

approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Association Members present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly convened for such purposes as provided in Article VIII, Section 2, below.

Section 8. Amplification. The provisions of this Declaration may be amplified by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Canterbury Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., but no such amplification shall alter or amend substantially any of the rights or obligations of the Owners set forth in the Declaration, or any Supplemental Declaration. The Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration and any Supplemental or Amended Declaration, on the one hand, and the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws on the other hand, be interpreted, construed and applied to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results. If such conflict necessarily results, however, the Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration, or any supplemental or amended Declaration, control anything to the contrary in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws.

Section 9. Termination of Association. If the Association ceases to exist, all of the Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for operation and maintenance of the Surface Water Management System facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Resource Permit, unless and until an alternate entity assumes responsibility.

## ARTICLE V ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Assessments Established. For each Lot, Declarant covenants, and each Owner of a Lot by acceptance of a deed thereto, whether or not it is so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association:

- a. An annual assessment, as provided in Section 2 of this Article; and
- b. Special assessments, as provided in Section 3 of this Article; and
- c. Specific assessments; as provided in Section 4 of this Article; and
- d. All excise taxes, if any, that from time to time may be imposed by law upon all or any portion of the assessments established by this Article; and
- e. Interest and costs of collection of such assessments, including reasonable attorney's fees, as provided in this Declaration; and

All of the foregoing are a continuing charge on the Lot and secured by a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made, as provided in Section 7, below. Each such

assessment, together with excise taxes (if any), interest and all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees, also is the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot when such assessment became due. Such personal obligation will not pass to an Owner's successors in title unless assumed expressly in writing, however.

The annual or special assessments on Lots owned by the Declarant shall be fifty percent of the corresponding assessments for Lots owned by other Owners. If a deficit in funding occurs, the Declarant shall pay additional assessments equal to the deficit, however, the Declarant shall pay no more than one hundred percent of the corresponding assessment for Lots owned by other Owners.

Section 2. Annual Assessment. The annual assessment shall be due on January 1 of each year and payable as provided in Article V, Section 5. The annual assessment shall be used exclusively to promote the value and desirability of the Property for the benefit of the Owners and Occupants, including (i) the operation, management, maintenance, repair, servicing, renewal, replacement and improvements of the Common Area required to be maintained by the Association, including the Surface Water Management System Facilities, monitoring and maintenance of any wetland mitigation areas until the Southwest Florida Water Management District determines that the area is successful in accordance with the Environmental Resource Permit, and the establishment of reserve accounts for all such items; and (ii) the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and, supervision of the Common Area required to be maintained by the Association; and (iii) all other general activities and expenses of the Association.

Section 3. Special Assessments for Working Capital Fund, Nonrecurring Maintenance and Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessment authorized above, the Association may levy special assessments as follows:

- a. Upon the first sale of each Lot to a third party purchaser, a special assessment for a working capital fund, equal to six (6) months' estimated regular assessment may be assessed which shall be due and payable upon conveyance of each Lot to a third party purchaser. The aggregate working capital fund established by such special assessment shall be accounted for separately, and shall be available for all necessary expenditures of the Association.
- b. In an assessment year, a special assessment (in addition to the annual assessment or the assessment provided in subsection (a) above) which is applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any nonrecurring maintenance, or the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area required to be maintained by the Association, including fixtures and personal property related thereto may be assessed. The Association shall separately account for the proceeds of such special assessments and proceeds shall be used solely and exclusively to fund the nonrecurring maintenance or improvements in question, provided such assessment first is approved by a majority of the Members present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting

duly convened for such purpose. Any such special assessment shall be due on the date fixed by, and may be payable in one or more installments (with or without interests), as the Board determines.

Section 4. Specific Assessments. Any and all accrued, liquidated indebtedness of any Owner to the Association arising under the provision of this Declaration, or by contract expressed or implied, or because of any act or omission of any Owner or person for whom such Owner is responsible, also may be assessed by the Association against such Owner's Lot after such Owner fails to pay it within thirty (30) days after written demand.

Section 5. Amount. Until the close of the first fiscal year following Declarant's conveyance of the first Lot, and subject to the provisions of the paragraph below, the annual assessment will not exceed \$300.00 per Lot. At least thirty (30) days before the end of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare and distribute to each Owner a proposed budget for the Association's operations during the next ensuing fiscal year. If such budget requires an annual assessment of one hundred fifteen percent (115%) or less of the annual assessment for the fiscal year then ending, the assessment so proposed shall take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing fiscal year without further notice to any Owner. However, if such budget requires an annual assessment that is more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the annual assessment then in effect, the Board shall call a membership meeting on not less than fifteen (15) days prior notice for the purpose of approving such increase. A majority of the votes, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of those Members present and voting is sufficient for such approval, and the assessment approved will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing fiscal year without further notice to any Owner. If the proposed assessment is disapproved, a majority of the Members voting shall determine the annual assessment for the next ensuing fiscal year, which may be in any amount not exceeding that stated in the meeting notice. Each annual assessment may be payable in such number of installments, with or without interest, as the Board determines. In the absence of any action by the Board or the membership to the contrary prior to the commencement of any fiscal year, the annual assessment then in effect automatically will continue for the ensuing year.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the assessment may increase an amount greater than fifteen percent without a vote of the Members if such additional increase is due solely to maintenance costs of amenities or recreational features which have been added by the Declarant or Association since the preparation of the last budget and assessment. If any such amenities or recreational features are added, the initial years assessment and subsequent assessments shall be adjusted by the Board to cover the additional maintenance costs.

