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DECLARATION

COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

OF

HIGHLAND RIDGE

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Highland Ridge, consisting of 24 residential lots and 3 outlots (this "Declaration") is made and entered into by Monches Investments, LLC ("Declarant").

RECITALS

Declarant owns certain real property, described on the attached Exhibit A, upon which Declarant intends to develop a subdivision for residences and other related improvements.

By this Declaration, Declarant intends to subject such property and improvements to certain easements, rights, restrictions, and obligations with respect to the ownership, use and maintenance of such property and improvements and all components thereof.

Now, therefore, Declarant, as fee owner of such property, by this Declaration (1) establishes and imposes certain provisions, covenants, restrictions, conditions, easements and uses upon such real property (except for dedicated streets); and (2) specifies that the provisions of this Declaration shall constitute covenants running with the land which shall be binding upon Declarant, its successors and assigns, and all subsequent owners and occupants of all or any part of such real property.

GENERAL PURPOSE

The general purpose of this Declaration is to ensure the best use and most appropriate development and improvement of each lot thereof; to protect owners of lots against such use of surrounding lots as will detract from the residential value of their property; to preserve, as far as practicable, the natural beauty of said property; to guard against the erection thereon of poorly designed or poorly proportioned structures; to obtain harmonious use of material and color scheme; to encourage and secure the erection of attractive homes thereon with appropriate locations thereof on lots to prevent haphazard and inharmonious improvement of building sites; to secure and maintain proper setbacks from street and adequate free spaces between structures and, in general, to provide adequately for a high quality of improvement on all property, and thereby to preserve and enhance the values of investments made by purchasers of building sites therein. Declarant makes no assurance that the stated intentions shall result in stability or increase in value of a lot in the subdivision. All such activities required and permitted through these covenants shall comply with all rules and regulations as may be established by the Village of Richfield.

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ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the assigned definitions:

- 1.1 <u>Association</u>. The "Association" shall mean Highland Ridge, the members of which shall be all owners of Lots in the Subdivision.
- 1.2 <u>Association Insurance</u>. "Association Insurance" shall mean all policies of insurance as may be maintained by the Association under this Declaration.
- 1.3 Board. The "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall be the governing body of the Association, elected according to the Bylaws.
- 1.4 <u>Building</u>. A "Building" shall be any freestanding structure located in the Subdivision.
- 1.5 <u>Bylaws</u>. The "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association as adopted by the Board.
- 1.6 <u>Common Areas</u>. The "Common Areas" under these Declarations consist of All non lot and non road right of way areas within the plat. Common areas shall be maintained by the Owners Association as detailed herein. All outlots in this subdivision shall be owned in equal undivided interest by the owners of lots in the subdivision.
- 1.7 <u>Common Improvements</u>. The "Common Improvements" consist of the following, some of which may be located in the Common Areas and some of which may be located in public streets; all signs on the property generally identifying the Subdivision as "Highland Ridge", and any ponds, buildings or other improvements made by the Association in the Common Areas. The storm water pond and storm water infiltration areas are considered common improvements.
- 1.8 <u>Declarant</u>. The "Declarant" shall mean Monches Investments, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company and the successors and assigns of Declarant pursuant to assignment in accordance with Section 15.7 of this Declaration.
- 1.9 <u>Declaration</u>. "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration as the same may be amended from time to time.
 - 1.10 Director. A "Director" shall mean a member of the Board.
 - 1.11 <u>Drawings</u>. The term "Drawings" is defined in Section 6.1 (b)
- 1.12 <u>Highland Ridge Documents</u>. "Highland Ridge Documents" shall consist of this Declaration, Articles of Incorporation of the Association and the Bylaws of the Association.
- 1.13 Lot. "Lot" shall mean a platted lot intended for construction of a residence as shown on the Plat. The reference to a Lot by a number shall mean that particular Lot as shown on the Plat.
- 1.14 <u>Mortgage</u>. "Mortgage" shall mean a recorded first lien mortgage against a Lot or the vendor's interest under a recorded first lien land contract relating to a Lot.
 - 1.15 Mortgagee. "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of a mortgage.
- 1.16 Occupant. "Occupant" shall mean the Owner and any other person residing on a Lot.

 Outlot. "Outlot" shall mean an outlot as shown on the Plat. The reference to an Outlot by a number shall mean that particular number as shown on the Plat

- 1.17 Owner. "Owner" shall mean each fee simple owner of a Lot. The Declarant is an Owner with respect to Lots which it holds title.
- 1.18 Pet. A "Pet" is a domestic dog, cat or bird (other than large birds of prey) which are not maintained for breeding or commercial purposes. By virtue of this definition, no other animals are permitted to be on the Property as pets of any Occupant.
 - 1.19 Plat. A "Plat" is the plat of the Property as recorded in the Register's Office.
- 1.20 <u>Property</u>. The "Property" shall mean the real estate subject to this Declaration, as described on Exhibit A and all Buildings and other improvements constructed or to be constructed thereon.
- 1.21 <u>Register's Office</u>. The "Register's Office" shall mean the office of the Register of Deeds for Washington County, Wisconsin.
- 1.22 <u>Rules.</u> The "Rules" shall mean rules established by the Association governing the administration of the Common Areas and Common Improvements.
 - 1.23 <u>Subdivision.</u> "Subdivision" shall mean all of Lots as shown on the Plat.
- 1.25 <u>Village</u>. "Village" shall mean the Village of Richfield, Wisconsin, and its successors.

ARTICLE 2 ASSOCIATION OF OWNERS

- 2.1 <u>Administration</u>. Declarant shall establish the Association, which shall be incorporated and shall adopt Bylaws for its governance and administration of the Common Areas and Common Improvements. The Board may, but need not, from time to time adopt and amend Rules that are binding an all Owners and Occupants. The Board shall administer and enforce the Common Areas, the provisions of this Declaration and the Bylaws, the Rules and all other uses and restrictions on the property. Until the establishment of the Association, all powers of the Association shall be exercised by Declarant.
- 2.2 <u>Membership and Voting</u>. Each Owner shall be a member of the Association. In the Association, the Owner(s) of each Lot shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. If one or more Lots change their status to some other form of ownership, the votes appurtenant to each original Lot shall not be changed. No member shall be permitted to vote if such member is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in the payment of any amount due to the Association under Article 3 of this Declaration.
- 2.3 <u>Control of Association</u>. Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove Directors of the Association and to exercise any and all powers and responsibilities assigned to the Association, the Board, or its officers, by the Articles, Bylaws, this Declaration or the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law (as amended from time to time), until the earliest of: (1) fifteen (15) years from the date that the first Lot is conveyed to any person other than Declarant; or (2) thirty (30) days after the conveyance by Declarant to an unrelated third party purchasers of all Lots; or (3) Declarant's election to waive its rights to control.

