DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR CARRIAGE PARK

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CARRIAGE PARK

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date hereinafter set forth by John Wieland Homes, Inc., a Georgia corporation, (hereinafter sometimes called "Declarant");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner or if not the owner has the written consent of the owner of the real property described in Article II, Section 1, of this Declaration; and

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

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

Article I Definitions

Unless the context shall prohibit, certain words used in this Declaration shall have the definitional meaning set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Article II Property Subject To This Declaration

Section 1. Property Hereby Subjected To This

Declaration. The real property which is, by the recording of
this Declaration, subject to the covenants and restrictions
hereafter set forth and which, by virtue of the recording of
this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed,
used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject
to this Declaration is the real property described in Exhibit
"B", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Section 2. Other Property. Only the real property described in Section 1 of this Article II is hereby made subject to this Declaration; provided, however, by one or more amendments to this Declaration, Declarant and the Association have the right, but not the obligation, to subject other real property to this Declaration, as hereinafter provided.

Article III Association Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. Membership. Every Person who is the record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot that is subject to this Declaration shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot. In the event of multiple Owners of a Lot, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the By-Laws. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast nor office held for each Lot owned.

Section 2. <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners themselves determine and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one Person seeks to exercise it.

Article IV Assessments

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

Section 2. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association: (a) annual assessments or charges; (b) special assessments, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and (c) specific assessments against any particular Lot which are established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. All such assessments, together with late charges, interest, not to exceed the maximum legal rate, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with late charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment fell due. Each Owner shall be personally liable for his or her portion of each assessment coming due while he or she is the Owner of a Lot, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgage holder taking title through foreclosure proceedings or deed in lieu of foreclosure.

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

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

capital budget separately prepared. The board shall determine the assessment to be levied against each Lot for the following year and shall cause such assessment to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a Majority of the Owners and, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof, the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the membership disapproves the proposed assessment or the board fails for any reason so to determine the assessment for the succeeding year, then and until such time as an assessment shall have been determined, as provided herein, the assessment in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year.

Section 4. Special Assessments. In addition to the other assessments authorized herein, the Association may levy special assessments in any year. So long as the total amount of special assessments allocable to each Lot does not exceed Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars in any one fiscal year, the board may impose the special assessment. Any special assessment which would cause the amount of special assessments allocable to any Lot to exceed this limitation shall be effective only if approved by a Majority of the Owners and, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof, the Declarant. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the board, and the board may permit special assessments to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.

Section 5. Lien for Assessments. All sums assessed against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with late charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, as provided herein, shall be secured by a lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. Such lien shall be superior to all other liens and encumbrances on such Lot, except for (a) liens of ad valorem taxes; or (b) liens for all sums unpaid on a first Mortgage or on any Mortgage to Declarant duly recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located and all amounts advanced pursuant to such Mortgage and secured thereby in accordance with the terms of such instrument.

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

Section 6. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in such amount as the board may from time to time determine. The Association shall cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any member who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien, as herein provided, shall attach and, in addition, the lien shall include the late charge, interest, not to exceed the maximum legal rate, on the principal amount due, and all late charges from the date first due and payable, all costs of collection, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and any other amounts provided or permitted by law. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may, as the board shall determine, institute suit to collect such amounts and to foreclose its Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or as a party to any other type of a conveyance, vests in the Association or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against him or her, personally, for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property. The lien provided for in this Article shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other Owners. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same.

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

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

Section 7. <u>Date of Commencement of Annual</u>
<u>Assessments</u>. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots then existing and subject to assessment

under this Declaration on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the first Lot by the Declarant to a Person other than Declarant and shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the board of directors may provide.

Section 8. <u>Assessment Obligation of Declarant; Model</u> <u>Homes</u>.

