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DECLARATION OF CONVENANTS,
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
HOLLY DOWNS WEST

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THIS DECLARATION, made the 31ST day of Dec., 1996, by
C & E DEVELOPERS, INC., A NORTH CAROLINA CORPORATION.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, Declarant is the owner of certain real property in the City of
Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the
"Properties") which is more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lots 1 through 7, of HOLLY DOWNS WEST,
as shown on the plats thereof recorded or to be recorded
in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover,
North Carolina, to which plats reference is hereby made
for a more particular description.

Now, therefore, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Properties
described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following
easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of
protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the real
property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the
described Properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns,
and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

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ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. Association shall mean and refer to Holly Downs West HOA,
Inc., a North Carolina non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns, the
owners association organized for the mutual benefit and protection of the
Properties. All property owners of lots in Holly Downs West and any adjoining
areas hereafter developed and subjected to this Declaration, if any, shall be
members of the Association, which membership shall be appurtenant to and may not
be separated from the ownership of such single family lot.

SECTION 2. Owner shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one
or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any lot which is a part of
the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such
interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Eugene B. Davis, Jr.
Attorney

SECTION 3. Properties shall mean and refer to all of Holly Downs West Subdivision as shown upon the recorded plat described above, and any of the additional properties that may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association as herein provided.

SECTION 4. Additional Properties shall mean and refer to any lands adjoining the Properties which are now owned or may be hereafter or developed by Declarant and annexed to and made a part of the Properties by the Declarant and subjected to this Declaration without the assent or vote of the Owners of lots as hereinafter provided. The annexation of such Additional Properties shall become effective by the recording by the Declarant of a supplemental declaration for each new section annexed.

SECTION 5. Built Upon Area shall mean that portion of each lot that is covered by impervious or partially impervious cover, including building, pavement, recreational facilities, etc., but not including decking. The built upon area for each lot shall not exceed 4500 square feet, unless and until the State of North Carolina shall revise its stormwater runoff regulations to permit a greater built upon area for each lot.

SECTION 6. Common Area shall mean and refer to all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The Common Area to be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first lot shall be all the area designated as "Common Area" on the plat of Holly Downs West Subdivision, if any.

SECTION 7. Lot shall mean and refer to any numbered lot shown upon the recorded plat of any section of Holly Downs West Subdivision.

SECTION 8. Declarant shall be used interchangeably with Developer (which designations shall include singular, plural, masculine and neuter as required by the context) to mean and refer to Jimmy G. Cone, Sr. and C. E. Ellington, their successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire undeveloped property from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

SECTION 9. Declaration shall mean this Instrument as it may be from time to time amended or supplemented.

SECTION 10. Membership shall mean and refer to the rights, privileges, benefits, duties and obligations, which shall inure to the benefit of and burden each member of the Association.

SECTION 11. Member shall mean and refer to every person or entity who has a membership in the Association.

ARTICLE II.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

SECTION 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area, if any, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

A. The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and privileges by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of the published rules and regulations;

B. The right of the Association to mortgage or convey the Common Areas, or to dedicate or transfer all or part of the Common Area, if any, to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective until approved by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members, excluding the developer, as indicated in an instrument executed by the corporation and recorded in the New Hanover County Registry.

C. The right of the Association to impose regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, if any, and improvements thereon, which regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Area.

ARTICLE III.

EASEMENTS

SECTION 1. Perpetual, alienable easements are reserved as necessary in the Properties and the Common Areas thereof for the installation and maintenance of underground utilities and drainage facilities.

SECTION 2. Declarant hereby reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, perpetual, alienable easements over all streets and common areas as necessary to provide drainage, access, ingress and egress, to the property adjoining Holly Downs West Subdivision to the East or West, in the event the Declarant, its successors or assigns should acquire or develop any property adjoining Holly Downs West, whether or not such adjoining property is annexed to this development as herein provided.

SECTION 3. An easement is hereby granted to all police, fire protection, ambulance and all similar persons, companies or agencies performing emergency services to enter upon the Lots and common area in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 4. In case of any emergency or in case of any violation of these restrictions originating in or threatening any Lot or the common areas, regardless whether any Lot Owner is present at the time of such emergency or violation, the Board of Directors or any other person authorized by it, shall have the right to enter any Lot for the purpose of enforcing these restrictions, remedying or abating any nuisance or the causes of such emergency or violation, and making any necessary repairs not performed by the Lot Owners. Such right of entry shall be immediate, and shall not be deemed a trespass, but shall be without liability to the Association or its authorized representative, except for acts of gross negligence.

