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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,  
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ISLAND FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** (as may be amended or supplemented as set forth herein, "Declaration") is made this 27th day of October, 2004, by Coastal Dream Homes, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, whose address is PO Box 2020, Carolina Beach NC 28428 (the "Declarant").

**WITNESSETH:**

- A. Declarant is the owner and developer of certain real estate in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property" or "Subdivision"); and
- B. Declarant is developing the Property known as "Island Forest Subdivision" by subdividing it into "Lots" that are to be used for residential purposes. A map of Island Forest Subdivision has been recorded in Map Book 46, Page 380, at the New Hanover County Registry.
- C. At the time of the conveyance of a Lot to an Owner, the Declarant intends to make available the common amenities on the Property, if any, as they are built, and, at the time of completed development, the entire Property, excluding the Lots and dedicated streets, if any, shall be conveyed without cost or charge to the Association.

**THEREFORE**, the Declarant hereby declares that all of the Lots located within the Subdivision are held and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied and improved, subject to the following covenants, conditions and restrictions, all of which are established and agreed upon for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Subdivision as a whole and of each of said Lots. All of these restrictions shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the Declarant and upon the parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest, legal or equitable in and to the Property or any part

or parts thereof subject to such restrictions, and shall inure to the benefit of the Declarant and every one of the Declarant's successors in title to any of the Property.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1.1** "Annual Organizational Board Meeting" means the annual organizational board meeting of the Board, which shall take place immediately after each Annual Meeting of the Members.

**Section 1.2** "Annual Meeting" means the annual meeting of the Members held in New Hanover County, North Carolina, within the last quarter of each calendar year, upon proper notice, at a date, time and at a place from time to time designated by the Board. The first Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation on such date as the initial Board shall determine.

**Section 1.3** "Articles" or "Articles of Incorporation" shall mean those articles, filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina, incorporating Island Forest Homeowners Association, Inc., as a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of North Carolina State law, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**Section 1.4** "Assessments" means Regular Assessments, Special Assessments, Working Capital Assessments, Individual Assessments and Fine Assessments.

**Section 1.5** "Association" shall mean and refer to ISLAND FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., to be formed as a non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

**Section 1.6** "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Section 1.7** "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**Section 1.8** "Class A Members" shall mean as defined in Section 4.5.1 below.

**Section 1.9** "Class B Members" shall mean as defined in Section 4.5.2 below..

**Section 1.10** "Constituent Documents" shall mean the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Rules and Regulations, if any, and any other basic documents used to create and govern the Subdivision.

**Section 1.11** "**Common Areas**" shall mean all the real estate (including retention ponds, storm drainage improvements, entrance signage, streets (including any dedicated streets prior to their acceptance for public maintenance) and all landscaping and other improvements

thereon) owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. Common Areas shall include, but not be limited to, the Recreational Facilities and parcels designated on the Subdivision plat as "Park" (unless such parks are later dedicated to the public by a subsequent dedication plat or conveyance), "COS," "Open Space," "Alley (Private)," "Common Area" or reserved as an access drive or private street.

Section 1.12 "Common Expenses" shall mean, refer to, and include all charges, costs and expenses incurred by the Association for and in connection with the administration of the Subdivision, including, without limitation thereof, operation of the Subdivision, all premiums for hazard, liability and other insurance with respect to the Subdivision; all costs incurred in acquiring a Lot pursuant to judicial sale; and all administrative, accounting, legal, and managerial expenses. "Common Expenses" shall also include all reserve funds or other funds established by the Association. "Common Expenses" shall be construed broadly.

Section 1.13 "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Coast Dream Homes, LLC., a North Carolina limited liability company, its successors and assigns as a Declarant.

Section 1.14 "Default" shall mean any violation or breach of, or any failure to comply with, the Restrictions, this Declaration or any other Constituent Documents.

