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**DECLARATION OF
COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR GATEWAY TOWNHOMES AT BRIER CREEK
WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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DECLARATION OF
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FOR GATEWAY TOWNHOMES AT BRIER CREEK

WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS is made on this ___ day of _____, in the year Two Thousand and Four by GATEWAY HOMES, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Declarant is the owner of that certain real property located in Wake County, North Carolina which real property is hereinafter identified as the "Brier Creek Property" as described on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Declarant intends to develop single family townhomes on the Brier Creek Property; and

WHEREAS, the Brier Creek Property is subject to that Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Brier Creek Wake and Durham Counties, North Carolina recorded in Book 8002 at Page 638 in the Wake County Public Registry (the AMaster Declaration@);

WHEREAS, the Declarant desires to provide certain amenities, open spaces, green belts, parking areas, drainage areas and other facilities for the benefit of the persons who shall reside in the aforesaid townhomes on the "Lots" (as that term is hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, in order to insure the enjoyment of such amenities, open spaces, green belts, parking areas, drainage areas and other facilities by the residents of the said Lots, and in order to protect and enhance the value of the said Lots, it is desirable to create an association to own, maintain and administer such amenities, open spaces, green belts and other facilities, and to administer and enforce the covenants and restrictions imposed by this Declaration and the Master Declaration on the individually owned properties, and to collect, hold and disburse the charges and assessments provided for in this Declaration and the Master Declaration; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that every owner of any of the said Lots automatically, and by reason of such ownership and this Declaration, become a member of the aforesaid association and be subject to its valid rules and regulations and the assessments and charges made by such association;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant does hereby declare that Brier Creek Property (as those terms are hereinbefore defined) and such additions and annexations thereto as may be made is and shall be held, used, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, occupied and mortgaged subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Master Declaration.

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS

As used in this Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article I, such definitions being cumulative of those set forth elsewhere in this Declaration. In addition, all terms used in this Declaration which are defined in the Act shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Act, unless other definitions are ascribed to them in this Declaration.

"Act" shall mean the North Carolina Planned Community Act, General Statutes of North Carolina Sections 47F-1-101 through 47F-3-120.

Additional Property@ shall mean additional portions of the Brier Creek Property or other property contiguous with or across the street from the Brier Creek Property that may be subjected to the Declaration and the Master Declaration in the future by Declarant.

"Annual Assessment" shall have the meaning specified in Section 4 of Article V hereof, and shall constitute the assessments which, pursuant to the provisions of Article V hereof, shall be levied by the Association against the Lots each year for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to pay the "Annual Expenses" (as that term is defined in Section 3 of Article V hereof).

"Articles of Incorporation" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Association" shall mean Gateway Townhomes at Brier Creek Association, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit membership corporation.

"Brier Creek Property" shall mean the entirety of the real property described on Exhibit A, hereto attached and made a part hereof.

"Backyard Area" shall mean the portion of each Lot which is located in the rear of the Townhome constructed on such Lot.

"Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Common Elements", ACommon Area@ and ACommon Open Space@ shall mean all portions of the Brier Creek Property which is conveyed and transferred to the Association pursuant to Section 1 of Article III of this Declaration and which does not include any Lot or real property dedicated to a governmental authority. Common Elements shall not include any Lot which shall be acquired by the Association through foreclosure of the lien in favor of the Association, as provided for in Article V of this Declaration. Common Area, the maintenance of which shall be the responsibility of the Association, shall include all open space, private streets, alleys, Stormwater Control Measures and

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all water and sewer lines serving more than one Lot which are located outside public street rights of way or City of Raleigh utility easements.

"Declarant" shall mean Gateway Homes, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, and shall include any successor or assign of Gateway Homes, LLC (other than a person acquiring fewer than five (5) Lots) who shall acquire the entire interest in Brier Creek Property which was owned by the immediate predecessor-in-title of such successor or assign.

"Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, as the same may be hereinafter amended in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article X hereof.

"Executive Board " shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

"First Mortgage" shall mean a Mortgage conveying a first priority lien upon or security title to any Lot.

"HUD" shall mean the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and, in the event that said Department shall be abolished and its operations transferred to another division of the United States government, such other division.

"Lot" shall mean each portion of Brier Creek Property which has been subdivided for use as an individual building lot and which is subjected to the terms, provisions, liens, charges, easements, covenants and restrictions of this Declaration applicable to Lots by the recording of this Declaration.

AMortgage@ shall mean a mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, or other instrument conveying a lien upon or security title to the property.

AOwner(s)@ or Aowner(s)@ or ALot Owner(s) @ shall mean the owner of a Lot(s).

"Person" shall mean a natural person, corporation, trust, limited liability company, partnership or any other legal entity.

APlat@ shall mean the Final Plat for Gateway Townhomes at Brier Creek, Phase I prepared by The John A. McAdams Company dated September 29, 2003, recorded in the Book of Maps of Wake County, North Carolina in Book 2003, Pages 2101-2105 and shall include any and all other plats of survey which shall be recorded pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Sections 2 and 4.

AStormwater Control Measures@ shall mean stormwater detention ponds and associated plants, storm pipes, grass swales, and rip-rap situated within private drainage easements shown on all recording plats and serving more than one Lot.

"Townhome" shall mean the single family dwelling constructed on each Lot by the Declarant.

"VA" shall mean the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and, in the event that said Department shall be abolished and its operations transferred to another

division of the United States government, such other division.

All pronouns used in this Declaration are intended to be gender neutral, and the use of the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter genders.

ARTICLE II.

LOTS

Section 1. Property Hereby Subjected to this Declaration. The Declarant, for itself and its successors and assigns, does hereby covenant that the following described property be, and the same hereby is, subjected to this Declaration and Master Declaration as all Lots and Common Area shown and depicted on Plat recorded in Map Book 2003 at Pages 2101 through 2105 in the Wake County Public Registry.

The Declarant, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby further covenants that the above-described Lots and Common Areas shall hereafter be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, leased, occupied, mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to all of the terms, provisions, liens, charges, easements, covenants and restrictions set forth in the Act and in this Declaration, in the Master Declaration and the city codes applicable to the Lots (including, but not limited to, Sections 10-3072 through 10-3074 of the Ordinance of the City of Raleigh), including, but not limited to, the lien provisions set forth in Article V hereof. All of the terms, provisions, liens, charges, easements, covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration as applicable to the Lots shall be a permanent charge thereon, and shall run with the Lots.

Section 2. Property Hereafter Subjected to this Declaration. The Declarant may, subject to the regulations of the City of Raleigh, at any time, and from time to time, prior to December 31, 2010, subject Lots and Common Area on Additional Property to the Act and the terms, provisions, liens, charges, easements, covenants and restrictions of this Declaration applicable to Lots by:

(a) executing and recording in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina, a supplemental declaration to this Declaration describing such additional Lots and Common Elements and stating that this Declaration is thereby extended to, and shall thereafter apply to, such additional Lots and Common Elements; and

(b) recording in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina, a plat of survey showing and depicting the additional Lots and Common Elements being thereby subjected to this Declaration.