SECTION 5. The Declarant reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, a perpetual, alienable and releasable easement and right, on, over and under the ground with men and equipment to erect, maintain, inspect, repair and use electric and telephone poles, wires, cables, conduits, sewers, water mains and other suitable equipment for the conveyance and use of electricity, telephone equipment, gas, sewer, water or other public conveniences or utilities on, in or over each lot and such other areas as are shown on the plat of the Properties recorded or to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County; provided further, that the Declarant may cut drainways for surface water whenever such action may appear to the Developer to be necessary in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. These easements and rights expressly include the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any grading of the soil, or to take any other similar action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe utility installation and to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. It further reserves the right to locate wells, pumping stations, and tanks within residential areas on any walkway, or on any residential lot now or subsequently designated for such use or to locate same upon any lot with the permission of the Owner of such lot. Such rights may be exercised by any licensee of the Declarant, but this reservation shall not be considered an obligation of the Declarant to provide or maintain any such utility or service.

SECTION 6. The Declarant reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, the right to subject the real property in this Subdivision to a contract with Carolina Power and Light Company for the installation of street lighting, which contract requires a continuing monthly payment to Carolina Power and Light Company by each residential customer for street lighting service.

SECTION 7. All easements and rights described herein are easements appurtenant, running with the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding on the undersigned, its heirs and assigns, and any Owner, purchaser, mortgagee and other person having an interest in said land, or any part or portion thereof, regardless of whether or not reference to said easement is made in the respective deeds of conveyance, or in any mortgage or trust deed or other evidence of obligation, to the easements and rights described in this Declaration.

ARTICLE IV.

UTILITIES

SECTION 1. Water Service. Water service for Holly Downs West Subdivision shall be provided by the City of Wilmington. No lot Owner may drill or otherwise construct a water well on any lot in Holly Downs West, or use any other source of water supply for household use, except for irrigation purposes, and then only with the consent of the City of Wilmington, if required.

SECTION 2. Sewer Service. All lots will be tied into the City of Wilmington sewer system. All sewer tap fees and monthly charges for sewer service will be the responsibility of each individual lot Owner.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

SECTION 1. Every Owner of a lot in the Properties shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any lot.

SECTION 2. Each member shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Association for each lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any lot.

ARTICLE VI.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Management of the affairs of the Association shall be the right and responsibility of its Board of Directors in accordance with the Declaration and the By-Laws; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that all of the powers and duties of the Board of Directors may be exercised by the Declarant until such time as 90% of the lots in Holly Downs West Subdivision and 90% of the undeveloped property in adjoining sections owned by the Declarant have been sold and conveyed by the Declarant to purchasers or until December 31, 2001, whichever comes first. Management and control may be transferred to the lot Owners at any time but in all events, no later than 120 days after the happening of the earlier of the above events.

ARTICLE VII.

COVENANTS AND ASSESSMENTS**SECTION 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.**

The Declarant, for each lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any lot by acceptance of a deed therefrom, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:

- A. Annual assessments or charges;
- B. Special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided;
- C. Insurance assessments; and
- D. To the appropriate governing taxing authority, a pro rata share of ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area, if any.

The annual, special and insurance assessments, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

SECTION 2. Purpose of Assessments.

The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Properties and for the improvement and maintenance of all easements, utilities and the Common Areas. The funds arising from said assessments or charges, may be used for any or all of the following purposes: Maintenance and improvements of the common areas, streets, roads, drives, drainage and utility easements and rights of way; and enforcing these restrictions; and, in addition, doing any other things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Association to keep the property in neat and good order and to provide for the health, welfare and safety of Owners and residents of Holly Downs West Subdivision.

SECTION 3. Annual Assessments. Annual assessments shall be in an amount to be fixed from year to year by the Board of Directors which may establish different rates from year to year as it may deem necessary for the purposes set forth in Section 2 above. The amount of the annual assessment against each lot for any given year shall be fixed at least 30 days in advance of the annual assessment period; however, that the first annual assessment shall be set prior to the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner and written notice to the Owners to be subjected thereto shall be delivered to the Owners at or prior to the closing of their lots. Written notice of each annual assessment thereafter shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due date shall be established by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall have the authority to require the assessments to be paid in pro rata monthly installments. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified lot have been paid.

A. From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased each year not more than five percent (5%) above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership, except as herein provided.

B. From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above five percent (5%) by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

C. The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum; provided that the Board of Directors may increase the amount of the annual assessment to a maximum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per lot notwithstanding the provisions of the subparagraphs A and B above, and thereafter the limitations set forth in said subparagraph shall apply to any annual increase.