Section 1.15 "Development Period" means the period commencing on the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the New Hanover County Register of Deeds and terminating on the earlier to occur of (i) when Declarant no longer owns a Lot in the Subdivision; (ii) the date that Declarant relinquishes in writing Declarant's right to appoint Directors; or (iii) the occurrence of the date ten (10) years from the date of recording the Declaration, renewable for an additional ten (10) year period with the consent of a majority of Lot Owners other than the Declarant.

Section 1.16 "Dwelling Unit" shall mean and refer to the individual family living unit on an individual Lot.

Section 1.17 "Fine Assessment" means the charge established by Section 5.5.2 of this Declaration.

Section 1.18 "Individual Assessment" means the charge established by Section 5.4 of this Declaration.

Section 1.19 "Lot" shall mean and refer to any parcel of land designated on the Plat upon which a Dwelling Unit has been or is to be constructed. The Declarant has initially created eighteen (18) Lots in the Subdivision and has the right to establish additional Lots in accordance with the terms of this Declaration.

Section 1.20 "Member" shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are Members of the Association as provided in Article IV below.

Section 1.21 "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, including Declarant, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot located within the Subdivision.

Section 1.22 "Plat" shall mean and refer to the record plat of the Subdivision recorded by Declarant, as the same may be amended or supplemented by Declarant from time to time.

Section 1.23 "Property" or "Subdivision" shall mean and refer to that certain real estate described in Exhibit A and all other real estate that may be annexed into this Declaration and the Association by the Declarant.

Section 1.24 "Regular Assessment" means the charge established by Article V of this Declaration.

Section 1.25 "Resident" shall mean and refer to any person, not an Owner, living in the Owner's Dwelling Unit, including, but not limited to, temporary guests and Tenants.

Section 1.26 "Restrictions" shall mean all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other obligations provided for in this Declaration, including, without limitation, all notices, rules and regulations issued in accordance with this Declaration.

Section 1.27 "Rules and Regulations" shall mean and include the rules and regulations made from time to time by the Board of Directors as provided in Section 4.3 below.

Section 1.28 "Special Assessment" means the charge established by Section 5.2 of this Declaration.

Section 1.29 "Tenant" means any person occupying any Lot pursuant to a written or oral lease agreement with the Owner thereof or with any other person or entity claiming under the Owner.

Section 1.30 "Working Capital Assessment" means the charge established by Section 5.3 of this Declaration.

When applicable for the sense of this instrument, the singular should be read as including the plural and the male, female, and neuter pronouns and adjectives should be read as interchangeable.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION**

The Property, each portion thereof, and all Dwelling Units thereon shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, mortgage and occupied subject to the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Declaration.

## ARTICLE III

### **PROPERTY RIGHTS IN COMMON AREAS**

Section 3.1      Owner's Easements of Enjoyment. Except as herein otherwise provided, each Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to his Lot. Such rights and privileges shall be subject, however, to the following:

3.1.1      The right of the Board to suspend the right of any Owner or the privilege of any Resident to use such of the Common Areas that are recreational in nature as determined by the Board for any infraction of the Rules and Regulations relating to the Common Areas for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for each such infraction, or for any non-payment or delinquency of the Assessments against such Owner's Lot for a period not to exceed the period of such non-payment or delinquency;

3.1.2      The right of the Board to adopt and enforce and from time to time amend reasonable limitations upon use and Rules and Regulations pertaining to the use of the Common Areas, including regulations limiting guests of Owners and Tenants who may use the Common Areas at any one time;

3.1.3      All applicable provisions of valid easements and/or agreements of the Association relating to the Common Areas, including, without limitation, the Recreational Facilities Easement Agreement and the Roadway Declaration;

3.1.4      The right of the Association to grant permits, licenses and public or private easements over Common Areas for utilities, roads and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful for the proper maintenance or operation of the Property; or

3.1.5      The right of Declarant or the Association to dedicate or convey portions of the Common Areas to applicable governmental authorities for park purposes.

Section 3.2      Extension of Use. Any Owner may extend his right of enjoyment to the Common Areas to the immediate and/or extended members of his family, his Tenants, guests or contract purchasers of the Owner's Lot.