- (a) After the commencement of assessment payments as to any Lot, Declarant, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns covenants and agrees to pay the full amount of the assessments provided herein for each Lot it owns which is occupied for residential purposes; provided, however, each Lot owned by Declarant which is not occupied for residential purposes shall not be subject to any assessment provided for herein.
- (b) Any Lot which has been approved by Declarant for use as a model home for marketing and sales purposes shall not be deemed to be occupied for residential purposes and shall not be subject to assessments under this Declaration whether owned by Declarant or any other Person, so long as such Lot is approved for use as a model home and is not occupied for residential purposes.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant may contribute assessments due from it in services or materials or a combination of services and materials, rather than in money (herein collectively called "in kind contribution"). The amount by which monetary assessments shall be decreased as a result of any in kind contribution shall be the fair market value of the contribution. Declarant and the Association agree as to the value of any contribution, the value shall be as agreed. If the Association and the Declarant cannot agree as to the value of any contribution, the Declarant shall supply the Association with a detailed explanation of the service performed and material furnished, and the Association shall acquire bids for performing like services and furnishing like materials from three (3) independent contractors approved by the Declarant who are in the business of providing such services and materials. If the Association and the Declarant are still unable to agree on the value of the contribution, the value shall be deemed to be the average of the bids received from the independent contractors.
- (d) For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may: (i) advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves) and the sum of the annual, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year, and such advances shall be evidenced by

promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant; or (ii) cause the Association to borrow such amount from a commercial lending institution at the then prevailing rates for such a loan in the local area of the Community. The Declarant in its sole discretion may guarantee repayment of such loan, if required by the lending institution, but no Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan.

Section 9. Specific Assessments. The board shall have the power to specifically assess pursuant to this Section as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the board of directors and shall not constitute a waiver of the board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the board has not previously exercised its authority The board may specifically assess Lots for under this Section. the following Association expenses, except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association as provided herein:

- (a) Expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefitted according to the benefit received.
- (b) Expenses of the Association which benefit all Lots, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Lots, may be assessed equitably among all Lots according to the benefit received.

Article V Maintenance

Section 1. Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair, and replacement, subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping and improvements situated on the Common Property. The Association shall maintain all entry features for the Community and all street signs originally installed by the Declarant. The Association shall also maintain all property outside of Lots located within the Community which was originally maintained by Declarant.

In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain property not owned by the Association where the board has determined that such maintenance would benefit all Owners.

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

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. All maintenance of the Lot and all structures, parking areas, and other improvements thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. In the event that the board of directors of the Association determines that (a) any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair, or replacement of items for which he is responsible hereunder; or (b) that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, his or her family, quests, lessees, or invitees, and is not covered or paid for by insurance, in whole or in part, then, the Association may perform the repair, replacement or maintenance and shall, except in the event of an emergency situation, give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement, at the Owner's sole cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repairs, or replacement deemed necessary. Owner shall have ten (10) days within which to complete such maintenance, repair, or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair, or replacement is not capable of completion within a ten (10) day period, to commence such work which shall be completed within a reasonable time. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject and shall become a lien against the Lot.

Section 3. Party Walls and Party Fences.

- (a) General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall or fence built as a part of the original construction of the Lots which shall serve and separate any two (2) adjoining Lots shall constitute a party wall or fence and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.
- (b) Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall or fence shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall or fence in equal proportions.
- (c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party wall or fence is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and

repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other Owner or Owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in equal proportions without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

- (d) Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.
- (e) Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall or fence, or under the provisions of this Section, each party shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. Should any party refuse to appoint an arbitrator within ten (10) days after written request therefor by the board of directors, the board shall appoint an arbitrator for the refusing party. The arbitrators thus appointed shall appoint one (1) additional arbitrator and the decision by a Majority of all three (3) arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties and shall be a condition precedent to any right of legal action that either party may have against the other.

Article VI Use Restrictions and Rules

Section 1. General. The board of directors may, from time to time, without consent of the members, promulgate, modify, or delete use restrictions and rules and regulations applicable to the Lots and the Common Property. This authority shall include, but shall not be limited to, the right to limit the type and size and to set the maximum and minimum speeds of vehicles within the Community. The board shall also have the authority to impose all other necessary traffic and parking regulations and to restrict the maximum noise levels of vehicles in the Community. Such regulations and use restrictions shall be binding upon all Owners and occupants until and unless overruled, cancelled, or modified in a regular or special meeting by the vote of Owners holding a Majority of the total votes in the Association and by the vote of the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof.

Section 2. <u>Use of Lots</u>. All Lots shall be used for single-family residential purposes exclusively. No business or business activity shall be carried on or upon any Lot at any time except with the prior written approval of the

board. Leasing of a Lot shall not be considered a business or business activity.

Section 3. <u>Signs</u>. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner within the Community without the written consent of the board except: (a) such signs as may be required by legal proceedings; and (b) not more than one "For Sale" sign consistent with the Community-Wide Standard, having a maximum area of four square feet. The board shall have the right to erect any reasonable and appropriate signs.

