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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,  
CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF  
THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST, made this the 17th day of January, 2003, by COASTAL CAROLINA DEVELOPERS, INC., and SANCO OF WILMINGTON SERVICE CORPORATION, hereinafter referred to as "Owner" or "Developer".

WITNESSETH:

That Whereas, Owner and Developer are the owners and developers of certain property located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, North Carolina as is hereinafter described; and

Whereas, the Owner and Developer desire to insure the use of the hereinafter described property for attractive residential purposes only, to prevent the impairment of the attractiveness of the property, to maintain the desired tone of the community, and thereby to secure to each lot owner the full benefit and enjoyment of his or her home with no greater restriction upon the free and undisturbed use of his or her lot than is necessary to ensure the same advantages to the other lot owners,

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned Owner and Developer do hereby covenant, agree, and declare to and with all persons, firms, or corporations owning or hereafter acquiring any lots made subject to this Declaration that all of the properties described herein shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following easements,

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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 said properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof, to-wit:

1. **SCOPE OF DECLARATION** This Declaration of Restrictions shall apply to all lots in THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST, as shown upon a map recorded in Map Book 43 at Page 43 of the New Hanover County Registry.

2. **LOT USE** No lot located within the subdivision shall ever be used for business, manufacturing, commercial, or professional purposes, it being intended that all lots shall be used for residential purposes only; provided, however, that the Developer may convert any lots or any other property subject to these restrictions to use as a roadway and, until all houses in the subdivision are sold, Developer may use any house within the subdivision as a sales model or sales office. Developer reserves the right to construct apartments, duplexes, triplexes, condominiums, or any other type of multi-family residential development as allowed by law, and to record such plats as necessary to replat any lots that shall be converted to multi-family use. No mobile home, modular home, or any other manufactured housing shall be allowed to be placed, located, or constructed on any of the lots in the subdivision.

3. **SETBACK REQUIREMENTS** Since the establishment of standard inflexible building setback lines for the location of units on lots tends to force construction of units directly to the side of other units with detrimental effects on privacy, views, preservation of important trees and other vegetation, ecological, and related considerations, no specific setback lines are established by these restrictions. In order to assure, however, that the foregoing considerations are given maximum effect, the Developer reserves the right to control and approve absolutely the site and location of any structure upon any lot as long as they shall meet New Hanover County regulations and ordinances.

4. **TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND OTHER STRUCTURES** Unless specifically approved in writing by the Developer or the Association as hereinafter provided, no structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage apartment, barn, or other outbuilding shall be erected on any lot or used as a residence thereon. This restriction shall not be applicable to a temporary construction trailer used by a builder while a residence is being built on the lot, so long as such trailer is not used as a residence or living quarters.

In the event that the Developer or the Association shall approve such placement of a structure as herein provided, the structure shall be constructed of the same materials and be of the same design as the residence located on that lot. Should such structure encroach upon any of the common areas or limited common areas, there shall be an easement reserved upon such common areas or limited common areas for the location of such structure as hereinafter provided.

5. **BUILDING DESIGN** The design of all buildings erected or moved onto any lot shall be subject to the approval of the Developer, or of some person or persons designated by the Developer to pass upon said designs. Upon written request of a lot owner for approval of plans, the Developer or its duly authorized agent shall have ten days within which to approve or disapprove such plans. In the event of failure to approve or disapprove such plans within ten days, such approval will not be required; but the design of the proposed building must be in harmony with the existing structures in this subdivision.

6. **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION** The construction materials used for any residence or other structure upon any of the lots must be approved in writing by the Developer or by such person or entity as the Developer may direct. No exterior colors may be changed without the written permission of the Developer, or of such person or entity as shall be authorized by the Developer to approve a change of the exterior colors. It is the express intention of the Developer to maintain a uniform plan of development with respect to design, size, type, cost, and general appearance of all structures upon the lots in the subdivision.

7. **A. MAINTENANCE OF LOT, NUISANCES** It shall be the duty of each homeowner or occupant to keep his or her property (or that of the occupant's landlord) in a neat and tidy condition, well maintained, with no unsightly debris or litter or the like in view. No homeowner or occupant shall place on his lot, or cause or allow to be placed on his lot, any kind of statue, sculpture, "objet d'art", yard decoration, artificial wildlife, or any other similar type of object. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on or maintained on any lot, nor shall any activity be conducted which constitutes an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. Any oil stains or similar spills on driveways or other roadways shall be immediately cleaned up or removed by the lot owner responsible for such stain or spill. If such stain or spill is not immediately cleaned up or removed, the Association shall clean up or remove the stain or spill and the cost of such cleanup shall be assessed against and collected from such responsible lot owner in the same manner as assessments are assessed and collected as herein provided.