Section 3.3      Title to Common Areas. The Declarant shall convey by deed all Common Areas to the Association in fee simple absolute after the final platting of all Lots in the Subdivision. Any such conveyance shall be subject to taxes for the year of conveyance, and to restrictions, conditions, limitations and easements of record.

Section 3.4      Use of Common Areas by Declarant. In addition to the specific rights and easements reserved herein, Declarant and its affiliates and associates shall have the same rights of use and enjoyment of the Common Areas as the Class A Members during the Development Period, and shall have the same right to use Common Areas for promotional, sales and similar purposes until all of the Lots have been sold.

## ARTICLE IV

### HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**Section 4.1** Homeowners Association. There is has been created a North Carolina non-profit corporation, known as Island Forest Homeowners Association, Inc., which shall be responsible for the maintenance, management and control of the Common Areas and upon each Lot and Dwelling Unit as more specifically set forth in this Declaration.

**Section 4.2** Board of Directors and Officers. The Board of Directors, and such officers as the may elected or appointed in accordance with the Articles or the Bylaws, shall conduct the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors may also appoint committees and managers or other employees and agents who shall, subject to the general direction of the Board of Directors, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Association.

**Section 4.3** Rules and Regulations. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Association may, from time to time adopt, amend and repeal Rules and Regulations with respect to all aspects of the Association's rights, activities and duties under this Declaration. The Rules and Regulations may, without limitation, govern use of the Subdivision, including prohibiting, restricting or imposing charges for the use of any portion of the Subdivision by Owners, Residents or others, interpret this Declaration or establish procedures for operation of the Association or the administration of this Declaration; provided, however, that the Rules and Regulations shall not be inconsistent with this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or the terms of the Roadway Declaration or the Recreational Facilities Easement Agreement. A copy of the Rules and Regulations, as they may from time to time be adopted, amended or repealed, shall be maintained in the office of the Association and shall be available to each Owner upon request.

**Section 4.4** Membership of Association. Every Owner of a Lot shall be a Member of the Association. Such Owner and Member shall abide by the Association's Rules and Regulations, shall pay the Assessments provided for in this Declaration, when due, and shall comply with decisions of the Association's governing body. Conveyance of fee simple title to a Lot automatically transfers membership in the Association without necessity of further documents. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot that is subject to Assessment.

**Section 4.5** Classes of Membership. The Association shall have two (2) classes of Membership:

4.5.1 Class A Members. Every person, group of persons, or entity which is a record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit has been erected within the Property, shall automatically be a Class A Member of the Association except the Declarant during the Development Period; provided, however, that any such person, group of persons or entity who holds such interest solely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. A Class A Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit has been constructed that is subject to Assessment.

Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership. In the event that more than one person, group of persons or entity is the record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot, then the vote for the membership appurtenant to such Lot portion 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. In the event agreement is not reached, the vote attributable to such Lot shall not be cast.

4.5.2 Class B Members. The Class B Member during the Development Period shall be the Declarant. The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the expiration of the Development Period.

4.5.3 Voting. Each Member shall have one vote with respect to each Lot owned by such Member, but a Class A Member shall not be entitled to exercise any vote until the expiration of the Development Period.

#### Section 4.6

Section 4.7 Maintenance Obligation of the Lot Owners. The responsibilities of each Lot Owner shall include:

4.7.1 To clean, maintain, keep in good order, repair and replace at his or her expense all portions of his or her Lot and Dwelling Unit. Any repair, replacement and maintenance work to be done by an Owner must comply with any Rules and Regulations of the Association including architectural control and visual harmony.

4.7.2 To perform his responsibilities in such manner so as not unreasonably to disturb other persons residing within the Subdivision.

4.7.3 Not to paint or otherwise alter, decorate or change the appearance of any exterior portion of his Dwelling Unit, without the written consent of the Association.

4.7.4 Not to impair the use of any easement without first obtaining the written consents of the Association and of the Owner or Owners for whose benefit such easements exists.

