil action to enforce the Governing Documents shall comply with California Civil Code Sections 5850 through 5985.

**16.3 Enforcement of Non-Payment of Assessments.** Each Owner of any Condominium then subject to Assessment shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association each and every Assessment provided for in this Declaration. The Association shall have the right to enforce such payment obligation in accordance with the provisions set forth in **Section 6.11** (Collection of Assessments; Liens).

**16.4 Enforcement of Bonded Obligations.** The Association shall have the right to enforce bonded obligations in accordance with the provisions set forth in **Section 6.21** (Association Property Improvements).

**16.5 Disputes Involving Declarant.**

**16.5.1 Defined Terms.** For purposes of this Section and this Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

(a) "**Claim**" means any Construction Defect Claim or Other Claim.

(b) "**Claim Process**" means the pre-litigation process for the resolution of Construction Defect Claims and Other Claims as described in the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration.

(c) "**Construction Defect Claim**" means any claim, issue or controversy, whether or not the claim, issue or controversy is governed by or subject to the Right to Repair Act or is based upon common law, that arises from or is related in any way to any alleged deficiencies in construction, design, specifications, surveying, planning, supervision, testing, or observation of construction, including, but not limited to, any alleged violation of the standards set forth in California Civil Code Sections 895 through 897, inclusive of the Right to Repair Act.

(d) "**Dispute**" means any claim, issue or controversy that arises from or is related in any way to: (a) the Community; (b) any Unit; (c) the Association Property; (d) the relationship between the Association and Declarant; and/or (e) the relationship between any Owner and Declarant, whether contractual, statutory or in tort, including, but not limited to, claims, issues or controversies that arise from or are related to the purchase, sale, condition, design, construction or materials used in construction of any portion of the Community or any Unit, Association Property, the agreement between Declarant and Owner to purchase the Condominium or any related agreement, the Limited Warranty, disclosures, or alleged deficiencies in construction, design, specifications, surveying, planning, supervision, testing, or observation of construction related to Improvements within the Association Property or the Unit, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) a Construction Defect Claim; (ii) an Other Claim; (iii) any disagreement as to whether a Construction Defect Claim has been properly repaired; (iv) any disagreement as to the value of repairing damages which are the subject of a Construction Defect Claim; (v) the cost of repairing damage caused by the repair efforts, the cost to remove or replace an improper repair, and any alleged relocation expenses, storage expenses, lost business income, investigation costs and all other fees and costs recoverable by contract or statute as a result of a Construction Defect Claim; and (vi) any disagreement concerning the timeliness of Declarant's performance or the Association's or an Owner's notice under the Limited Warranty or the Claim Process.

(e) "**Other Claim**" means a Dispute that does not involve a Construction Defect Claim.

(f) "**Right to Repair Act**" means Division 2, Part 2, Title 7 of the California Civil Code (Section 895, *et seq.*) as amended from time to time.

**16.5.2 Dispute Resolution.** Declarant has recorded a Master Dispute Resolution Declaration which sets forth the procedures that shall be used to resolve Disputes with Declarant for any Claims asserted by an Owner and/or the Association. The Master Dispute Resolution Declaration recorded in the Official Records constitutes a part of this Declaration and is incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full herein. For any Construction Defect Claims, the Owners and the Association shall comply with the Claims Process set forth in the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration. For any Construction Defect Claims not resolved through the Claims Process or any Other Claims, the Owners and the Association shall comply with the procedures set forth in the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration which require the Dispute to be mediated. Each Owner and the Association acknowledge and agree that the terms and provisions set forth in the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration are covenants running with the land which are binding upon the Owners and the Association and successor Owners.

**16.5.3 Relinquishment of Control.** Notwithstanding any other provision in the Declaration or the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration to the contrary (including, without limitation, any provision which expressly or implicitly provides Declarant with control over Association decisions for any period of time), while Declarant has majority control of the Board, Declarant hereby relinquishes control over the Association's ability to decide whether to initiate any Claim against Declarant or any Declarant Parties. No representative of Declarant or Declarant Parties on the Board shall vote on the initiation of any Claim including without limitation, any Construction Defect Claim under California Civil Code Section 895 *et seq.* of the Right to Repair Act, such that from and after the first election of directors in which Class A Members participate, Declarant and Declarant Parties shall have no control over the Association's ability to decide whether to initiate a Claim including without limitation, any Construction Defect Claim and in the event of such a vote, the affirmative vote of a majority of the non-Declarant representatives on the Board shall be binding so long as a quorum of the Board is present at any meeting where such vote is taken.

**16.5.4 Pursuit of Claims.** An Owner may only assert Limited Warranty claims pertaining to such Owner's Condominium. The Association and not the individual Owners shall have the power to pursue any Claims for the Association Property. The Association and each Owner shall comply with the Claim Process in bringing any such Claims. Each Owner hereby agrees to delegate authority to the Association and assigns to the Association all power and authority as is necessary for (i) the initiation of any Claim, or (ii) any settlement or release of any Claim, in each instance relating to the Association Property.