Section 4. <u>Vehicles</u>. Vehicles shall not be parked on any subdivision street. Vehicles shall not be parked on any portion of a Lot other than the driveway and the garage. Except for automobiles and passenger trucks, vehicles shall not be parked, so as to be visible from any Lot for periods of more than twenty-four (24) continuous hours. The term "vehicles," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, boats, trailers, motorcycles, scooters, trucks, campers, buses, and automobiles.

Section 5. <u>Leasing</u>. Lots may be leased for residential purposes.

Section 6. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration and of any rules and regulations or use restrictions promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants of any Lot.

Section 7. Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Lot, with the exception of dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the board; provided, however, those pets which are permitted to roam free, or, in the sole discretion of the board, endanger the health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners of other Lots or the owner of any property located adjacent to the Community may be removed by the board. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs which are household pets shall at all times whenever they are outside a Lot be confined on a leash. Without prejudice to the board's right to remove any such household pets, no household pet that has caused damage or injury may be walked in the Community.

Section 8. <u>Nuisance</u>. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition of his or her Lot. No Lot shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to

the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept upon any Lot that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any person using any property adjacent to the Lot. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Community.

Section 9. <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken in any part of the Community.

Section 10. Architectural Standards. No exterior construction, alteration, addition, or structure of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, fences, pools, tennis courts, exterior lighting, treehouses and play equipment) shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Community, except such as is installed by the Declarant, or as is approved in accordance with this Section, or as is otherwise expressly permitted herein. No exterior construction, addition, structure, or alteration shall be made unless and until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by the board or its designee. The board or its designee may promulgate written guidelines for the exercise of this review.

The board or its designee shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of these restrictions. member of the board or its designee or the representatives thereof shall have the right, during reasonable hours, to enter upon any Lot to inspect any Lot and any improvements thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with. Such person or persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry. In the event the board or its designee fails to approve or to disapprove such design and location within sixty (60) days after the plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required, and this Section will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

Section 11. Antennas. No exterior antennas of any kind shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, without the prior written consent of the board or its designee. The board reserves the right to (but shall not be obligated to) erect a master antenna, satellite dish or other similar master system for the benefit of the Community as a whole.

Section 12. Gardens, Basketball Goals, Etc. ornamental plants and shrubbery (and only the foregoing) may be planted in the front or side yard of any Lot. All other planting in the front or side yard may be done only with prior written approval of the board or its designee or in accordance with the guidelines previously established by the board or its designee. Overseeding of fescue lawns and sodding of lawns with Bermuda or zoysia grasses shall not require prior approval pursuant to this Section. No vegetable garden, hammocks, statuary, or recreational equipment may be placed, erected, allowed or maintained upon the front or side yard of any Lot without the prior written consent of the board or its designee. This provision shall not, however, apply to basketball goals. Basketball goals may be installed after the type and location has been previously approved in writing by the board or its designee.

Section 13. <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees which are left on the Lot at closing shall be removed without the express consent of the board or its designee, except for (a) diseased or dead trees; and (b) trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees.

Section 14. <u>Lighting</u>. Notwithstanding Article VI, Section 10 above, the following exterior lighting may be installed without the necessity of obtaining the prior approval of the board or its designee: (a) seasonal decorative lights during the Christmas season; (b) illumination of other than the front or side yards of a Lot; (c) illumination of a model home and entrance features constructed by the Declarant; and (d) other lighting installed by the Declarant. Plans for all other exterior lighting must be submitted and approved in accordance with Article VI, Section 10. Only decorative post lights in conformity with established street lighting shall be approved.

Section 15. <u>Drainage</u>. Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner of any Lot may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains are located. Declarant reserves the right to prepare

sloping banks, cut or fill, on a three (3) to one (1) slope on all streets and roads.

Section 16. <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All Lots at street intersections shall be so landscaped as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain at the corner of a Lot where this would create a traffic or sight problem.

Section 17. Clotheslines, Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc. All clotheslines, garbage cans, woodpiles, and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots, streets, and property located adjacent to the Lot. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to dump and bury construction debris and trees on Lots as needed for efficient construction.

Section 18. <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the board or its designee. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations.