- 2.4 <u>Management</u>. The Association may employ a professional management agent or company to assist in carrying out its duties regarding the Common Areas, the Common Improvements, and this Declaration, with such experience and qualifications and on such terms and conditions as are acceptable to the Board. Any such agreement must be terminable by the Board, without cause, upon ninety (90) days notice without payment of penalty.
- Approvals. Any proposal by an Owner requiring Board approval shall be submitted in writing, in such detail and with such supporting documents as the Board may require to facilitate its understanding and review. The Board may approve or disapprove any proposal submitted by an Owner after considering one or more of the following concerns and any additional concerns as the Board deems prudent: (1) freedom and safety of access and convenience to other areas of the Property; (2) the costs to be paid by the Owner for restoration of Common Areas and Common Improvements to their prior physical condition upon the completion of work or use contemplated by the proposal; and (3) a fair and reasonable monthly charge to be paid by the Owner to the Association for any encroachment on any Common Areas resulting from the proposal. The Board may at its discretion impose further conditions upon its consent to any proposal as it deems appropriate, including payment of out of pocket charges for professional advice and a standard review fee. Approval of a proposal shall be deemed given if the Association president indicates approval in writing. Proposals to affect the Common Areas or Common Improvements require approval of the Board, not the ACC. If the result of a proposal would be to cause an encroachment on any public street or utility, or any easement area or would affect the storm water drainage system on the Property, the prior express written consent of the Village is required.
- 2.6 Ownership of Common Areas. Each Owner of a Lot shall own a 1/25 interest in the Common Areas to be held by the Owners as undivided interests as tenants in common, subject to the following incidences:
- (a) By each initial conveyance of a Lot to an Owner, each Owner shall obtain their individual interest in the Common Areas. Each Owner, on its own behalf and on behalf of its successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed or other transfer of a Lot, waives any and all right that the Owner might now or hereafter have to maintain any action or petition for partition with respect to the Owner's interest in the Common Areas or to compel any sale by action at law or in equity. No Owner shall sever its interest in the Common Areas from its ownership of its Lot.
- (b) The Declarant and the Owners hereby appoint the Association as the "agent" for the administration of the Common Areas, with the complete authority over the Common Areas as described herein. The Association shall not have the right to sell, mortgage, or lease any or all of the Common Areas except if approved by the Owners as an amendment hereto under Article 9.
- (c) The appointment of the Association as the agent for the Common Areas is not intended to create any other agency, joint venture or partnership relationship among the Owners or between the Association and the Owners. No Owner shall have fiduciary duties to another by virtue of the tenancy-in-common interest in the Common Areas. The Association shall not have any duties as a partner, or the like, including but not limited to income tax reporting to the Owners.
- (d) The rights of the Association, as agent and the Owners as the Common Areas shall not be affected by federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, or analogous proceedings for creditor or debtor relief, against any one individual Owner.
- (e) Declarant is advised that each Owner's interest in the Common Areas may be assessed and taxed for real estate tax purposes. Declarant makes no assurance that taxes will be levied in this manner. If any one Owner fails to pay taxes as and when due with respect to such Owner's interest in one or more of the Common Areas, then the Association may, but is not obligated to, pay such amount and levy a special assessment in such amount on such Owner.

(f) Appointment of the Association as agent shall not be rescinded or limited unless the appointment is rescinded or limited by an amendment to this Declaration in accordance with Article 9.

ARTICLE 3 ASSESSMENTS

- Budget and Assessments. The Association shall annually adopt a budget of common expenses and levy assessments on the Lots allocating such assessments equally to each Lot, subject to the limitations herein. The budget shall include amounts representing assessments that are bad debts, and may but need not include a replacement reserve, which in each case shall constitute part of the general assessments. The Association may also levy (a) special assessments on all Lots for any purpose for which a general assessment may be levied and special assessments, or (b) fines on particular Owners for the purpose of collecting any amounts due the Association or enforcing compliance by such Owners with any provision of this Declaration, the Bylaws or any Rules. The Board may adopt a Rule to impose uniform charges for services which the Association provides related to transfer of Lots, review of proposals under Section 2.5, and the like. The Board may adopt an initial budget showing the anticipated amounts necessary to cover common expenses. Assessments shall be approved by a duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of assessment shall be personally delivered or emailed to each owner subject to the assessment or delivered by regular mail to the last known address of such owner. Assessments not paid when due shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date due until paid. Members of the Board of Directors shall not be liable for any action taken by them in good faith in discharging their duties hereunder, even if such action involves a mistake in judgment or negligence by the member, agents or employees of the Board of Directors. The Association shall indemnify and hold the members of the Board of Directors harmless from and against all costs and expenses in connection with any suit or other action relating to the performance of their duties hereunder. The members of the Board of Directors shall not be entitled to any compensation for the services of such members. If a lot owner is delinquent in the payment of charges, assessment and special assessments charged or levied against his or her lot, he or she shall not be entitled to vote until all such charges and assessments have been paid. Members may vote in person or by proxy.
- 3.2 <u>Installments: Late Payments.</u> General assessments shall be levied on an annual basis but shall be due and payable as determined by the Board from time to time. Special assessments shall be due and payable at such time and in such manner as the Board may determine. Any assessment or installment of an assessment not paid within ten (10) days of its due date may be subject to a late charge and/or interest as set forth in the Bylaws or in a Rule.
- association shall take appropriate measures as permitted by law. The defaulting Owner shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Association in seeing to enforce payment including the Association's reasonable attorney's fees. Owners shall be personally liable for assessments or fines and a lien shall be imposed against such Owner's Lot for any unpaid assessments. The lien shall be effective as of the recording of a notice thereof in the Register's Office, in the same manner as a condominium lien would be imposed. The lien shall be enforced generally in the manner in which condominium liens are enforced. Liens for unpaid assessments shall also extend to any secure interest, fines and reasonable costs of collection including attorney's fees incurred by the Association incident to the collection of assessment or enforcement of liens. The Association may purchase a property upon the foreclosure of its lien. Under Section 2.2, an Owner delinquent in payments may in some cases not be permitted to vote on matters before the membership of the Association.
- 3.4 <u>Association Statements.</u> Within ten (10) business days of written request from an Owner or a Mortgagee, the Association shall provide a letter stating the existence and amount of outstanding general or special assessments against the Owner's property, if any. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding sentence, all property conveyed by Declarant shall be

deemed conveyed free from outstanding general, special or working capital assessments and no such letter shall be required or given as to such property.

- 3.5 <u>Payment of Assessments by Declarant</u>. Declarant has made a contribution to the Association in lieu of all assessments which might otherwise be imposed on Declarant's Lots. The Association shall have no power to levy assessments against Declarant or Lots for which Declarant is the Owner.
- 3.6 <u>Common Expenses and Surpluses</u>. Common expenses and surpluses shall be allocated in the same manner as general assessments are allocated. All common surpluses for each fiscal year shall be retained for common expenses for the next succeeding fiscal year.
- Owner shall deposit with the Association a nonrefundable sum of \$500, to be placed in a litigation reserve fund. The litigation reserve fund shall be used to pay legal fees and costs in the event that the Association or the Declarant is involved in a proceeding related to enforcing or defending the terms and conditions of this Declaration, whether in a proceeding commenced by or against the Association or in which the Association intervenes. The Board may invest said funds and all returns on such investments shall become a part of the fund; provided that the Board may transfer amounts out of the fund to the Association's general funds if it is determined that a lesser amount is appropriate, so long as such fund is not below the minimum set above. If necessary, the board may levy a general or special assessment to replenish such fund. The Declarant shall not be obligated to contribute any funds to the litigation reserve escrow fund other than as set forth above.
- 3.8 <u>Developer Expenses</u>. Developer shall be responsible for all assessments levied against any platted Lot prior to a sale of such Lot by Developer. However, Developer shall not be responsible for any general or special assessments which may be levied by the Association for improvements, capital expenditures, reserves, or replacement funds of any kind. The Board may at any time levy assessments for such purposes against the Lot owners (other than Developer) and against all Lots, including those owned by the Developer, except that such Assessment against any Lot(s) owned by the Developer shall not be due or otherwise collectible until Developer conveys title to such Lot and then only from the Developer's successors in interest, with any lien therefore not being effective until after the date of transfer of title.