From and after the subjecting of such additional Lots to the Act and to this Declaration, such additional Lots shall thereafter be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, leased, occupied, mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to all of the terms, provisions, liens, charges, easements, covenants and restrictions of this Declaration applicable to Lots, including, without limitation, all lien and assessment provisions set forth in this Declaration; from and after the subjecting of such Additional Property to this Declaration, all of the terms, provisions, liens, charges, easements,

covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration as applicable to the Property shall be a permanent charge thereon, and shall run with, such Additional Property.

Any supplemental declaration which may be executed and recorded pursuant to the provisions of this Article II for the purpose of subjecting Additional Property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration may set forth certain easements and restrictions which will apply only to the Lots or Common Elements being subjected to this Declaration by such supplemental declaration. Any such easements and restrictions which shall be set forth in any supplemental declaration shall thereafter be as binding on the Lots and Common Elements which are the subject of such supplemental declaration as if such easements and restrictions were set forth in their entirety in this Declaration.

Except as otherwise required by the Raleigh City Code and/or otherwise provided in the Act, no approval from any member of the Association, or from anyone else whomsoever, shall be required for the Declarant to subject any portion of the Additional Property to this Declaration.

Section 3. No Effect on Balance of Property. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration which may be constructed to the contrary, this Declaration does not create any charge, lien, encumbrance, restriction, or limitation on any portion of the Brier Creek Property other than the Lots described in Section 1 of this Article II, unless and until any additional portion of the Brier Creek Property is subjected to this Declaration as Lots or Common Elements in the manner set forth, respectively, in Section 2 of this Article II or in Section 1 of Article III, and then, only from that time forward.

Section 4. Rerecording of the Plat. As Townhomes are constructed on the Lots, the Declarant may, at any time, and from time to time, prior to December 31, 2010, re-record the Plat to adjust the boundary lines of Lots owned by the Declarant. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration, or of any statutory or common law, which may provide to the contrary, from and after the date of each re-recording of the Plat by the Declarant, the boundary lines of all Lots shall be as the same are shown and depicted on such re-recorded Plat. The right of the Declarant under this Section 4 to re-record the Plat shall terminate at such time as the Declarant shall have re-recorded the Plat after a Townhome shall have been constructed on each of the Lots.

Except for governmental regulations of the City of Raleigh, no approval from any member of the Association, or from anyone else whomsoever, shall be required for the Declarant to adjust the boundary lines of the Lots owned by the Declarant pursuant to the provisions of this Section 4.

Section 5. Boundaries. Notwithstanding the depiction of the boundaries of any Lot on the Plat, the centerline of any common wall separating any Townhome from an adjoining Townhome shall constitute that portion of the common boundary line that runs between the attached areas of such Townhomes.

Each wall separating a Townhome from another Townhome shall constitute a party wall for the benefit of the owners of said Townhomes. Each party wall shall conform to the requirements of the North Carolina State building Code. Irrespective of whether the deed of conveyance of a Lot and Townhome located thereon shall make a specific reference to the rights to a party wall or an

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easement for lateral support, conveyance of each Lot and Townhome located thereon shall be deemed to include all undivided interest in so much of the width of the entire length of the party wall separating such Townhome from the adjoining Townhome as is situated on said Townhome, together with a grant of easement of lateral support for such part of said wall as is situated on the adjoining Townhome; and there shall be deemed reserved in the conveyance of each of such Lots and Townhomes located thereon a like easement of lateral support.

Section 6. All Lots Bear the Burdens and Enjoy the Benefits of this Declaration. Every person who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot does, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance thereto, and by acceptance of such ownership, and by taking record title to such Lot, agree to all of the terms and provisions of this Declaration. Each of the Lots is subject to all the burdens, and enjoys all the benefits, made applicable hereunder.

Section 7. Easements Over the Lots. The Lots shall be subjected to, and the Declarant does hereby grant to the appropriate grantees thereof, the following easements:

(a) Each Lot shall be subject to all easements which are shown and depicted on the Plat as affecting and burdening such Lot, including but not limited to any and all blanket easements reserved for electric, cable, telephone and gas utilities;

(b) Each Lot shall be subject to an easement for slope control purposes, including the right to grade and plant slopes and prevent the doing of any activity that might interfere with slopes or which might create erosion or sliding problems or which might change, obstruct or retard drainage flow; and

(c) Each Lot, including the Townhome located thereon, shall be subject to an easement for the entry by the authorized agents and representatives of the Association to go in such Townhome and upon such Lot under the circumstances, and for the purposes described in Articles IV, VI, VII, VIII and IX of this Declaration.

(d) Each Lot shall be subject to a party wall easement as described in Section 5 of this Article II.

ARTICLE III.

COMMON ELEMENTS

Section 1. Common Elements. The Declarant shall have the right to transfer and convey to the Association any portion of the Property or any Additional Property subjected to the Act and this Declaration. All portions of the Property and Additional Property which the Declarant shall so transfer or convey to the Association shall thereafter constitute Common Elements. Said right may be exercised by the Declarant any time, and from time to time, prior to December 31, 2010.

All portions of the Property and any Additional Property which shall be transferred to the Association by the Declarant (a) shall be conveyed to the Association by limited warranty deed free

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of debt encumbrance, and (b) shall be conveyed to the Association subject to the rights and easements set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this Article III, irrespective of whether the deed of conveyance shall make a specific reference to such rights and easements and all private streets shall comply with Section 10-3073 and 10-3074 of the City of Raleigh Ordinance. In no case shall the City or the State be responsible for maintaining private streets. Such responsibility shall rest with the Association and/or the Owners. All conveyances of the Common Elements that shall be conveyed to the Association prior to the sale of the first Lot within that phase of the development of the Brier Creek Property and/or the Additional Property.

The Association does hereby covenant and agree to accept all conveyances of the Common Elements which may be made to it pursuant to, and in accordance with, the terms and provisions of this Section 1.