Section 19. <u>Guns</u>. The use of firearms in the Community is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and small firearms of all types.

Section 20. <u>Solar Devices</u>. No artificial or manmade device which is designed or used for collection of or heating by solar energy or other similar purposes shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, without the prior written consent of the board or its designee.

Section 21. Fences. No fence or fencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, without the prior written consent of the board or its designee. The board or its designee may issue guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications, but in no event may a chain link fence of any kind visible from any street be approved.

Section 22. Exterior Colors. The exterior of all improvements, including, without limitation, residences, constructed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any Lot must be painted or repainted in a color used by Declarant in the

original construction and marketing of residences within the Community or in a color used by John Wieland Homes, Inc., in the original construction and marketing of residences in any subdivision located within the same county as the Community.

Section 23. <u>Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes and mailbox posts shall be of the same type and color as that originally installed by the Declarant.

Section 24. <u>Detached Structures</u>. No detached metal structure shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any Lot.

Section 25. Entry Features and Street Signs. Owners shall not alter, remove or add improvements to any entry features or street signs constructed by the Declarant on any Lot, or any part of any easement area associated therewith without the prior written consent of the board or its designee.

Article VII <u>Insurance and Casualty Losses</u>

Section 1. <u>Insurance</u>. The Association's board of directors or its duly authorized agent shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements located on the Common Property or required to be maintained by the Association under Article V, Section 1 hereof. This insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire or other hazards, including extended coverage, vandalism, and malicious mischief and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.

If available at reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the board, the board shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property insuring the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars. If available at reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the board, the board shall also obtain directors' and officers' liability insurance. The board is hereby authorized to contract with or otherwise arrange to obtain the insurance coverage required hereunder through the Declarant and to reimburse Declarant for the cost thereof, and Declarant shall be authorized, but not obligated, to purchase such insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association and the Owners upon Declarant and Association agreeing upon the terms

and conditions applicable to reimbursement by the Association for costs incurred by Declarant in obtaining such coverage. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, the board shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this Article if the board has contracted for or otherwise arranged to obtain the required insurance coverage through the Declarant.

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

All such insurance coverage obtained by the board of directors shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee, for the respective benefitted parties, as further identified in subparagraph (b), below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:

- (a) All policies shall be written with a company authorized to do business in Georgia.
- (b) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Association's board of directors; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (c) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's board of directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.
- (d) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the county where the Community is located.
- (e) The Association's board of directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's board of directors, its manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;

- (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
- (iii) that no policy may be cancelled, subjected to nonrenewal, invalidated, or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;
- (iv) that no policy may be cancelled, subjected to nonrenewal, invalidated, or suspended on account of any defect or the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;
- (v) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
- (vi) that no policy may be cancelled, subjected to nonrenewal, or substantially modified without at least ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Association.

In addition to other insurance coverage required by this Section, the board shall obtain workers compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable law, and, if available at reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the board, a fidelity bond or employees dishonesty coverage covering directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds. The amount of fidelity or employees dishonesty coverage, if obtained, shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment. coverage, if obtained, shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and shall not be subject to cancellation, nonrenewal or substantial modification without at least ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Association. Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, steam boiler coverage, and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of The Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Section 2. <u>Damage and Destruction -- Common Property</u>.

(a) <u>In General</u>. Immediately after the damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the board of directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all

claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty allowing for any changes or improvements necessary to comply with applicable building codes. The board of directors shall have all enforcement powers specified in Article XII, Section 1, of this Declaration necessary to enforce this provision.

(b) Repair and Reconstruction. Any damage or destruction to property required to be covered by insurance written in the name of the Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the Owners and the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof, otherwise agree. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed.

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

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

Section 3. <u>Damage and Destruction -- Lots</u>. The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement on a Lot shall be repaired by the Owner thereof within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction or, where repairs cannot be completed within seventy-five (75) days, they shall be commenced within such period and shall be completed within a reasonable time thereafter. Alternatively, the Owner may elect to demolish all improvements on the Lot and remove all debris therefrom within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction. In the event of noncompliance with this provision, the board of directors shall have all enforcement powers specified in Article XII, Section 1, of this Declaration.