**16.5.5 Notice Requirements.** In the event that the Association commences a Claim pursuant to the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration, or pursues any other legal action, all Owners must notify prospective purchasers of such action or Claim and must provide such prospective purchasers with a copy of the notice produced by the Association and delivered to the Owners in accordance with California Civil Code Section 6000 and this Declaration. As required by California Civil Code Section 5520, if a decision is made to use reserve funds or to temporarily transfer money from the reserve fund to pay for litigation, the Association shall comply with the notice and accounting requirements set forth in California Civil Code Section 5520.

**16.5.6 Funding of Special Benefit Area Claims and Actions.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Governing Documents, the resolution of Disputes under Article 16 including, without limitation, mediation, arbitration or litigation of any claims and other actions related exclusively to a Special Benefit Area shall be funded solely from the contributions of the Owners within such Special Benefit Area, or by a Special Assessment levied only on the Owners within the applicable Special Benefit Area, and/or from the separate reserve account funds for the applicable Special Benefit Area.

**16.5.7 Members' Approval of Certain Actions.** To the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, in the event any Claim brought by the Association against Declarant, is not resolved pursuant to the Limited Warranty or the non-adversarial procedures set forth in Right to Repair Act, the Association shall not initiate a further action or proceeding without first obtaining the consent of the Owners other than Declarant constituting a majority of the Voting Power. Each Owner and the Association, by acceptance of a deed to a Condominium or Association Property, as applicable, agrees that because representative claims (i.e. claims related to the Association Property or claims by the Association on behalf of the Owners) by the Association may create disclosure requirements and/or may impair the ability of Owners to sell or finance their Condominiums, the Association must obtain the consent of a majority of Owners before filing such representative claims. Each Owner and the Association acknowledge that obtaining such consent is a reasonable requirement to ensure that each Owner is given the ability to evaluate the impact such action or proceeding may have on the value, sale and/or financeability of the Condominiums.

**16.5.8 Conflict.** In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this **Section 16.5** (Disputes Involving Declarant) and the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration, the terms of the Master Dispute Resolution Declaration shall control.

## **ARTICLE 17 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**17.1 Headings.** The headings used in this Declaration are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret the meaning of any of the provisions of this Declaration.

**17.2 Severability.** The provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable, and the invalidity or partial invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or provisions of it shall not invalidate any other provisions. In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or other portion of this Declaration shall become illegal, null, void, against public policy or otherwise unenforceable, for any reason, the remaining portions of this Declaration shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect to the fullest extent permissible by law.

**17.3 Cumulative Remedies.** Each remedy provided for in this Declaration shall be cumulative and not exclusive. Failure to exercise any remedy provided for in this Declaration shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as a waiver.

**17.4 No Unlawful Restrictions.** No Owner shall execute or cause to be recorded any instrument which imposes a restriction upon the sale, leasing or occupancy of its Condominium on the basis of any federal or state protected class, including without limitation, race, sex, color or creed.

**17.5 Liberal Construction.** The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose. Failure to enforce any provision hereof shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce said provision thereafter.

**17.6 Notice of Sale of Condominium.** Concurrently with the consummation of the sale of any Condominium under circumstances whereby the transferee becomes an Owner thereof, or within five (5) business days thereafter, the transferee shall notify the Board in writing of such sale. Such notice shall set forth the name of the transferee and its Mortgagee and transferor, the common address of the Condominium purchased by the transferee, the transferee's and the Mortgagee's mailing address, and the date of sale. Prior to the receipt of such notice, any and all communications required or permitted to be given by the Association, the Board or the manager shall be deemed to be duly made and given to the transferee if duly and timely made and given to said transferee's transferor. Mailing addresses may be changed at any time upon written notice to the Board. Notices shall be deemed received forty-eight (48) hours after mailing if mailed to the transferee, or to its transferor if the Board has received no notice of transfer as above provided, by certified mail return receipt requested, at the mailing address above specified. Notices shall also be deemed received on the next business day after being sent by overnight

courier or upon delivery if delivered personally to any occupant of a Condominium over the age of twelve (12) years.

**17.7 Number; Gender.** The singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular unless the context requires the contrary, and the masculine, feminine and neuter shall each include the masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context requires.

**17.8 Exhibits.** All exhibits referred to in this Declaration are attached to this Declaration and incorporated by reference.

**17.9 Binding Effect.** This Declaration shall inure to the benefit of and be binding on the successors and assigns of Declarant, and the heirs, personal representatives, grantees, tenants, successors and assigns of the Owners.

**17.10 Easements Reserved and Granted.** Any easements referred to in this Declaration shall be deemed reserved or granted, or both reserved and granted, by reference to this Declaration in the first deed by Declarant to any Condominium.

**17.11 Statutory References.** All references in this Declaration to various statutes, codes, regulations, ordinances and other laws shall be deemed to include those laws in effect as of the date of this Declaration and any successor laws as may be amended from time to time.

