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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) MASTER DEED
OF THE SUMMERFIELD
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT ) HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME

## TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENT MAY COME:

WHEREAS, Summerfield Condominiums, LLC (the "Developer") is a South Carolina limited liability company, whose business address is 200 Main Street, Suite 201, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29926; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner of that certain real property more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto located on Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina (the "Land"); and

WHEREAS, the Developer intends to construct certain improvements on the Land; and

WHEREAS, the Developer now deems it appropriate to organize a horizontal property regime by duly executing and recording this Master Deed of the Summerfield Horizontal Property Regime (the "Master Deed") in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Carolina (the "ROD").

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Developer hereby submits the Land more fully described in <a href="Exhibit "A" attached hereto and all improvements located thereon, together with all easements, rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the provisions of Sections 27-31-10 et <a href="Seq">Seq</a>. of the <a href="South Carolina Code of Laws">South Carolina Code of Laws</a> (1976) and hereby creates thereon a horizontal property regime (sometimes termed "condominium ownership") to be known as SUMMERFIELD HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME, subject to the following:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless defined herein or unless the context requires otherwise, the words defined in Section 27-31-20, <u>South Carolina Code of Laws</u> (1976), when used in this Master Deed or any amendment hereto, will have the meaning therein provided. The following words, as well as other defined terms set forth herein, when used in this Master Deed or any amendment or supplement hereto, unless the context requires otherwise, will be deemed to include the singular and plural forms as the context requires and have the following meanings:

"Assessment" means the amount assessed against an Owner and his Unit from time to time by the Association in the manner provided herein.

"Assigned Value" means the value assigned to each Unit in accordance with Exhibit "C" attached hereto and utilized for purposes of computing the Percentage Interest appurtenant to such Unit, which Assigned Value will not constitute the sales price of the Unit or be relied upon as a representation of the actual value of the Unit.

"Annual Assessment Period" means the fiscal year of the Association established by the Association's Board of Directors.

"Association" means Summerfield Condominium Association, Inc. being an association of Owners of Units located in the Regime, in the form of a nonprofit, non-stock membership association, which has been incorporated in accordance with the Article of Incorporation, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "D"</u> and the Nonprofit Corporation Act.

"Board of Directors" or "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association, and "director" or "directors" means a member or members of the Board.

"Building" means a structure which is either a Residential Building or a Garage Building.

"Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "E"</u>, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Bylaws and this Master Deed.

"Common Area" means all of the Regime property after excluding the Units, including the following:

- 1. Easements through Units for conduits, ducts, plumbing, chimneys, wiring, and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services to Units and the Common Areas; provided, however, such easements through a Unit will be only according to the Plans for the Building, or as the Building is constructed unless otherwise approved by the Unit Owner.
- 2. An easement of support in every portion of a Unit that contributes to the support of a Building.
- 3. Easements through the Units and Common Areas for maintenance, repair and replacement of the Units and Common Areas.
- 4. An easement for installation for the furnishing of utility services to more than one Unit or to the Common Areas or to a Unit other than the one containing the installation, which installation will include ducts, plumbing, wiring, and other facilities for the rendering of such services.
- 5. The tangible personal property required for the maintenance and operation of the Unit, even though owned by the Association.
- 6. Pool facilities.
- 7. Controlled entry facilities, walkways, ponds, and fountains, if any.

When used herein, "Common Area" will be deemed to include any service provided by the Association in furtherance of the uses and purposes to which any of the aforesaid facilities are put. "Common Expense(s)" means (a) all expenses incident to the administration of the Association and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Areas and the Limited Common Areas, after excluding there from such expenses which are the responsibility of an Owner; (b) expenses determined by the Association to be Common Expenses and which are lawfully assessed against Owners; (c) expenses declared to be Common Expenses by the Condominium Act or the Regime Documents; and (d) reasonable reserves established for the payment of any of the foregoing.

"Condominium Act" means the Horizontal Property Act of South Carolina, <u>South Carolina Code of Laws</u> (1976), Section 27-31-10 to Section 27-31-300, as may be amended from time to time.

"Developer" means Summerfield Condominiums, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company, its successors and assigns.

"Garage Building" means a structure containing up to six (6) Garage Units.

"Garage Unit" means a Unit that is designated by the Developer for use as a vehicle and/or storage garage by an Owner.

"Institutional Mortgage" will mean and refer to a first lien Mortgage (prior to all other Mortgage liens) held by a bank, trust company, insurance company, or other recognized lending institution, or by an institutional or governmental insurer or purchaser of mortgage loans in the secondary market, such as Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Such term will also mean and refer to the holder of any Mortgage securing a loan made by the Developer, its affiliates, successors, or assigns

"Land" means the Land which is described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> attached hereto, as said exhibit may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Master Deed to withdraw unimproved portions thereof from the Regime.

"Limited Common Area" means that portion of the Common Area set aside and allocated for the exclusive use of the Owner of the Unit to which is attached to or assigned to the Unit, and will include that portion of any Common Area that is pierced by the Unit's interior stairs, if any; a Unit's chimney structure and flue, if any; air conditioner units and condensers and hot water heaters located outside of the Unit, and the spaces occupied by same; assigned parking spaces outside of the Building including assigned parking areas, if any; and the balcony or patio adjacent to the Unit.

"Master Deed" means this document, as amended from time to time.

"Member" means each Owner who is a member of the Association.

"Mortgage" will mean and refer to a mortgage, security deed, deed of trust, installment land sales contract, or other similar security instrument granting, creating, or conveying a lien upon, a security interest in, or a security title to a Unit.

"Mortgagee" will mean and refer to the holder of a Mortgage.

"Nonprofit Corporation Act" means and refers to the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1994, South Carolina Code of laws (1976), Sections 33-31-101, et. seq., as amended from time to time.

"Owner" means the record owner, whether one or more persons, of fee simple title in and to any Unit; excluding, however, those persons having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

"Percentage Interest" means the undivided percentage interest owned by each Owner as a tenant-in-common in the Common Areas. "Total Percentage Interest" means the aggregate of all the Percentage Interests.

"Plans" mean and include the site plan and the floor plans of the Project which are filed as an attachment to this Master Deed showing the boundaries of the Land, the horizontal and vertical location of the improvements and Common Areas of the Project thereon and certified by a licensed engineer or architect in accordance with the provisions of the Condominium Act.

"Project" means, collectively, the Land, the Buildings and all other improvements and structures located thereon, and all easements, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto, submitted to the Condominium Act by this Master Deed, as amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof.

"Regime" means the horizontal property regime established by this Master Deed, including all appurtenances and incidents of ownership attendant therewith.

"Regime Documents" means and includes this Master Deed, all Exhibits hereto, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations, all as amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof or in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

"Residential Building" means a structure containing eight (8) Residential Units.

"Residential Unit" means a Unit designated by the Developer principally for residential use by an Owner.

"Rules and Regulations" means the rules and regulations from time to time promulgated by the Board of Directors governing the use of the Common Areas and Units.

"Transition Period" means the time period commencing on the date of recording of this Master Deed and ending on the earlier of:

1. Three (3) months after the conveyance in the ordinary course of Developer's business of ninety-nine percent (99%) of the maximum

- number of Units to be contained in all phases of the Regime, rounded down to the next whole number, to persons other than the Developer; or
- 2. Three (3) months following the date the Developer surrenders its authority as a Class "B" Member of the Association to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association by an express amendment to this Master Deed executed and filed of record by Developer.

"Trustee" means the Board of Directors acting as a fiduciary for the benefit of the Association and the Owners in holding certain funds and providing services as provided herein, or such bank or trust company authorized to do trust business in the State of South Carolina and appointed therefor by the Board of Directors.

"Unit" means that part of the Regime designated as a Residential Unit or a Garage Unit, situate within the Unit boundaries described in <a href="Exhibit" "B"">Exhibit "B"</a> attached hereto, as amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Master Deed and constituting an "apartment" as defined in the Condominium Act. Each Unit will be identified in the architect's plans incorporated in and made a part of <a href="Exhibit" "B"</a> attached hereto by a specific letter, number or combination thereof, which identification will be sufficient to identify the Unit for all purposes. "Unit" will also mean all the components of ownership held by an Owner, including not only the rights and interests of the Owner in and to the Unit, but also the rights of use of and the undivided interest in the Common Area.

#### 2. Administration

- 2.1 <u>The Association</u>. The administration of the Regime will be the responsibility of the Association, which will be made up of all the Owners of Units in the Regime. The Regime Documents, as the same may be amended from time to time, will govern the Association and the Owners.
- 2.2 <u>Membership</u>. Each Owner of a Unit, including the Developer, will be a Member of the Association. Membership will be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Unit and ownership of a Unit will be the sole qualification for such membership. In the event that fee title to a Unit is transferred or otherwise conveyed, the membership in the Association that is appurtenant thereto will automatically pass to such transferee, notwithstanding any failure of the transferor to endorse to his transferee any certificates or other evidences of such membership. The foregoing is not intended to include any Mortgagee or any other person who holds an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest will not terminate or otherwise affect an Owner's membership in the Association.
- 2.3 Agreements. The Association will be and hereby is authorized to enter into such contractual arrangements, including without limitation, management contracts, as it may deem necessary or desirable for the administration and operation of the Regime. Each Owner by acquiring or holding an interest in a Unit thereby ratifies and agrees to be bound by the terms and

conditions of all such contractual arrangements entered into by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association prior to the conveyance of the Unit to the Owner.

- 2.4 <u>Books and Records</u>. The Association will keep full and accurate books of account and financial records showing all receipts and disbursements. In particular, the books will be maintained with a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Regime and its administration, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses of the Common Area as well as other expenditures incurred.
- 2.5 <u>Financial Statements</u>. No later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of any fiscal year of the Association, the Association will cause the preparation of financial statements for such fiscal year. Copies of the financial statements will be available to any Owner or Mortgagee upon written request to the Association. The Association may charge a reasonable fee for copying such statements.
- 2.6 Access to Information. The Association will make available to Owners of any Unit and to any Mortgagee current copies of the Regime Documents and the books, records, vouchers, contractual arrangements and financial statements of the Association. "Available" means available for reasonable inspection upon request during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances. The Association may charge reasonable copying costs for any requested copies or extracts. Any party entitled to the benefits of this Section 2.6 will be permitted to designate one or more agents who will be permitted to represent said party in connection with any and all reviews of the Regime Documents and books, records, contractual arrangements and financial statements of the Association.
- 2.7 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. The Board of Directors will be entitled to promulgate reasonable Rules and Regulations from time to time, which will be binding on the Association and all Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests, regarding the use and enjoyment of Units and Common Areas. Any fine which may be imposed against the Association by any other governmental agency for any violation of law or as a result of damage to any protected property of the Regime by an Owner or by his renter, lessee or invitee shall be added to such Owner's Assessments and shall become a lien upon his Unit. Copies of the current Rules and Regulations will be furnished to Owners and lessees of Owners upon request.
- 2.8 <u>Professional Property Manager</u>. The Board of Directors may retain a professional property management company to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association.