Article VIII Condemnation

Whenever all or any part of the Common Property shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the board, acting on its behalf or on the written direction of all owners of Lots subject to the taking, if any) by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, the Association shall represent the Owners. The award made for such taking shall be payable to the Association as trustee for all Owners. The provisions of Article VII, Section 2, above, applicable to Common Property improvements damage or destruction, shall govern replacement or restoration and the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced.

Article IX Annexation of Additional Property

Section 1. <u>Unilateral Annexation By Declarant</u>.

(a) As the owner thereof or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until ten (10) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "C", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the property to be annexed is located an amendment to this Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such amendment to this Declaration unless a later effective date is provided therein. As long as covenants applicable to

the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of then Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property.

(b) The rights reserved unto Declarant to subject additional land to the Declaration shall not and shall not be implied or construed so as to impose any obligation upon Declarant to subject any of such additional land to this Declaration or to the jurisdiction of the Association. If such additional land is not subjected to this Declaration, Declarant's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Declarant to impose any covenants and restrictions similar to those contained herein upon such additional land nor shall such rights in any manner limit or restrict the use to which such additional land may be put by Declarant or any subsequent owner thereof, whether such uses are consistent with the covenants and restrictions imposed hereby or not.

Section 2. Other Annexation. Subject to the consent of the Owner thereof, the consent of the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided above, and upon the affirmative vote or written consent of Owners representing a Majority of the total Association vote, the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the property to be annexed is located an amendment to this Declaration describing the property being annexed. such amendment to this Declaration shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Association, and any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such amendment to this Declaration, unless a later effective date is provided therein.

Article X Mortgagee Provisions

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

Section 1. <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the

- Lot number), (therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Community or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by an Owner of a Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- (d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgage holders.
- Section 2. Special FHLMC Provision. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (The Mortgage Corporation), the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing. Unless two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Owners give their consent, the Association shall not:
- (a) by act or omission, directly or indirectly seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Property (other than personal property) (The granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Property shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this subsection.);
- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an Owner;
- (c) by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Lots and of the Common Property (The issuance and amendment of architectural standards, procedures, rules, and regulations or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver, or abandonment within the meaning of this subsection.);

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

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

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

Section 3. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.

Section 4. <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Lot Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.

Section 5. Amendments by Board. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any such requirements less stringent, the board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.

Section 6. <u>Veterans Administration Approval</u>. As long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX, the following actions shall require the prior approval of the Veterans Administration so long as the Veterans Administration is guaranteeing any Mortgage in the Community: annexation of additional property to the Community, except for annexation by Declarant in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 hereof pursuant to a plan of annexation previously approved by the Veterans Administration; dedication of Common Property to any

public entity; and material amendment of the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation.

Section 7. Applicability of Article X. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

Section 8. Failure of Mortgagee to Respond. Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request.

Article XI Easements

Section 1. Easements for Encroachment and Overhang. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for encroachment and overhang as between each Lot and such portion or portions of the Common Property adjacent thereto or as between adjacent Lots due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration) to a distance of not more than five (5) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Lot and the adjacent portion of the Common Property or as between adjacent Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful conduct on the part of an Owner, tenant, or the Association.

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

- (a) Every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to his Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (i) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Lot Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his family, tenants, guests, and invitees;

- (ii) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of a Lot Owner and the right of an Owner to use the recreational facilities in the Community, if any, for any period during which any assessment against his Lot which is hereby provided for remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, By-Laws, or rules and regulations;
- (iii) the right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Property, or any portion thereof, or for construction, repairing or improving any facilities located or to be located thereon, and give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage conveying all or any portion of the Common Property; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, or any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Lot Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community (Any provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights therein by the holder thereof in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, or any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Lot Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community.); and
- (iv) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Property subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members of the Association. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been approved by at least a Majority of the Owners present, or represented by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose and by the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof.
- (b) Any Lot Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property and facilities located thereon to the members of his family, his tenants and guests and shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all such rights to the occupants of such Owner's Lot if leased.
- Section 3. <u>Easements for Utilities</u>. There is hereby reserved to the Association blanket easements upon, across, above and under all property within the Community for access,

ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Community or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, or security system which the Association might decide to have installed to serve the Community. It shall be expressly permissible for the Association or its designee, as the case may be, to install, repair, replace, and maintain or to authorize the installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining of such wires, conduits, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any such utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the board shall have the right to grant such easement.

Section 4. Easements for Entry Features and Street Signs. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association an easement over and upon each Lot for ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features and street signs for the Community. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around all entry features and the right to grade the land under and around the entry features.