Section 4.8 Construction Defects. The obligations of Owners to repair, maintain and replace the portions of the Subdivision for which they are responsible shall not be limited, discharged or unreasonably postponed by reason of the fact that any maintenance, repair or replacement may be necessary to cure any latent or patent defects in materials or workmanship in the construction of the project. The undertaking of repair, maintenance or replacement by or Owners shall not constitute a waiver of any rights against any warrantor but such rights shall be specifically reserved. Likewise, this Section 4.8 is not intended to work for the benefit of the person or entity responsible for the construction defect.

Section 4.9 Effect of Insurance or Construction Guarantees. Notwithstanding the fact that any Lot Owner may be entitled to the benefit of any guarantee of material and workmanship furnished by any construction trade responsible for any construction defects, or to benefits under any policies of insurance providing coverage for loss or damage for which they are respectively responsible, the existence of construction guarantee or insurance coverage shall not excuse any unreasonable delay by any Lot Owner in performing his obligation hereunder. Likewise, this Section 4.9 is not intended to work for the benefit of the person or entity responsible for the construction defect.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS**

Section 5.1 Regular Assessments. Regular Assessments for the payment of the Common Expenses shall be made in the manner provided herein, and in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The Regular Assessment is established for the benefit and use of the Association and shall be used in covering all of the Common Expenses.

Section 5.2 Working Capital Assessment. Upon the initial transfer of record of the Lot from the Declarant (or successor declarant or designated declarant) to the Lot Owner (other than a successor declarant or designated declarant), the purchaser is required to pay a sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) as his or her initial contribution to the working capital of the Association. This sum is not an advance payment of the monthly Regular Assessment; rather the sum is allocated to a working capital fund to meet unforeseen expenditures and operating expenses or to purchase any additional equipment or services. While the Declarant is in control of the Association, it cannot use any of the working capital funds to defray its expenses or reserve contributions. When control of the Association is transferred to the Lot Owners, the working capital fund shall be transferred to the Association for deposit to a segregated fund. After control of the Association is transferred to the Lot Owners the Declarant shall be responsible to collect the initial contribution to the working capital account and forward such funds to the Association. Additionally, at the closing, each purchaser of a Lot is required to pay a pro-rata share of the Regular Assessment due in the month of closing.

Section 5.3 Date of Commencement of Assessments; Due Dates; Determination of Regular Assessments; Fine Assessments.

5.3.1 The annual Regular Assessment provided for herein in the initial amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) shall commence as to each Owner of a Lot, except Declarant, on the first day following the initial conveyance of the Lot to the Owner and shall be adjusted according to the number of days remaining in the month. The Declarant, its successors and assigns, shall not be required to pay the Regular Assessment for any Lot which it owns until such time as Declarant transfers the Lot to a third party. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount and frequency of the Regular Assessment to be paid by each Class A Member against each Lot. Written notice of the monthly Regular Assessment shall be sent to every Class A

Member subject thereto. The Board of Directors shall establish the due dates.

5.3.2 The Board of Directors, or an adjudicatory panel established by the Board of Directors, may levy a reasonable Fine Assessment, as a fine or penalty for violation of this Declaration, all in accordance with the Planned Community Act. A lien may be filed for this Fine Assessment and this Fine Assessment may be enforced by foreclosure and otherwise treated as a Regular Assessment.

5.3.3 Both Regular and Special Assessments for a Lot Owner shall be determined by the Association based upon the proportion that each Lot bears to the aggregate number of Lots located on the Property, except those owned by Declarant which are not assessed in accordance with Section 5.5.1 above. The Association's governing body may, at its discretion, waive the Regular Assessment for any year or part of a year for any Lot not occupied as a residence.