**B. PARKING** All vehicles must be parked in driveways and no vehicles may be parked at any time on lawns, roadways, or common areas or any other area in the subdivision where the Developer or the Association may erect a "No Parking" sign. No vehicle shall be allowed to block any street, roadway, or other access area. There may not be more than three (3) vehicles parked at any residence except with specific written approval of the Developer or the Association.

**C. JUNK VEHICLES AND TRACTOR TRAILERS** No inoperable vehicle or vehicle without current registration, current state inspection sticker, current license plate, and current insurance will be permitted on the premises, 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.

**D. TRASH RECEPTACLES, LAWN FURNITURE, TOYS, PERSONAL PROPERTY** All trash receptacles, lawn furniture, toys, lawnmowers, bicycles, grills, stored materials, and other such similar personal property must be kept and stored within the fenced area of each lot.

**E. 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. No colored bulbs or lights will be allowed except during generally recognized holiday periods. The Developer or the Association shall have the sole and absolute right to regulate and/or prohibit excessive holiday lighting or any other lighting in the sole discretion of the Developer or the Association.

**F. VEHICLE REPAIRS** No repairs to any vehicle may be made in driveways unless such repairs may be completed in one day. During the course of repair work, no vehicle shall be permitted to remain in any driveway on any type of jacks or stands for more than one day.

**G. RECREATIONAL VEHICLES/BOATS** Boats, motor boats, personal watercraft, campers, recreational vehicles, trailers, recreational trailers, motor homes, or similar type vehicles shall only be permitted to remain on a lot if such vehicles/boats are parked in the backyard out of sight from any street

**8. ANIMALS** No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot in the subdivision, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept for the purpose of providing companionship for the private family. Animals are not to be raised, bred, or kept for commercial purposes or for food. It is the purpose of these provisions to restrict the use of any lot so that no person shall quarter on said lots cows, horses, bees, hogs,

sheep, goats, guinea fowls, chicks, geese, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, skunks, snakes, or any other animal that may interfere with the quietude, health, or safety of the community. No more than four (4) household pets will be permitted on any lot. Pets must be restrained or confined inside a fenced area or within the house. It is the pet owner's responsibility to keep their lot clean and free of pet debris. All animals must be properly tagged for identification, and further, must be kept on a leash unless such animal is confined within a fenced area. When such animals are not confined within a fenced area of the owner's yard, it is the pet owner's responsibility to remove any pet waste left by their pet upon any of the lots, roadways, streets, parking areas, or common areas within the subdivision. Any costs incurred by the other lot owners or the Association as hereinafter set out, for the removal of pet waste left by the pet of a lot owner or occupant upon any lot or upon any part of the lots, roadways, streets, parking areas, or common areas shall be a charge against the pet owner's lot and shall be assessed against that individual lot owner as a special assessment and subject to the regulations regarding liens and assessments as hereinafter set forth.

9. **FENCED AREAS** Developer shall construct a fenced area adjacent to the houses or units for the use of the owner of that house or unit. The fences surrounding these areas shall be maintained by the Association as hereinafter described, however, maintenance of the areas within the fences shall be the responsibility of the owner of the adjacent unit or house.

10. **OTHER FENCING** Developer may construct additional fencing on the lots subject hereto, and such fencing shall be maintained by the Owners' Association. Unless specifically approved in writing by the Developer, or by such person or entity as the Developer may specifically authorize, there shall be no other fencing allowed in the subdivision. In the event that any fence installed by Developer should encroach upon the common areas or limited common areas, an easement is hereby reserved by the Developer over such common areas or limited common areas for the maintenance of such fence.

11. **UTILITY EASEMENTS** The Developer reserves for itself, its successors, and assigns, an easement in and right at any time in the future to grant a right of way under, over, and along the side, rear, and front property lines of each and every lot in the Subdivision, for the installation and maintenance of poles, lines, conduits, pipes, and other equipment necessary to or useful for furnishing electric, power, gas, telephone service, cable television, or other utilities including water and sewer service. Also, easements for drainage and utilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat of the Subdivision. Developer reserves the right to make changes in and additions to the above easements for the purpose of most efficiently and economically installing improvements.