Section 2. Members' Rights in the Common Elements. Every owner of any Lot and the Townhome located thereto shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment and use in and to the Common Elements and such right and easement shall be appurtenant to, and shall pass with, the title to the Lot(s) owned by such owner. Such right and easement of enjoyment and use are and shall be subject to the easements which are described in Section 3 of this Article III and to the right of the Association to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations regarding the use of the Common Elements, and the right of the Association, as provided in the Bylaws, to suspend the enjoyment rights of the owner of any Lot during any period in which any assessment which is due to the Association from such owner remains unpaid, and such period as the Executive Board may consider appropriate for any infraction of its published rules and regulations. No such suspension, however, shall prohibit the owner of any Lot from using the Common Elements to the extent necessary for such owner to have access to and from his Lot. In addition, the Executive Board, in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Raleigh, may permit other persons who are not residents of any Lots to use the Common Elements upon such terms and conditions, and for the payment of such fees, as shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Easements Over the Common Elements. All Common Elements shall be subject to, and Declarant and the Association do hereby grant, the following easements:

(a) An easement across, in, under, over and through the Common Elements for the purposes of the construction, installation, repair, maintenance and use of all utility and drainage lines, wires, pipes and similar facilities as exist on the date of this Declaration;

(b) An easement in favor of Declarant for the exclusive use of such portions of the Common Elements as may be reasonably desirable, convenient or incidental to the construction and installation of improvements on, and the sale of, any Lots and Townhomes thereon, including, but not limited to, sales and business offices, storage areas, construction yards and signs. Such easements shall be exercisable by any and all Persons whom the Declarant shall authorize to exercise the same, including, without limitation, real estate sales agents and brokers and builders of residences upon the Lots, irrespective of whether such Persons are affiliated with the Declarant. Such easements shall exist notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration which might be construed to the contrary, but shall terminate at such time as the construction on the Lots of all

Townhomes has been completed and all of the Lots shall have been conveyed to owners thereof who shall not have acquired the Lots for the purpose of immediate resale of the same. Such easements shall and do exist without affecting the obligation of the owner of any Lot to pay assessments or charges coming due during such period of time as portions of the Common Elements shall be used by authorized persons pursuant to the exercise of the easements herein stated. Upon termination of this easement the Common Elements shall be restored or repaired as required by the Stormwater Replacement Agreement and the applicable provisions of the City Code of Raleigh (including, but not limited to, Sections 10-9027(a) and 10-5006(a)(2)); and

(c) An easement for the continued maintenance, repair, replacement and use of the area on which the air-conditioning compressor serving any Townhome is located, such easement to be appurtenant to the Townhome served by such air-conditioning compressor; and

(d) An access easement across, in, under, over and through the Common Elements for the benefit of governmental agencies for installing, removing and reading water meters; maintaining and replacing water and sewer facilities, fire lines and acting for other purposes consistent with public safety and welfare, including, without limitation, law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services, garbage collection and the delivery of mail.

(e) An easement across, in, under, over and through the Common Elements for the purposes of convenient ingress, egress and regress to and from the Common Elements by means of improved streets and walkways or pedestrian ways of not less than ten (10) feet as shown on recorded plats of the Brier Creek Property.

Section 4. Damage or Destruction. All damage that shall occur to any improvements on any Common Elements on account of the occurrence of any casualty shall be repaired in all events. Such repairs shall be undertaken and completed as soon after the occurrence of any casualty as is reasonably practicable. All repairs to any improvements located on the Common Elements shall be made in accordance with plans and specifications that shall be approved for the same by the Executive Board of the Association.

As provided in Section 47F-3-113 of the Act, it shall be the duty of the Association to obtain and maintain in effect at all times a policy of casualty insurance on all improvements located on the Common Elements. The amount of such policy shall be in amount that is not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the replacement cost of the improvements to be insured with deductibles in amount to be determined by the Executive Board. It shall also be the duty of the Association to obtain and maintain in effect at all times a comprehensive policy of public liability insurance. The comprehensive policy of public liability insurance shall have a minimum amount of coverage of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). During the existence of the Class B membership of the Association, both insurances may be provided by a self-insurance program maintained by the Declarant.

The owner of each Lot and Townhome located thereon shall obtain and maintain in effect at all times a master multi-peril policy of property insurance covering all insurable portions of such

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Townhome not insured by the Association, on a replacement cost basis in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the insurable value, based upon replacement cost, of the same.

Section 5. Transfer or Encumbrance. In no event shall the Association abandon, encumber, sell or transfer, directly or indirectly, any portion of the Common Elements unless such abandonment, encumbrance, sale or transfer shall be first approved in writing by the owners of no fewer than eighty percent (80%) of the Lots. Notwithstanding any term of provision of this Declaration which may be construed to the contrary, all open space and private streets making up the Common Area shall be preserved for the perpetual benefit of the Owners. All conveyances of any Common Areas including any open space or private streets shall be subject to the easement of use and enjoyment and access of the Owners, their family members, guest tenants and contract purchasers.

Section 6. Maintenance of the Common Elements. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all Common Elements.

Section 7. Vehicles; Trailers; Boats; Automobiles. No commercial vehicle (as determined by the Executive Board), boat, trailer, boat trailer, camper, truck or utility trailer shall be permitted to be stored or repaired upon any part of the Common Area, except with the permission of the Executive Board, and then, only in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Executive Board as a condition to the issuance of such permission.

ARTICLE IV.

THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The Association. Prior to the date this Declaration has been filed for record with the Clerk of the Register of Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina, the Declarant has caused the Association to be formed, and the Association does now exist, under its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

The Association is and shall be responsible for the ownership, management and operation of the Common Elements, the enforcement of the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration, and the performance of such other duties and services as the Executive Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the members of the Association. The Association shall have all the power and authority provided in the Association by the provisions of Section 47F-3-102 of the Act.

Section 2. Membership. Every person who is, or who becomes, a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot is and shall be a member of the Association; provided, however, that any such person who holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a member of the Association. The transfer of ownership of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot shall automatically transfer membership in the Association, and in no event shall such membership be severed from the ownership of such Lot.

Section 3. Classes of Membership; Voting Rights. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership: Class A and Class B.

(a) Class A. The Class A members shall be all those persons holding an interest required for membership in the Association, as specified in Section 2 of this Article IV, except for those persons who are Class B members. Until such time as the Class A members shall be entitled to full voting privileges, as hereinafter specified, the Class A membership shall be entitled to vote only in regard to the following matters: (a) any proposal of merger, consolidation or dissolution of the Association; (b) any proposal to transfer or encumber any portion of the Common Elements; (c) any proposal pursuant to Article X of this Declaration to amend this Declaration; (d) any proposal to modify or amend the Articles of Incorporation or by the Bylaws; (e) ratification of the budget; and (f) any other matter for which it is herein specifically provided, or for which it is provided by the Act, the North Carolina Non-profit Corporation Code or any other law, that approval of each and every class of membership of the Association is required. Except in regard to the foregoing matters, the Class A membership shall be a non-voting membership until such time as the Class B membership shall terminate, at which time the Class A membership shall be the sole class of membership and shall be entitled to full voting privileges.

When entitled to vote, Class A members shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold an interest required for membership by Section 2 of this Article IV.