Article XII General Provisions

Section 1. Enforcement. Each Owner and every occupant of a Lot shall comply strictly with the By-Laws, the rules and regulations, the use restrictions, as they may be lawfully amended or modified from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in this Declaration and in the deed to his or her Lot, if any. board of directors may impose fines or other sanctions, which shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of Failure to comply with this Declaration, the assessments. By-Laws or the rules and regulations shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief, or both, maintainable by the board of directors, on behalf of the Association, or, in a proper case, by an aggrieved Owner. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 2. <u>Self-Help</u>. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter upon a Lot or

any portion of the Common Property to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the By-Laws, the rules and regulations, or the use restrictions. Unless an emergency situation exists, the board shall give the violating Lot Owner ten (10) days' written notice of its intent to exercise self-help. All costs of self-help, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred shall be assessed against the violating Lot Owner and shall be collected as provided for herein for the collection of assessments.

Section 3. <u>Duration</u>. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Community, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent permitted by law; provided, however, so long as Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provision of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by such law, after which time any such provisions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless such extension is disapproved by at least a Majority of the Association vote present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose and, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof, the consent of Declarant. Such meeting must be held and a written instrument reflecting disapproval must be recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a ten (10) year renewal period. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest in any real property subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that such provisions of this Declaration may be extended and renewed as provided in this Section.

Section 4. Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration; (c) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; or (d) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company

to insure mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Owner's Lot unless any such Lot Owner shall consent thereto in writing. Further, so long as Declarant has the right unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Lot Owner hereunder, nor shall it adversely affect title to any Lot without the consent of the affected Lot Owner.

In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Owners representing at least a Majority of the total Association vote and the consent of the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof. Amendments to this Declaration shall become effective upon recordation, unless a later effective date is specified therein. No provision of this Declaration which reserves or grants special rights to the Declarant shall be amended without the prior written consent of the Declarant so long as the Declarant owns any property primarily for development and/or sale in the Community or subject to annexation by the Declarant to the Community.

Section 5. <u>Partition</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided, and no Lot Owner nor any other Person shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of all Owners of all portions of the property located within the Community and without the written consent of all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Lots located within the Community.

Section 6. <u>Gender and Grammar</u>. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine pronoun shall include the neuter and feminine.

Section 7. <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.

Section 8. <u>Captions</u>. The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and

Section, are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending, or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.

Section 9. <u>Preparer</u>. This Declaration was prepared by Richard A. Bacon, Hyatt & Rhoads, P.C., 2400 Marquis One Tower, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Section 10. <u>Conveyances of Common Property</u>. The Association shall accept such conveyances of Common Property as are made from time to time to the Association by Declarant.

Section 11. <u>Perpetuities</u>. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

Section 12. Indemnification. In accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, and to the full extent allowed by Georgia law, and in accordance with the provisions contained therein, the Association shall indemnify every Person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association), by reason of the fact that such Person is or was serving as a director or officer of the Association against any and all expenses, including attorneys' fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding, if such Person acted in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Any indemnification hereunder shall be made by the Association only as authorized in a specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the person is proper under the circumstances.

Section 13. <u>Construction and Sale Period</u>.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, rules and regulations, use restrictions, and any amendments to any of the foregoing, the Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself and its successors and assigns a non-exclusive, perpetual right,

privilege, and easement with respect to the Community for the benefit of the Declarant, its successors, and assigns over, under, in, and/or on the Community, without obligation and without charge to the Declarant, for the purposes of taking all actions related to or connected with construction, installation, relocation, development, sale, maintenance, repair, or replacement in the Community and any other property now owned or which may in the future be owned by the Declarant, (such other property is hereinafter referred to as "Additional Property"). The reserved easement shall constitute a burden on the title to the Community and specifically includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) the right of access, ingress, and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, under, on, or in the Community; and the right to tie into any portion of the Community with streets, driveways, parking areas, and walkways; and the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee payable to the Association or any Owner for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain, and repair any device which provides utility or similar services, including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, natural gas, water, sewer, and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under, and/or over the Community;
- (b) the right to use (continually or from time to time) without charge any clubhouse or similar structure and appurtenant recreational facilities constructed by the Declarant in the Community for business purposes or company functions of the Declarant and any similar use, including but not limited to, sales and marketing meetings, offices for Declarant's sales or other employees and agents, a design studio, and employee parties; and
- (c) the right to construct, install, replace, relocate, maintain, repair, use, and enjoy signs, model residences, and sales offices in the Community.