ARTICLE 4 MAINTENANCE AND ALTERATIONS

- 4.1 Owner Responsibility. Each Owner shall reimburse the Association for the cost of the Association's repair or replacement of any portion of the Common Areas or Common Improvements damaged through the fault or negligence of such Owner or such Owner's family, guest, invitees, contractors or tenants. Each Owner shall, at the Owner's cost, even if no residence has been constructed by such Owner, maintain the yard, including the cutting of grass and snow removal from driveways and, if any, sidewalks, in an orderly and neat manner and shall maintain all structures on the Lot in good repair and condition
- 4.2 <u>Association Responsibility</u>. The Association shall maintain in good condition and repair, replace, and operate all of the Common Areas and Common Improvements, including landscaping, trees, and plantings in the Common Areas and trimming of such trees for sight lines. The Association may, in its discretion, install additional Common Improvements in the Common Areas. The storm pond located within the subdivision shall be maintained as follows:
 - (a) Inspect outlet structure annually for clogging, unclog pipe and outlet structure as needed.
 - (b) Removed sediment from base of pond should less than 3 feet of permanent pool depth exist in greater than 50 percent of the surface area of the permanent wet pool.
 - (c) Repair any observed leaks or washouts of the pond walls as needed.

- (d) Should the homeowner's association not perform the required maintenance and repairs, the Village shall have the right to make needed repairs and assess back the cost to each individual lot owner as a special assessment on their property taxes.
 - 4.3 <u>Village Discretionary Authority.</u> In the event the Association does not properly landscape or maintain any Common Area or Common improvement, or properly maintain any signage, the Village of Richfield may send written notice to the Association indicating that the Village has determined that the Common Area or Common improvements and/or signage are not being properly landscaped and/or maintained, and further indicating that the Village of Richfield will perform such landscaping and/or maintenance if not properly done by the Association. The above referenced notice shall give the Association a minimum of seven (7) days to correct the problem. If the Common Area or Common improvement and/or sign is not properly landscaped and/or maintained within the time granted by the above-referenced notice, the Village of Richfield shall then have the authority to landscape and/or maintain any such Common Area or Common Improvement and/or sign referred to in said notice and shall have the right to charge the lot owners on a pro rata basis for any costs incurred by the Village as a result of said landscaping and/or maintenance. Said costs shall be assessed as special charges pursuant to Section 66.0627, Wis. Stats. If such charges are not paid by any lot owner within the period fixed by the Village of Richfield, charges shall become a lien upon the lot owner's Lot as provided in Section 66.0627, Wis Stats, and shall be extended upon the tax rolls as a delinquent tax against the lot owner's Lot as provided in Section 66.0627, Wis.Stats. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to impose an obligation on the Village of Richfield to take any particular action at any time.

ARTICLE 5 RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND OCCUPANCY

- 5.1 Permitted Uses. Each Lot shall be occupied and used only for single family residential purposes and for no other purpose. No trade or business shall be carried on anywhere in the Subdivision except for (1) the incidental use of a Lot for personal business conducted by mail and telecommunications which does not burden the use of the Subdivision by frequent visits by business service providers or customers, subject and Rules relating to such Burdens, or (2) the sale of Lots, subject to the other provisions hereof any Rules related thereto. The term "residential purposes" includes only those activities necessary for or normally associated with the use and enjoyment of a homesite as a place of residence and limited recreation. No garage or other mobile or accessory structure shall be used for temporary or permanent living or sleeping for a family or guests without prior approval of the ACC.
 - 5.2 <u>Pets</u> The Owner or Occupancy may keep no more than two (2) Pets per Lot on the conditions that:
 - (a) the Pet is not permitted on any of the Common Areas while unattended or unleashed;
 - (b) the individual attending the Pet shall immediately dispose of any and all of the Pet's solid waste in the manner prescribed by the Board
 - (c) the owner of the Pet shall comply with such further rules of Pet ownership as may be promulgated by the Board;
 - (d) the Pet is licensed by the Village or appropriate licensing authority, if required under applicable ordinances;
 - (e) no reptiles or uncaged birds shall be permitted and;
 - (f) the Pet must immediately and permanently be removed from the Property if, in the sole judgment of the Board, the Pet is or becomes offensive, a nuisance or harmful in any way to the Property or any Owner or Occupant, or otherwise violates the terms of this Section 5.2 or any Rules adopted relating to Pets.

(g) The owner of the pet shall provide insurance which shall hold the Board and the Declarant harmless from any actions by the pet which may or may not have been allowed by these restrictions.

If a dog kennel or similar enclosure is to be erected and maintained for any pet, such kennel or enclosure will require approval prior to installation under Section 6.1. Any and all costs of repairing damage caused by a Pet or other unauthorized animal of an Occupant shall be borne by its owner and, if different, the Owner of the Lot where the Pet or other animal is housed. Any Owner failing to comply with this Section or any part thereof shall, absent unusual circumstances under which the Board determines that some lesser or other remedial action is appropriate, be assessed a monthly Pet fee in an amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per month or part thereof until the Owner has complied, in addition to any other remedy including the revocation of the license to maintain a Pet. Such Pet fee shall be a special assessment and may be collected in the same manner as assessments under Article 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, possession of Pets shall not be a considered a property right.

- (a) No outdoor parking of vehicles shall be permitted on the Lots, without the express prior consent of the Board and, except for parking as necessary in connection with the construction or reconstruction of a residence on a Lot. No person shall occupy, park or otherwise use a vehicle so as to block access to a Lot. Storage of trailers, campers, camping trucks, boats or other marine craft, horse or boat trailers, motorcycles, mopeds, motorized bicycles, vehicles licensed as recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, inoperative or unlicensed vehicles or the like shall not be permitted on a Lot, except in a garage. No vehicle maintenance or lubrication shall be permitted anywhere in the Subdivision except washing of cars in driveways or maintenance performed within a garage.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), no commercial vehicles shall be parked in driveways in the Subdivision, except commercial vehicles temporarily parked in the ordinary course of business, denned as not longer than twenty four hours unless otherwise approved by the Board. Commercial vehicles include both vehicles licensed as such and vehicles otherwise licensed but which contain commercial advertising as part of the finish or as an attachment.
- 5.4 <u>Waste</u>. Accumulations of waste, litter, excess or unused building materials or trash other than in appropriate receptacles is prohibited, and garbage containers shall be situated only in locations designated by the Association. No incineration of waste is permitted on the Property. Lots shall be kept free of debris during construction of improvements thereon by maintenance of a dumpster on-site. The refuse and garbage receptacles for each occupied home shall be stored in the residence or garage, except for a period of 12 hours prior to and following the scheduled garbage pickup.
- 5.5 <u>Temporary Structures</u> No structure, trailer, tent, shack or barn, temporary or otherwise, shall be placed or maintained on any portion of a Lot or Common Area without written approval of the Board, except for construction trailers maintained by Declarant and its successors and assigns, or the Association.
- 5.6 <u>Quiet Enjoyment</u>. Each Owner shall have the right to use its property in accordance with this Declaration and applicable law, free from unreasonable interference from any other Owner, Occupancy and other invitee. No person shall cause or permit the Common Areas to be used so as to deny any Owner or Occupant the full use of the Common Areas except as permitted by the Association under Section 2.5.
- 5.7 <u>Noxious Activity</u>. No use or practice shall be allowed in the Subdivision or the Common Areas which is immoral, improper or offensive in the opinion of the Board or which is in violation of the Highland Ridge Documents. By way of example and not limitation, offensive activity shall include excessive amplification of musical instruments and/or audio or audio visual equipment.
 - 5.8 Patios and Balconies. Patios, decks and balconies of Buildings on Lots shall not be used

for (a) storage of any kind including, but not limited to, the storage of motorcycles, baby carriages, bicycles or wagons or (b) the drying or airing of laundry, carpets, rugs or clothing.