#### 3. <u>Property Rights</u>

3.1 <u>Units</u>. Each Unit will for all purposes constitute a separate parcel of real property which, subject to the provisions of this Master Deed, may be owned in fee simple and which may be conveyed, transferred, leased and encumbered in the same manner as any other real property. Each Owner, subject to the provisions of the Condominium Act and this Master Deed, will be entitled to the exclusive ownership and possession of his Unit or Units.

3.2 <u>Description of Units</u>. The dimensions, area and location of the Units are as set forth on <u>Exhibit "B"</u> attached hereto and are generally intended to include the following:

## (a) <u>Horizontal (Upper and Lower)</u>.

- (i) The upper horizontal boundary of each Unit is the plane formed by the uppermost, unexposed surface of the wallboard or other material comprising a part of the ceiling in the uppermost story of the Unit.
- (ii) The lower horizontal boundary of each Unit is the plane formed by the finished surface of the concrete slab or uppermost surface of the subflooring on which the lowermost story of the Unit is constructed.
- (b) <u>Vertical (Perimetric or Lateral)</u>. The vertical boundaries of each Unit are the planes formed by the outermost, unexposed surface of the wallboard or other surface comprising the perimeter walls enclosing the Unit.
- (c) <u>Units Deemed to Include</u>. Notwithstanding the description of the boundaries set forth above, the Units shall be deemed to include the following: all portions of the plumbing, heating, electrical, and air conditioning systems (including furnaces, compressors, components, pipes, wires, conduits, ducts, and the like) serving only that Unit even if partially outside the boundaries of the Unit; all windows, glass surfaces, and doors (including window and door frames and the hardware thereof) serving the Unit; all window screens and screens on any screened balcony; and any fireplace or stove hearth, facing brick, tile or firebox; provided, however, that a Unit shall not include any of the structural components of the Building or utility or service lines within the Unit but serving more than one Unit. In interpreting deeds and plans, the existing physical boundaries of a Unit as originally constructed or of a Unit reconstructed in substantial accordance with the original plans thereof shall be conclusively presumed to be its boundaries rather than the metes and bounds expressed in any deed or plan, regardless of settling or lateral movement of the Building, and regardless of minor variance between the boundaries shown on the plans or in a deed and those of the Unit.

The ownership of each Unit shall include, and there shall pass with each Unit as an appurtenance thereto whether or not separately described in the conveyance thereof, that percentage of the right, title and interest in the Common Areas attributable to such Unit, together with membership in the Association and an undivided interest in the funds and assets held by the Association. Every portion of a Unit and all Limited Common Area contributing to the support of an abutting Unit shall be burdened with an easement of support for the benefit of such abutting Unit.

3.3 <u>Modification of Units</u>. The Developer, on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, hereby reserves the right to modify or reconstitute, at any time and from time to time, one or more Units owned by Developer or its affiliates without the consent of the Association or any Owner other than those who may be directly affected; provided, however, that the aggregate Percentage Interest assigned to the Units so affected will not change even though the same may be reallocated among such changed Units. If Developer makes any changes in Units pursuant to

this Section 3.3, such changes will be reflected by an amendment of this Master Deed which will be duly recorded in the ROD. Such amendment will not require the consent of Owners other than the Developer.

## 3.4 <u>Common Area and Limited Common Area.</u>

- (a) Percentage Interest. The Owners will own the Common Area as tenants-in-common, with each Unit having, appurtenant thereto, the Percentage Interest in the Common Areas set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto; provided, however, that the use of the Limited Common Area will be restricted as set forth in Section 3.4(e). The Percentage Interest appurtenant to each Unit has been determined by dividing the Assigned Value of the respective Unit as shown on Exhibit "C" by the aggregate Assigned Value of all Units as shown on Exhibit "C". The value assigned to any Unit in Exhibit "C" does not represent the sales price or market value of the Unit and will only be utilized for purposes of computing the Percentage Interest appurtenant to the respective Unit.
- (b) <u>Inseparability of Percentage Interests</u>. The Percentage Interest in the Common Area cannot be separated from the Unit to which it appertains and will be automatically conveyed or encumbered with the Unit even though such Percentage Interest is not expressly mentioned or described in the deed or other instruments.
- (c) <u>No Partition</u>. The Common Area will remain undivided and no right to partition the same or any part thereof will exist except as provided in the Condominium Act, the Bylaws and this Master Deed.
- (d) <u>Use of Common Area</u>. The Common Area will be used in accordance with the intended purposes without hindering the exercise of or encroaching upon the rights of other Owners. The Board of Directors will, if any question arises, determine the purpose for which a part of the Common Area is intended to be used. All Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests will abide by all Rules and Regulations from time to time in effect governing the use of the Common Area.
- (e) <u>Use of Limited Common Area</u>. Anything to the contrary contained herein notwithstanding, ownership of each Unit will entitle the Owner or Owners thereof to the exclusive use of the Limited Common Area adjacent and appurtenant to such Unit, which exclusive use may be delegated by such Owner to persons who reside in his Unit. All Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests will abide by all Rules and Regulations from time to time in effect governing the use of the Limited Common Area. An Owner will be responsible for maintenance and repair of the Limited Common Area appurtenant to his Unit or as assigned to Owner as set forth in Section 7.3 below.
- (f) <u>Reservation of Easements and Use, Expansion and Contraction Rights.</u> The Common Areas will be subject to all easements and use, expansion and contraction rights, if any, reserved by the Developer hereunder, including the right of the Developer to expand the regime by construction of additional Units pursuant to Section 12.2.

- 3.5 <u>Status of Title of Project</u>. The Developer represents to the Association and all the Owners that, as of the effective date hereof, the Developer has marketable, fee simple title to the Project. The rights and interests of all Owners in and to the Regime will be subject only to (a) liens for real estate taxes for the current year and subsequent years; (b) existing and/or recorded easements, conditions, covenants, declarations, reservations and restrictions including, without limitation, those set forth in this Master Deed; (c) easements and use rights, if any, reserved by the Developer hereunder; and (d) applicable governmental regulations, including zoning laws, which may be imposed upon the Regime from time to time.
- Limited Warranty From Developer. FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR 3.6 FROM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION (BEING THE LATER OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, OR THE DATE A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED THEREFOR), THE DEVELOPER SHALL AT NO COST TO THE ASSOCIATION REPAIR OR REPLACE (IN THE DEVELOPER'S DISCRETION) ANY PORTIONS OF THE COMMON AREA (EXCEPT FIXTURES, ACCESSORIES AND APPLIANCES COVERED BY SEPARATE WARRANTIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MANUFACTURERS) WHICH ARE DEFECTIVE AS TO MATERIALS OR WORKMANSHIP. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS IN PLACE OF ALL OTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND THE DEVELOPER DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OR WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE LIABILITY OF THE DEVELOPER SHALL BE LIMITED TO SUCH REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AND THE DEVELOPER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES OF ANY NATURE, WHETHER DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES CLAIMED TO ARISE OUT OF THE LAW OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, OR PURSUANT TO STATUTE OR ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION. Each Owner, in accepting a deed from the Developer or any other party to a Unit, expressly acknowledges and agrees that this Section 3.6 establishes the sole liability of the Developer to the Association and the Owners related to defects in the Common Area and the remedies available with regard thereto. At the end of the one (1) year warranty period referred to hereinabove in this Section 3.6, the Developer will assign to the Association in writing all of its rights, claims, causes of action and demands which it has or which may thereafter accrue against all other people who may be responsible for the design and/or construction of the Common Area.

## 4. Assessments

4.1 <u>Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments</u>. Each Unit is and will be subject to a lien and permanent charge in favor of the Association for the Assessments set forth herein. Each Assessment, together with interest thereon and cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, will be a permanent charge and continuing lien upon the Unit against which it relates, and will also be the joint and several personal obligation of each Owner of such Unit at the time the Assessment comes due and upon such Owner's successor in title if unpaid on the

date of the conveyance of such Unit, and each and every Owner by acquiring or holding an interest in any Unit thereby covenants to pay such amounts to the Association when the same will become due; provided, however, that no Owner acquiring title to any Unit at a foreclosure sale of any Institutional Mortgage, his successors and assigns, will have any personal obligation with respect to the portion of any Assessments (together with late charges, interest, fees and costs of collection) related to such Unit, the lien for which is subordinate to the lien of the Institutional Mortgage being foreclosed as provided in Section 4.8.

Annual Assessments. At least thirty (30) days prior to the Association's next 4.2 succeeding Annual Assessment Period the Board will adopt a budget for the next succeeding Annual Assessment Period by estimating the Common Expenses to be incurred during such Annual Assessment Period, including a reasonable allowance for contingencies and operating and replacement reserves, such budget to take into account the projected anticipated income which is to be applied in reduction of the amount to be collected as an assessment. Upon adoption of the budget, a copy thereof will be delivered to each Owner. The Annual Assessment fixed against each Unit will be based upon said budget and in proportion to the respective Percentage Interests of each Unit subject to assessment, and the Board will give written notice to each Owner of the Annual Assessment fixed against his Unit for such next succeeding Annual Assessment Period; provided, however, the delivery of a copy of said budget will not be a condition precedent to an Owner's liability for payment of such Annual Assessment. In fixing the annual budget, the Board of Directors shall reflect in the budget the recommendations of a maintenance audit conducted by a professional inspector at such frequency as the Board shall determine. The Board shall not be relieved of its duty to contract for an annual maintenance audit by virtue of the Developer's inspections pursuant to Section 10.5 below.

The Annual Assessment will not be used to pay for the following:

- (a) Casualty insurance of individual Owners on their possessions within the Units and liability insurance of such Owners insuring themselves and their families individually, which will be the sole responsibility of such Owners;
  - (b) Ad valorem taxes assessed against Units; or
- (c) Other charges or expenses related solely to individual use or occupancy of any Unit.

