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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
THE GATES AT LANDFALL

This Declaration, made the 31st day of October, 1990, by GUARANTY MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. a North Carolina Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant" (whether one or more);

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain real property in Landfall Subdivision I (herein "LSI") in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, North Carolina, which is more particularly described as follows:

Being all of that certain tract or parcel of land shown and designated as **The Gates at Landfall** on a plat thereof duly recorded in Map Book 31 at Page 209 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, reference to which plat is hereby made for a more particular description.

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WHEREAS, the above described property is subject to the Declaration of Restrictions, Conditions, Easements, Covenants, Agreements, Liens and Charges (or Restrictive Covenants) recorded in Book 1294 at Page 1668 of the New Hanover County Registry ("NHCR"), as amended by Amendment recorded in Book 1295 at Page 410, NHCR, and further subject to a Declaration subjecting additional land in LSI to the aforesaid Declaration as amended, recorded in Book 1479 at Page 271, NHCR (the Declaration, Amendment and Declaration re Additional Lands all being referred to collectively herein as the "LSI Restrictions"); and

WHEREAS, the Declarant desires to subject the above described real property to further and additional restrictive covenants, which covenants shall not be deemed to rescind, supercede or alter the LSI Restrictions nor deprive Landfall Associates, the Board of Directors or the Architectural Review Committee of Landfall I Owners Association, Inc. of any rights granted or reserved therein. Landfall Associates has agreed to join in the execution of this Instrument for the sole purpose of giving its written approval to the additional restrictions hereinafter set forth. In case of conflict between these restrictions and the LSI Restrictions or between any approvals required by either, the LSI restrictions or the approvals required thereunder shall control and apply.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Properties described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following additional 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.

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. Association shall mean and refer to **The Gates at Landfall 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 **The Gates at Landfall** 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 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.

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SECTION 3. Properties shall mean and refer to all of The Gates at Landfall, as 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 or within a one mile radius thereof which are now owned or may be hereafter acquired 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 an amended declaration for each new section annexed.

SECTION 5. LPO Association shall mean and refer to Landfall Property Owners Association, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns, membership in which association shall be appurtenant to and inseparable from ownership of any Lot in the Properties, and the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of which membership, including, but not limited to, the liability for assessments, are set forth in the LSI Restrictions.

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 plan of The Gates at Landfall, if any.

SECTION 7. Lot shall be used interchangeably with Villa to mean and refer to any numbered lot shown upon the recorded plat of any section of The Gates at Landfall, now or hereafter recorded in the Registry.

SECTION 8. Declarant shall be used interchangeably with Developer (which designations may be used herein in the third person neuter for convenience only, but such terms shall include singular, plural, masculine and neuter as required by the context) to mean and refer to Guaranty Mortgage Company, Inc. a North Carolina corporation, its 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 and the LPO Association.

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

SECTION 12. LSI Restrictions shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Restrictions, Conditions, Easements, Covenants, Agreements, Liens and Charges (or Restrictive Covenants) recorded in Book 1294 at Page 1668, NHCR, as amended by Instruments recorded in Book 1295 at Page 419 and in Book 1479 at Page 0271, NHCR.

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:

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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. Sewer Service. All lots will be tied into the New Hanover County Sewer System. All monthly charges for sewer service will be the responsibility of each individual lot owner.

ARTICLE IV.

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 V.

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 all of the lots owned by Declarant have been sold and conveyed by the Declarant to purchasers other than a successor developer, or until December 31, 1999, whichever occurs 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 VI.

COVENANTS FOR 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, and
- B. Special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and
- C. Insurance assessments; and
- D. To the appropriate governing taxing authority, a pro rata share of ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area.
- E. To the LPO Association such assessments (herein the "LPO Assessments") as may be applicable to the members of the Association by the LSI Restrictions to which all lots in the Properties are also subject.

The annual, special and insurance assessments, and the LPO 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 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 The Gates at Landfall.

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; provided, 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 had 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 Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per lot notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs A and B above, and thereafter the limitations set forth in said subparagraph shall apply to any annual increase.

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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 insured against, 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 or their mortgagees.

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, except for those lots retained for rental purposes for which Declarant shall pay maintenance assessments which shall commence upon the date the same are occupied by a tenant. Provided, however, that for any lots retained by Declarant for other than rental purposes, Declarant shall pay to the Association annually, in lieu of any other assessments, the pro rata share of insurance assessments attributable to the 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.

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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 VII.