- 5.9 Signs. No Owner or Occupant may erect, post or display posters, signs or advertising material on the Common Areas or at locations within a lot or Building which are visible from the public streets or Common Areas without the prior written consent of the Board, except (a) Declarant may do so without such approval and (b) an Owner may erect or post a temporary sign of customary and reasonable dimension relating to the sale of a Lot. The Board may at is discretion, in particular circumstances or in general, delegate its right to consent under this Section to the ACC described in Article 6. Where Board consent is sought and obtained, the permitted signs will be erected and maintained in accordance with all ordinances, rules, regulation and conditions applicable thereto. "Signs" as used herein shall be construed and interpreted in the broadest possible sense and shall include any placard, posters or other such devices as may be affixed to the interior of any exterior windows so as to be visible from the exterior of the Building.
- 5.10 Environmental Matters / DNR Compliance. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply with all applicable governmental or Association statutes, ordinances, regulation or rules relating to the storage, transport and release to, from, on or in such Lot of any substance or compound governed by any one or more of Wis. Stats. Chap. 292 (as the same may be renumbered from time to time); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"); Toxic Substances Control Act ("TOCSA"); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), Village ordinances, and similar laws relating to the storage, transport or release of substances, compounds or recyclable materials, all as in effect from time to time.
- 5.11 <u>Obstructions</u>. No playground equipment, bicycle racks or other equipment or material may be placed on the Common Areas except as the Board permits by Rule.
- 5.12 <u>Solar Collectors</u>. No exterior active solar collectors or similar devices shall be erected, installed or used without the written permission of the Board.
 - 5.13 <u>Outdoor Wood Stoves</u>: Outdoor wood stoves or boilers are prohibited.
- 5.14 <u>Grading</u>: Each lot owner must strictly adhere to and finish grade its lot in accordance with the Master Lot Grading Plan, attached hereto, or any amendment thereto approved by the VILLAGE Engineer on file in the office of the VILLAGE Clerk. The DEVELOPER and/or the VILLAGE and/or their agents, employees or independent contractors shall have the right to enter upon any lot, at any time, for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, correction of any drainage condition, and the property owner is responsible for cost of the same.

ARTICLE 6 ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

- 6.1 Architectural Controls; Restrictions on Development
- (a) Architectural Control Committee. Declarant shall establish an Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"), related to the Association as provided herein, consisting of three (3) members who shall have the duties as set forth in this Article. The initial ACC shall be appointed by Declarant. One or more Committee members may delegate their Committee duties to any one or more of the other Committee members. After Declarant conveys to purchasers all of the Lots, the then initial members of the ACC shall resign and the Board shall elect the three
- (3) members from the group of Owners of Lots to serve on the ACC; provided, however, that if selected by the Board, a representative of Declarant may serve on the ACC.

- (b) <u>No Development Without Prior Approval.</u> Not less the ten days prior to:
 - (1) commencement of construction of any Building or other improvements on any Lot, or
 - (2) the reconstruction of any Building or other improvements on any portion or portions of such property following a casualty loss thereto, or
 - (3) the demolition of any Building or other improvements on any portion or portions of such property, or
 - (4) the painting, decoration or alteration of the exterior of any Building or other improvement on such property or
 - (5) the installation of an awning, enclosure, hot tub, deck, garden, swimming pool, grading, mailboxes, fences or other landscape features on any such property,

The Owner(s) of such property shall submit to the ACC for consideration as described below two copies of written information, which shall include a survey of such property prepared by a licensed surveyor, ("Drawings") showing:

- (A) the location, size, elevations and type of Building(s) and other improvements, including but not limited to, homes, garages, retaining walls and fences or other matters proposed to be erected or reconstructed on such property
- (B) detailed plans and specifications for construction or reconstruction, including building material, type and color and plans to screen the demolition, construction or reconstruction from view
- (C) the proposed landscaping (including the proposed timing of installation of such landscaping), and
- (D) the proposed location and specifications for utilities servicing such improvements.

The survey shall reflect the proposal in A through D, which are appropriate to be shown on the survey. Any of the actions described in clauses (1) through (5) above may be taken (subject to subsection (c) following) on or after the date on which the ACC approves or does not object or is deemed to have done so as provided in subsection (c) following, unless such time periods are waived by the ACC in its sole discretion where the ACC believes that such earlier commencement is consistent with the purposes of this Declaration. No action described in paragraphs (1) through (5) above shall take place without the approval of the ACC of the Drawings for such action, except if the action is the repair or replacement of previously approved exterior features with features that are identical or if the action is the repainting of an exterior surface with paint of the same color.

Finished Grade for each Home shall be as follows: Each lot owner must strictly adhere to and finish grade its lot in accordance with the Master Lot Grading Plan, attached hereto, as Exhibit 'B', or any amendment thereto approved by the VILLAGE Engineer on file in the office of the VILLAGE Clerk. The DEVELOPER and/or the VILLAGE and/or their agents, employees or independent contractors shall have the right to enter upon any lot, at any time, for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, correction of any drainage condition, and the property owner is responsible for cost of the same.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit for a specific lot, the lot owner and/or their agent shall furnish to the Building inspector of the VILLAGE a copy of the stake out survey showing the street grade in front of the lot, the finished yard grade, the grade of all four corners of the lot, and the lot corner grades of the buildings on adjoining lots where applicable, as existing and as proposed along with the architectural approval by the ACC.

- Standards and Procedural Matters of Consideration. The ACC shall not unreasonably refuse to consider submitted Drawings provided that any fees imposed for review have been paid. In considering any Drawings, the ACC shall consider, among other factors, whether all of the improvements and the lighting, exterior finishes (such as materials, decorations and paint color), landscaping (including the timetable therefore), the placement and protection of trees as provide in Section 6.6(b), and such other matters proposed in such Drawings comply with the terms of this Declaration and the Village ordinances and otherwise are, in the ACC's sole opinion, in keeping with and do not detract from or depreciate any portion of the Property, whether then undeveloped, developed or in the process of development, even if the Drawings otherwise do not breach any other standard set forth in this Declaration. The ACC may approve Drawings (absolutely or conditionally), may object to Drawings (absolutely or conditionally), or may state that it has no objection to Drawings (absolutely or conditionally). Approval must be express and in writing. The failure of the ACC to approve, object or acquiesce conditionally as above within twenty business days after submittal of the complete Drawings and payment of any review fees shall be deemed as if the ACC stated that it has no objection to the Drawings as submitted. If the ACC objects to Drawings in whole or in part for any reason, the submitting Owner shall thereafter resubmit Drawings to the ACC with such revisions as are required. Each time an Owner so submits the Drawings, the ACC shall have the right to approve, acquiesce conditionally or object to the Drawings as described above in the time periods as measured from the last submittal. Following the ACC's approval of the Drawings, the improvements described therein shall be developed strictly in accordance with the approved Drawings. If the approved improvements are not completed within one (1) year of their initial approval, then such approval shall be deemed withdrawn and the same or different Drawings required to be submitted or resubmitted, as the case may be; provided that the ACC may, in its discretion, extend such period by up to an additional 6 months if it is reasonably determines that delay has been primarily caused by factors outside the control of the Owner; and provided further that the initial driveway need not be completed until 12 months after the date on which the occupancy certificate for the residence is issued.
- (d) <u>Prior Approval for Changes</u>. If after the completion of the improvements to an affected property, the Owner thereof desires to construct any additional improvements or to substantially alter the then existing improvements or the grade of the affected property, the Owner shall comply with the provisions of subsection (a) above. A proposed alteration will be deemed substantial if it affects the location or exterior appearance of the approved improvements.
- (e) <u>Procedures and Budget</u>. The ACC may set its own operating procedures consistent with this Declaration and any limitations hereafter imposed by the Board. The costs of operating the ACC shall be assessed by the Association as common expenses, except as permitted below. The ACC may but need not require the payment of a review fee in connection with the submittal of any Drawings pursuant to a written policy. The ACC may engage consultants (e.g. architects, engineers or attorneys) either on a general or on a case-by-case basis, and the costs thereof may be charged to an applicant. The members of the ACC shall not draw any compensation for serving thereon but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in reforming their duties. All funds relating to the ACC shall be handled by the treasurer of the Association.
- (f) <u>Separate Village Approval</u>. Matters which require approval of the ACC may also require approval of the Village. Obtaining approval from the ACC and from the Village is solely the responsibility of the Owner desiring approval. Approval of Drawings by the ACC shall not be deemed approval by the Village and approval by the Village shall not be deemed approval by the ACC.
- (g) <u>Uniformity Standards; Waiver.</u> Certain standards of architectural control are set forth in Sections 6.2 through 6.6 below. The ACC may adopt additional written standards of uniformity, setback, grading, landscaping, basements, roofing or exterior, whether generally or for certain types of improvements. The ACC may waive any such standard which it has