12. **LOT GRADING** The general grading, slope, and drainage plan of a lot may not be altered without the express written approval of the New Hanover County authorities and Developer, and other appropriate agencies having authority to grant such approval.

13 **EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE** Each lot owner shall maintain the exterior of all buildings, walls, and other improvements on his lot in good condition and repair, and shall replace worn and rotten parts and shall regularly repaint all painted surfaces and shall not permit the roofs, rain gutters, downspouts, exterior walls, windows, doors, or other exterior portions of the improvements to deteriorate in an unattractive manner. The maintenance referenced herein shall be supervised and regulated by THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC , as hereinafter provided and herein referred to as "the Association". In the event that the lot owner shall fail to comply with these maintenance requirements, the Association is hereby expressly authorized, and the lot owner hereby expressly agrees, that said maintenance and/or repair may be effected by the said Association with the expenses incurred for the same to be assessed against the individual lot owner as a special assessment and subject to the regulations regarding liens and assessments as herein set forth.

The Association hereinafter referred to shall cause the exterior of each unit to be pressure washed at least once each year, the cost of such pressure washing to be paid by the Association from the Association dues paid to the Association.

14. **LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE AND IRRIGATION**

(a) To provide for a uniform scheme of landscaping within the Subdivision, all front, side, and backyard areas not otherwise fenced in shall be maintained by THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Except for that landscaping provided by the individual owners inside fenced areas, which shall be maintained by the individual lot owners, no landscaping other than that provided by the Developer and/or the Association shall be allowed.

(b) It is the intent of the Owner and Developer to create a "Village" effect in the landscaping scheme for the subdivision with a continuity of landscaping where individual lot lines are not emphasized. To create this effect, Developer shall install irrigation systems for the purpose of maintaining the landscaping and lawn areas outside of the fenced areas of each lot, which systems shall be connected to, and charged against, the water meter of each individual lot owner. However, in order to provide for a total irrigation scheme of all of the landscaped areas outside of the fences, thereby benefitting all of the lot owners, such irrigation systems shall be installed by Developer as necessary to

provide complete irrigation coverage without regard to specific lot lines. Because of such installation, some of the water sprayed onto a lot by one system may reach another lot, or flow from one lot to an adjacent lot. Therefore, an easement is hereby reserved over, across, and onto each lot for any overspray or flow of water from any irrigation system that shall reach on, upon, or over any lot in the subdivision. An easement is also reserved over, across, and upon every lot in the subdivision for the installation, maintenance, inspection, and operation of sprinkler heads, manifolds, pipes, conduits, pumps, cables, wiring, and any other equipment necessary for the installation, maintenance, inspection, and operation of irrigation systems within the subdivision, and such easement shall include the right of access over, across, and upon any lot for any agent or employee of the Developer, the Association, and any company that may be employed to install, operate, inspect, and maintain such systems in the event that the owner of the lots should fail to maintain and/or repair such system. The owner of each system shall be primarily responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the system or its components as necessary for proper irrigation of the landscaping

(c) Until control of the Association is transferred to the lot owners by the Developer pursuant to this Declaration, the Developer shall determine the schedule for operation of the irrigation systems, and such operation of the irrigation systems as scheduled shall be mandatory upon each of the lot owners. After control of the Association is transferred to the lot owners pursuant to this Declaration, the Directors of the Association shall determine the said schedule for operation of the irrigation systems, such operation being mandatory upon each lot owner, and the said directors shall provide for penalties for failure to obey such watering schedule, or for failure to maintain and repair their system as herein required.

15. A. **DIRECTIONAL SIGNS** The Developer reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, a temporary easement to place directional signs upon any of the lots in said Subdivision, in order to assist prospective purchasers in locating other lots or houses which are for sale in the Subdivision, or in other future subdivisions developed in adjoining lands. The right to place and maintain such signs shall terminate upon the sale of the last lot in the subdivision.

B. **"FOR SALE" and "FOR RENT" SIGNS** Except for signs placed by the Developer, or with the express written permission of the Developer, no "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs shall be allowed on any lots, in or on any houses, or on any of the common areas or limited common areas within the subdivision, until the sale of the last lot in the Subdivision by the Developer.