It is anticipated that ad valorem taxes and other governmental assessments, if any, upon the Project will be assessed by the taxing authority upon the Unit, and that each assessment will include the assessed value of the Unit and of the undivided interest of the Owner in the Common Area; provided, however, that for the current calendar year, the ad valorem taxes will be based upon the condition of the Land as of January I, and the Developer will be liable for that portion of the taxes applicable to the period prior to the recordation of this Master Deed. When current ad valorem taxes are due and payable, the remainder of the ad valorem taxes for the current calendar year will be prorated between the Developer and each Owner based upon the Owner's Percentage Interest and based upon the number of days each owned the Unit as evidenced by the date of the Unit Deed. Any such taxes and governmental assessments upon the

Project, which are not so assessed, will be included in the Association's budget as a recurring expense and will be paid by the Association as a Common Expense. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Owner is responsible for making his own return of taxes and such return will include such Owner's undivided interest in the Common Area as such undivided interest is determined by law for purposes of returning taxes.

- 4.3 <u>Rounding</u>. Annual Assessments charged by the Association will be rounded off to the nearest dollar.
- 4.4 <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to the Annual Assessments, the Board of Directors may levy in any calendar year "Special Assessments" for the purpose (i) of supplementing the Annual Assessments if the same are inadequate to pay the Common Expenses and (ii) of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any reconstruction, repair, or replacement of the Common Area; provided, however, that any such Special Assessment which in the aggregate exceeds twenty (20%) percent of the total Annual Assessments for such year will have the approval of Members therefor by a majority of the votes cast by written ballot or in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, duly called for the express purpose of approving such Special Assessment.
- 4.5 <u>Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates.</u> Although the Annual Assessment is calculated on a yearly basis for the Annual Assessment Period, each Owner of a Unit will be obligated to pay to the Association or its designated agent such Assessment in advance in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments as established by the Board. An installment shall be due and payable on the due date established by the Board, but in the absence of any such specific due date, the installment shall be due and payable in full on or before the last day of the month in which the Assessment is billed.

The obligations of Owners regarding the payment of monthly portions of the Annual Assessment provided for in this Section 4.5 will, as to each Unit, commence upon the recording of this Master Deed. The first monthly payment of the Annual Assessment for each such Unit will be an amount equal to the monthly payment for the Annual Assessment Period in progress on such commencement date, divided by the number of days in the month of conveyance, and multiplied by the number of days then remaining in such month.

The Association will, upon demand at any time, furnish any Owner liable for any such Assessment a certificate in writing signed by an Officer of the Association or the property manager of the Association, setting forth whether the same has been paid. A reasonable charge, as determined by the Board, may be made for the issuance of such certificate. Such certificate will be conclusive evidence of payment of any Assessment stated to have been paid as to any person or entity that has relied on the certificate to his or its detriment.

- 4.6 <u>Effect of Non-Payment of Assessment; the Personal Obligation of the Owner; the Lien; Remedies of Association.</u>
- (a) If an Assessment is not paid on the date when due, as hereinabove provided, then such Assessment together with such late charges and interest thereon and any

costs of collection thereof as hereafter provided, will be a charge and continuing lien on the Unit to which it relates, and will bind such property in the hands of the Owner, his heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns. The personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such Assessment, however, will remain his personal obligation, and if his successors in title assume his personal obligation, such prior Owner will nevertheless remain as fully obligated as before to pay to the Association any and all amounts which he was obligated to pay immediately preceding the transfer. Furthermore, such prior Owner and his successor in title who assumes such liabilities will be jointly and severally liable with respect thereto, notwithstanding any agreement between such prior Owner and his successor in title creating the relationship of principal and surety as between themselves, other than one by virtue of which such prior Owner and his successor in title would be jointly and severally liable to pay such amounts.

- (b) Any Assessment shall be due in full not later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month in which the Assessment is billed, and any Assessment or portions thereof which is not paid when so due will be delinquent. Any delinquent Assessment will incur a late charge in an amount as may be determined by the Board from time to time and, upon adoption of a policy therefor by the Board of Directors, will also commence to accrue simple interest at the rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time. A lien and equitable charge as herein provided for each Assessment installment shall attach simultaneously as the same will become due and payable, and if an Assessment installment has not been paid as aforesaid, the entire unpaid balance of the Assessment installments for the Annual Assessment Period then in effect remaining to be paid during the fiscal year may be accelerated by the option of the Board and be declared due and payable in full.
- The Association may bring legal action against the Owner personally (c) obligated to pay the same or foreclose its lien against the Unit to which it relates or pursue both such courses at the same time or successively. In any event, the Association will be entitled also to recover reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred and all other costs of collection. Each Owner, by his acceptance of a deed or other transfer of a Unit, vests in the Association or its agent the right and power to bring all actions against him personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and to foreclose the aforesaid lien in any appropriate proceeding at law or in equity. All Owners, to the fullest extent permitted by law, waive the right to assert any statute providing appraisal rights which may reduce any deficiency judgment obtained by the Association against any Owner in the event of such foreclosure and further, waive all benefits that might accrue to any Owner by virtue of any present or future homestead exemption or law exempting any Unit or portion thereof from sale. If the Association commences to foreclose its lien, the Owner may be required to pay a reasonable rental for the Unit after the commencement of the action and at its option the Association will be entitled to the appointment of a receiver to collect such rents. The Association will have the power to bid on the Unit at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. No Owner may be relieved from liability from the Assessment provided for herein by abandonment of his Unit or otherwise.
- (d) During any period in which an Owner will be in default in the payment of any Annual or Special Assessment levied by the Association, the voting rights of the Owner and

the rights of the Owner and lessees of the Owner, their families, invitees and guests, to use and enjoy the recreational areas of the Common Area may be suspended by the Board of Directors until such time as the Assessment has been paid.

Developer's Unsold Units. Anything contained in this Section 4.7 to the contrary 4.7 notwithstanding, so long as the Developer owns any Unit for sale, the Developer may annually elect either to pay the regular Assessment for each such Unit or to pay the difference between the amount of Assessments collected on all other Units not owned by the Developer and the sum of (a) the amount of actual operating expenditures by the Association during the fiscal year, and (b) the amount of reserves budgeted to be funded during the year but not in a sum greater than its regular Assessment. Unless the Developer otherwise notifies the Board in writing at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Developer will be deemed to have elected to continue paying on the same basis as during the immediately preceding year. Furthermore, so long as the Developer owns any Unit for sale, the Developer may, but will not be obligated to, reduce the regular Assessment for any year to be paid by Owners of Units, which may be a contribution to the Association, an advance against future regular Assessments due from said Owners, or a loan to the Association, in the Developer's sole discretion. The amount and character (contribution, advance or loan) of such subsidy will be conspicuously disclosed as a line item in the budget and will be made known to the Owners. The payment of such a subsidy in any year will under no circumstances obligate the Developer to continue payment of such subsidy in future years, unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the Association and the Developer.

## 4.8 Subordination of the Charges and Liens to Institutional Mortgages.

- (a) The lien and permanent charge for the Assessments (together with late charges, interest, fees and cost of collection) authorized herein with respect to any Unit is hereby made subordinate to the lien of any holder of an Institutional Mortgage or its assigns placed on such Unit, and all Assessments with respect to such Unit having a due date on or prior to the date such Institutional Mortgage is filed for record have been paid. The lien and permanent charge hereby subordinated is only such lien and charge as relates to Assessments authorized hereunder having a due date subsequent to the date such Institutional Mortgage is filed for record and prior to the satisfaction, cancellation or foreclosure of such Institutional Mortgage.
- (b) Such subordination is merely a subordination and will not relieve the Owner of the mortgaged Unit of his personal obligation to pay all Assessments coming due at a time when he is the Owner; will not relieve such Unit from the lien and permanent charge provided for herein (except as to the extent the subordinated lien and permanent charge is extinguished against a Mortgagee or such Mortgagee's assignee or transferee by foreclosure); and no sale or transfer of such Unit to the Mortgagee or to any other person pursuant to a foreclosure sale will relieve any previous Owner from liability for any Assessment coming due before such sale or transfer.
- (c) To the extent any subordinated lien and permanent charge for any Assessment is extinguished by foreclosure of any Institutional Mortgage, then the amount or

amounts otherwise secured thereby which cannot otherwise be collected will be deemed a Common Expense collectible from all Owners, including the person who acquires title through the foreclosure sale.

- 4.9 <u>Reserves</u>. The Board of Directors will establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic repair and replacement of the Common Area. The Board of Directors will include amounts needed to maintain an adequate reserve fund in its estimation of the Common Expenses for each fiscal year and will cause deposits to the reserve fund to be made in connection with the collection of the Annual Assessment.
- 4.10 Working Capital Collected at Initial Closing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Master Deed, a working capital fund will be established for the Association by collecting from each Owner who acquires title to his Unit from the Developer a working capital amount equal to 1/12th of the Annual Assessment then in effect, which Assessment will be due and payable at the time of transfer of each Unit by the Developer to any other Owner. Each such Owner's share of working capital, as aforesaid, will be transferred to the Association at the time of closing the conveyance from the Developer to the Owner. Such sum is and will remain separate and distinct from the Annual Assessment and will not be considered advance payment of the Annual Assessment. The working capital receipts may be used by the Association in covering operating expenses as well as any other expense incurred by the Association pursuant to this Master Deed and the Bylaws.
- 4.11 Resale Assessment. In addition to all other assessments as provided herein, upon resale of a Unit, at closing, an Owner shall pay to the Association an amount equal to one-fourth (1/4) of one (1%) percent of the gross sales price of such Unit. For purposes of this Section 4.11, "Resale" is defined as any transfer of legal or equitable title to all or any portion of the Unit for valuable consideration, other than by gift, inheritance, or mortgage foreclosure, where said transfer occurs subsequent to the initial sale by the Developer, its successors or assigns, to a bona fide purchaser for value. A Resale transfer of legal or equitable title shall also include, but is not limited to, the execution of (i) a contract of sale which provides for a closing more than one (1) year beyond the date of execution of said contract, (ii) a lease for a term, including renewal terms, in excess of one (1) year with a purchase option which applies rental payments towards the purchase price; or (iii) an option for a term, including renewal terms, in excess of one (1) year which applies option payments towards the purchase price. Such resale assessment shall be utilized by the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate.