Section 5.4 Billing. The Association shall inform each Lot Owner of the amount of the total Regular Assessment due from the Owner of that particular Lot. This Regular Assessment may be paid in annual installments or as otherwise required by the Association. The Owner of each Lot must pay his Lot's required Regular Assessment in advance on the first calendar day of each year, unless the Association otherwise directs. Payment is to be made to such person at such an address as Association determines. Special Assessments are due thirty (30) days after the bill for the Special Assessment has been mailed or otherwise sent out by Association, unless the Association otherwise directs. The Owners of the initial Lots in the Subdivision, except Declarant, shall be obligated to begin paying the Regular Assessment as of the first day of the initial conveyance of the Lot from Declarant to the Owner. If the Subdivision is expanded and additional Lots are brought into the Subdivision during a given Assessment year, those additional Lots shall begin paying the Regular Assessment on the first day of the initial conveyance of the Lot from Declarant to the Owner.

Section 5.5 Common Surplus. If the Regular Assessment collected in any given year is in excess of the actual Common Expenses for that year, the Board may, at its sole discretion (a) return each Owner's share of the Common Surplus; (b) credit each Owner's share of the Common Surplus to each Owner's payment as for the Regular Assessment for the following year; or (c) apply the Common Surplus to the reserve.

Section 5.6 Assessment Certificate. The Association shall, upon demand, at any reasonable time, furnish to any Owner liable for Assessments a certificate in writing signed by an Officer or other authorized agent of the Association, setting forth the status of said Assessments; i.e., "current", and if not current, "delinquent" and the amount due. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the payment of any Assessment therein stated to have been paid. A reasonable charge to cover labor and materials may be made in advance by the Association for each certificate.

Section 5.7 Books and Records of the Association. The Association shall keep full and correct books of account. The Association shall make available to all Lot Owners and the holders of all first mortgages on Lots, current copies of the books, records and financial statements of the Association upon reasonable request during normal business hours. All funds collected by the Association shall be held and expended solely for the purposes designated by this Declaration and shall be deemed to be held for the use, benefit and account of the Association and all of the Lot Owners. All books and records must be kept in accordance with good accounting procedures and must be reviewed at least once a year by an independent accounting firm.

Section 5.8 Non-Payment of Assessment. Any Assessments levied pursuant to these covenants which is not paid on the date when due shall be delinquent and shall, together with such interest and other costs as set out elsewhere in this Declaration, thereupon become a continuing lien upon the Lot which shall bind the Lot in the hands of the then Owner and the Owner's successors and assigns.

If the Assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the Assessment shall bear interest at a reasonable rate of ten percent (10%) per year or at such other reasonable rate set by Association in its minutes, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, in either of which events interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees shall be added to the amount of each Assessment. In addition to interest, the Association may charge the Owner a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for non-payment of any assessment, the fine to be levied prior to filing the lien. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments by non-use or waiver of use of the Common Areas or by abandonment of his Lot.

Section 5.9 Priority of Association Lien. The lien provided for in this Article V shall take priority over any lien or encumbrance subsequently arising or created, except liens for real estate taxes and assessments and liens of bona fide first mortgages which have been filed of record before a claim of this lien hereunder has been docketed in the office of the clerk of superior court in New Hanover County, and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a mortgage on real property under power of sale in an action brought by the Association in accordance with the Planned Community Act. The Association is entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs and collection costs, as part of the lien. In any such foreclosure action, the Association shall be entitled to become a purchaser at the foreclosure sale.

Section 5.10 Purchaser at Foreclosure Sale Subject to Declaration, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association. Any purchaser of a Lot at a foreclosure sale shall automatically become a Member of the Association and shall be subject to all the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations.

Section 5.11 Non-Liability of Foreclosure Sale Purchaser for Past Due Common Expenses. When the holder of a first mortgage or first deed of trust of record or other purchaser of a Lot acquires title to the Lot as a result of foreclosure of the first mortgage first deed of trust or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, such acquirer of title, his, her or its successors and assigns, shall not be solely liable for the share of the Common Expenses or other Assessments by the

Association chargeable to such Lot which became due prior to the acquisition of title to the Lot by such acquirer, other than Assessments for which a claim of lien has been docketed with the New Hanover County clerk of superior court prior to the recordation of the lien being foreclosed. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or Assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from all of the Lots, including that of such acquirer, his, her or its successors or assigns. This provision shall not relieve the party acquiring title or any subsequent Owner of the subject Lot from paying future Assessments.