(b) Class B. The Declarant shall be the sole Class B member and shall be entitled to cast four (4) votes for each Lot in which they hold an interest. Class B membership shall be a full voting membership and, during its existence, the Class B member shall be entitled to vote on all matters and in all events. The Class B membership shall terminate and cease to exist, and the Class B member shall be and become a Class A member insofar as it may then hold any interest required for membership by Section 2 of this Article IV, upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the date on which the Declarant shall have conveyed to individual owners thereof seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots, or (ii) December 31, 2010, or (iii) on such earlier date as the Declarant shall designate in a written notice delivered to the Association.

From and after the date at which the Class B membership automatically terminates and ceases to exist, such membership shall not be renewed or reinstated.

Notwithstanding anything contained in subparagraphs (i)-(iii) to the contrary, the Class B Membership shall be reinstated if prior to December 31, 2011 the Declarant annexed additional Lots into this Declaration pursuant to Article II, Section 2 and, with the additional Lots, the Declarant owns more than twenty-five percent (25%) of all the Lots.

Section 4. Suspension of Membership Rights. The membership rights of any member of the Association, including the right to vote and to use the Common Elements (except for the right to parking, drainage, and use of the Common Elements for access to and from the Lot owned by such member), may be suspended by the Executive Board pursuant to the authority granted in the Bylaws. Any such suspension shall not affect such member's obligation to pay assessments coming due

during the period of such suspension and shall not affect the permanent charge and lien on the member's property in favor of the Association.

Section 5. Meetings of the Membership. All matters concerning the meetings of members of the Association, including the time at which and the manner in which notice of any said meeting shall be given to members, the quorum required for the transaction of business at any meeting, and the vote required on any matter, shall be as specified in the Act, in the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, in this Declaration, or in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, or by law.

Section 6. Association Acts Through Its Executive Board. Whenever approval of, or action or inaction by, the Association is referred to or called for in this Declaration, such action, inaction or approval shall be by the Executive Board of the Association, unless it is specifically stated in this Declaration, the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws with respect to such action, inaction or approval that the members of the Association must vote. No member of the Executive Board of the Association or any officer of the Association (including, without limitation, any such individual who shall have been elected by a vote of the Class B member) shall be personally liable to any owner of any Lot for any mistake of judgment or for any other act or omission of any nature whatsoever, except for any acts or omissions found by a court of competent jurisdiction to constitute gross negligence or fraud.

Section 7. Professional Management. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, obtain and pay for the services of any person or other entity to manage the affairs of the Association, or any part thereof, and may enter into such agreements for the management of the Common Elements as the Executive Board deems to be in the best interests of the Association.

ARTICLE V.

ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Assessments; Lien Therefor. Each person other than the Declarant who shall own any Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance thereto, and by acceptance of such ownership, and by taking record title thereto, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association all assessments and charges which are levied by the Association and levied pursuant to the Master Declaration against the Lot(s) owned by such person in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Act, this Declaration and the Master Declaration.

As more fully provided in Section 47F-3-116 of the Act, all sums lawfully assessed by the Association against any Lot and the owner thereof, which shall remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days or longer from the date of such assessment, shall constitute a lien in favor of the Association on such Lot when a claim of lien is filed of record in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county in which the Lot is located. Such lien shall be prior and superior to all other liens whatsoever, except:

- (a) liens for ad valorem taxes and other governmental assessments on the Lot;

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(b) any lien that was properly recorded prior to the docketing of the claim of lien in the office of the clerk of superior court; or

(c) the lien of any First Mortgage or the lien of any prior Mortgage recorded in the Deed Records of Wake County, North Carolina.

Section 2. Personal Obligation of Members. Each member of the Association other than the Declarant, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to the Lot(s) owned by such member, irrespective of whether it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, and by acceptance of ownership of such Lot (s), and by taking record title to such Lot(s), shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:

(a) His share of the Annual Assessments which shall be levied by the Association in accordance with Section 6 hereof; and

(b) When properly authorized in accordance with Section 7 hereof, special assessments, such annual and special assessments to be fixed, established and collected from time to time as hereinafter provided.

All such assessments, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be the personal obligation of the person who is the owner of the Lot against which such assessments are levied at the time such assessments become due and payable. The covenant to pay assessments herein stated is and shall be a covenant running with the land.

Section 3. Purposes of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association pursuant to this Article V shall be used to pay the costs and expenses which the Association shall incur in connection with the performance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Act, this Declaration, the Master Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws (such costs and expenses being herein referred to as the "Annual Expenses"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Annual Expenses shall include the costs of repair and maintenance of all Common Elements and the repair and maintenance of the Lots as provided in this Declaration; payment of all governmental charges, taxes and assessments which shall be levied against all Common Elements owned by the Association in fee simple; payment of all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in connection with its operations, including, without limitation, the payment of electricity charges for all lighting located on the Brier Creek Property which does not serve a particular Lot; payment of the premiums for all policies of property and liability insurance maintained by the Association with respect to Common Elements and Townhomes; payment of the premiums for all fidelity bonds which shall be obtained by the Association; payment of all costs and expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the Stormwater Replacement Operation & Maintenance Easement and Access Maintenance Agreement and Installment Replacement Contribution Contract recorded contemporaneously with this Declaration (herein called the AStormwater Replacement Agreement); payment of all repair costs of the Stormwater Control Measures which shall be maintained in accordance with the Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Manual and Budget (hereinafter called the Stormwater Manual) which is attached to the Stormwater Replacement Agreement as Exhibit C; the maintenance of reserves for the repair and replacement of

the Townhomes and improvements located on the Common Elements and for such other purposes as the Executive Board shall determine, in all cases in such amounts as the Executive Board shall determine; the payment of the fees of such management firms as the Executive Board shall employ; and payment of the fees for the provision of such professional services as the Executive Board shall determine to be required by the Association, including legal, engineering, accounting and architectural services.

The Executive Board or the duly authorized agent of the Association shall have the authority to obtain, and shall obtain, insurance policies upon the insurable improvements located within Brier Creek Property subjected to this Declaration for the benefit of Owners and their first mortgagees as their interest may appear and provision shall be made for the issuance of the renewals thereof.

Section 4. Casualty Insurance. The Executive Board shall maintain, to the extent available, casualty insurance upon the Common Elements and the Townhome buildings. Buildings shall mean the structures erected upon a Lot. Such insurance shall be an amount equal to but not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the full insurable value of the Buildings to the unfinished walls of a Building, including any fixtures, appliances, improvements and alterations that are part of the Building, on a replacement cost basis exclusive of land, excavation, foundations and other items normally excluded from property policies, and shall insure against such risk and contain such provisions as the Executive Board from time to time shall determine.

Section 5. Other Insurance. The Executive Board shall obtain such other insurance coverages as the Executive Board shall determine from time to time to be desirable.