## 5. <u>Insurance and Casualty Losses</u>

#### 5.1 Hazard Insurance.

(a) The Association will obtain, maintain and pay the premiums, as a Common Expense, upon a "master" or "blanket" type policy or policies of property insurance covering the entire Project, except (i) land, foundation, excavation, or other items normally excluded from coverage; (ii) all improvements and betterment made to Units by Owners at their expense; and (iii) personal property of Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests. Such coverage will also insure supplies, equipment and other personal property of the

Association. All policies of property insurance will be single entity condominium insurance coverage. The master insurance policy will afford, at a minimum, protection against loss or damage by fire and other perils normally covered by standard extended coverage endorsements; and all other perils which are customarily covered with respect to condominium projects similar in construction, location and use, including all perils normally covered by a standard "all risk" endorsement, where such is available. The policy will be in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) percent of the current replacement cost of the Project, exclusive of land, foundations, excavation, and other items normally excluded from coverage. A "deductible amount" not to exceed the lesser of \$10,000 or one percent (1%) of the policy face amount may be included at the discretion of the Board of Directors if available and if a material savings, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, in premium cost results therefrom, but the deductible amount will be considered a Common Expense and borne by the Association regardless of the number of Owners directly affected by the loss and reserves will be established therefor.

- (b) The name of the insured under the master policy will be substantially as follows: "Summerfield Condominium Association, Inc. for the use and benefit of the Individual Owners of Units in Summerfield Horizontal Property Regime." Loss payable provisions will be in favor of the Association and the Trustee, as a trustee for each Owner, and each such Owner's Mortgagee as the interests of such parties may appear. Each Owner and his respective Mortgagee, if any, will be beneficiaries of the policy in a percentage equal to the Percentage Interest attributable to the Unit owned by such Owner. All policies will contain a standard mortgagee clause, or equivalent endorsement (without contribution), which is commonly accepted by Institutional Mortgage investors in the area in which the Project is located, and which appropriately names all Mortgagees or their servicer in such form as requested by such Mortgagees or their servicer.
- All policies will be written with a company holding a general policyholder rating of "A" or better by Best's Insurance Reports and in a financial category of Class VI or better in Best's Key Rating Guide. Policies are unacceptable where (i) under the terms of the insurance carrier's charter, bylaws or policy, contributions or assessments may be made against the Association, Owners, Mortgagees or the designees of Mortgagees; (ii) by the terms of the carrier's charter, bylaws or policy, loss payments are contingent upon action by the carrier's board of directors, policy holders or members; or (iii) the policy includes any limiting clause (other than insurance provisions) which could prevent Mortgagees or Owners from collecting insurance proceeds. Policies may not be cancelable or substantially modified by any party without at least ten (10) days prior written notice to the Association and each Mortgagee, which is listed as a scheduled holder of a first Mortgage in the insurance policy. Policies should also contain a "special condominium endorsement" or its equivalent which provides for the following: recognition of any insurance trust agreement; a waiver of the rights of subrogation against Owners individually; the insurance is not prejudiced by any act or negligence of individual Owners which is not under the control of the Association or such Owners collectively; and the policy is primary in the event the Owner has other insurance covering the same loss.

- (d) The Association will provide to Owners and/or Mortgagees requesting the same in writing a certificate of insurance, or a copy of the certificate of insurance, for the Regime, for which the Association may charge reasonable copying costs.
- Each Owner may obtain additional insurance at his own expense; provided, however, that no Owner will be entitled to exercise his right to maintain insurance coverage in such a way as to decrease the amount which the Association, on behalf of all of the Owners and their Mortgagees, may realize under any insurance policy which the Association may have in force on the Project at any particular time. Any diminution in insurance proceeds otherwise payable under the Association's policies that results from the existence of any Owner's policy will be chargeable to the Owner who acquired such other insurance. Any Owner who obtains an individual insurance policy covering any portion of the Project, other than the personal property belonging to such Owner, will file a copy of such policy with the Association within thirty (30) days after purchasing such insurance. Each Owner, at his own expense, may obtain on his Unit or the contents thereof, title insurance, homeowner's liability insurance, theft and other insurance covering improvements, betterment and personal property damaged and lost. In addition, risk of loss with respect to any improvements made by an Owner within his Unit shall be that of the Owner. Betterments coverage or "improvements insurance" shall be secured solely by an Owner wishing such coverage of his risk of loss, and the Association shall have no liability therefor.
- Liability Insurance. The Association will obtain, maintain and pay the premiums, 5.2 as a Common Expense, upon a policy of comprehensive general liability insurance coverage covering at a minimum all of the Common Area. Coverage limits will be in amounts generally required by private Institutional Mortgage holders for projects similar in construction, location and use to the Project; provided, however, that such coverage will be for at least \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, including death of persons, and property damage arising out of a single occurrence. Coverage under this policy will include, without limitation, legal liability to the insured for property damage, bodily injury and death of persons in connection with the operation, maintenance and use of the Common Area and legal liability arising out of law suits related to employment contracts in which the Association is a party. If the policy does not include "severability of interest" in its terms, an endorsement will be included which precludes the insurer's denial of the claims of an Owner because of the negligent acts of the Association or another Owner. Such policy must provide that it cannot be canceled or substantially modified, by any party, without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association and each Mortgagee listed as a scheduled holder of a first Mortgage in the insurance policy.
- 5.3 Fidelity Bonds and Other Insurance. The Association may obtain, maintain and pay the premiums, as a Common Expense, upon a blanket fidelity bond for all officers, directors, trustees and employees of the Association and all other persons handling or responsible for funds belonging to or administered by the Association, including any professional management company assisting with the administration of the Regime. The total amount of the fidelity bond coverage required would be based upon the best business judgment of the Board of Directors and would not be less than the estimated maximum funds, including reserve funds, in the custody of the Association or a professional management company, as the case may be, at any given time

during the term of each bond; provided, however, that in no event would the aggregate amount of such bonds be less than a sum equal to 2/12ths of the total Annual Assessments plus reserve funds. Fidelity bonds would meet the following requirements: the Association would be named as an obligee; the bonds would contain waivers of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation from the definition of "employees" or similar terms or expressions; and the bond would provide that it may not be canceled or substantially modified (including cancellation for nonpayment of a premium) without at least ten (10) days prior written notice to the Association and each Mortgagee listed as a scheduled holder of a first Mortgage in the fidelity bond.

The Association may obtain, maintain and pay the premiums, as a Common Expense, on a policy of directors and officers liability insurance in such amounts as determined by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will be authorized on behalf of the Association to obtain and maintain such other and further insurance as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

5.4 <u>Authority to Adjust Loss.</u> The exclusive authority to negotiate, settle and otherwise deal in all respects with insurers and adjust all losses under policies provided for herein will be vested in the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent for the benefit of all Owners and Mortgagees; provided, however, that all Owners and Mortgagees having an interest in such loss will be advised in advance of all actions anticipated to be taken of a material nature related to the adjustment of the loss. Each Owner, in accepting a deed to a Unit, expressly appoints the directors, and each of them, his due and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to act on behalf of the Owner as fully as the Owner could act in person on all matters related to the authority granted in this Section 5.4, including executing all documents required in connection therewith on behalf of the Owner.

#### 5.5 Trustee.

- (a) The Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate a third party Trustee hereunder. The Trustee, whether the Board of Directors acting in said capacity, or a third-party designated by the Board, will serve the Association and the Owners and their Mortgagees (as their interests may appear) as provided herein. Any third-party Trustee, but not the Board of Directors acting in such capacity, will be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered which will be a Common Expense of the Association.
- (b) All insurance policies obtained by the Association will name the Association and the Trustee as loss payees. Immediately upon the receipt by the Association of any insurance proceeds, the Association will endorse the instrument by means of which such proceeds are paid and deliver the instrument to the Trustee. The Trustee will not be liable for payment of premiums, for the renewal or the sufficiency of the policies or for the failure to collect any insurance proceeds. Nor will the Trustee have any obligation to inspect the Project to determine whether a loss has been sustained or to file any claim or claims against any insurer or any other person.

- (c) Among other things, the duties of the Trustee will be to receive proceeds delivered to it, hold such proceeds in trust for the benefit of the Owners and their Mortgagees, and disburse the proceeds as hereinafter provided.
- (d) Proceeds of insurance policies received by the Trustee will be disbursed as
- (i) If the damage or destruction for which the proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the proceeds, or such portion thereof as may be required for such purposes, will be disbursed in payment for such repairs or reconstruction as hereinafter provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs will be paid to the Association for the benefit of all Owners and their Mortgagees, if any;
- (ii) If it is determined, as provided in Section 5.6, that the damage or destruction for which the proceeds are paid will not be repaired or reconstructed, such proceeds will be disbursed to such persons as therein provided;
- (iii) Any and all disbursements of funds by the Trustee for any purpose whatsoever will be made pursuant to and in accordance with a certificate of the Association signed by the President and attested by the Secretary directing the Trustee to make the disbursements;
- (iv) If the damage or destruction is to the Common Area and is to be repaired or reconstructed, two days prior written notice of each disbursement will be given to the Mortgagee known by the Trustee from the records of the Association to have the largest interest in or lien upon such Common Area; and if the damage or destruction is to one or more Units and is to be repaired or reconstructed, said notice will also be given to the Mortgagee or Mortgagees known to the Trustee from the records of the Association to have an interest in or lien upon such Unit or Units.
- (e) The Trustee will not incur liability to any Owner, Mortgagee or other person for any disbursements made by it in good faith pursuant to and in accordance with the foregoing requirements.

## 5.6 <u>Damage and Destruction</u>.

(a) Immediately after all or any part of the Project covered by insurance is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent will proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section 5.6(a), means repairing or restoring the damaged property to substantially the same conditions in which it existed prior to the fire or other casualty, with each Unit and the Common Area having the same vertical and horizontal boundaries as before.

- (b) Any such damage or destruction to the Project will be repaired; provided, however, that any such damage which requires the reconstruction of the whole or more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Project will not be undertaken unless sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Members and Mortgagees which represent at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the total votes of Units that are subject to Mortgages agree, voting in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, duly called, in whole or in part, for the purpose of disapproving such repair or reconstruction. If the Project is not reconstructed, all insurance proceeds will be delivered in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.6(c) below. Except as otherwise provided, any such damage or destruction which renders any Unit untenantable or uninhabitable, or any such damage or destruction to the Common Area, will be repaired and reconstructed as promptly as practicable. No Mortgagee will have any right to restrict the use of insurance proceeds otherwise available for repair, reconstruction or rebuilding.
- (c) In the event that it is determined by the Association in the manner prescribed above that the damage or destruction will not be repaired, reconstructed or rebuilt, then and in that event:
  - (i) The Project will be owned by the Owners as tenants-in-common;
- (ii) The undivided interest in the Project of each Owner will be a percentage equal to the Percentage Interest appurtenant to the Unit theretofore owned by the Owner;
- (iii) All liens affecting any of the Units will be deemed to be transferred in accordance with the existing priorities to the undivided interest of the Owners of the respective Units;
- (iv) The Project will be subject to an action for partition at the instance of any Owner, in which event the net proceeds of the sale will be deposited with the Trustee;
- (v) The Association will proceed to satisfy all of its liabilities and convert all of its assets to cash, which will be deposited with the Trustee;
- (vi) The proceeds from the sale of the Project, the liquidation of the assets of the Association and the insurance proceeds related to the damage or destruction to the Project will be considered one fund which, after paying the reasonable expenses of the Trustee, will be distributed to all the Owners and their respective Mortgagees as their interests may appear in percentages equal to the Percentage Interests of said Owners. Distributions to such Owners and their Mortgagees will be made pursuant to certificates provided for in Section 5.5.