16. **STREET LIGHTING** The Developer reserves the right to subject the real property in this Subdivision to a contract with Carolina Power & Light Company for the installation of underground electric cables and/or the installation of street lighting, either or both of which may require an initial payment and/or a continuing monthly payment to Carolina Power & Light Company by the owner of each lot.

17 **MAILBOXES** Each lot in the Subdivision shall have one (1) mailbox, and these boxes shall be provided by the Developer in a clusterbox. The maintenance of such boxes shall be the responsibility of the Owners' Association as hereinafter provided.

18. **WINDOW COVERINGS** To insure consistency and attractiveness within the Subdivision, white window treatments must be installed in all of the windows of all homes within ten (10) days of occupancy, such that the total view of all windows from the outside of the house is white window coverings. Window treatments inside of the house and not visible from the outside of the house or unit are in the discretion of the homeowner. Bedsheets, towels, blankets, etc. are not considered acceptable window treatments and are not allowed in the Subdivision.

19. **EXTERIOR ANTENNAE** Exterior television or radio antennae, or television or radio satellite dishes are not permitted within the Subdivision, except with written permission of the Developer. Small (18" or less) satellite dishes shall be allowed as long as the location of the dish is approved by the Developer or the Association. No antenna or satellite dish may be visible from any street.

20 **CLOTHESLINES** The outdoor drying or airing of clothes and the erection of outdoor clotheslines or similar devices on any lot in the Subdivision shall be subject to the approval of the Developer, and then only when thoroughly concealed or screened from public view within a fenced yard area.

21 **FUEL TANKS AND STORAGE RECEPTACLES** No fuel tanks or similar storage receptacles located on any lot may be exposed to public view. Any such receptacles must be installed only within a fenced area adjacent to the house or unit within the Subdivision.

22. **WATER AND SEWAGE**

(a) All water to be used in the Subdivision for domestic purposes shall be obtained from the New Hanover County water system, unless other sources are approved by the City-County Board of Health. An eight (8) foot radius from each water meter shall be an easement for maintenance and repair of such meter. Additionally, the front ten (10) feet of each lot is hereby reserved for utility easements.

The Developer hereby grants an easement to the New Hanover County Water and Sewer District along and across all streets, roads, common areas, and the lots in the Subdivision for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing water lines.

(b) Sewage disposal systems shall be only into the New Hanover County sewage collection system.

(c) Should the Developer install a master lawn irrigation system for the common areas of the Subdivision, or for such common areas not reached by the individual systems as herein provided, the maintenance, inspection, and operation of such system shall be the responsibility of the Owners' Association as hereinafter provided.

### **23. ACCESS, MAINTENANCE, AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS**

(a) The Association, acting through its officers, agents, servants, and/or employees shall have the right of unobstructed access at all reasonable times to all properties as may be reasonably necessary to perform the exterior maintenance provided for by this Declaration.

(b) Easements are reserved over those portions of the Common Areas and Limited Common Areas and facilities that may be necessary or required to accommodate overhanging eaves or other cantilevered construction which may encroach upon the Common Areas or Limited Common Areas, or the air and light space above such Common Areas.

(c) Each lot or unit and all Common Areas and facilities and Limited Common Areas are hereby subjected to an easement for the repair, maintenance, expansion, reduction, inspection, removal, relocation, or other service of or to all gas, electricity, television, telephone, water, plumbing, sewer, utility, drainage, or other Common Areas and facilities, whether or not the cause of any or all of those activities originates on the lot or unit in which the work must be performed.

(d) Each lot or unit, and the property included in the Common Area shall be subject to an easement for encroachments created by construction, settling, and overhangs for all buildings, structures, and other improvements constructed by Developer, including but not limited to, sidewalks, walks, paths, patios, decks, fences, parking areas and parking pads, driveways, stoops, porches, roofs, outbuildings, and other similar appurtenances. A valid easement for such encroachments and for the maintenance of same, so long as such encroachments stand or remain, shall and does exist.

(e) In the event that ingress or egress to any lot or unit is through or across any common areas, such common areas are hereby subjected to an access easement for such owners' ingress, egress, and regress to and from such lot or unit

(f) All easements and rights described herein are easements appurtenant, running with the land, and shall be binding on the Developer, its successors 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.