D. **Pond Maintenance:** Each of the seven (7) lot Owners in Holly Downs West Subdivision shall share one-thirty seventh (1/37) of the cost.

SECTION 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to the year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

SECTION 5. Insurance. The Board of Directors on behalf of the Association, as a common expense, shall at all times keep the property of the Association, if any, insured against loss or damage by fire or other hazards and other such risks, including, but not limited to directors' liability and public liability insurance, upon such terms and for such amounts as may be reasonably necessary from time to time to protect the Properties and Common Area, which insurance shall be payable in case of loss to the Association for all members. The Association shall have the sole authority to deal with the insurer in the settlement of claims. Such insurance shall be obtained without prejudice to the right of each member to insure his personal property for his own benefit at his own expense. In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained by the Association be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by members of their mortgages.

SECTION 6. Insurance Assessments. All insurance policy premiums on the Common Areas for the benefit of the Association purchased by the Board of Directors or its designee and any deductibles payable by the Association upon loss shall be a common expense, and the Association shall levy against the Owners equally as an additional annual assessment, (herein called "Insurance Assessment") which shall be in addition to the amounts provided for under Section 3 above, an amount sufficient to pay the annual cost of all such insurance premiums.

SECTION 7. Notice And Quorum For Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 and 4 shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. The required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

SECTION 8. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

SECTION 9. Commencement of Assessments. Assessments for each Lot shall commence upon the date of acceptance by an Owner of a deed from Declarant. Declarant shall not be required to pay maintenance assessments on unsold Lots retained by the Declarant. Provided, however, that Declarant shall pay to the Association annually, in lieu of assessments, the pro rata share of insurance assessments, utilities and ad valorem taxes on the Common Areas attributable to the number of Lots owned by Declarant, as the same become due.

SECTION 10. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments and Remedies Of The Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date of the highest rate allowable by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

SECTION 11. Subordination Of The Lien To Mortgage. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

SECTION 1. Developer's Rights. All duties and responsibilities conferred upon the Architectural Control Committee by this Declaration or the By-laws of the Association shall be exercised and performed by the Declarant or its Designee, so long as Declarant shall own any lot in the Properties or any additions annexed thereto by Supplemental Declaration or Amendment to this Declaration.

SECTION 2. Building and Site Improvements. No dwelling, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected, or maintained upon any lot in the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change in or alteration therein (including painting or repainting of exterior surfaces) be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, heights, materials, colors and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Declarant, or its designee, or, after the sale of all lots by Declarant, by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural control committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event the Declarant, or its designee, or, if applicable, the Board, or its designated committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

Refusal of approval of any such plans, location or specification may be based upon any ground, including purely aesthetic and environmental considerations, that in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the Declarant or Architectural Control Committee shall be deemed sufficient. One copy of all plans and related data shall be furnished to the Declarant or Architectural Control Committee, as the case may be, for its records. Neither the Declarant nor the Architectural Control Committee shall be responsible for any structural or other defects in plans and specifications submitted to it or any structure erected according to such plans and specifications.

SECTION 3. Approval of Plans:

A. No house plans will be approved unless the proposed house shall have a minimum of 2000 square feet of enclosed heated dwelling area. The term "enclosed heated dwelling area" as used in the minimum requirements shall be the total enclosed area within a dwelling; provided, however, that such term does not include garages, terraces, decks, open porches, and like areas; provided, further, that shed type porches, even though attached to the house are specifically excluded from the definition of the aforesaid term "enclosed heated dwelling area."

B. Since the establishment of inflexible building setback lines for location of houses on lots tends to force construction of houses directly to the side of other homes with detrimental effects on privacy, view, preservation of important trees and other vegetation, ecological and related considerations, no specific setback lines shall be established by this Declaration. In order to assure, however, that the foregoing considerations are given maximum effect, the site and location of any house or dwelling or other structure upon any lot shall be controlled by and must be approved absolutely by the Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee, as the case may be. Provided, however, that no dwellings shall be constructed closer than 10 feet to an adjoining property line or closer than 50 feet to the front street line. Provided further, however, that Declarant shall have the right to grant variances from these restrictions, not to exceed ten per cent (10%) of the side line restriction and not to exceed eight per cent (8%) of the front street line restriction.

C. The exterior of all houses and other structures must be completed within twelve (12) months after the construction of same shall have commenced, except where such completion is impossible or would result in great hardship to the Owner or builder, due to strikes, fires, national emergency or natural calamities.