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adopted, may waive any standard in Sections 6.1 through 6.6, and may waive any floor area requirements in Section 6.3 by up to 10%. The ACC may in its discretion also permit comparable or superior construction materials as substitutes for those required in this Declaration. Any such waiver or approval must be express and in writing. The ACC may enforce any standard even if it has, expressly or by acquiescence, permitted previous deviations from such standard. Any variance granted hereunder may be conditioned, and may be permanent or time-limited (and if not expressly time limited will be deemed to be effective for so long as the use of such property is not materially altered.) The ACC may waive any standard as above even in the absence of an "unnecessary hardship"; those judicially determined standards for granting variances under zoning regulations shall not apply to the ACC.

- Indemnification. Each member or former member of the ACC, together with personal representatives and heirs of each person, shall be indemnified by the Association against all loss, costs, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees asserted against, incurred by, or imposed in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit or proceeding, including criminal proceedings, to which such person is made or threatened to be made a party by reason or service as a member thereof, except as to matters resulting in a final determination of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of such member. In the event of settlement of such proceeding, indemnification shall be provided only in connection with such matters covered by the settlement as to which the Association is advised by counsel that the person to be indemnified has not been guilty of negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such person as a member in the matter involved. This right of indemnification shall be in addition to all other rights and defenses. All liability, loss, damage, costs and expense incurred or suffered by the Association in connection with this indemnification shall be a common expense. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed an indemnification of such person with respect to such person's status as an Owner, Occupant or otherwise. This section shall survive this Agreement.
- Antennas. No antenna, aerial, satellite dish or cable for television or radio reception which is greater than 24" in diameter shall be erected or installed on or in any roof or any other portion of a Building on any Lot or on the unimproved portions of such properties, except as erected or installed by Declarant, the Association, or any individual Owner with written approval of the ACC, and, in each case, in compliance with Village ordinances.
 - 6.3 Minimum Home Size Requirements.

Residence Type

(a) Only one single-family home may be constructed on each Lot.

The following types of homes on Lots shall have the following **minimum** sizes: Minimum Size

One story 2,200 square feet

2,600 square feet (minimum of Two story 1,400 square feet on the first floor)

Tri-level 2,400 square feet (minimum of 1,900 square feet between the upper two levels)

Bi-level Not permitted (b) For purposes hereof, the type of residence and the number of square feet shall be determined on a uniform basis by the ACC and shall not include basement, attic, garage, porch or patio areas in the computation.

6.4 Garages

- (a) Each residence on a Lot shall have a garage for not less than 3 cars attached to the residence containing a minimum of 750 square feet and a maximum which shall not exceed 50% of the minimum square footage of the residence as required and set forth in Section 6.3 of this Declaration and shall exclude the basement area. Driveways shall be paved with a hard surface material acceptable to the ACC and, within its jurisdictional limits, the Village. Garages must be located on the side of the Lot which has the highest elevation, except as permitted by the ACC. Garages must be constructed at the time of construction of the residence and all exterior features must be completed prior to occupancy of the residence.
- (b) Detached garages may be permitted by the ACC, provided that the following requirements have been satisfied:
 - (1) The garage shall have a minimum of two stalls
 - (2) The maximum square footage shall be based on lot acreage per Village requirements.
 - (3) Door openings and all overhead doors shall not exceed 10 feet in height
 - (4) Color and building materials shall be consistent with the residence on the Lot.
 - (5) No vinyl, steel or aluminum shall be allowed on any exterior with the exception of the facia and soffit.
 - (6) Underground electric shall be required for all detached garages
 - (7) No lean-to or carports of any nature shall be permitted.
- (c) Any storage sheds shall contain not less than 129 square feet nor more than 180 square feet. Storage sheds are only permitted if there is no detached garage on the lot. All sheds shall be of a style, color and building material consistent with the residence on the Lot. A shed must be rectangular, and not square. No steel, vinyl, aluminum, prefabricated or kit sheds shall be permitted. Approval for sheds is required under Section 6.1. If an Owner desires to connect electricity to a shed, whether at or after the time of initial construction, the installation of electrical connections must be underground and must be performed by a licensed electrician. All storage sheds shall be removed at such time that a detached garage is constructed.
- 6.5 <u>Certain Exterior Features</u>. With respect to the construction of a Building on a Lot or other improvement to a Lot:
- (a) If shutters or window casings and trim features are used on windows or divided-lite windows are used, in any case on the front of a residence, then they shall be used on such of the side and rear windows as the ACC shall require.
- (b) A residence shall have a roof made of wood shakes, tile, natural slate, 30-year warranted dimensional shingles, or an artificial slate approved by the ACC, with a minimum pitch ratio of 8:12, or such other pitch as is specifically approved by the ACC.
- (c) Exterior walls of residences shall be constructed of brick, stone, cultured stone, or cultured brick, cedar, stucco, exterior insulation and finish systems ("EIFS"), LP Hardiboard, or combinations thereof no metal or vinyl siding shall be permitted with the exception of the facia and soffit. A minimum 30% stone, brick, stucco, cultured stone on the front elevation approved by the ACC. Further the ACC in its sole discretion, shall have the right to permit or prohibit the use of artificial stone, artificial brick, composite wood or other types of

siding as it may deem appropriate to preserve the architectural integrity and quality appearance. Basement or foundation walls shall not be exposed.