#### 24. OWNERS ASSOCIATION

(a) To provide for the maintenance, repair, upkeep and replacement of the subdivision sign, irrigation systems, mail and paper boxes, street signs, walkways, parking areas, stormwater facilities, other amenities, common areas, and, except as herein provided, the landscaped areas of the lots in the Subdivision, the Developer has formed THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The Association shall also be responsible for providing any necessary liability insurance. The Articles of Incorporation for said corporation are recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_, at Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Hanover County Registry. The By-Laws for said corporation are attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "A", and are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Every owner of a fee simple title to a lot within the Subdivision shall be deemed to own, possess and have accepted.

(1) A Class "A" membership(s) in THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., (Association), appurtenant to his lot(s);

(2) An undivided equal interest with all other owners, for each membership in the Association owned, in the Association and all of its assets;

(3) A right and easement of enjoyment, equal to that of all other owners, in and to the common areas and amenities, which is appurtenant to the title to each lot, subject to the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the common areas and amenities, for such purposes and subject to such conditions as the Association may determine, acting by and pursuant to the provisions of its duly enacted By-Laws.

(4) The duty of complying with and abiding by all of the provisions of these Articles, the By-Laws of the Association and the Rules and Regulations of the Association, including the payment of dues, assessments, and penalties as provided elsewhere herein

(c) The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

(1) Class "A". Class A members shall be all lot and unit owners with the exception of the Developer and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot or unit owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any lot or unit, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such lot or unit 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 or unit.

(2) Class "B". The Class B member shall be the Developer, and Developer shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each lot or unit owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier.

A. When 75% of the units are deeded to the homeowners, or

B. On December 31, 2010.

**25. LIENS AND ASSESSMENTS** The Association has heretofore been given the authority to administer the operation and management of the common areas and the amenities of the property, it being recognized that the delegation of such duties to one entity is in the best interests of the owners of all lots subject hereto to properly administer the operation and management of the common areas and amenities. The Association will incur, for the mutual benefit of all the owners of such lots, costs and expenses sometimes herein referred to as "common expenses" To provide the funds necessary for such proper operation, management and capital improvement, the Association has heretofore been granted the right to make, levy and collect assessments against the members of the Association and their lots In furtherance of this grant of authority to the Association to make, levy and collect assessments to pay the costs and expenses for the operation of, the management of, and for capital improvements to the common areas, which for the purposes of these By-Laws shall be deemed to include, but not be limited to, the common areas and amenities, and all other improvements, the following shall be operative and binding upon the owners of all lots:

(a) The owner of any lot subject hereto, with the exception of the Developer, by acceptance of a Deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:

- (1) annual assessments or charges; and
- (2) special assessments for capital improvements or special assessments as established by the Board of Directors of the Association, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided.
- (3) a nonrefundable working capital assessment in the amount of three months of the annual assessment, payable at the time of the purchase of the property.

(b) The annual and special assessments, together with the interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, if any, shall be a charge on the lots and shall be a continual lien upon each lot against which they are levied. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who is the owner of such lot at the time when the assessment falls due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to any successor in title unless expressly assumed by him.

(c) The Developer shall not be required to pay regular annual assessments on any lot or spec home owned by it prior to its sale.

(d) 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, maintenance, and repair of all easements, utilities, stormwater facilities, including ponds, irrigation systems, subdivision signs, mail and paper boxes, yard areas, parking areas, walkways, and the other common areas, as herein provided. The funds arising from said assessments or charges, may be used for any or all of the following purposes: Maintenance, repair, and improvement of the common areas, irrigation systems, drainage and utility easements, stormwater facilities (including ponds), and rights of ways; maintenance of the parking areas, walkways, and yard areas as herein provided, enforcing these restrictions, and, in addition, doing any other things necessary, proper, 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 the owners and residents of the subdivision.

(e) The annual assessments for each calendar year shall be established by the Board of Directors, and may be increased by the

Board of Directors for any calendar year without approval by the membership by an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum annual assessment of the previous year. The maximum annual assessment for any calendar year may be increased without limit by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for this purpose.

(f) In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any calendar year, a special assessment for purpose of defraying in whole or in part, the costs of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement located throughout the common areas, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of the Class A members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. All special assessments shall be fixed to the uniform rate for all lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

(g) Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Paragraph 25(e) or Paragraph 25(f) set forth above shall be sent to all members not less than ten (10) days nor more than (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast fifty-one percent (51%) of all votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (½) of the required quorum of the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

(h) The annual assessments provided for herein shall be collected on a quarterly basis and shall commence as to all lots in the subdivision on the first day of the month following recordation of the Declaration of Restrictions for the subdivision. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. Upon the closing of a lot subject hereto, there shall be an assessment due for the remainder of the quarter in which the closing occurs, plus the amount of the assessment due for the following quarter.