D. No structure shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except one single family dwelling not to exceed two stories in height, unless the Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee, as the case may be, approves in writing a structure of more than two stories, and one or more small accessory buildings (which may include a detached private garage, or guest facilities) provided the use of such dwelling or accessory building does not in the opinion of the Declarant or Architectural Control Committee overcrowd the site, and provided further, that such buildings are not used for any activity normally conducted as a business.

E. All service utilities, fuel tanks, clothes lines and wood piles are to be enclosed within a wall or plant screen of a type and size approved by the Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee, so as to preclude the same from causing an unsightly view from any highway, street or way within the subdivision, or from any other residence within the subdivision. All mail and newspaper boxes shall be uniform in design. Design for mail and newspaper boxes shall be furnished by Declarant.

F. Off street parking for not less than two (2) passenger automobiles must be provided on each lot prior to the occupancy of any dwelling constructed on said lot which parking areas and the drive ways thereto shall be constructed of concrete, brick, asphalt, or turfstone, or any other material approved by Declarant, or its Designee.

G. No fences shall at any time be placed or permitted to remain on any lot without approval of the Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee.

SECTION 4. Maintenance By Association. The Association, at its expense, shall be responsible for maintaining, repairing and replacing the planting easement areas, the subdivision entrance signage, the islands within the street rights of way, the irrigation system for planting areas, the storm water drainage system, including all drainage lines, pipes and ditches which are located on the properties, except those constructed by individual lot Owners and located within individual lots. The Association shall have the right to go onto the lots at reasonable times for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and replacing all utility and drainage lines and pipes which might be located on such lots; and each Owner hereby grants permission to the Association to enter his lot for such purposes.

In the event that such need for maintenance, repair or replacement (other than such being caused by fire, lightning, windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, riot attending a strike, civil commotion, aircraft, vehicles, and smoke, as the foregoing are defined and explained in North Carolina Standard Fire and Extended Coverage Insurance Policies) is caused through the willful, or negligent act of any Owner, his family, guests or invitees, the cost of such maintenance, replacement, or repairs, shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

The Association shall maintain all Common Areas, including plantings and shrubbery, walkways, located thereon, and lighting fixtures and shall pay all costs of operation thereof including all utility bills pertaining to signage and planting areas, and including premiums associated with general liability insurance insuring the Association from liability arising from ownership and operation thereof.

ARTICLE IX.

USE RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 1. Land Use And Building Type. No lot in Holly Downs West, shall be used for any purposes except for residential purposes other than the "Common Area" which may be used for recreational purposes. All numbered lots in Holly Downs West shall be restricted for construction of single family dwellings only. Any building erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot shall be subject to the provisions of Article VIII of this Declaration relating to Architectural Control. Different land use restrictions and architectural control guide lines may be established for adjoining properties developed by Declarant.

SECTION 2. Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals, nor device or thing of any sort whose normal activities or existence are in any way noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant or other nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood by the Owners thereof. It shall be the responsibility of each lot Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unsightly or unkept condition of buildings or grounds on such lot which would tend to substantially decrease the beauty of the neighborhood as a whole or the specific area.

SECTION 3. Lot Maintenance. In the event that any Lot Owner shall fail or refuse to keep such premises free from weeds, underbrush or refuse piles, or unsightly growth or objects, then, after thirty (30) days notice from the Architectural Control Committee, the Association or its designee shall enter upon such lands and remove the same at the expense of the Owner, and such entrance shall not be deemed a trespass, and in the event of such removal a lien shall arise and be created in favor of the Association for the full amount of the cost thereof chargeable to such Lot, including collection costs and such amounts shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the Owner is billed therefor. Such lien shall be enforceable by Court proceedings as provided by law for enforcement of liens.

SECTION 4. Temporary Structures. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be used on any lot any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently without the written consent of the Association or its designee. Provided, however, that this shall not prevent the Declarant, its designees or assigns from maintaining a construction trailer or office on any lot or in the common area until the construction of dwellings on all lots in the project is completed.

SECTION 5. Recreational Vehicles. No boat, motor boat, camper, trailer, motor or mobile homes, or similar type vehicle, shall be permitted to remain on any lot or on any street in the Properties at any time, without the written consent of the Association or its designee.

SECTION 6. Animals. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any lot or in any dwelling except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept or maintained provided that they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes and provided further that they are not allowed to run free and are at all times properly leashed.

SECTION 7. TV Satellite Dishes And Outside Antennas. No TV satellite signal receiving dishes will be permitted on any lot and no outside radio or television antennas shall be erected on any lot or dwelling unit within the Properties unless and until permission for the same has been granted by the Board of Directors of the Association or its Architectural Control Committee. Such permission may be denied for any reason in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors or other applicable authority.