**17.12 Applicability of FNMA Regulations.** For so long as FNMA a blanket loan approvals are in effect for the Community and while any FNMA loan encumbers any Condominium in the Community pursuant to such blanket approval, the FNMA guidelines and regulations shall apply to the Community to the extent that FNMA asserts application of such guidelines and regulations and those guidelines and regulations are not in conflict with California law or with the requirements of the DRE. At such time as the blanket loan approvals are no longer in effect and no FNMA loans encumber any Condominium in the Community, the FNMA guidelines and regulations shall have no further applicability with respect to the Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Declaration is made on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by Declarant.

**DECLARANT:**

D.R. HORTON BAY, INC., a Delaware corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST OF EXHIBITS**

EXHIBIT "A" ..... Property and Association Property  
EXHIBIT "B" ..... Annexable Property  
EXHIBIT "C" ..... Maintenance Chart

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATION PROPERTY**

The Property includes both the Property and Association Property listed below:

**PROPERTY:**

Lot 1 as shown on that certain map entitled "Tract No. 8519 for Condominium Purposes" filed for record \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ in Book \_\_\_ of Maps, at Pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Alameda, State of California ("**Map**").

**ASSOCIATION PROPERTY:**

Lot 1 of the Map, excepting therefrom the Common Area and Units as shown on the Condominium Plan for Maple Lane – Lot 1, recorded on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ as Document No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Office of the County Recorder of Alameda, California.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**ANNEXABLE PROPERTY**

Lots 2 through 4, inclusive, and Lots A, B and C as shown on that certain map entitled "Tract No. 8519 for Condominium Purposes" filed for record \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ in Book \_\_\_ of Maps, at Pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Alameda, State of California.



**EXHIBIT "C"**

**MAINTENANCE CHART**

<p>Each Owner is responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of all elements of the Unit, except as otherwise set forth below or in the Governing Documents. The Association is responsible for all of the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Association Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a casualty, the Association shall repair and replace all items covered by the Association's insurance. The Owner Maintenance Manual and the Association Maintenance Manual may also expand on the scope of the maintenance responsibilities set forth below.</p> <p>"O" indicates an obligation of the Owner.                  "A" indicates an obligation of the Association.                  "N/A" indicates an obligation that is "not applicable."</p>							
IMPROVEMENT	MAINTENANCE OBLIGATION & RESPONSIBLE PARTY						
	Clean	Maintain	Repair	Replace	Paint	Resurface	Repave
The interior of Units including, without limitation, all appliances, cabinets, plumbing fixtures and all other items within Units whether free-standing or built in	O	O	O	O	O	O (if applicable)	N/A
Utility Facilities and equipment which exclusively service a Unit whether located in a Unit or the Association Property	N/A	O	O	O	N/A	N/A	N/A
Windows enclosing Units, including, without limitation, metal frames, tracks and exterior screens of glass doors and windows	O	O	O	O	A (exterior of the window frame only)	N/A	N/A
Doors (including, without limitation, the garage doors) enclosing Units	O	O	O	O	O to paint interior A to paint exterior	N/A	N/A
Exclusive Use Deck/Porch Areas (excluding any railings, walls and fencing surrounding such areas)	O	A (excluding any Improvements installed by Owner)	A (excluding any Improvements installed by Owner)	A (excluding any Improvements installed by Owner)	A (excluding any Improvements installed by Owner)	A (excluding any Improvements installed by Owner)	N/A
Exterior fixtures including, without limitation, light fixtures, photocells, and light bulbs not servicing Exclusive Use Easement Areas and front entries of Units	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A
Exterior fixtures including, without limitation, light fixtures, photocells and light bulbs servicing Exclusive Use Easement Areas and front entry of Units	O	O	O	O	O	N/A	N/A

Each Owner is responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of all elements of the Unit, except as otherwise set forth below or in the Governing Documents. The Association is responsible for all of the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Association Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a casualty, the Association shall repair and replace all items covered by the Association's insurance. The Owner Maintenance Manual and the Association Maintenance Manual may also expand on the scope of the maintenance responsibilities set forth below.

"O" indicates an obligation of the Owner.

"A" indicates an obligation of the Association.

"N/A" indicates an obligation that is "not applicable."

IMPROVEMENT	MAINTENANCE OBLIGATION & RESPONSIBLE PARTY						
	Clean	Maintain	Repair	Replace	Paint	Resurface	Repave
Individual locks for Units' mailbox (subject to postal requirements)	O	O	O	O	N/A	N/A	N/A
Association Property, including, without limitation, roof, structural components, bearing walls, foundations, except for Exclusive Use Easement Areas	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Association Property, including without limitation, Private Streets, landscaping, open spaces, except for Exclusive Use Easement Areas	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Utility Facilities serving two or more Units and private Utility Facilities located in the Association Property so long as they do not exclusively service a Unit	N/A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cluster mailboxes (excluding locks on individual mailboxes)	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A
Walls, fencing and railings located on Association Property not enclosing Exclusive Use Easement Areas (to be structurally sound, graffiti-free and well maintained at all times)	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A
Walls, fencing and railings enclosing Exclusive Use Deck/Porch Areas (to be structurally sound, graffiti-free and well maintained at all times)	O	A	A	A	A	A	N/A
HVAC units servicing Units	O	O	O	O	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fire Systems	O	O	O	O	O	O	N/A