Section 6. Determination of Annual Assessment. Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year of the Association (said fiscal year being specified in the Bylaws), the Executive Board shall estimate the total amount of the Annual Expenses which are anticipated to be incurred by the Association during such fiscal year, including payments of all costs and expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the Storm Water Replacement Agreement, and shall determine the amount which will be deposited during such fiscal year into reserve funds maintained by the Association. The Executive Board shall thereupon adopt a budget for the Association's expenditures and reserve fundings based upon such estimate and providing for the total annual assessment to be levied against the members of the Association for such fiscal year (the total assessment which shall be so determined and levied against all of the members of the Association for any fiscal year is herein referred to as the "Annual Assessment"). Within thirty (30) days after adoption by the Executive Board of any proposed budget for the Association, the Executive Board shall provide a summary of the budget to all Owners and shall give notice of a date for a meeting of the Owners to consider ratification of the budget not less than fourteen (14) nor more than thirty (30) days after mailing of the summary and notice. A quorum need not be present at the meeting. The budget is ratified unless at the meeting a majority of all the Owners in the Association and entitled to cast a vote reject the budget. In the event the proposed budget is rejected, the periodic budget last ratified shall be continued until such time as the Owners ratify a subsequent budget proposed by the Executive Board. The amounts so determined by the Executive Board shall be levied against all of the members of the Association other than the Declarant and all Lots not owned by the Declarant. The amount of the Annual Assessment levied against each Lot shall be the same as the amount levied

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against every other Lot. Each Lot not owned by the Declarant shall be liable for that share of every Annual Assessment which is so determined by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall send a copy of the budget so adopted by it, together with a written notice of the amount of the Annual Assessment so determined for such fiscal year and the amount of such Annual Assessment which shall be levied against each Lot, to the owner of every Lot prior to the commencement of the fiscal year during which such Annual Assessment is to be paid. The amount of such Annual Assessment which shall be levied against each Lot shall be due and payable to the Association in such installments the Executive Board shall determine, and after notice of the same shall have been given to all of the members of the Association by the Executive Board, and shall be paid to the Association when due without further notice.

In order to establish a working capital fund for the Association, each Owner of a Lot shall pay to the Association, at the time of the closing of a Lot, a deposit of an amount equal to the greater of \$100.00 or one month assessments due on the Lot as an initial contribution to the working capital fund (not as a credit to future assessments).

Section 7. Special Assessments. If for any reason, including non-payment of any assessments to the Association by Persons liable therefor, the budget adopted by the Executive Board for any fiscal year shall prove to be inadequate to defray the Annual Expenses for such fiscal year, or if the Executive Board shall determine that it is in the best interests of the Association to levy a special assessment to pay the costs of any capital improvements or capital repairs, the Executive Board shall have the authority to levy a special assessment against the Lots and the owners thereof (other than the Declarant) to raise such needed funds, provided that such assessment is approved by the vote of Owners of Lots to which at least sixty seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association are allocated cast in person or proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Any special assessment levied by the Executive Board pursuant to the provisions of this Section 7 shall be payable at such times and such installments as the Executive Board shall determine. Each Lot not owned by the Declarant shall be liable for the payment of an equal share of every special assessment which shall be levied by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Section 7.

In addition to the special assessments above, the Association may, following notice and a hearing to present evidence, levy from time to time on a particular Lot, rather than all Lots within the Property special individual assessments immediately due and payable consisting of fines assessed by the Association under authority herein and in the Bylaws and in the Act for an Owner=s violations of the terms and conditions of this Declaration, any liquidated damages or summary charges imposed under authority contained in the Bylaws, together with costs, fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney=s fees) incurred by the Association incidental to the enforcement of any rules and regulations, the collection of assessments (both annual and special) or the collection of damages or charges arising under the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 8. Lots Owned by Declarant. Notwithstanding any term or provision of this Declaration which may be construed to the contrary, no Lot owned by the Declarant shall be subject to any assessment provided for in this Article V, other than the City lien authorized by the provisions of Article V, Section 10, if the Association is operating without a deficit in its budget. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Declarant may contribute assessments due from it

in services or materials or a combination of materials and services rather than in money. 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 as determined by the Executive Board. At such time as any Lot which is owned by the Declarant shall be conveyed or transferred away by the Declarant, all liens and assessments provided for in this Article V shall become immediately levied against such Lot and the owner of such Lot shall immediately become liable for the payment of all such assessments. The amount of each Annual Assessment which shall become so payable with respect to any Lot shall be prorated according to the respective portions of the fiscal year that such Lot was owned by the Declarant and by such successor owner.

Section 9. Effect of Non-Payment of Assessments; Remedies of the Association.

(a) In the event that any member of the Association shall fail to pay, within ten (10) days after the date the same is due and payable, any annual or special assessment, or any installment of any annual or special assessment which is payable by him to the Association, the entire amount of such assessment, including the portion thereof which would otherwise be payable in installments, may be declared by the Executive Board to be immediately due and payable in full to the Association. As more fully set out in the Act, all such amounts so declared by the Executive Board to be due and payable in full to the Association shall be secured by the lien of the Association on every Lot owned by the delinquent member, which lien shall bind such Lot or Lots in the hands of the then owner, and his heirs, devisees, successors and assigns.

(b) All amounts which the Executive Board shall declare to be due and payable pursuant to this Section 9 shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the lower of the rate of one and one-half (1.5%) percent per month or the highest rate permitted by law, and the Association may bring legal action against the member of the Association personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose its lien upon the Lot or Lots of such member, in either of which events such member shall also be liable to the Association for all costs and attorneys' fees which the Association shall incur in connection with the collection of such delinquent amounts.

Section 10. Lien to City of Raleigh. The Association grants and assigns to the City of Raleigh, rights to file a lien and collect such assessments without a vote of the Owners for monies owed by the Association to the City of Raleigh pursuant to the Stormwater Replacement Protection Easement and Access Maintenance Agreement and Installment Replacement Contribution. The payment of such assessments being secured by a lien against all the Property, including each Lot, upon the filing of a claim of lien by the Association or by the City of Raleigh, as the assignee of the Association's lien rights. The granted lien rights shall be foreclosed in like manner as a mortgage on real estate pursuant to power of sale under Articles 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes from and after the time of recording a claim of lien in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina, which claim of lien shall state the description of the Property, or portion thereof, encumbered by the claim of lien, the name and address of the Association, the record owners of the encumbered portion of the Property at the time the claim of lien is filed, and the amount of the lien claim. The claim of lien shall be recordable any time after default, and the lien shall continue in effect until all sums secured by the lien as herein provided shall have been fully paid. Such claims of lien shall include all sums that are due and payable when the claim of lien is recorded, plus interest at

the rate set forth in the Stormwater Replacement Protection Easement and Access Maintenance Agreement and Installment Replacement Contribution, but not to exceed eighteen percent (18%) per year, collection costs, and reasonable attorneys= fees. The City of Raleigh lien claims shall be signed by the City of Raleigh Manager. Upon full payment of all sums secured by such claims of lien, the same shall be satisfied of record.

ARTICLE VI.

DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF TOWNHOMES

In the event of the occurrence of any damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to any one or more Townhomes covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Executive Board shall have such damage or destruction repaired or rebuilt by the Association. The Executive Board 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 and restoring the Townhomes to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. The Executive Board shall have the enforcement powers specified in this Declaration necessary to enforce this provision.

Section 1. Repair and Restoration. Any damage or destruction to Townhomes 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 eighty percent (80%) of the voting membership 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; however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No mortgagee or beneficiary under a deed of trust shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether or not 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 costs thereof, the Executive Board shall levy a special assessment against all Owners except Declarant 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.

Section 2. Duty to Repair. In the event of damage or destruction of any Townhome covered by insurance written in the name of the Association or Common Element as a result of fire or other casualty, the Executive Board shall arrange for the prompt repair and restoration of the Townhome and/or Common Element (including any damaged Building upon the Lot but not including any decoration or coverings for walls, ceilings or floors or other furniture, furnishings, fixtures or equipment in the Townhome, or an Owner=s or occupant=s personal property, furniture, fixtures, or equipment) and the Executive Board shall disburse the proceeds of all insurance policies to the contractors engaged in such repair and restoration in appropriate progress payments. Any cost of

such repair and restoration in excess of the insurance proceeds shall constitute a common expense. Any reconstruction or repair shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications of the original Townhomes and Common Elements or according to the plans and specifications approved by the Executive Board. In accordance with the easement granted in Article II, Section 7(c) of this Declaration, the Association shall have the right of entry upon all necessary Lots to the extent reasonably necessary to repair or reconstruct any damaged party walls.

Section 3. Insurance Deductible. The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall, in the event of damage or destruction, be allocated among the persons who are responsible hereunder, or under any declaration or contract requiring the Association to obtain such insurance, for maintenance or repair of the damaged or destroyed property.

Section 4. Individual Insurance. Each Owner shall obtain insurance, at his own expense, insuring personal property, additional living expense, personal liability, and any other coverage obtainable to the extent and in the amount such Owner deems necessary to protect his own interest; provided that such policy shall insure 100% of the cost of the improvements and betterments of the Townhomes, including but not limited to the wall coverings, paint, carpet, appliances, cabinets, plumbing fixtures and heating and air conditioning systems. Provided further that any such insurance shall contain waivers of claims against the Association, or employees or agents thereof, or against any manager retained by the Association, or its officers, directors, employees or agents, for any loss or damage to any of the improvements upon the Lot, or to any Owner or personal property therein, even if caused by the omission or neglect of any one or more of such persons and all such claims are hereby waived and released; provided, however, that this waiver shall not apply to any such loss or damage due to intentional acts. Provided further that any such insurance shall provide that it is without contribution as against the insurance purchased by the Association. If a casualty loss is sustained and there is a reduction in the amount of the proceeds that would otherwise be payable on the insurance purchased by the Association to the proration of insurance purchased by an Owner under this Section, such Owner shall be liable to the Association to the extent of such reduction and shall pay the amount of such reduction to the Association upon demand and assign the proceeds of his or her insurance, to the extent of such reduction, to the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 1. Architectural Restrictions.

(a) No Townhome shall be constructed on any Lot unless such Townhome contains no less than one thousand two hundred (1200) square feet of interior, heated space, and no more than one thousand seven hundred (1700) square feet of interior, heated space.

(b) No structure other than a fence shall be constructed, placed or installed upon any Lot, in a location which encroaches beyond any front, side or rear building set-back line which is depicted on the Plat. No fence shall be constructed or erected upon any Lot in any location other than entirely in the rear yard of the Lot as approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Architectural Control.

(a) No building, fence, wall, garage, carport, playhouse, swimming pool, mail-box or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to, change in (including, without limitation, any change in the type of roofing material or in the color of the paint, roof shingles, stain or varnish), or alteration of, the Townhome located on any Lot or any other structure located on any Lot be made until complete and final plans and specifications, setting forth the information hereinafter described, shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Executive Board as to the harmony of the exterior design and general quality with the existing standards of the improvements located on the other Lots, and as to location in relation to surrounding structures and topography.

(b) The plans and specifications which must be submitted to the Executive Board prior to the alteration or addition to any Townhome or the commencement of any structure upon any Lot, as hereinabove provided, shall contain at least the following information:

(i) A site plan showing the shape and size of the proposed structure and its location on the Lot on which the same is proposed to be constructed; and

(ii) Building plans of the proposed structure which shall include an exterior elevation drawing of the proposed structure;

(iii) In the case of any fence proposed to be erected on any Lot, a site plan showing the location of the proposed fence and a statement of which of the "Approved Fence Details" (as that term is defined in paragraph (c) hereinbelow) said proposed fence shall conform to; and

(iv) In the case of the alteration of any Townhome, a complete description of the alteration proposed to be made, including a sample of any varnishes or paints proposed to be used.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to maintain in effect a series of guidelines of standardized designs for architectural controls and of fences that may be erected upon any Lot. Said standardized fence designs which shall be so maintained by the Executive Board are hereinafter referred to as the "Approved Fence Details". The Executive Board may modify and change the Approved Fence Details, and adopt additional Approved Fence Details, at any time, and from time to time, as the Executive Board believes to be in the best interests of the owners of the Lots. The Executive Board shall furnish the owner of any Lot with a copy of the then existing Approved Fence Details upon such Lot owner's request.

In no event shall any fence be erected on any Lot unless the design of such fence shall conform to the then existing Approved Fence Details.

(d) The Association shall upon demand at any time, furnish to any member of the Association a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association, stating that any building, fence, wall, garage, carport, playhouse, swimming pool, mail-box or other structure erected upon

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such owner's Lot, or any exterior addition to, change in, or alteration of any Townhome or other structure owned by such member on a Lot, is in compliance with the provisions of this Section 2 of Article VII, and such certificate shall be conclusive as to whether the same is in such compliance.

(e) In the event that any construction or alteration work is undertaken or performed upon any Lot without application having been first made and approval obtained as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 3, said construction or alteration work shall be deemed to be in violation of this covenant, and the person upon whose Lot said construction or alteration work was undertaken or performed may be required to restore to its original condition, at his sole expense, the property upon which said construction or alteration was undertaken or performed. Upon the failure or refusal of any person to perform the restoration required herein, the Executive Board, or their authorized agents or employees, may, after fourteen (14) days' notice to such person, enter upon the property upon which such unauthorized construction or alteration work has been performed, and make such restoration as the Executive Board, in the exercise of its discretion, may deem necessary or advisable. The person upon whose Lot such restoration work shall have been so performed shall be personally liable to the Association for all direct and indirect costs which the Association shall incur in the performance of such restoration work, and the liability for such cost shall be secured by all the liens, and shall be subject to the same means of collection, as the assessments provided for in Article V of this Declaration. Such costs shall be paid to the Association by the person liable for the same at the same time as the next due Annual Assessment payment, as provided in Section 4 of Article V of this Declaration, or at such earlier time, and in such installments, as the Executive Board shall determine.