Section 5.12      Liability for Assessments Upon Voluntary Conveyance. In a voluntary conveyance of a Lot, any grantee or his or her first mortgagee shall inform the Board of Directors in writing of such contemplated conveyance and such grantee or first mortgagee shall be entitled to a statement from the Board of Directors of the Association setting forth the amount of all unpaid Assessments (including current Assessments) against the grantor due the Association. Neither the grantee nor the mortgagee shall be personally obligated for any delinquent Assessments, but such delinquent Assessments, along with interest, late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys fees shall be a lien against the Lot in accordance with Section 5.10 and Section 5.11 herein.

Section 5.13      Late Charge. The Association may impose a charge against any Lot Owner who fails to pay any amount assessed by the Association against his Lot within ten (10) days after such Assessments are due and payable and who fails to exercise his rights under this Declaration or under the laws of the State of North Carolina to successfully contest such Assessment. The amount of the late charge shall be the greater of (a) twenty and 00/100 Dollars (\$20.00), or (b) twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent amount, or such other amount as may be determined by the Association from time to time. Additionally, if a Lot Owner shall be in Default in payment of an installment upon an assessment or of a single monthly assessment, the Association has the right to accelerate all monthly Assessments remaining due in the current fiscal year. The total of such Assessments, together with the delinquent Assessments shall then be due and payable by the Lot Owner no later than ten (10) days after the delivery of written notice of such acceleration to the Lot Owner or twenty (20 days) days after mailing of such notice to him by certified mail, whichever occurs first. If such acceleration amount is not paid by the due date, the above-described late charge may be imposed on the part of such accelerated amount not paid by the due date.

Section 5.14      Miscellaneous.

5.14.1 The Association may change the interest rate due on delinquent Assessments (including any late charges), except that the rate cannot be changed more often than once every six (6) months. As of its effective date, the new interest rate will apply to all Assessments then delinquent.

5.14.2 The Owner has the sole responsibility of keeping the Association informed of the Owner's current address if different from the Lot owned. Otherwise notice sent by Association to the Lot is sufficient for any notice requirement under this Declaration.

5.14.3 The lien under this Article V arises automatically, and no notice of lien need be recorded to make the lien effective.

5.14.4 The Assessment lien includes all collection costs, including demand letters, preparation of documents, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, filing fees, collection fees, and any other expenses incurred by the Association in enforcing or collecting the Assessment.

5.14.5 Any Assessment otherwise payable in installments shall become immediately due and payable in full without notice upon Default in the payment of any installment. The acceleration shall be at the discretion of the Board.

5.14.6 This Section 5.17 applies to every type of Assessment.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **EASEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES**

**Section 6.1** Easement for Encroachments. The Dwelling Units, all utility lines, and all other improvements as originally constructed by or on behalf of Declarant or its assigns shall have an easement to encroach upon any setback, Lot as a result of the location of the building, utility lines and other improvements across boundary lines between and along Lots, or as a result of building or improvement movement or alterations or additions from time to time, provided that such alterations or additions have complied with the requirements of this Declaration.

**Section 6.2** Lot's Utility Easements. Easements are granted in favor of each Lot Owner to and throughout the Common Areas and, if necessary, the setback areas of any other Lots, as may be necessary for the installation, maintenance, repair and use of underground water, gas, sewer, power and other utilities and services including power and communication, now or hereafter existing, including maintaining, repairing and replacing any pipes, wires, ducts, conduits, equipment, fixtures, utility, power or communication lines or equipment, or other components. The foregoing notwithstanding, no Lot Owner (other than Declarant) may exercise the easement rights reserved in this Section 6.2 without the prior written approval of the Board as described in Section 6.6 below and the Declarant, so long as it owns a Lot in the Subdivision or a residential unit in the Island Forest Subdivision.