## 5.7 <u>Insufficient Proceeds to Repair.</u>

(a) If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid to the Trustee is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, or if no insurance proceeds exist with respect to such damage or destruction, the Board of Directors will levy an Assessment against the Owners of damaged or affected Units in

sufficient amounts to provide funds to pay costs in excess of insurance proceeds for repair or reconstruction. Additional Assessments may be made at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. That portion of such Assessments levied against each Owner will be equal to that percentage computed by dividing the Percentage Interest appurtenant to such Owner's Unit by the aggregate Percentage Interests appurtenant to all Units damaged or affected.

(b) Any and all sums paid to the Association under and by virtue of those Assessments provided for in subsection (a) of this Section 5.7 will be deposited by the Association with the Trustee. Such proceeds from insurance and Assessments, if any, received by the Trustee will be disbursed as provided in Section 5.5.

## 6. <u>Condemnation</u>

- having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner will be entitled to notice thereof; provided, however, that the exclusive right to negotiate, settle and otherwise deal in all respects with the condemning authority as to the taking of the Common Area will be vested in the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent on behalf of the Association. Each Owner, in accepting a deed to a Unit, expressly appoints the directors, and each of them, his due and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to act on behalf of the Owner as fully as the Owner could act in person in all matters related to the authority granted in this Section 6.1, including executing all documents required in connection therewith on behalf of the Owner. The award made for such taking will be payable to the Trustee. Unless otherwise required by law at the time of such taking, any award made therefor will be disbursed by the Trustee, as hereinafter provided in this Section 6.
- 6.2 <u>Non-Essential Areas</u>. If the taking does not include any portion of any Unit or any portion of the Common Area essential to the continued occupancy of any Unit, then the Board of Directors will be permitted to replace any nonessential improvements to the extent deemed appropriate and the Trustee will disburse the proceeds of such awards in the same manner as hereinabove provided for and in connection with the repair, reconstruction or rebuilding of improvements after damage or destruction, with all excess proceeds to be distributed to the Association.
- Essential Areas. If the taking includes any portion of a Unit or the Common Area essential to the use of any Unit, then the award will be disbursed, and all related matters, including, without limitation, alteration of the Percentage Interests appurtenant to each Unit, will be handled, by (a) the Developer during the Transition Period, and (b) thereafter, the Board of Directors in a just and equitable manner to all Owners; provided, however, that all action of the Board of Directors will be pursuant to and in accordance with a plan approved by Members representing at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the total votes of the Association voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, duly called, in whole or in part, for the purpose of approving such in a duly recorded amendment to this Master Deed. In the event that such an amendment will not be recorded within ninety (90) days after the taking, then

such taking will be deemed to be and will be treated as damage or destruction which will not be repaired or reconstructed as provided for in Section 5.6, whereupon the Regime will be terminated in the manner therein prescribed.

## 7. <u>Maintenance</u>

- 7.1 <u>Responsibility of Association</u>. Except as specifically provided to the contrary herein, the Association will maintain the Common Area in first class condition in accordance with proper maintenance procedures applicable thereto and will enforce all warranties with respect to the Common Area. In addition, the Association will repair or replace all parts of the Common Area as necessary. Except as otherwise provided herein, the cost of such will be charged to the Owners as a Common Expense.
- 7.2 Access to Units. The Association will have the irrevocable right, to be exercised by the Board of Directors or its agent, which term includes the Association manager, to have reasonable access to each Unit from time to time as may be necessary for the periodic inspection and application of termite and other bug control treatment for which the Association may contract, from time to time; to undertake such action as it may determine to prepare and secure the Building and the Unit in anticipation of storm or hurricane, provided the Association shall be under no obligation to an Owner to do so; and for the inspection, maintenance, repair or replacement of any of the Common Area accessible therefrom, or for making emergency repairs therein necessary to prevent damage to the Common Area or to other Units.
- Responsibility of Owner. In the event that the Board of Directors should determine that the need for maintenance or repairs by the Association as provided for in this Section 7.3 is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner or the lessee of an Owner, their families, invitees or guests, or the Owner's pets, the cost of which is not covered or paid for by insurance, then the cost, both direct and indirect, of such maintenance or repairs will be added to and become a part of the Assessment to which such Owner and his Unit are subject. Each Owner will maintain, repair or replace at his own expense all portions of his Unit which may become in need thereof, including the heating and air-conditioning system for such Unit, all bathroom and kitchen fixtures and appliances, light fixtures, interior non-load-bearing walls, carpeting, drapes, doors, windows, screens window and door hardware, and other items within the Unit. Further, each Owner will, at his own expense, maintain, repair and replace, when necessary, that portion of the heating and air-conditioning system exclusively servicing his Unit, which is located outside his Unit. Each Owner will, at his own expense, keep the Limited Common Area, including any assigned garages, to which his Unit has exclusive access and to which he has exclusive use, clean and neat, and will conduct maintenance and repair thereto as necessary. If the Owner does not make those repairs required to be made by him within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of written demand from the Association, the same may be repaired by the Association and the cost thereof will be assessed against the Owner and Unit owned by such Owner.

8. Access, Ingress and Egress. All Owners, by accepting title to a Unit, waive all rights of uncontrolled and unlimited access, ingress, and egress to and from such property and acknowledge and agree that such access, ingress, and egress will be limited to roadways, sidewalks and walkways located within the Project from time to time, provided that pedestrian and vehicular access to and from all such property will be provided at all times. There is reserved unto Developer, the Association, and their respective successors and assigns the right and privilege, but not the obligation, to maintain guarded or electronically-monitored gates controlling vehicular access to and from the Project, provided that access may be granted to any person who gives reasonable evidence satisfactory to entry guards, if there are any, that entry is with the specific permission of the Owner, or his duly authorized agent. Neither the Developer nor the Association will be responsible, in the exercise of its reasonable judgment, for the granting or denial of access to the Project in accordance with the foregoing.

NEITHER THE DEVELOPER NOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED INSURERS OR GUARANTORS OF ANY GATE OR CONTROLLED ACCESS TO THE PROJECT OR SAFETY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN WITH RESPECT THERETO BY EITHER OR BOTH OF THEM AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH ACTIVITIES OR UNDERTAKINGS ARE REFERRED TO AS "SECURITY" MEASURES, NOR SHALL EITHER OR BOTH BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ANY FAILURE TO PROVIDE CONTROLLED ACCESS OR SAFETY MEASURES, OR FROM LEAVING ANY GATE OPEN, AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 8.1 BELOW, OR FROM A FAILURE OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ANY SUCH CONTROLLED ACCESS OR **SAFETY MEASURES** UNDERTAKEN BY **EITHER** OR **BOTH OF** THEM. REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY OR COVENANT IS GIVEN TO ANY OWNER OR OCCUPANT BY EITHER OR BOTH OF THE DEVELOPER AND THE ASSOCIATION THAT ANY CONTROLLED ACCESS OR SAFETY MEASURES INSTALLED OR UNDERTAKEN CANNOT BE BYPASSED OR COMPROMISED, OR THAT THEY WOULD, IN FACT, AVERT DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING FROM THAT WHICH THEY DESIGNED TO PREVENT, AND **EACH OWNER** ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A UNIT AND EACH OCCUPANT THEREOF SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE DEVELOPER AND ASSOCIATION HARMLESS FROM ANY DAMAGE AND COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, INCURRED BY EITHER OR BOTH OF THEM AS A RESULT OF ANY SUCH ASSERTION OR DETERMINATION.

8.1 <u>Developer's Right to Maintain Open Gate</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, the Developer hereby reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, the right and option to control any gate to the Project and to leave the gate in an open position for the unobstructed and uncontrolled passage of construction vehicles for persons engaged in both

infrastructure and building construction activities. The within right, if exercised will terminate upon expiration of the Transition Period.

## 9. <u>Unit Restrictions</u>.

- 9.1 Residential Units. All Residential Units will be, and the same are hereby restricted exclusively, for residential use, provided, however, a Residential Unit may be used as a combined residence and executive or professional office by the Owner thereof so long as such use does not interfere with the quiet enjoyment by other Owners and does not include visitation by clients, or unreasonable levels of mail, shipping, storage or trash requirements. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use will be made of any Residential Unit and no use or condition will be permitted which is a source of unreasonable noise or interference with the peaceful possession and quiet enjoyment of any other portion of the Project by other Owners or lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests. All Residential Units will be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and no rubbish, refuse or garbage will be allowed to accumulate. No fire hazard will be allowed to exist and no use or condition will be permitted which will increase any rate of insurance related to the Project. In addition, all Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests will abide by all Rules and Regulations in effect from time to time governing the use of Residential Units.
- 9.2 Garage Units. With respect to Garage Units, no residential use other than storage and/or garage use shall be allowed therein. It being the intent that no habitation on a permanent or temporary basis shall be allowed in a Garage Unit. Electrical outlets will be allowed in Garage Units, but electrical usage shall be limited to the use of electrical equipment using a maximum of fifteen (15) amperes at any given time. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use will be made of any Garage Unit and no use or condition will be permitted which is a source of unreasonable noise or interference with the peaceful possession and quiet enjoyment of any other portion of the Project by other Owners or lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests. All Garage Units will be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and no rubbish, refuse or garbage will be allowed to accumulate. No fire hazard will be allowed to exist and no use or condition will be permitted which will increase any rate of insurance related to the Project. In addition, all Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests will abide by all Rules and Regulations in effect from time to time governing the use of Garage Units.
- 9.3 Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind will be raised, bred or kept on any part of the Project, except that dogs, cats or other normal household pets, not to exceed two (2) in number, may be kept by the respective Owners inside their respective Units provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose and do not create any health hazard or, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, unreasonably disturb the peaceful possession and quiet enjoyment of any other portion of the Project by other Owners and lessees of Owners, their families, invitees and guests. Pets shall be kept on a leash at all time when outside of a Unit, and the Owner shall clean up after his or her pet.
- 9.4 Antennas. No television antenna, radio receiver, or other similar device will be attached to or installed on any portion of the Regime by an Owner, except as required by the

Telecommunications Act of 1996 and implementing rules therefor issued by the Federal Communications Commission and by the Association in conformity with rules or guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission; provided, however, the Developer and the Association, and their successors and assigns, will not be prohibited from installing equipment necessary for master antenna, security, cable television, mobile radio, or other similar systems within the Regime.