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 or 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 deem 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 or 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 1500 square feet of enclosed dwelling area. The term "enclosed 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 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 front, rear or side setback lines shall be established. 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 dwelling shall be constructed closer than 20 feet

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to any dwelling on any adjoining lot. That is to say, side line restrictions may be waived by Declarant so long as there is maintained a separation of at least 20 feet between buildings constructed on adjoining lots.

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. 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.

F. Landscaping and 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. Such parking areas and the driveways thereto shall be constructed of black concrete or such other material as may be approved by Declarant.

SECTION 4. Maintenance By Association. The Association, at its expense, shall be responsible for maintaining, repairing and replacing the planting easement areas, the landscaping for each individual lot, the storm water drainage system, the irrigation system with all associated equipment, all drainage lines, pipes and ditches which are located on the properties. The Association shall have the right to go onto the lots at reasonable times for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and replacing all utility, irrigation 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, aircrafts, 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 the 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.

ARTICLE VIII.

USE RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 1. Land Use And Building Type. Except as provided in Section 14 below, no lot in The Gates at Landfall, shall be used for any purposes except for residential purposes. All lots (herein referred to as "single family lots") in The Gates at Landfall, 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

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Article VII of this Declaration relating to architectural control. Different land use restrictions and architectural control guide lines may be established for adjoining properties to be 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. 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.

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 at any time. 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.

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. Water And Sewer Service. All lot owners shall be required to use water and sewer supplied by the municipality or other entity servicing the Properties for all household uses; a separate water system for the purpose of watering lawns, gardens and other outdoor uses shall not be permitted without the consent of the Declarant, its successors and assigns.

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SECTION 12. Water And Sewer Taps. Declarant reserves the right to charge separate water and sewer tap fees for each lot sold which fee will be paid directly to Declarant.

SECTION 13. Trash And Garbage Collection. The Properties shall be served exclusively by a single trash and garbage collection service which shall be selected by Declarant and approved by the Association.

SECTION 14. Signs. No signs (including "For Rent", "For Sale", and other similar signs) or property identification signs shall be erected or maintained on any lot except with express written permission of the Declarant, its successor or assigns, except as may be required by legal proceedings; provided, however, that the Declarant or its respective agents may place "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs on any lots for sale and in suitable places on the Common Elements approved by the Association; provided, however, that during the development of the Property and the initial marketing of lots, the Declarant may maintain a sales office and may erect and display such signs as the Declarant deems appropriate as aids to such development and marketing, provided that such signs do not violate any applicable laws. Such permitted signs shall be placed in the approximate center of a lot and six feet from the road curb. No sign shall be nailed to trees.

SECTION 15. Alterations. No person shall undertake, cause, or allow any alteration of construction in or upon any portion of the Common Elements except at the direction or with the express written consent of the Association.

SECTION 16. 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 or more lots; to recombine one 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. Any subdivision or changes pursuant to this paragraph shall also require the approval of the LPO Association or its Architectural Control Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

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, 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 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.

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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 Elements.

F. To be given notice by the Association if any portion of the Common Elements 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 X.

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 all or any portion of the Additional Properties, said Additional Properties or any portion thereof may be annexed to said Properties without the assent of the members, provided, however, the development of the Additional Properties permits no more than four dwelling units per acre. 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.

ARTICLE XI.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by an Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

SECTION 2. Enforcement Of Storm Water Runoff Regulations. The State of North Carolina is hereby made a beneficiary of this Declaration to the extent necessary to enforce its storm water runoff regulations as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Lots Subject To Declaration. All present and future owners, tenants and occupants of Lots and their guests or invitees, shall be subject to, and shall comply with the provisions of the Declaration and the LSI Restrictions as they may be amended from time to time. The acceptance of a deed of conveyance or the entering into of a lease or the entering into occupancy of any lot shall constitute an agreement that the provisions of the Declaration and the LSI Restrictions are accepted and ratified by such owner, tenant or occupant. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the Owner of any lot, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, and shall run with and bind the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in any lot, as though such provisions were made a part of each and every deed of conveyance or lease, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years.

SECTION 5. Amendment of Declaration. Except as provided in Article XI, Section 2, above. Section 6 below, and elsewhere herein, the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended only by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County executed by the duly authorized officers of the Association upon the vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Lot Owners; provided that no amendment shall alter any obligation to pay ad valorem taxes or assessments for public improvements, as herein provided, or affect any lien for the payment thereof established herein. In no event may the Declaration be amended so as to deprive the Declarant of any rights herein granted or reserved unto Declarant.

SECTION 6. Amendments by the Declarant. the following amendments may be effected by the Declarant, or the Board, as the case may be, without consent of the members:

A. Prior to the sale of the first lot, this Declaration may be amended by the Declarant.

B. Declarant may amend this Declaration upon annexation of additional lands as specified in Article XI, Section 2 herein.