**Section 6.3** General Easements. An easement is hereby reserved and/or granted in favor of the Declarant and/or the Association in, on, over and through the Lots and/or Dwelling Units for the purposes of maintaining, cleaning, repairing, improving, regulating, operating, policing, replacing and otherwise dealing with Lots and/or Dwelling Units, including all improvements thereon as required or permitted by the Constituent Documents or applicable law. An easement is hereby reserved in favor of Declarant over the Common Areas for the purpose of advertising or promoting sales of Lots or Dwelling Units in the Subdivision or Units in Island Forest Subdivision.

Section 6.4      Reservation of Access Easement by Declarant. Declarant reserves an easement for itself, its grantees, successor and assigns, to enter upon the Subdivision for access, including ingress and egress for both vehicles and pedestrians, to and from any public street, road, land, walkway or right-of-way. The easement shall be over the streets, sidewalks, bridges and other access ways of the Subdivision. Declarant further reserves the right to connect, at Declarant's expense, to any street, roadway, walkway or other means of access that are located on the Common Areas of the Subdivision. This reservation of access easements and the right of connection should be construed liberally in favor of the Declarant, in order to facilitate the development of all or any portion of Island Forest Subdivision

Section 6.5      Reservation of Construction Easement by Declarant. The Declarant reserves the non-exclusive right and easement to temporarily go upon the Subdivision in order to complete the development of the Subdivision and the construction of the improvements to be located therein. The easement should be construed broadly in favor of the Declarant, including giving Declarant the right to store temporarily construction materials, equipment or dirt. After the construction is finished, Declarant must, at Declarant's cost, repair any damage done to the Subdivision including to any landscaping. As soon as reasonably possible after Declaration has completed construction on the neighboring land, Declarant must remove all debris, equipment, materials and dirt from the Subdivision.

Section 6.6      Roadway Easement. Pursuant to the Roadway Declaration, Declarant has reserved for the benefit grants to all Lot Owners of Island Forest Subdivision, the non-exclusive right of ingress and egress on, over and across all public and private roadways (the "Roadways") located on or to be located on a portion of the Subdivision which private roadways extend between one or more publicly dedicated streets. The Declarant hereby reserves the right (but not the obligation), in its sole discretion, to annex additional Roadways into the Subdivision. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, no part of the Roadway shall be dedicated or transferred to a unit of local government without acceptance of the unit of local government involved.

Section 6.7      Declarant's Easements: General. The easements and grants reserved for and granted to the Declarant also benefit and bind any heirs, successors and assigns of Declarant and their respective guests, invitees or lessees, including, without limitation, assignees of Declarant who do not own property within Island Forest Subdivision.

Section 6.8      Easements to Run with Land. All easements and rights described in this Article VI are easements appurtenant, running with the land, perpetually in full force and effect, and at all times shall inure to the benefit of and be binding on the Declarant, its successors and assigns, and any Owner, purchaser, mortgagee, and other person or entity now or hereafter having an interest in the Subdivision, or any part or portion of it.

Section 6.9      Reference to Easements and Deeds. Reference in the respective deeds of conveyance or any mortgage or trust deed or other evidence of obligation, to the easements and rights described in this Declaration, shall be sufficient to create and reserve such easements and rights to the respective grantees, mortgagees and trustees in said instruments as fully and completely as those such easements and rights were recited fully and set forth in their entirety in such instruments.

## ARTICLE VII

### INSURANCE

Section 7.1 General Insurance. The Association shall carry and maintain such insurance as is necessary and prudent.

7.1.1 The Association shall purchase a master policy for the benefit of the Association, the Lot Owners and their mortgagees as their interest may appear, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Bylaws. The "master policy" may be made up of several different policies purchased from different agencies and issued by different companies.

7.1.2 Such master policy of insurance shall contain provisions requiring the issuance of certificates of coverage and the issuance of written notice to the Association and to any mortgagee or mortgagees of any Lot Owner not less than thirty (30) days prior to any expiration, substantial modification or cancellation of such coverage.