- 9.5 <u>Leasing of Units</u>. Any Owner will have the right to lease or rent his Unit or Units; provided, however, that all leases and rental contracts will be for a duration of six (6) months or more and the leasing or renting of a Garage Unit separate from a Residential Unit is prohibited. Any such permitted lease or rental will be in writing and will require the lessee to abide by all conditions and restrictions placed on the use and occupancy of the Unit and the Common Area by the Regime Documents. The Board of Directors will have the right to approve the form of all such leases and rental contracts at any time if it elects to do so. Occupancy by a tenant or renter under any such approved form of lease or rental contract is subject to continuing approval of the Board thereunder, which may be removed at any time by the Board for any violation by any such tenant or renter of the Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- 9.6 Motor Homes, Trailers, Boats, Etc. All vehicles will be parked in spaces within the Common Area designated therefor. There will be no storage or parking upon any portion of the Project of any mobile home, trailer (either with or without wheels), motor home, tractor, truck (other than pick-up trucks), camper, motorized camper or trailer, boat or other watercraft, boat trailer, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, motorized go-cart, or any other related forms of transportation devices. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, nothing herein shall prohibit an Owner from storing any type of vehicle within that portion of a Unit designated for storage and/or garage use.
- 9.7 <u>Signs.</u> Except as may be required by law or by legal proceedings, no signs or advertising posters of any kind, including, but not limited to, "For Rent," "For Sale," and other similar signs, shall be erected by an Owner, the Association, or any agent, broker, contractor or subcontractor thereof, nor shall any sign or poster be maintained or permitted on any window, or within a Unit and viewable through any window, or on the exterior of any improvements or on any unimproved portion of property located within the Project. The approval of any signs and posters, including, without limitation, name and address signs, shall be upon such conditions as may be from time to time determined by the Association and may be arbitrarily withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions of this Section 9.7 shall not apply to the Developer or to any person having the prior written approval of the Developer. In addition, the Association, shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs on any portion of the Common Areas as required by governmental authority with jurisdiction thereof.

## 10. Easements

10.1 <u>Encroachments</u>. If any portion of the Common Area encroaches upon any Unit or any Unit encroaches upon any other Unit or upon any portion of the Common Area as a result of settling or shifting of the Building or variances from the Plans, an easement will exist for the

encroachment and for the maintenance of the same so long as the Building stands. If the Building, any Unit, and/or any adjoining part of the Common Area will be partially or totally destroyed as a result of fire or other casualty or a result of eminent domain proceedings, and then rebuilt, encroachments of parts of the Common Area upon any Unit or of any Unit upon any other Unit or upon any portion of the Common Area due to such rebuilding, will be permitted, and valid easements for such encroachments and the maintenance thereof will exist so long as the Building will stand.

- 10.2 <u>Easement for Air Space</u>. The Owner of each Unit will have an exclusive easement for the use of the air space occupied by said Unit as it exists at any particular time and as said Unit may be altered or reconstructed from time to time pursuant to this Master Deed.
- 10.3 <u>Utilities, Etc.</u> There is hereby granted a blanket easement upon, across, over and under all the Project for ingress, egress, installation, replacing, repairing and maintaining a master television antenna or CATV system and all utilities, including, but not limited to water, gas, sewers, telephones and electricity. Such easements grant to appropriate utility companies the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles and other necessary equipment on the Project and to affix and maintain utility wires, circuits and conduits on, above, across and under the roofs and exterior walls of the Units. In addition, the Board of Directors will be entitled to grant additional permits, licenses and easements over the Common Area for utilities, roads and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful for the proper maintenance and operation of the Project.
- Developer and persons designated by the Developer will have an easement to enter upon and cross over the Common Areas for purposes of ingress and egress to all portions of the Project; to use portions of the Common Areas and any Units owned by the Developer for construction or renovation related purposes including the storage of tools, machinery, equipment, building materials, appliances, supplies and fixtures, and the performance of work respecting the Project; and to maintain and correct drainage of surface, roof or storm water.
- 10.5 <u>Easement for Inspection by Developer</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Developer and persons designated by the Developer will have an easement to enter upon and cross over the Common Areas for purposes of ingress and egress to all portions of the Project; as well as an easement for reasonable access to each Unit as the Developer may find desirable, for the inspection of the whole or any portion of the Project, its Units and Common Areas, the components and structural parts thereof, as well as for any maintenance requirements and the maintenance performed thereon to the date of any such inspection. Nothing herein shall require the Developer to perform any such inspection, but if the Developer does undertake any such inspection, Developer shall provide to the Board of Directors a copy of its findings or the inspection report produced therefrom. Nothing herein shall relieve the Board from engaging a professional inspector to perform an annual maintenance audit as part of the Board's annual budgeting process under Section 4.2 above.
- 10.6 <u>Easement for Sales Purposes</u>. Developer and persons designated by the Developer will have an easement to maintain one or more sales offices, management offices and

models throughout the Project and to maintain one or more advertising signs on the Common Areas while the Developer is selling Units in the Project or any contemplated expansion thereof. Developer reserves the right to place models, management offices and sales offices in any Units owned by Developer and on any portion of the Common Area in such number, of such size and in such locations as Developer deems appropriate. So long as Developer will be selling Units in the Project or any contemplated expansion thereof, Developer will have the right to restrict the use of a reasonable number of parking spaces, for purposes including, but not limited to, the providing of spaces for use by prospective Unit purchasers, Developer's employees and others engaged in sales, maintenance, construction or management activities.

- 10.7 <u>No View Easements</u>. No view easements, express or implied, will be granted to any Owner in connection with the conveyance of a Unit to such Owner.
- 10.8 Other. There is hereby granted to the Association, its directors, officers, agents and employees and to any manager employed by the Association and to all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and all similar emergency personnel, an easement to enter upon the Project or any part thereof in the proper performance of their respective duties. Except in the event of emergencies, the rights under this Section 10.8 will be exercised only during reasonable daylight hours, and then, whenever practicable, only after advance notice to the Owner or Owners affected thereby.

## 11. Assigned Value and Voting Rights

- Interests contained in Exhibit "C" attached hereto shows the Assigned Value of each Unit in the Building and the Percentage Interest appurtenant to such Unit for all purposes, and the aggregate Assigned Values of Units in Buildings of all phases which may be added to the Regime pursuant to Section 12. The aggregate Assigned Values of Units in a Building to be added to the Regime in a future phase may be changed by the Developer at the time Developer submits said Building and its Units to this Master Deed, provided that following such submission the total Assigned Values of all Units in the Project, if all phases are constructed and submitted, will not be greater or less than said totals contained in Exhibit "C".
- 11.2 <u>Voting Rights</u>. Members and the Developer will be entitled to a vote in the Association and for all other purposes herein in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Articles of Incorporation attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "D"</u> and the By-Laws of the Association attached as <u>Exhibit "E"</u>, and as the same may be hereafter amended.
- (a) <u>Voting by Multiple Owners</u>. When any Unit is owned in the name of two or more persons, other than husband and wife, or entities, whether fiduciaries, or in any manner of joint or common ownership, the vote for such Unit will be exercised as such co-Owners determine among themselves and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to any meeting; or the vote will be exercised by such co-Owner, or his duly appointed proxy, as will be designated in a writing by all co-Owners recorded in the ROD, a copy of which will be delivered to the Secretary of the Association and will remain effective for all meeting until revoked by the

co-Owners in a similar writing or until such designation terminates pursuant to the terms of such writing.

## 12. The Development Plan for the Project

- 12.1 Phase I. The Regime as initially constituted (sometimes referred to herein as "Phase I") is composed of Residential Building Number 31, which contains eight (8) Residential Units, Residential Building Number 35, which contains eight (8) Residential Units, Residential Building Number 48, which contains eight (8) Residential Units, Residential Building Number 49, which contains eight (8) Residential Units, Residential Building Number 59, which contains eight (8) Residential Units, Garage Building Number 32, which contains six (6) Garage Units, Garage Building Number 40, which contains six (6) Garage Units, Garage Building Number 44, which contains four (4) Garage Units, Garage Building Number 56, which contains four (4) Garage Units and Garage Building Number 60, which contains four (4) Garage Units, as well as the Common Areas thereof, all as depicted on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
- 12.2 <u>Reservation of Right to Expand and Contract</u>. Anything to the contrary contained in this Master Deed notwithstanding, at any time during the Transition Period, the Developer will be entitled to expand the Regime to a total of eighty (80) Residential Units and a total of forty-six (46) Garage Units as provided in this Section 12.2.
- (a) Expansion; Conversion of Common Area. The Developer is entitled, but not obligated, to expand the Regime during the Transition Period by constructing additional Units on all or any portion of the Common Area and to submit said real property (or any portion thereof) and all improvements constructed thereon, to the Regime, from time to time, by filing one or more Amendments to this Master Deed (including amendments to the Exhibits, including Exhibit "C" to reflect any required change in the Percentage Interests pursuant thereto and Section 11.1). Improvements as shall be so constructed by Developer shall be consistent with the quality and structure type of those constructed at the time this Master Deed is filed of record in the ROD, although Units so added may be laid out in different configurations. An Amendment will be executed solely by the Developer for itself and as attorney in-fact for all Owners. An Amendment will be effective upon recording such Amendment in the ROD.
- (b) <u>Contraction</u>; <u>Withdraw of Unimproved Common Area</u>. During the Transition Period, the Developer is entitled to subdivide portions of the Common Area from the Regime, which are unimproved with structures, and to remove the subdivided portion from the application of this Master Deed by filing one or more Amendments to this Master Deed (including amendments to the Exhibits). An Amendment will be executed solely by the Developer for itself and as attorney in-fact for all Owners. An Amendment will be effective upon recording such Amendment in the ROD Office for Beaufort County.

