

## ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section One: Singular and Plural. The singular wherever used herein shall be construed to mean the plural when applicable, and the necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply either to corporations or individuals, men or women, shall in all cases be assumed as though in each case fully expressed.

Section Two: Severability. The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs or sections hereof shall not affect the remaining portions of this Declaration or any part hereof, all of which are inserted conditionally on their being held valid in law and in the event that one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs or sections contained herein should be invalid, this Declaration shall be construed as if such invalid phrase, sentence, clause, paragraph, or section had not been inserted.

Section Three: Duration. These covenants, restrictions, reservations and conditions shall remain in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date hereof. Thereafter, they shall be deemed to have been renewed for successive terms of ten (10) years, unless revoked or amended as herein provided.

Section Four: Perpetuities. In the event that any provision of this Declaration violates the rule against perpetuities, such provision shall be construed as being void and of no effect as of twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last surviving incorporator of the Association, or twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of all of the said incorporators' children and grandchildren who shall be living at the time this instrument is executed, whichever is later.

Section Five: Attorney's Fees, Costs and Expenses. In the event the Association or a Member employs an attorney to enforce any provision of the Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws of the Association, or rules and regulations adopted by the Association, the prevailing party in any action for enforcement shall be entitled to the award of reasonable attorney's fees, costs and all expenses incurred in the action, whether determined by judgment, arbitration or settlement.

Section Six: Method of Notice. Any notice required by the Declaration or the Articles or Bylaws of the Association or the rules and regulations adopted by the Association shall be deemed properly given when personally delivered, deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or when transmitted by facsimile.

Section Seven: Enforcement of Declaration. This Declaration may be enforced by the Association, the Developer or the Owner of any lot. Such enforcement may include the institution of legal proceedings to enforce compliance with or specific performance of any of the covenants or restrictions contained in this Declaration, rules and regulations adopted by the Association, or the provisions of the Articles or Bylaws of the Association.

Section Eight: Successors and Assigns. This Declaration binds and is for the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of Declarant, the Developer, the Members and the Owners.

Section Nine: Exhibits. All exhibits referred to in this Declaration are incorporated within it.