(i) Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed by law from the date due until paid. The Association may bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the lot and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fee of such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such assessment.

(j) The lien herein granted unto the Association shall be enforceable from and after the time of recording a claim of lien in the public records of New Hanover County, North Carolina, which

claim shall state the description of the lot encumbered thereby, the name of the record owner, the amount due and the date when due. The claim of lien shall be recordable any time after default and the lien shall continue in effect until all sums secured by said lien as herein provided shall have been fully paid. Such claims of lien shall include only assessments which are due and payable when the claim of lien is recorded, plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees thereon, all as above provided. Such claims of lien shall be signed and verified by an officer or agent of the Association. Upon full payment of all sums secured by such claim of lien, the same shall be satisfied of record. The lien provided for herein shall be subordinated to the lien of any first mortgage or Deed of Trust and any person, firm, corporation or other entity acquiring title to any lot by virtue of any foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure or judicial sale, shall be liable and obligated only for assessments as shall accrue and become due and payable subsequent to the date of acquisition of such title, and it shall not be liable for the payment of any assessments which were in default and delinquent at the time it acquired such title. In the event of the acquisition of title to a lot by foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure or judicial sale, any assessment or assessments as to which the party so acquiring title shall not be liable shall be absorbed and paid by all owners of all lots as part of the common expenses, although nothing herein contained shall be construed as releasing the party liable for such delinquent assessment from the payment thereof or the enforcement of collection of such payment by means other than foreclosure.

(k) The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. The sale or transfer of any lot or unit shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any unit 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 or unit from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

(l) Mortgagees are not required to collect assessments, and the failure of the owner to pay assessments shall not constitute a default under a mortgage.

(m) Upon the sale of seventy-five percent (75%) of all of lots in all sections of the Subdivision, the Developer will turn over control of the Association to the Board of Directors to be elected by the membership in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association. Until such time, however, the Developer shall elect the Board of Directors of the Association. The Developer, in its sole and absolute discretion, may, but shall not be required to, turn over control of the Association prior to the sale of 75% of the lots if so decided by the Developer.

(n) In order to enforce the terms of this Declaration, the Association shall provide penalties for failure to obey the duties required by this Declaration, and such penalties shall be assessed against each lot, be payable by the lot owners, and be collected by the Association in the same manner as any other lot assessment provided for by the terms of this Declaration.

26. **SUN COAST SWIM AND RACQUET CLUB, INC.** In addition to THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., the Developer has heretofore created and established SUN COAST SWIM AND RACQUET CLUB, INC., for the purpose of providing recreational facilities and other amenities for the use and enjoyment by its members. Every owner of a lot in THE COTTAGES AT SUN COAST and the lot owners of any other developments which shall be specifically made members of SUN COAST SWIM AND RACQUET CLUB, INC. shall be deemed to own, possess, and have accepted:

(1) A Class "A" membership(s) in the SUN COAST SWIM AND RACQUET CLUB, INC., (Club), which membership shall be appurtenant to his or her lot and may not be separated therefrom;

(2) An undivided equal interest with all other members, for each membership in the Club owned, in the Club and all of its assets;

(3) A right and easement of enjoyment, equal to that of all other members, in and to the common areas, facilities, and amenities, which shall be appurtenant to the title of each lot made subject hereto, subject to the right of the Club to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the common areas, facilities, and amenities, for such purposes and subject to such conditions as the Club may determine, acting by and pursuant to the provisions of its duly enacted By-Laws,

(4) The duty of complying with and abiding by all of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Club, and the rules and regulations of the Club, including the payment of dues and assessments as provided in those documents

27 **CONVEYANCE OF COMMON AREAS TO ASSOCIATION** Prior to HUD insuring the first mortgage in each phase of the subdivision, the Developer shall convey to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances, the common areas and limited common areas as shown on the plat of that phase as recorded in the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

28. **CONVEYANCE, MORTGAGE, AND DEDICATION OF COMMON AREAS** The common areas and limited common areas may not be conveyed, mortgaged, or dedicated without the consent of at least two-thirds of the lot owners (excluding the Developer).