- 12.3 <u>Amenities; Required Expansion</u>. Amenities may be, but will not be required to be, constructed as part of the expansion of the Regime pursuant to this Section 12.3, all such amenities being optional with the Developer. No Owner will have the right to require construction or addition to the Regime under any circumstances.
- 12.4 <u>Assignability of Rights</u>. The Developer will be entitled to assign the rights reserved in this Master Deed to any person or entity by an instrument recorded in the ROD.
- 12.5 <u>Application of Master Deed</u>. Upon the filing of the Amendment prescribed by Section 12.2 hereof, all definitions contained in this Master Deed will be deemed amended to the extent necessary to cause the additional real property and the improvements described in such Amendment to be treated as fully an integral part of the Regime as if said real property and improvements constituted a portion of the Project as of the effective date hereof.
- Annual Assessment with respect to the Units added to the Regime pursuant to this Section 12 will be equal to the then current Annual Assessment applicable to existing Units with equivalent Percentage Interests, pro rated on a per diem basis; provided, however, that as to any type of Unit being added to the Regime for which there is currently no Annual Assessment, the Annual Assessment will be proportionately increased or decreased based upon the Percentage Interest of such Units. Assessments regarding all of the additional Units will commence upon the recording of the Amendment prescribed by Section 12.2 hereof.

All obligations with respect to working capital will be applicable upon the transfer of the additional Units by the Developer as provided for in Section 12.2.

- 12.7 No Consent Required. Subject to the time limit set forth in Section 12.2 hereinabove, the Developer, its successors and assigns, will have the absolute right to effect an expansion or contraction of the Regime in accordance with this Section 12 and to file Amendments to this Master Deed without any action or consent on the part of any Owner or Mortgage holder; provided, however, that to the extent any action on the part of any Owner is required by any third party to assure the expansion of the Regime as provided in this Section 12, each Owner, in accepting a deed to a Unit, agrees to undertake such actions and/or provide such consents as are reasonably requested, and expressly appoints the Developer his due and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to execute all documents reasonably required to evidence the requisite action or consent.
- 12.8 <u>Multiple Ownership</u>. No Unit in the Regime will be used for or subject to any type of Vacation Time Sharing Plan or Vacation Multiple Ownership Plan as defined by the 1976 Code of Laws for the State of South Carolina, as amended, Section 27-32-10, <u>et. seq.</u>, or any subsequent laws of this State dealing with that or similar type of ownership by a Unit Owner, or which is used for, in conjunction with and/or as an advertised part of any time share exchange program which makes available as accommodations the Unit and which is not otherwise registered as a Vacation Time Sharing Plan or Vacation Multiple Ownership Plan or which utilizes the Unit as accommodations for time share sale prospects of any Person.

#### 13. <u>Transition Provisions</u>

- 13.1 Appointment of Directors and Officers. At all times during the Transition Period, the Developer will have the sole and exclusive right to appoint the Board of Directors and officers of the Association, fill any vacancy of the Board or officers caused by the withdrawal of any director or officer appointed by the Developer and veto the removal of any director or officer appointed by the Developer. Upon the expiration of the Transition Period, the Developer will retain the right to elect at least one (1) director. This right will continue for as long as the Developer holds for sale in the ordinary course of business one (1) or more of Units included in the Regime.
- Owners other than the Developer become entitled pursuant to Section 13.1 above to elect members of the Board of Directors of the Association, the Association will call, and give not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days notice of, a special meeting of the Members to elect the Board of Directors.
- 13.3 <u>Cooperation</u>. The Association will cooperate with the Developer to the extent reasonably requested by the Developer during and after the Transition Period to promote the orderly development and marketing of the additional Units planned for the Regime, and it is acknowledged by the Association that it is in the best interest of all Owners to expand the Regime to include all Units authorized by Section 12 hereof.
- 13.4 <u>Controlling Provisions</u>. In the event of any inconsistency between this Section 13 and the other provisions of the Regime Documents, this Section 13 will be controlling and binding on all parties having an interest in the Regime.

## 14. Alternative Dispute Resolution

- 14.1 Agreement to Avoid Costs of Litigation and to Limit Right to Litigate Disputes. The Developer, Association, Owners, and any Persons not otherwise subject to the Regime who agree to submit to this Section 14 (collectively, "Bound Parties") agree to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes between and among themselves involving the Regime or the Project, and to avoid the emotional and financial costs of litigation. Accordingly, each Bound Party covenants and agrees that all claims, grievances and disputes (including those in the nature of counterclaims or cross-claims) between Bound Parties involving the Regime or the Project including without limitation, claims, grievances or disputes arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement thereof (collectively "Claims"), except for "Exempt Claims" under Section 14.2, are subject to the procedures set forth in Section 14.3.
- 14.2 <u>Exempt Claims</u>. The following Claims ("Exempt Claims") are exempt from the provisions of Section 14.3:
- (a) any suit by the Association against a Bound Party to enforce any Assessments or other charges hereunder; and

- (b) any suit by the Association to obtain a temporary restraining order (or equivalent emergency equitable relief) and other relief the court may deem necessary in order to maintain the status quo and preserve any enforcement power of the Association hereunder until the matter may be resolved on the merits pursuant to Section 14.3 below; or
- (c) any suit between Owners which does not include the Developer or the Association as a party, if such suit asserts a Claim which would constitute a cause of action independent of the Regime and the Project; or
  - (d) any suit in which an indispensable party is not a Bound Party; or
- (e) any suit which otherwise would be barred by any applicable statute of limitation; or
- (f) any suit involving a matter which is not an Exempt Claim under (a) through (e) above, but as to which matter the Bound Party against whom the Claim is made waives the mandatory provisions of Section 14.3 below.

Any Bound Party having an Exempt Claim may submit it to the alternative dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 14.3, but there is no obligation to do so.

- 14.3 Mandatory Procedures for Non-Exempt Claims. Any Bound Party having a Claim ("Claimant") against a Bound Party involving this Declaration or the Development, or all or any combination of them ("Respondent"), other than an Exempt Claim under Section 14.2, will not file suit in any court or initiate any proceeding before any administrative tribunal seeking redress or resolution of the Claim until it has complied with the procedures set forth in Exhibit "F" attached hereto, and then only to enforce the results hereof:
- (a) Litigation. No judicial or administrative proceeding with an amount in controversy exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), will be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by seventy-five (75%) percent or more of the votes of the entire Association, by Referendum or at a duly held meeting of Members called for the purpose of approving the proceeding, which percentage will also constitute the quorum required for any such meeting. This Section will not apply, however, to actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration (including, without limitations, the foreclosure of liens); the imposition and collection of Assessments; proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation; counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it; or actions brought by the Association to enforce written contracts with its suppliers and service providers. This Section will not be amended unless the amendment is approved by the requisite percentage of votes of Members, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above. This provision will apply in addition to the negotiation and arbitration provisions of this Section 14 and the procedures therefor set forth in Exhibit "F", if applicable.

## 14.4 <u>Miscellaneous Alternative Dispute Resolution Provisions.</u>

- (a) <u>Conflicting Provisions</u>. Any conflict or discrepancy between the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 14 and the procedures set forth in <u>Exhibit "F"</u> and any term, condition or procedure of the American Arbitration Association, or any remedy allowed at law or in equity, the terms, conditions, procedures and remedies set forth herein and in <u>Exhibit "F"</u> will control.
- (b) <u>TIME IS OF ESSENCE</u>. All periods of time set forth herein or calculated pursuant to provisions of this Section 14 will be strictly adhered to, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE hereof.

## 15. General Provisions

Every Owner who rents his Unit must post inside his Unit in a conspicuous place a list of the Rules and Regulations of the Association. Any rental agency handling an Owner's rental must further agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations and will be responsible for informing persons renting through its agency of any breaches of the Rules and Regulations by said persons and for taking any and all necessary corrective action. Should a particular agency or person continue not to take corrective action against the renters it has contracted with, or refuse to cooperate with the Association in the enforcement of its Rules and Regulations or other provisions of the Regime Documents, the Association may require the Owner to cease using the services of that particular rental agency. Refusal to do so may result in fines against the Owner in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Any fines will be added to and become a part of the Assessment against the Unit and Owner.

#### 15.2 Amendments.

- (a) <u>Board of Directors</u>. Amendments to this Master Deed, except as herein expressly provided to the contrary, including, but not limited to amendments pursuant to Section 12 and Section 15.2 (b) below which may be made without the consent or approval of either the Board, the Members or any Mortgagee, will be proposed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the following procedure:
  - (1) <u>Notice</u>. Notice of the subject matter of the proposed amendment or amendments will be included in the notice of the meeting of the Association at which such proposed amendment or amendments are to be considered.
  - (2) Adoption. The Master Deed may be amended at any time and from time to time at a meeting of the Association called in accordance with the Bylaws and this Master Deed upon the vote of Members holding sixty-seven (67%) or more of the total vote in the Association and, in the case of any amendment deemed to be material, upon the vote of Mortgagees who represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the total votes of Units that are subject to Mortgages; provided, however, that if the Association will vote to amend the Bylaws in any respect, such amendment will be set

forth in an amendment to this Master Deed and will be valid only when approved by Members holding more than fifty percent (50%) of the total vote in the Association.

- (3) <u>Nondiscrimination</u>. Irrespective of the foregoing, no amendment will (i) alter the Percentage Interest applicable to each Unit (except as permitted in accordance with Sections 3.3, 6 and 11.1 hereof); or (ii) discriminate against any Owner or against any Unit or class or group of Units, unless in each instance all Owners adversely affected thereby expressly consent thereto in writing. Notwithstanding any Rule or Regulation or other restriction, the Board of Directors of the Association will make reasonable accommodations in its Rules and Regulations or other restrictions as may be necessary to afford a handicapped person equal opportunity to use and enjoy his Unit and the Common Area, and in furtherance thereof is authorized and empowered to assign Common Area parking spaces for handicap parking generally or to assign same for exclusive use of a Person as handicap parking.
- (4) Necessary Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Master Deed to the contrary, if any amendment is necessary in the judgment of the Board to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provisions of the Regime Documents that are defective, missing or inconsistent with any other provisions thereof, or if such amendment is necessary to conform to the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans Administration or other secondary Mortgage market lenders, guarantors or insurers with respect to condominium projects, then at any time and from time to time the Board may effect an appropriate corrective amendment so long as written objection to such amendment is not received from Members representing at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the total votes of the Association within twenty (20) days after written notice of the proposed amendment is given to all Members.
- (5) Material Amendments. Proposed amendments to this Master Deed are considered material, and consent of the specified percentage of Mortgagees as provided in Section 15.2(a)(2) is required, if such amendment includes a change to any of the provisions of the Master Deed governing the following: (i) voting rights; (ii) increases in assessments that raise the previously assessed amount by more than twenty-five percent (25%), assessment liens, or the priority of assessment liens; (iii) reductions in reserves for maintenance, repair, and replacement of common elements; (iv) responsibility for maintenance and repairs; (v) reallocation of interest in the general or limited common elements or rights in their use; (vi) redefinition of any Unit boundaries; (vii) convertibility of Units into common elements or vice versa; (viii) other than as provided in Section 12 herein, expansion or contraction of the Project, or the addition, annexation or withdrawal of property to or from the Project; (ix) hazard or fidelity insurance requirements; (x) imposition of any restrictions on the leasing of Units; (xi) imposition of any restrictions on a Unit Owner's right to sell or transfer his or her Unit; (xii) restoration or repair of the Project (after damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than as provided herein or (xiii) any provisions that expressly benefit Mortgagees, insurers or guarantors of Mortgages.