Section 3. Declarant Exemption. Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary herein, nothing contained in this Article VII shall be construed as prohibiting any construction by the Declarant upon any Lot while such Lot is owned by the Declarant. Any new construction performed by the Declarant upon any Lot while such Lot is owned by the Declarant shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 3 of this Article VII.

Section 4. Architectural Advisory Committee. The Executive Board shall be authorized to appoint an architectural advisory committee to advise it and assist it in connection with its performance of its responsibilities under Section 2 of this Article VII. The functions which may be performed by any such architectural advisory committee shall include reviewing plans and specifications which are submitted to the Executive Board in connection with proposals to construct or alter improvements upon the Lots and to make recommendations to the Executive Board with respect to such plans and specifications.

ARTICLE VIII.

RESTRICTIONS

In order to provide for the maximum enjoyment of the Lots and Townhomes located thereon by all of the residents thereof and to provide protection for the value of the same, the use of the Lots and Townhomes located thereon shall be restricted to, and shall be only in accordance with, the following provisions:

Section 1. Single-Family Use. All of the Lots shall be restricted exclusively to single-family residential use. The term "single-family" shall include one or more related or unrelated adults, as well as the children of any such adults. No Lot shall at any time be used for any commercial, business or professional purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, nothing set forth in this Section 1 shall prohibit: (a) the Declarant from conducting such sales, leasing and promotional activities on any Lot as said Declarant shall determine (including but not limited to, using any Townhome as a model home and sales office); or (b) the owner of any Townhome from using a portion of a Townhome as an office, provided that such use does not create regular customer or client traffic to and from such Lot and Townhome located thereon and no sign, logo, symbol or nameplate identifying such business is displayed anywhere on such Lot.

Section 2. Prohibited Activities. No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted on any Lot. Each owner of any Lot, his family, tenants, guests and invitees, shall refrain from any act or use of his property which could reasonably cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance or nuisance to any other resident or residents of any other Lot.

Section 3. Nuisances. No nuisance shall be permitted to exist upon any Lot. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells, or other sound devices, except security devices used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, used or placed on any Lot, or any portion thereof.

Section 4. Trash; Animals. No portion of any Lot shall be used as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash or garbage, nor shall any trash or garbage be permitted to accumulate upon any Lot. Garbage containers shall be placed in garage or screened on each Lot so that the same shall not be visible from the street or from any part of any other Lot.

No Lot or Townhome located thereon shall be used for the keeping or breeding of livestock animals or poultry of any kind, except that two (2) household pets may be kept, provided that they are neither kept for breeding nor maintained for any commercial purpose, and provided that none of such pets are permitted to be a source of annoyance to any other resident or residents of any other Lot.

Section 5. Signs. No sign of any kind or character shall be erected on any portion of any Lot, or displayed to the public on any portion of any Lot, without the prior written consent of the Executive Board, except for customary name and address signs and one "for rent" or one "for sale" sign advertising a Lot for rent or sale. The restriction herein stated shall include the prohibition of placement of any sign within a Townhome in a location from which the same shall be visible from the outside and the placement of any sign in or upon any motor vehicle.

Section 6. Antennas; Aerials; Satellite Dishes. No antennas, aerials, satellite dishes or other reception devices having a diameter or diagonal measurement greater than one meter shall be installed on any Lot. So long as reception of an acceptable quality is not precluded, the antenna, aerial, satellite dish or other reception device of appropriate size shall be located only on that portion of the Lot which is least visible from public view and shielded so as to minimize any risk and to ensure a nuisance is not created.

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Section 7. Clotheslines. No clothesline shall be erected on any portion of any Lot.

Section 8. Vehicles; Trailers; Boats; Automobiles. No commercial vehicle (as determined by the Executive Board), boat, trailer, boat trailer, camper, truck or utility trailer shall be permitted to be stored or repaired upon any part of the Lots, except with the permission of the Executive Board, and then, only in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Executive Board as a condition to the issuance of such permission. No automobile may be parked upon any Lot unless the same is parked on a pavement area located on such Lot for such purpose, and the same is in operating condition and has affixed thereto a then current license tag and, if applicable, operating sticker.

Section 9. Window Air-Conditioners. No air-conditioner shall be installed in any window of any Townhome, nor shall any air-conditioner be installed on any Townhome on any Lot so that the same protrudes through any exterior wall of such Townhome.

Section 10. Temporary Structures. Subject to the right of the Declarant to promote the sale of Lots, no structure of a temporary character, including, without limitation, any trailer, tent, shack, garage or other building, shall be permitted on any Lot at any time, whether temporarily or permanently, except with the prior written consent of the Executive Board; provided, however, that temporary structures may be erected or placed upon a Lot for use in connection with the repair or construction of structures upon such Lot.

Section 11. Subdivision of Lots. No Lot may be further subdivided into any smaller Lot except by Declarant.

Section 12. Enforcement by Members. In the event that the owner of any Lot, or any person who is entitled to occupy any Lot, shall fail to comply with or abide by any restriction set forth in this Article VIII, then the owner of any other Lot who is aggrieved by such failure of compliance or abidance shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity to compel such owner or such occupant to comply therewith and abide thereby. Additionally, any owner of any Lot who, or whose lessee, shall fail to comply with or abide by any such restriction shall be liable for any damages as may be suffered by any other owner of any Lot as a consequence of such failure.

Section 13. Other Restrictions. In addition to the aforementioned restrictions, the Executive Board shall have the authority to adopt, publish, and enforce rules and regulations governing all Common Elements and all Lots, except those Lots owned by the Declarant, and which are hereby subjected to this Declaration. The Declarant shall have the right in its sole discretion to agree to be bound by any additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Board pursuant to this Section.

ARTICLE IX.

MAINTENANCE OF TOWNHOMES, LOTS,
BACKYARD AREAS AND LANDSCAPING

Section 1. Maintenance and Repair of Townhomes. The owner of each Townhome shall be obligated to maintain and repair the interior of his or her Townhome, which excludes the walls and the roof of such Townhome, at his or her sole cost and expense. The exterior of the Townhomes shall be maintained and repaired by the Association. In no event shall any change be made in the exterior appearance of any Townhome (including, without limitation, painting and the application of any brick, stucco, paneling or other siding) by an Owner.

Section 2. Maintenance of Lots and Backyard Areas.

(a) The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the grass and the grounds of each Lot which is not located inside a fence. Such maintenance shall consist of normal grass mowing and any other activity necessary to keep such grounds in a condition that is satisfactory to the Executive Board.