- (d) Exterior masonry walls must abut another wall. If vertical siding or the like is used on the exterior walls of a residence, the same shall terminate only at an inside corner or have a minimum 2 foot return in the residence's architecture as the ACC shall approve.
- (e) The ACC shall be acting reasonably if it disapproves the Drawings for a residence because such residence would be similar in appearance to other residences in close proximity.
- (f) Exterior fireplaces and chimneys shall be constructed of masonry, stucco, cedar, EIFS, LP, Hardiboard or stone materials. On each side of a residence, except for trim, exterior materials shall be consistent on all levels. Color selections, and paint, stone, stucco or other finish must be approved by the ACC.
- (g) The ACC shall be acting reasonably if it requires that, on Lots with significant grades as determined by the ACC, portions of basement walls be exposed to allow for a more natural transition between residences. Any such exposed basement or foundation walls shall be covered with suitable material, approved by the ACC, consistent with the overall architecture of the residence. Any such grade requirements do not constitute changes in grade from Village approved grades nor do any such changes infer that the ACC accepts any responsibility for drainage or other damage caused by said changes.
- (h) No soil shall be removed from any Lot nor excess soil stored on any Lot (except for prompt use for backfilling, finish grading or landscaping) unless in either case contemplated by the approved Drawings. Even if so approved, the final grades (sometimes called a "Finish Grade") of a Lot must conform to Master lot grading plan included as Exhibit B of this document and approved by the Village.
- (i) No above-ground pools shall be installed. In-ground pools may be installed on a Lot only with the approval of the ACC, which will be acting reasonably if it does not approve an in ground pool which is not completely enclosed by a secure wall or fence of a minimum of 4 foot elevation, with a self-closing or self-latching gate or door (at the top of such gate or door). There must be an unobstructed area of at least 4 feet between the fence and the pool. The pool cannot be located less than 10 feet from the nearest Lot boundary.
- ("CBUs") within the subdivision. The CBUs shall be located in the Right of way within the Subdivision. At each Lot closing in a sale by Declarant, Buyer will pay a \$300.00 fee to cover the costs of installation of the CBUs for the subdivision. The Association shall be responsible for all costs associated with the CBUs including contracting and payment for the materials and installation. The Association will be responsible for coordinating maintenance, including snow removal, and repairs of the CBUs along with initial distribution of the mailbox keys to the initial Lot Owner. Upon the initial request from an Owner the Association shall turn over all of the mailbox keys for the respective unit to the initial Owner in exchange for a signed agreement from the Owner. In the event keys are damaged, lost or not transferred to subsequent Owners, the current Owner shall have sole responsibility for coordinating obtaining keys to their box in the CBU and payment of all costs incurred.
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- (m) If Declarant, in its discretion, installs any light post, lantern or performs or pays for any other matter required herein on behalf of any Owner, it shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the requirements herein as to any other Lot or Owner and shall not obligate Declarant to perform the same action on any other Lot, for any other Owner, or on any subsequent occasion.

- (n) All utilities shall be installed underground.
- (o) No exterior active solar collectors shall be erected, installed or used unless presented in the Drawings and approved by the ACC.

6.6 Grading, Landscaping and Drainage.

- Declarant and the Village have agreed to a certain Master Grading Plan included as Exhibit B of this document. The topography and ground elevation of each lot shall be finished as required by the Declarant and in accordance with the Master Grading Plan on file with the Village of Richfield, and included as Exhibit B of this document, for the efficient discharge and drainage of surface groundwater throughout the subdivision. Final grading of the lot shall be completed within two months following the date an occupancy permit is issued for a dwelling. Except for drainage easements located on a lot owner's property which shall be maintained by the individual lot owner, any and all drainage easements, detention ponds or the like shall be repaired and/or maintained by the Association. Any drainage easement or detention area located on the plat shall be maintained in a natural state and clean, clear and free of all obstructions or barrier of any kind. Landscaping within these areas shall be restricted to ground cover to inhibit erosion. Any maintenance deficiency, obstruction or barrier may be removed by the Village of Richfield. Should it become necessary for the Village of Richfield to maintain these areas, the Village may assess a special charge. Prior to the Village of Richfield undertaking any corrective action, the Village Staff may first determine that a deficiency exists under these Declarations concerning the maintenance of drainage easements and that the public interest requires compliance. Thereafter, the Village Staff shall give written notice of the deficiency to the land owner (if applicable) and the Association, unless the Village Staff determines that the health, safety and welfare of the Village requires that action be taken immediately without notice. If notice is required, the notice shall specify the time in which to rectify the deficiency and if the deficiency or deficiencies are not rectified within the time period, the Village shall have the right to enter upon such property, using its own employees and equipment or contract with others for such work to rectify the condition. The cost of such work or services shall be billed to the owner if the deficiency relates to a drainage easement located on a lot owner's property and the Association for all other deficiencies. The Village of Richfield shall have the right to enforce collection of such amounts by extending the same on the current or next succeeding tax bill as an unpaid special charge in accordance with Section 66.0627 of the Wisconsin Statutes against the responsible lot owners in the Subdivision. The lot owners do hereby consent to the levying of such special charges and hereby waives any and all notice and hearings which might otherwise be required by State Statute for the levying of special charges, subject to the Village's compliance with the notice provisions detailed herein. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to impose an obligation on the Village of Richfield to take any particular action at any time.
- (b) Within six months following issuance of an occupancy permit for a home, a complete landscaping plan for the entire lot shall be submitted to the Board for its approval. All landscaping shall be completed (in accordance with the plan approved by the Board) within twelve months following the issuance of the occupancy permit for the home.
- (c) To avoid a substantial increase in surface water drainage onto adjoining lots, the landscaping plan shall provide for adequate drainage of storm and surface water away from adjoining lots if natural drainage on the lot is to be or has been altered by grading or landscaping by the lot owner. No trees, shrubs or other landscaping plantings shall be permitted in any drainage area.
- (d) No fence, wall, hedge or screen planting shall or ACC installed unless in accordance with landscaping or other plans approved in advance by the Board. In no event will the Board approve a fence or wall within the setback or unimproved areas.

- (e) Each lot owner must strictly adhere to and finish grade its Lot in accordance with the Master Lot Grading Plan or any amendment thereof approved by the Village Engineer on file in the Office of the Village Clerk. The Declarant and/or the Village and/or their agents, employees or independent contractors, upon written notice to the owner of a vacant lot, shall have the right to enter upon such lot, at any time, for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, correction of any drainage condition, and the property owner is responsible for cost of the same.
- (f) Each lot owner shall submit the following to the ACC prior to home construction: two copies of lot grading plan, survey, proposed location of residence on site, driveway location and dimensions, site grade changes (detail), proposed utility lines, retaining walls (include detail drawing), or any detached structures (include detail drawing).

6.7 Construction Matters.

- (a) No building or construction materials shall be stored on any Lot outside of Buildings on the Lot, except during periods of actual construction or remodeling, and then only for so long as reasonably necessary and only if kept in a neat manner. Neither Declarant nor the Association is responsible for the security of materials stored on a Lot.
- (b) During grading, the Owner is solely responsible for compliance with all erosion control requirements.
- (c) Each Owner shall include the following provisions in all Construction contracts for improvements to the Owner's lot:
 - (1) The roadway abutting the Lot shall be cleaned each day of mud and debris during the period of construction.
 - (2) A dumpster for debris shall be provided at the building site for the period of construction. Adequate dumpsters shall be provided for the duration of job and removed as soon as full.
 - (3) All debris will be disposed off site in accordance with applicable laws.
 - (4) The Owner shall comply with the soil and erosion plan control ordinance of the Village and Washington County.
- 6.8 <u>Driveways</u>. Each lot shall be improved by the lot owner with an approved hard surface driveway extending from the street to the garage within twelve months following issuance of an occupancy permit for the home.
- 6.9 <u>Monument Signs.</u> Any monument signs located at the subdivision entrance and associated landscape maintenance shall be maintained by the Association with costs of such split evenly between lot owners. Money for said maintenance shall be allocated in the Association's yearly budget.