C. The Board may amend this Declaration to correct any obvious error or inconsistency in drafting, typing or reproduction.

D. The Declarant, so long as it shall retain control of the Association, shall have the right to amend this Declaration to conform to the requirements of any law or governmental agency having legal jurisdiction over the Property or to qualify the Property or any lots and improvements thereon for mortgage or improvement loans made, insured or guaranteed by a governmental agency or to comply with the requirements of law or regulations of any corporation or agency belonging to, sponsored by, or under the substantial control of the United States Government or the State of North Carolina, regarding purchase or sale of such lots and improvements, or mortgage interests therein, as well as any other law or regulation relating to the control of property, including, without limitation, ecological controls, construction standards, aesthetics, and matters affecting the public health, safety and general welfare. A letter from an official of any such corporation or agency, including, without limitation, the Veterans Administration, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Corporation, or the Federal National Mortgage Association, requesting or suggesting an amendment necessary to comply with the requirements of such corporation or agency shall be sufficient evidence of the approval of such corporation or agency, provided that the changes made substantially conform to such request or suggestion.

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E. The Declarant, for so long as it shall retain control of the Association, and, thereafter, the Board of Directors, may amend this Declaration as shall be necessary, in its opinion, and without the consent of any owner, to qualify the Association or the Property, or any portion thereof, for tax-exempt status.

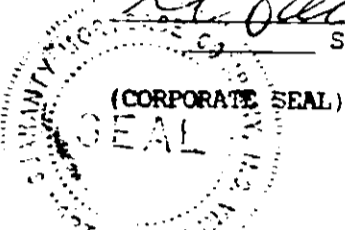
F. The Declarant for so long as it has control of the Board may amend this Declaration to include any platting change of the Property as permitted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, GUARANTY MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., a North Carolina corporation, the Declarant herein, and WESTMINSTER COMPANY, a General Partner of LANDFALL ASSOCIATES, a joint venture, have caused this Declaration to be executed in their corporate names and their corporate seals affixed by their duly authorized officers this 31st day of October, 1990.

GUARANTY MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.

By David W. Gue
President

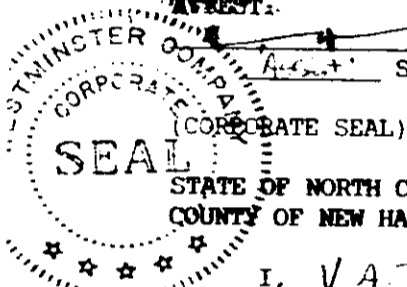
ATTEST:
R. L. Foushee
Secretary



LANDFALL ASSOCIATES, a North Carolina Joint Venture (General Partnership) By WESTMINSTER COMPANY, General Partner

By William R. Johnson
President

ATTEST:
William R. Johnson
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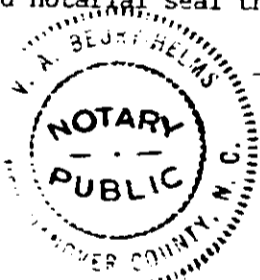


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, V. A. Beung Helms, a Notary Public of the aforesaid County and State, certify that R. L. Foushee personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Secretary of GUARANTY MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., a North Carolina Corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the said corporation the foregoing Instrument was signed in its name by its President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by himself as its ~~Assistant~~ Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 31 day of Oct., 1990.

My Commission Expires:
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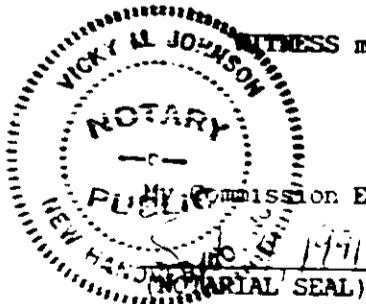


V. A. Beung Helms
Notary Public

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, Vicky M. Johnson, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that William A. Davis, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Asst Secretary of WESTMINSTER COMPANY, a North Carolina corporation and General Partner of LANDFALL ASSOCIATES, a North Carolina Joint Venture (General Partnership), and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its President, sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by him as its Asst Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 2nd day of Nov., 1990.



My Commission Expires:
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(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Vicky M. Johnson
Notary Public

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The foregoing certificates of V.A. Beury-Helms and Vicky M. Johnson,
Notaries Public are certified to be correct. This the 2 day of November,
1990.

REBECCA P. TUCKER

Register of Deeds-New Hanover County

By Bucky Williams

Deputy Assistant