(b) The owner of each Lot shall be obligated to keep and maintain any portion of the Backyard Area of such Lot which is enclosed within a fence erected in accordance with this provision in a neat, sanitary and attractive condition which is satisfactory to the Executive Board. Such maintenance shall include, without limitation, cutting the grass, weeds and other vegetation, removing dead trees, shrubs and other plants and pruning and otherwise maintaining all plants, shrubbery, trees, flowers, bushes, grass, ivy and other foliage as may be planted in and on such Backyard Area.

Section 3. Fences. No fence shall be allowed upon a Lot without the prior written approval of the Executive Board.

In the event that the owner of any Lot shall be permitted by the Executive Board to erect a fence pursuant to the provisions of this Section 3, the owner of such Lot shall be responsible for the repair, maintenance and replacement of such fence.

Section 4. Failure of Maintenance. In the event that the owner of any Lot shall fail to maintain any portion of his Lot, including the Townhome that is located on such Lot and the Backyard Area of such Lot, (including any fence that may have been erected in such Backyard Area), all as required under the terms and provisions of this Article IX, the Executive Board shall have the right, exercisable by it or through its agents or employees, and after giving the owner of such Lot at least five (5) days notice and an opportunity to correct the unsatisfactory condition, to enter upon the Lot, and correct the unsatisfactory condition. The owner of the Lot upon which such maintenance work is performed by the Association (or its agents or employees) shall be personally liable to the Association for all direct and indirect costs as may be incurred by the Association in connection with the performance of such maintenance work, and the liability for such costs shall be secured by all of the liens, and shall be subject to the same means of collection, as are the assessments and charges

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provided for in Article V of this Declaration. In addition, all such costs shall be paid to the Association by such owner at the same time as the next due annual assessment payment, as provided in Article V of this Declaration, or at such earlier time, and in such installments, as the Executive Board shall determine.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENT

The terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended upon the approval of such amendment by (a) those members of the Association who own no-fewer than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Lots and (b) the Declarant, if the Declarant shall then own any Lot. The approval of any such amendment by the members of the Association shall be given by each such member either casting a vote in favor of such amendment at a meeting of the members of the Association duly called for such purpose, or by such member signing a written approval of such amendment after the date on which such meeting was held notwithstanding anything set forth to the contrary in the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws. If any such amendment is required to be approved by the Declarant, such approval shall be given only by such Person executing a written approval of the same. No amendment regarding the Stormwater Replacement Agreement, the Stormwater Control Measures and City liens relating thereto shall be made without the written consent of the Raleigh City Attorney or his/her deputy.

Any amendment to the terms, provisions, covenants or restrictions of this Declaration shall become effective only upon the recording with the Register of Deeds Records of Wake County, North Carolina, of an instrument certified by the incumbent President of the Association setting forth such amendment and stating that the approval of the members of the Association which, under the provisions of this Article X, is required for such amendment to be effective, has been given and obtained; and (c) containing the written approval of the Declarant, if the same is required (as hereinafter provided).

The matters set forth in such instrument shall be presumed to be true and accurate and the amendment which is set forth in such instrument shall be effective, unless it shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that the matters certified to in such instrument are not true and accurate.

Each person who shall own any Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance thereto, and by acceptance of such ownership, and by taking record title thereto, and each holder of a Mortgage upon any portion of any Lot, by acceptance of such Mortgage, thereby agrees that the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended as provided in this Article X.

ARTICLE XI.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Failure of Enforcement. In the event that the Association shall fail to enforce the compliance with any of the provisions of this Declaration by the owner of any Lot, then the owner of any other Lot shall have the right to file an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for an order from such court requiring that the Association enforce such compliance; provided, however, in no event shall the Executive Board, or any officer of the Association, or any of their agents, be personally liable to anyone on account of their failure to enforce any of the terms, provisions or restrictions set forth in this Declaration.

Section 2. Waivers. In no event shall the failure by the Association to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, provisions or agreements set forth in this Declaration be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the future enforcement of any such term, covenant, condition, provision, or agreement. The acceptance of performance of anything required to be performed with knowledge of the breach of a term, covenant, condition, provision or agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such breach, and no waiver by the Association of any term, covenant, condition, provision or agreement shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by a duly authorized officer of the Association.

Section 3. Duration. This Declaration, and all of the terms, easements, provisions, liens, charges, restrictions and covenants set forth herein, shall run with and bind the land (the Lots), shall be and shall remain in effect, and shall inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the Association, and by any owner of any Lot, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, perpetually.

Section 4. Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any member of the Association pursuant to any provision of this Declaration may be served by depositing such notice in the mails, postage prepaid, addressed to the member to whom it is intended, at the address which such member shall have furnished to the Secretary of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws, or, in the absence of any such address having been so furnished to the Secretary of the Association, at the address of any Lot owned by such member. The date of service shall be the date of mailing.

Section 5. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if any provision of this Declaration or the application thereof 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 6. Enforcement. Enforcement of these covenants and restrictions shall be by any proceeding at law or in equity against any Person or Persons or other entities violating or attempting to violate any covenant or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against the Lots, to enforce any liens created by this Declaration.

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Section 7. Successors to Declarant. In no event shall any Person or other entity succeeding to the interest of the Declarant by operation of law or through purchase of the Declarant's interest in all or any portion of Brier Creek Property at foreclosure, sale under power or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, be liable for any act, omission or matter occurring, or arising from any act, omission or matter occurring, prior to the date such successor succeeded to the interest of the Declarant.

Section 8. Interpretation of Declaration. Whenever appropriate singular may read as plural, plural may be read as singular, and the masculine gender may be read as the feminine or neuter gender. Compound words beginning with the prefix "here" shall refer to this entire Declaration and not merely to the part in which they appear.

Section 9. HUD, FHA and VA Approvals. In the event HUD, FHA or VA approval shall be required for any Lot, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, without the approval of the members of the Association, to amend this Declaration to include any provisions required by HUD, FHA or VA.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Gateway Homes, LLC has caused this Declaration to be executed by its duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

GATEWAY HOMES, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company

By: DLZ
Doug Levin, Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

I, Brenda V. Blackwell, Notary Public for said County and State, certify that Doug Levin personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is Manager of Gateway Homes, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, and that he, as Manager, and being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing on behalf of the company.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 4~~th~~ day of June, 2004.



Brenda V. Blackwell
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: November 16, 2004

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EXHIBIT A

LYING and BEING in the City of Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina as more particularly described on the Final Plat for Gateway Townhomes at Brier Creek, Phase I containing 12.56 acres prepared by The John A. McAdams Company and dated September 29, 2003, recorded in the Book of Maps of Wake County, North Carolina in Book 2003 at Pages 2101 through 2105.



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Wake County Register of Deeds
Laura M. Riddick
Register of Deeds

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The foregoing certificate of Grenda V Blackwell

Notary(ies) Public is (are) certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the book and page shown on the first page hereof.

Laura M. Riddick, Register of Deeds

By: Jana Morgan
Assistant/Deputy Register of Deeds

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