ARTICLE 7 HEIGHT OF GRADE

7.1 On file with the Village are a detailed site and erosion control plan and a detailed drainage plan for the development. Each Lot owner must strictly adhere and finish grade its lot in accordance with the site and erosion control plan and the drainage plan in addition to the master lot grading plan for the Village or any amendment thereto approved by the Village Engineer on file in the office of the Village. Declarant and/or the Village of Richfield and/or their agents, employees or independent contractors shall have the right to enter upon any lot, for the purpose of inspection, maintenance and/or correction of any drainage condition, and the lot owner is responsible for the costs of the same. No owner of any lot, nor any person or persons claiming under him, shall or will at any time alter the grade of any lot from that which is naturally occurring on the lot at the time the site developments have been completed by the

Declarant, unless and until he shall first obtain the written approval of the Village Engineer for such grade alterations. In order to obtain the Boards' approval, the lot owner must, at his own expense, have prepared a grading plan and an erosion control plan which show, in detail, the area to be re-graded, the existing and proposed topography and an analysis of the effects on the site drainage. The plan shall not adversely affect the adjacent property owners with regard to drainage or views; the determination of which shall be done by the ACC and the Village of Richfield.

ARTICLE 8 INSURANCE

- 8.1 <u>Association Insurance.</u> The Association shall obtain and maintain comprehensive general public liability insurance for occurrences on the Common Areas (including areas which area included in such definition by virtue of easements granted herein) and with respect to Common Improvements not in the Common Areas, all-risk casualty insurance coverage on all Common Improvements, and such other policies and/or coverages as the Board deems necessary or advisable.
- 8.2 <u>Coverage of Association Insurance.</u> The casualty insurance coverage shall be in an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value, with an "agreed amount" and a "replacement cost" endorsement, without deduction or allowance for depreciation. This coverage amount shall be annually reviewed and shall insure against loss or damage by fire and other hazards as commonly covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement and such other hazards as customarily covered with respect to buildings similar in construction, location and use. Commercial general liability coverage shall be in such amounts as the Board determines annually, but not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- 8.3 <u>Proceeds</u>. Association Insurance proceeds for casualty loss shall be for the benefit of the Association in order to finance construction of damaged Common Areas or Common Improvements. Liability coverage and other insurance proceeds shall be applied as the Association directs.
- 8.4 <u>Cost</u>. All premiums for Association Insurance and other insurance obtained by the Association shall be a common expense.
- 8.5 <u>Waiver.</u> The Association and, by acceptance of a conveyance to a Lot or Outlot or the use thereof, or any portion thereof or interest therein, each Owner or Occupant acting both for themselves and for their respective insurers, waive any claim it or they may have against the other for any loss insured under any policy obtained by either to the extent of insurance proceeds actually received, however the loss is caused, including such losses as may be due to the negligence of the other party, its agents or employees. All polices of insurance shall contain a provision that they are not invalidated by the foregoing waiver, but such waiver shall cease to be effective if the existence thereof precludes the Association for obtaining any policy of insurance at a reasonable and customary rate.
- 8.6 Acts Affecting Insurance. No Owner or Occupant shall commit or permit any violation of covenants or agreements contained in any of the Association Insurance, or do or permit anything to be done, or keep or permit anything to be kept, or permit any condition to exist, which might (a) result in termination of any such policies, (b) adversely affect the right of recovery thereunder, (c) result in reputable insurance companies refusing to provide such insurance or (d) result in an increase in the insurance rate or premium over the premium which would have been charged in the absence of such violation or condition, unless, in the case of such increase, the Owner or Occupancy responsible for such increase shall pay the same. If the rate of premium payable with respect to the Association Insurance shall be increased by reason of (1) the size, design or composition of a Building, (2) anything done or kept in a property subject to this Declaration, or (3) the failure of an Owner or Occupant to comply with Association Insurance requirements or (4) the failure of any such Owner or Occupant to comply with this Declaration or

the Bylaws, then the particular Owner or Occupant shall reimburse the Associations for the resulting additional premiums. The Association reimbursement right is without prejudice to any other Association remedy, and may be enforced by special assessment against the particular property involved.

8.7 Exclusions From Coverage. Association Insurance coverage shall exclude (a) coverage on any residence or personal property located within or pertaining to the exclusive use of an Owner except to the extent included as a standard coverage in the policy of Association Insurance; and (b) liability coverage on an Owner or Occupancy, its guest, invitee, employees or tenants, arising out of any occurrences with a Lot and/or relating in any way to an Owner's or Occupant's personal property. It is the sole responsibility of each Owner or Occupant to obtain such insurance coverages as are excluded from Association Insurance.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION

- 9.1 <u>General.</u> This Declaration may be amended by recording in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washington County, Wisconsin, a document to that effect executed by the owners of a least 50% of all lots in the development, and by the Village of Richfield Board, with all signatures duly notarized or by the Declarant prior to the sale of 100% of all lots and by the Village of Richfield Village Board. Such amendment shall be effective only upon recording. Notwithstanding the above, the Declarant reserves the exclusive right to amend this Declaration through December 31, 2025.
- 9.2 <u>Procedures</u>. Amendments shall be prepared and executed by the President of the Association and shall become effective when recorded in the Register's Office. No action to challenge the validity of an amendment shall be commenced more than one (1) year after the amendment is recorded.

ARTICLE 10 RIGHTS OF MORTGAGE HOLDERS

- 10.1 <u>Notice</u>. Any mortgage holder, insurer or guarantor of a Mortgage on a Lot who submits a written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of such holder, insurer or guarantor and the property involved, will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (a) Any thirty (30) day delinquency in the payment of assessments owed by the Owner of the property on which it holds a Mortgage or any breach of the provisions of any of the Highland Ridge Estates documents which is not cured by such Owner within thirty (30) days of such Owner's receipt of notice of such breach;
- (b) A lapse, cancellation or material modification of any Association Insurance and;
- (c) Any proposed action that requires the consent of a Mortgage Holder as specified in Article 9.
- 10.2 <u>Mortgagee Acquisition of Lot.</u> A Mortgagee acquiring title to a Lot pursuant to remedies provided in its Mortgage or by a deed in lieu of foreclosure following an Owner's default under the Mortgage shall be liable for such property's unpaid assessments under this Declaration accruing prior to the Mortgagee's acquisition of title to such property (except to the extent unpaid assessments are included in subsequent budgets generally).

ARTICLE 11 RIGHTS OF DECLARANT

- 11.1 <u>Reserved Rights</u>. Pending the sale of all Lots by Declarant, Declarant:
- (a) may use the Outlots, and any unsold Lots in any lawful manner as may facilitate the sale of Lots, Declarant may from time to time also delegate such rights (on a non-exclusive basis and subject to such conditions as Declarant may impose) to persons desiring to construct Buildings on particular Lots as spec homes. In delegating such rights to other persons, Declarant's delegees shall not have the right, to locate a general office operation in any such spec home, although use of a spec home to facilitate sales of Lots or sales of Buildings on Lots may be permitted for a period not to exceed 24 months from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy therefore. Construction materials shall not be delivered to or stored at a spec home for the construction of another spec home on a different lot.
- (b) shall have the right (1) grant easements upon, over, through and across the Lots (limited to the 10 feet area adjacent to each Lot line), which rights shall expire one year after conveyance of a Lot by Declarant), and the Outlots as may be required in Declarant's opinion for furnishing any kind of utility services and maintenance and replacement thereof, or for drainage or other public purposes including, but not limited to, cable television or master antenna service, which easements may be granted to itself or its nominee and as may be necessary for excavation and construction of any Buildings and (2) grant easements upon, over, through or across the Common Areas for ingress and egress and maintenance and replacement thereof, to and from, and within, the Property and other real property adjacent to it.
- (c) shall have the right to veto any proposed amendment to this Declaration for any reason and for no reason, in which case it shall not be deemed approved or effective.
 - (d) Amend the Restrictions as allowed per the Village.