No rights, privileges, and easements granted or reserved herein shall be merged into the title of any property, including, without limitation, the Community, but shall be held independent of such title, and no such right, privilege, or easement shall be surrendered, conveyed, or released unless and until and except by delivery of a quitclaim deed from the Declarant releasing such right, privilege, or easement by express reference thereto.

If these reserved easements are exercised without annexing any Additional Property to the Community, the Owners of the affected Additional Property shall share the costs, if

any, of using and maintaining utility and similar facilities, including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, natural gas, water, sewer, and drainage lines and facilities with the Owners in the Community in the proportion that the number of completed dwellings on the affected Additional Property bears to the total number of completed dwellings upon the affected Additional Property and the number of Lots in the Community. The costs of maintenance and repair of Community streets and driveways shall likewise be apportioned to the affected Additional Property if the only means of vehicular access to the affected Additional Property is across the Community. For the purposes of this provision, a dwelling on the affected Additional Property shall be considered completed when a certificate of occupancy has been granted. The allocation of expenses and the collection therefor may be done on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis as may reasonably be determined by the Association in accordance with this Declaration. If any of the Additional Property is added to the Community, from the time of the annexation, the sharing of costs and expenses and the use of any property so added shall be governed by this Declaration, rather than by these reserved easements.

This Section shall not be amended without the prior written consent of the Declarant so long as the Declarant owns any property primarily for development and/or sale in the Community or subject to annexation to the Community.

Section 14. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. This Declaration, the By-Laws, copies of rules and use restrictions, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the members of the board and of committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any member of the Association or by his duly appointed representative and by holders, insurers, or guarantors of any first Mortgage at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a member or holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage at the office of the Association or at such other reasonable place as the board shall prescribe.
- (b) Rules for Inspection. The board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to:
- (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records;
- (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and
- (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents.

(c) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make extra copies of documents at the reasonable expense of the Association.

Section 15. Financial Statements. Financial statements for the Association shall be compiled annually in the manner as the board of directors may decide; provided, however, after having received the board's financial statements at the annual meeting, the Owners, by a Majority vote, may require that the financial statements of the Association be audited as a common expense by a certified public accountant. Upon written request of any institutional holder of a first Mortgage and upon payment of all costs associated therewith, such holder shall be entitled to receive a copy of the audited financial statements of the Association within ninety (90) days of the date of the request.

Section 16. <u>Notice of Sale or Lease</u>. In the event an Owner sells or leases his or her Lot, the Owner shall give to the Association, in writing, the name of the purchaser or lessee of the Lot and such other information as the board may reasonably require.

Section 17. Agreements. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option to unilaterally subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX above, all agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the board of directors shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in the Community or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Community.

Section 18. Use of Recreational Facilities By Nonmembers. For so long as Declarant has an option to unilaterally subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX above, Declarant shall have the right to grant to persons who are not members of the Association the right to use the Community recreational facilities constructed by Declarant. The extent and duration of nonmember use and the fee to be charged therefor shall be determined solely by Declarant. The Declarant may grant nonmember use rights to individuals as an easement appurtenant to such individuals' residential real property so that such use rights shall automatically inure to the benefit of both the original grantees and their respective successors-in-title to such real

property. For so long as Declarant owns such recreational facilities, nonmember user fees shall be paid to Declarant. If such recreational facilities are conveyed to the Association, nonmember user fees due and payable after the date of such conveyance shall be paid to the Association. Declarant shall determine the amount of nonmember user fees which are due and payable after such conveyance. Such fees shall be paid in equal annual installments to the Association. The amount of such installment payments may be increased each year by the board so long as the percentage increase (as compared to the previous year's installment) does not exceed the percentage increase in the annual assessment levied against members of the Association (as compared to the previous year's assessment).

Any use right granted to nonmembers which extends beyond the termination of Declarant's option to unilaterally subject additional property to this Declaration shall be valid and may not be terminated by the Association so long as the terms and conditions imposed upon nonmember use by Declarant are complied with by the nonmember user.

Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns a non-exclusive, perpetual right, privilege and easement with respect to the Community for the benefit of Declarant, its successors, assigns and the above discussed nonmember users, over, under, in and/or on the Community (including, without limitation, the above described recreational facilities), without obligation and without charge to the foregoing, for the purposes of taking all actions related to or connected with the granting of nonmember use and the use by such nonmembers as described above. Such right, privilege and easement shall include, without limitation, the right of access, ingress, use and egress of and to the above described recreational facilities and the right of access, ingress, use and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, under, on or in the Community roads, parking areas and walkways.

Declarant shall not be liable for and is hereby held harmless from any failure of any nonmember to pay a nonmember user fee to the Association where required to do so by this Section. In such case, the Association's sole remedy shall be to suspend the use right of the nonmember who has not timely paid until all amounts owed are paid. Declarant shall also not be liable for and is hereby held harmless from any personal injury or property damage caused by a nonmember entitled to use the Community recreational facilities constructed by Declarant.

Declarant shall have the sole right to grant use rights to the Community recreational facilities constructed by Declarant to nonmembers and the board shall have no such

right. The provisions of this Section shall apply notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, rules and regulations, use restrictions and any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Section 19. <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the board of directors or its designee shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration, the By-Laws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the appointed officers of Declarant he instrument and affixed the corporation, 1959.	
1	JOHN WIELAND HOMES, INC.
By:	John Wieland (SEAL)
Title:	- President
Attest:	Joan M Jinbly (SEAL)
Title:	Assistant Secretary
Signed, sealed, and delivered this <u>25</u> day of <u>July</u> , 19 <u>89</u> , in the presence of:	[CORPORATE SEAL]
WITNESS WILDS	
Vickey & Riggins	
Notary Public. Georgia, My Commission Expires	
My Commission Expires:	

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EXHIBIT "A"

<u>Definitions</u>

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

- (a) "Association" shall mean and refer to Carriage Park Community Association, Inc., a nonprofit Georgia corporation, its successors and assigns.
- (b) "By-Laws" shall refer to the By-Laws of Carriage Park Community Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (c) "Common Property" shall mean any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- (d) "Community" shall mean and refer to that certain real property and interests therein described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and (i) such additions thereto as may be made by Declarant (or its Mortgagee or transferee, as provided in the Declaration) of all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "C", attached hereto; and (ii) such additions thereto as may be made by the Association (as provided in the Declaration) of other real property.
- (e) "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the board of directors of the Association. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Community Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- (f) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to John Wieland Homes, Inc., a Georgia corporation, and the successors-in-title and assigns of John Wieland Homes, Inc., provided any such successor-in-title or assign shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale all or any portion of the remaining undeveloped or unsold portions of the real property described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto or in Exhibit "C", attached hereto, and provided further, in the instrument of conveyance to any such successor-in-title or assign, such successor-in-title or assign is designated as the "Declarant"

hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be the "Declarant" hereunder at the time of such conveyance; provided, further, upon such designation of such successor Declarant, all rights of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood that as to all of the property described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and in Exhibit "C", attached hereto, which is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration, there shall be only one person or legal entity entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any one point in time.

- (g) "Lot" shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single dwelling site as shown on the plat for the Community, or amendments thereto, recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall pass with each Lot as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, all of the right, title, and interest of an Owner in the Common Property, which shall include, without limitation, membership in the Association.
- (h) "Majority" means those eligible votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totalling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total eligible number.
- (i) "Mortgage" means any mortgage, deed to secure debt, and any and all other similar instruments used for the purpose of conveying or encumbering real property as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.
 - (j) "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.
- (k) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
- (1) "Person" means any natural person, as well as a corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), association, trust, or other legal entity.

EXHIBIT "B"

Property Submitted

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 104 and 105 of the 1st District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia and Land Lot 104 of the 1st District, 2nd Section of Fulton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described on that certain plat of survey for Carriage Park Unit One prepared by Benchmark Engineering Corporation, Inc. and recorded on July 3, 1989 in Plat Book 127, Page 66, of the Cobb County, Georgia records.

EXHIBIT "C"

$\frac{\text{Additional Property Which Can Be Unilaterally}}{\text{Submitted by Declarant}}$

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 49, 50, 51, 52, 102, 103, 105, 124, 126, 127, of the 1st District, 2nd Section of Cobb County, Georgia and Land Lots 105, 124, 125, 126 of the 1st District, 2nd Section of Fulton County, Georgia.