7.1.3 Such insurance by the Association shall not prevent an Owner of a Lot to obtain insurance on its own property, but no Lot Owner may at any time purchase individual policies of insurance covering any item which the Association is required to insure. If any Lot Owner does purchase such a policy, he or she shall be liable to the Association for any damages, expenses or losses which it suffers or incurs as a result thereof, and the Association shall have the same lien rights provided with respect to any such damages, expenses or losses not paid to it by such Owner.

7.1.4 The Board of Directors shall review the insurance coverage required under this Section 7.1 at least annually, and if any of such insurance coverage becomes impossible or impractical to obtain, the Association shall obtain coverage that most closely approximates the required coverage with the deductible provisions as determined by the Board of Directors.

7.1.5 If the required insurance coverage under this Section 7.1 ceases to exist for any reason whatsoever, any mortgagee of any portion of the Subdivision may remedy that lack of insurance by purchasing policies to supply that insurance coverage. The funds so advanced shall be deemed to have been loaned to the Association; shall bear interest at a per annum rate two percent (2%) higher than the basic interest rate in any note secured by the mortgagee's mortgage against a portion of the Subdivision; and shall be due and payable to the mortgagee by the Association immediately. The repayment of this obligation shall be secured by a Special Assessment against all Lot Owners under Article V of this Declaration and shall not require a vote of the Members of the Association, anything to the contrary in this Declaration notwithstanding.

7.1.6 The Association may also maintain liability insurance in reasonable amounts, covering all occurrences commonly insured against for death, bodily injury, and property damage. The Association shall try to have its liability insurance contain cross-liability endorsements or appropriate provisions to cover liability of the Lot Owners, individually.

Section 7.2 Fidelity Insurance. The Association must have fidelity coverage against dishonest acts on the part of Officers and employees, Members of the Association, members of the Board, trustees, employees or volunteers responsible for the handling of funds collected and held for the benefit of the Lot Owners. The fidelity bond or insurance must name the Association as the named insured and shall be written in an amount sufficient to provide protection which is in no event less than the insured's total Regular Assessment, plus all accumulated reserves and all other funds held by the Association either in its own name or for the benefit of the Lot Owners.

Section 7.3 Directors' and Officers' Errors and Omissions Insurance. The Association shall purchase insurance to protect itself and to indemnify any Director or Officer, past or present against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which he is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director or Officer, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty to the Association; or to obtain such fuller protection and indemnification for Directors and Officers as the law of North Carolina permits. The policy or policies shall be in an amount to be reasonably determined by the Association.

Section 7.4 Premiums. All premiums upon insurance purchased by the Association shall be Common Expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Lot Owners may be responsible for certain deductibles to the insurance policies purchased by the Association as outlined in Section 7.1 and Section 7.7 herein.

Section 7.5 Proceeds. Proceeds of all insurance policies owned by the Association shall be received by the Association for the use of the Lot Owners and their mortgagees as their interest may appear; provided, however, the proceeds of any insurance received by the Association because of property damage shall be applied to repair and reconstruction of the damaged property, except as may otherwise be permitted by this Declaration.

Section 7.6 Responsibility of Lot Owner. The Association shall not be responsible for procurement or maintenance of any insurance covering any Lot or Dwelling Unit, or the contents of and Lot or Dwelling Unit nor the liability of any Lot Owner for injuries. Each Lot Owner shall, at his or her own expense, obtain public liability insurance for personal injuries or damage arising out of the use and occupancy of or occurring within his Lot or Dwelling Unit. In addition, each Lot Owner shall maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on his Dwelling Unit, and the contents of his Dwelling Unit. The Association may request the Lot Owner to provide a copy of the policy(s) to the Association evidencing this insurance coverage at any time.

Section 7.7 Release. All policies purchased under this Article VII by either the Association or the individual Lot Owners shall provide for the release by the issuer, thereof, of