SECTION 8. Window Coverings. All drapes, curtains or other similar materials hung at windows, or in any manner as to be visible from the outside, of any building erected upon any lot shall be of a white or neutral background material.

SECTION 9. Exterior Lights. All light bulbs or other lights installed in any fixture located on the exterior of any building or any lot shall be clear, white or non-frost lights or bulbs.

SECTION 10. Junk Vehicles And Tractor Trailers. No inoperable vehicle or vehicle without current registration and insurance, and no tractor-trailers will be permitted on the premises. The Association shall have the right to have all such vehicles towed away at the Owner's expense.

SECTION 11. Vehicle Repairs. No repairs to any vehicle may be made in driveways, only in garages and not visible from the street. No inoperable or immobile vehicle, whether or not containing current registrations, shall be permitted to remain in any driveway or on any street.

SECTION 12. Signs. No "For Sale" signs or any other signs shall be permitted on any Lot or in the Common Areas without permission of the Board of Directors, which permission may be denied by the Board of Directors for any reason; **Provided, however,** that a sign conforming to New Hanover County Sign Ordinance may be displayed by Declarant on any unsold Lot so long as Declarant owns any Lot in the Properties.

SECTION 13. Alterations. No person shall undertake, cause, or allow any alteration or construction in or upon any portion of the Common Areas except at the direction or with the express consent of the Association.

SECTION 14. Subdividing. No lot shall be subdivided, or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written consent of the Declarant during the period of Declarant control of the Association and thereafter by the Board. However, the Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, the right to replat any two (2) or more lots shown on the plat of any subdivision of the Property in order to create one or more modified lots; to further subdivide tracts shown on any such subdivision plat into two (2) or more lots; to recombine one (1) or more tracts or lots or a tract and lots to create a larger tract; to eliminate from this Declaration lots that are not otherwise buildable or are needed for access to any area of the Property or are needed for use as private roads or access areas, and to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to make such replatted lots or tracts suitable and fit as a building site or access area or roadway, said steps to include, but not to be limited to the relocation of easements, walkways, and rights-of-way to conform to the new boundaries of the said replatted lots.

ARTICLE X.

RIGHTS OF INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS

SECTION 1. "Institutional Lender" or "Institutional Lenders", as the terms are used herein, shall mean and refer to banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, insurance companies, Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Authority, Federal National Mortgage Association and other reputable mortgage lenders and guarantors and insurers of such first mortgages. So long as any Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders shall hold any mortgage upon any lot, or shall be the Owner of any lot, such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders shall have the following rights:

A. To be furnished with at least one (1) copy of the Annual Financial Statement and Report of the Association, including a detailed statement of annual carrying charges or income collected and operating expenses, such financial statement and report to be furnished by April 15 of each calendar year.

B. To be given notice by the Association of the call of any meeting of the membership to be held for the purpose of considering any proposed Amendment to the Declaration, or the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Association, which notice shall state the nature of the amendment being proposed, and to be given permission to designate a representative to attend all such meetings.

C. To be given notice of default in the payment of assessments by any Owner of a lot encumbered by a mortgage held by the Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders, such notice to be given in writing and to be sent to the principal office of such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders, or to the place which it or they may designate in writing to the Association.

D. To inspect the books and records of the Association and the Declaration, By-laws and any Rules and Regulations during normal business hours, and to obtain copies thereof.

E. To be given notice by the Association of any substantial damage to any part of the Common Areas.

F. To be given notice by the Association if any portion of the Common Areas is made the subject matter of any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or is otherwise sought to be acquired by a condemning authority.

SECTION 2. Whenever any Institutional Lender, guarantor or insurer desires the benefits of the provisions of this section requiring notice to be given or to be furnished a financial statement, such lender shall serve written notice of such fact upon the Association by registered mail or certified mail addressed to the Association and sent to its address stated herein, or to the address of the Property, identifying the lot upon which any such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders hold any mortgage or mortgages, or identifying any lot owned by them, or any of them, together with sufficient pertinent facts to identify any mortgage or mortgages which may be held by it or them, and which notice shall designate the place to which notices are to be given by the Association to such Institutional Lender.

ARTICLE XI.

ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

SECTION 1. Except as provided in Section 2 below, annexation of additional property shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members at a meeting called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting.

SECTION 2. If the Declarant, its successors or assigns, shall develop any Additional Properties, said Additional Properties or any portion thereof may be annexed to said Properties without the assent of the members. Annexation provided for in this section shall become effective upon the filing by the Declarant of a supplemental or amended declaration in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County.