ARTICLE 12 REMEDIES FOR VIOLATION BY OWNER

- 12.1 <u>General Remedies</u>. If any Owner or Occupant fails to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws, or the Rules, such Owner or Occupant shall be liable for damages, subject to injunctive relief, including an order requiring the removal at Owner's expense of Buildings constructed without ACC approval, subject to any other remedy provided by the Bylaws, or all of the above, as a result of such noncompliance. The Association, or in a proper case, an aggrieved Owner, may bring an action because of such noncompliance.
- 12.2 Owner or Occupant Violation: Association Right to Cure. In addition to any other remedies provided herein, if any Owner or Occupant fails to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Rules, which failure continues for a period of fifteen (15) days following written notice from the Association, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to perform or cause to be performed such maintenance, replacement, restoration or other action as the Association deems necessary or appropriate, and if an action or other proceeding is commenced in connection therewith, using the fund established in Section 3.7. Expenses incurred therefore by the Association shall be assessed against the Owner or Occupant and shall be subject all rights and remedies reserved under this Declaration with respect to collection, expense, late payment penalties or interest, filing of a lien and/or foreclosure as reserved at Article 3 of this Declaration. Once the Association has taken such an action, it shall not be obligated to take any other or further action with respect to the same, similar or subsequent failure by the same or a different Owner or Occupant.
- 12.3 <u>Village of Richfield Enforcement.</u> The Village of Richfield shall have no obligation, at any time, to enforce or prosecute any violation of this document, but any forbearance or failure on the part of the Village to exercise any right to remedy for any violation shall not be a waiver of such right or remedy under any circumstances. The Declarant, its successors and assigns, and all parties hereafter having an interest in the Property, are subject to

all rules, orders, regulations and ordinances of the Village of Richfield, Washington County, the State of Wisconsin and the federal government, and the same may be more restrictive than as stated in this Declaration. In the event there is a conflict between the requirements of this Declaration and any provisions of the Village, County, State or federal law or regulation or lawful order, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

ARTICLE 13 EASEMENTS

- 13.1 Right of Entry. A right of entry to each Lot, Common Area or Outlot is reserved to the Association to service utility installations located on, in or under such Lot, Common Area or Outlot provided request for entry is made in advance and such entry is limited in scope so as to extend only as is reasonably necessary to service such utility installations. In case of emergency, entry by the Association onto any such Lot, Common Area or Outlot may be made immediately, whether the Owner or Occupant of such Lot, Common Area or Outlot is or is not present and without liability of the Association or its agents if such entry is necessary for the safety or welfare of persons or property. Any damage or loss caused as a result of such emergency entry shall be the sole expense of the Owner or Occupant if, in the reasonable judgment of those authorizing the entry, such entry was for emergency purposes.
- 13.2 <u>Common Area Easements</u>. The Association may grant easements over and through the Common Areas for such purposes as the Board or Declarant deems reasonable for the benefit of the Owners. The easements granted to the Owners may include but are not limited to the placement of drainage swales in the Common Areas to service individual Lots as approved by the Association in accordance with Section 2.5 above.
- 13.3 <u>Drainage</u>. An easement is reserved to Declarant, the Association and the Village over lots and Outlots for the installation of storm ponds, swales, streams or other storm sewer and drainage system elements as shown on the Plat or in any master plan approved by the Village.

ARTICLE 14 TERMINATION

14.1 <u>Termination</u>. This Declaration (and any amendments) shall be binding for a period of twenty-five years (from the date the Declaration is recorded) upon all lot owners and any other persons claiming under or through the Declarant. Upon the expiration date of such initial twenty-five year period, this Declaration shall be automatically renewed for a successive period of ten years upon the expiration date of the prior renewal period, unless there is a recorded instrument executed by the owners of at least 75% of all lots in the development and by the Village of Richfield Village Board or by the Declarant prior to selling 100% of the lots and by the Village of Richfield Village Board terminating this Declaration in which event this Declaration shall terminate upon the recording of such instrument.

ARTICLE 15 CONSTRUCTION AND EFFECT

- 15.1 <u>Number and Gender.</u> Whenever used herein, unless the context shall otherwise provide, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall include all genders.
 - 15.2 <u>Including.</u> Whenever used herein, the term "including" preceding a list of one or more items shall indicate that the list contains examples of a general principle and is not intended as an exhaustive listing.
 - 15.3 <u>Captions.</u> The captions and article and section headings in this Declaration are intended for convenience and reference only and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of the various provisions whereof.
- 15.3 <u>Severability</u>. If any portion of this Declaration or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Declaration, or the

application of such provision, or any part thereof to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. The remainder of this Declaration shall be valid, and enforced, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- 15.4 Remedies. All remedies herein are cumulative
- 15.5 <u>Waivers.</u> Whenever a waiver, consent or approval is required or permitted herein, it must be express and in writing; no waiver, consent or approval shall be implied. A waiver, consent or approval to any one matter shall not be deemed a waiver, consent or approval to any subsequent matter whether similar or not.
- 15.6 <u>Assignment of Declarant's Rights</u>. Declarant may from time to time assign any or all of the rights and benefits conferred on or reserved herein for Declarant in its status as such (as opposed to those rights or benefits conferred on or reserved for all Owners or groups thereof), by an instrument in writing specifically identifying the rights and benefits so assigned which is recorded in the Register's Office.
- 15.8 Other Regulation. Nothing herein shall preclude or restrict Declarant recording other covenants, conditions or restrictions which further regulate portions of the Subdivision which Declarant owns at the time of recordation.
- 15.9 <u>Tax Delinquency</u>. In the event Washington County and/or the Village of Richfield become owners of any lot through the tax delinquency process, neither Washington County nor the Village of Richfield shall be liable for any fees or special assessments described herein.
- 15.10 <u>Disclaimer.</u> Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration, the Declarant is under no obligation to any lot owner to develop or plat at any time any portion(s) of this development not already platted as of the date of recording of this Declaration.
- 15.11 Indemnification. Each member or former member of the ACC, together with personal representatives and heirs of each person, shall be indemnified by the Association against all loss, costs, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees asserted against, incurred by, or imposed in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit or proceeding, including criminal proceedings, to which such person is made or threatened to be made a party by reason or service as a member thereof, except as to matters resulting in a final determination of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of such member. In the event of settlement of such proceeding, indemnification shall be provided only in connection with such matters covered by the settlement as to which the Association is advised by counsel that the person to be indemnified has not been guilty of negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such person as a member in the matter involved. This right of indemnification shall be in addition to all other rights and defenses. All liability, loss, damage, costs and expense incurred or suffered by the Association in connection with this indemnification shall be a common expense. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed an indemnification of such person with respect to such person's status as an Owner, Occupant or otherwise. Any actions brought about by any party related to this agreement shall be defended by the Association, its insurance, and/or any other funds it has available.

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Drafted by: Amy Boehler

EXHIBIT 'A' - LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF HIGHLAND RIDGE PLAT

A parcel of land being the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 19 East, Village of Richfield, Washington County, Wisconsin.

Said parcel contains 81.6 acres of land.