(6) <u>Recording</u>. A copy of each amendment provided for in this Section 15.2 (a) will be certified by the Association as having been duly adopted and will be effective when recorded.

In recognition of the fact that certain provisions of this Master Deed are for the benefit of the Developer, no amendment in derogation of any right reserved or granted to the Developer by provisions of this Master deed may be made without the written approval of the Developer.

- (b) <u>Developer</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15.2 (a) above, Developer retains the right to amend this Master Deed, without the consent or approval of either the Board, the Members or any Mortgagee, by filing and recording a written instrument in the Register of Deeds; provided however, that in no event shall any such amendment by Developer materially affect an Owner's use and enjoyment of its Unit or the Common Areas.
- 15.3 <u>Termination</u>. The Regime may be terminated and the Project removed from the provisions of the Act in the following manner:
- (a) Agreement. All of the Owners, with the agreement of Mortgagees which represent at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total votes of Units that are subject to Mortgages, may remove the Project from the provisions of the Act by an instrument to that effect, duly recorded, subject to Sections 11.1 and 11.2 of this Master Deed. Failure of any Mortgagee to respond within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice to remove the Project from the provisions of the Act shall be deemed to be in agreement of such action.
- (b) <u>Destruction</u>. In the event it is determined in the manner provided in Section 5.6 that the Project will not be repaired or reconstructed after casualty, the Regime will be terminated and the Regime Documents revoked. The determination not to repair or reconstruct after casualty will be evidenced by a certificate of the Association certifying as to the facts effecting the termination.
- (c) <u>Condemnation</u>. In the event that any part of a Unit, or the Common Area essential to the use of any Unit will be taken by an authority having the power of eminent domain and the consent of Members representing at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the total votes of the Association as provided in Section 6.3 to a plan for continuation of the Regime will not be expressed in an amendment to this Master Deed duly recorded within ninety (90) days after such taking, the Regime will be terminated and the Regime Documents revoked. Such taking will be evidenced by a certificate of the Association certifying as to the facts effecting the termination.
- 15.4 <u>Covenants Running With the Land</u>. All provisions of this Master Deed will be construed to be covenants running with the land, and with every part thereof and interest therein, including, but not limited to, every Unit and the appurtenances thereto; and each and every provision of this Master Deed will bind and inure to the benefit of the Developer and all Owners

and claimants of the Regime or any part thereof or interest therein, and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

- 15.5 <u>Enforcement</u>. Each Owner will comply strictly with the Bylaws and with the Rules and Regulations of the Association, as either of the same may be lawfully amended from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in this Master Deed and in the deed to his Unit. Failure to comply with any of the same will be grounds for an action to recover sums due, for damages or injunctive relief, or for all three, maintainable by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association or by any aggrieved Owner. In addition, the rights of any Owner or lessee of an Owner, their families, invitees or guests to use and to enjoy the Common Area may be suspended by the Board of Directors for continued violation of the Rules and Regulations. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing will in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- (a) Authority and Enforcement. Subject to the provisions of Section 15.5(b) hereof, upon the violation of this Master Deed, the Bylaws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder, including, without limitation, the failure to timely pay any Assessments, the Board will have the power (i) to impose reasonable monetary fines which will constitute an equitable charge and a continuing lien as a specific Assessment, (ii) to suspend an Owner-Member's right to vote in the Association, or (iii) to suspend an Owner's or Occupant's right to use any of the Common Areas. The Board will have the power to impose all or any combination of these sanctions, and may establish each day a violation remains uncured as a separate violation for which a fine is due; provided, however, an Owner's access to its property over the private roads and streets constituting Common Areas will not be terminated hereunder. An Owner or Occupant will be subject to the foregoing sanctions in the event of such a violation by such Owner or Occupant. Any such suspension of rights may be for the duration of the infraction and for any additional period thereafter, not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- (b) <u>Procedure</u>. Except with respect to the failure to pay Assessments, the Board will not impose a fine, suspend voting rights, or infringe upon or suspend any other rights of an Owner or other Occupant of the Project for violations of the Master Deed, By-Laws, or any rules and regulations of the Association, unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (i) <u>Demand to Cease and Desist</u>. Written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation will be served upon the Owner responsible for such violation specifying:
  - (A) The alleged violation;
  - (B) The action required to abate the violation; and
- (C) A time period of not less than ten (10) days during which the violation may be abated without further sanction, if such violation is a continuing one, or if the violation is not a continuing one, a statement that any further violation of the same provision of this Master Deed, the By-Laws, or of the rules and regulations of the Association may result in the imposition of sanctions after notice and hearing.

- (ii) Notice of Hearing. Within twelve (12) months of such demand, if the violation continues past the period allowed in the demand for abatement without penalty, or if the same violation subsequently occurs, the Board may serve such Owner with written notice of a hearing to be held by the Board in executive session. The notice will contain:
  - (A) The nature of the alleged violation;
- (B) The time and place of the hearing, which time will be not less than ten (10) days from the giving of the notice;
- (C) An invitation to attend the hearing and produce any statement, evidence, and witnesses on his behalf; and
  - (D) The proposed sanction to be imposed.
- Board of Directors pursuant to the notice and will afford the alleged violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of notice and the invitation to be heard will be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof will be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice together with a statement of the date and matter of delivery is entered by the officer, director, or other individual who delivered such notice. The notice requirement will be deemed satisfied if an alleged violator appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction imposed, if any.

## 15.6 <u>Severability</u>.

All provisions of this Master Deed and all of the Regime Documents will be construed in a manner that complies with the Act and South Carolina law to the fullest extent possible. If all or any portion of any provision of this Master Deed or any other Regime Documents will be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision hereof or thereof, and such provision will be limited and construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision or portion thereof were not contained herein or therein.

- 15.7 <u>Gender or Grammar</u>. The singular whenever used herein will be construed to mean the plural when applicable, and the necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply either to corporations or individuals, men or women, will in all cases be assumed as though in each case fully expressed. In addition, the use of the terms "herein" or "hereof" will mean this Master Deed and not merely the Section or paragraph in which such term is utilized.
- 15.8 <u>Headings</u>. All Section headings are utilized merely for convenience and will not restrict or limit the application of the respective Sections.

- Powers of Attorney. By acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of an interest 15.9 in a Unit, all Members do hereby grant, and if further required, do agree to vote in a manner to provide to, and to ratify and confirm retention by, Developer of Developer's rights under this Master Deed, including, without limitation, the right to amend this Master Deed in accordance with the provisions hereof. In connection with this voting agreement, each member appoints Developer as proxy for such member with full power of substitution to vote for the member on all such matters on which the member may be entitled to vote, and with respect to which there is a reservation or designation of voting rights in Developer under this Master Deed, and with all powers which the member would possess if personally present at any meeting of members. Such appointment will be, upon acceptance of a deed or other conveyance by the member and without the necessity of further action by the Developer or the member, a power coupled with an interest and will be irrevocable. Such appointment will be effective as of the date on which a deed or other conveyance of an interest to the Member is recorded in the ROD. This irrevocable proxy will automatically terminate thirty (30) days after the conveyance of ninety-nine percent (99%) of the maximum number of Units to be contained in all phases of the Regime, rounded down to the next whole number, to persons other than the Developer in the ordinary course of Developer's business. The within voting agreement and proxy are in addition to, and not in substitution of, all rights of Developer herein provided, which will run with the land.
- 15.10 <u>Unit Deeds</u>. In accepting a deed to any Unit, the grantee will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to all terms and conditions contained in this Master Deed and the Exhibits, as amended, and further agrees to execute any and all documents reasonably requested by the Developer or the Association from time to time to expressly evidence the foregoing.
- Unit to someone other than the Owner of a Residential Unit, such Owner must first offer the Garage Unit to the Association for an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The offer must be in writing and upon receipt of such offer, the Association shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such offer to acquire the Garage Unit. Such acquisition shall occur by the Association delivering Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the selling Owner and the selling Owner shall contemporaneously deliver a general warranty deed for the Garage Unit to the Association conveying title free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except for those existing on the date of the recording of this Master Deed. Any amounts paid by the Association pursuant to this Section 15.11 shall be deemed as Common Expenses.
- 15.12 Rights of Mortgagees. Mortgagees shall have the right to be timely notified of the following: (i) any condemnation or casualty loss that affects either a material portion of the Project or the Unit securing its Mortgage; (ii) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges in excess of sixty (60) days owed by the Owner of an Unit on which the Mortgagee holds a Mortgage; (iii) a lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; and (iv) any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgagees. Such rights are subject to the Mortgagees sending a written request to be notified of the aforementioned information to the Association stating both the Mortgagee's name, address and the Unit number or address of the Unit for which the Mortgagee

holds a Mortgage. Any notices required to Mortgagees hereunder shall be delivered by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

16. <u>Exhibits Attached</u>. The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated verbatim in this Master Deed by reference as fully as if set forth herein.

Description	Identification
Legal Description of the Land	A
Site Plan and Floor Plans	В
Schedule of Assigned Values and Percentage Interests	C
Articles of Incorporation of Association	_
2 1550 Citation	D
Bylaws of the Association	E
Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures	F

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer has caused this Master Deed to be executed to be effective as of this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED SUMMERFIELD CONDOMINIUMS, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company

BY:

David W. Staley

Its: Manager

I, the undersigned Notary Public for South Carolina, do hereby certify that David W. Staley, Member of **SUMMERFIELD CONDOMINIUMS**, **LLC**, a South Carolina limited liability company, personally appeared before me this day and, in the presence of the two witnesses above named, acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

Notary Public for South Carolina My Commission expires: 03/09/08

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

#### Exhibit "A"

## Legal Description of The Land

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being on Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina, containing 10.313 acres, more or less, located on Owens Drive and being shown as **LOT NUMBER ONE** (1) **SPANISH WELL ROAD** on a plat thereof prepared by Jack Jones, SC RLS #13852, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Carolina, in Plat Book 86 at Page 71. For a more detailed description as to courses, metes and bounds, reference may be made to said plat of record.

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