Section 6. Commencement. The assessments provided by this Article shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the first month following Declarant's first conveyance of title to any Lot and shall be prorated on the basis of the number of months then remaining in the Association's fiscal year.

Section 7. Assessment Lien. All sums assessed to any Lot, together with interest and all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees, are secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. Such lien is subject and inferior to the lien for all sums secured by any First Mortgage encumbering such Lot, but all other lienors acquiring liens on any Lot after this Declaration is recorded are deemed to consent that such liens are inferior to the lien established by this Declaration, whether or not such consent is set forth in the instrument creating such lien. The recordation of this Declaration constitutes constructive notice to all subsequent purchasers and creditors, or either, of the existence of the Association's lien and its priority. The Association may, but is not required to, from time to time, record a Notice of Lien to further evidence the lien established by this Declaration.

Section 8. Association Remedies. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after its due date shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest from its initial due date at the maximum rate of interest allowed by law. The Association may sue the Owner personally obligated to pay such assessment for a money judgment, or it may foreclose its lien against such Owner's Lot, or both. A suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments may be maintained without foreclosing, waiving, or otherwise impairing the security of the Association's lien, or its priority. No Owner may waive or escape liability for the Association's assessments by non-use of the Fee Common Area or by abandonment of such Owner's Lot.

Section 9. Foreclosure. The lien for sums assessed pursuant to this Article may be enforced by a judicial foreclosure in the same manner in which mortgages on real property from time to time may be foreclosed in the State of Florida. In such foreclosure, the Owner is required to pay all costs and expenses of foreclosure including reasonable attorney's fees. All such costs and expenses are secured by the lien foreclosed. Such Owner also is required to pay to the Association all assessments against the Lot that become due during the period of foreclosure, which also are secured by the lien foreclosed and will be accounted and paid as of the date the Owner's title is divested by foreclosure. The Association has the right and power to bid at the foreclosure sale, or to acquire such Lot by deed or other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure, and thereafter to hold, convey, lease, rent, use and otherwise deal with such Lot as its Owner for purposes of resale only. If any foreclosure sale results in a deficiency, the Association may petition the Court having jurisdiction of the foreclosure to enter a personal judgment against the Owner for such deficiency.

Section 10. Exempt Lots. Any and all Lots from time to time owned by the Association are exempt from the assessments established by this Article during the period of such ownership. This Association may not own or otherwise acquire Lots except (i) pursuant to foreclosure of the Association's lien, or (ii) one Lot for use as a residence by any resident manager for the Property who is employed by the Association or Association's manager.

Section 11. Lien Subordination. The Association's lien established by the Declaration is subordinate to the lien of any First Mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot does not affect the assessment lien, except that the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to a judicial sale upon

foreclosure of any First Mortgage, or any deed in lieu thereof, extinguishes the Association's lien as to payments that became due prior to such judicial sale or deed in lieu of foreclosure, without prejudice, however, to the Association's right to collect such amounts from the Owners personally liable for their payment. No such sale or transfer relieves such Lot from liability for assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. Any lienholder may pay, but is not required to pay, any amount secured by the lien created by this Article; and, upon such payment, such lienholder will be subrogated to all rights of the Association with respect to such lien, including priority.

Section 12. Homestead. By acceptance of a deed thereto, each Owner of each Lot is deemed to acknowledge conclusively that (i) the assessments established by this Article are for the improvement and maintenance of any homestead thereon; and (ii) the Association's lien for such assessments has priority over any such homestead; and (iii) such Owner irrevocably waives the benefit of any homestead exemption otherwise available with respect to all amounts secured by such lien.

## ARTICLE VI

### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Creation and Composition. The "Architectural Committee" shall mean, as follows: Until all the Lots in Canterbury Lakes have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Architectural Committee shall mean the Declarant, and shall not be a committee of the Association. At such time as all of the Lots in Canterbury Lakes have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Declarant shall notify the Association, and, thereupon, the Declarant's rights and obligations as the Architectural Committee shall forthwith terminate. Thereafter, the Association shall have the right, power, authority, and obligation to establish a successor Architectural Committee as a committee of the Association in accordance with the Association Documents and prescribe rules and regulations pursuant to which such Committee shall act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if additional property is annexed and subjected to this Declaration in accordance with Article VIII, Section 9, then, as to the Lots in each subsequent phase, Declarant shall be the Architectural Committee until such time as all such Lots have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, after which the Architectural Committee established by the Association shall take over.

Section 2. Design Standards. The Architectural Committee shall from time to time, subject to this Declaration and the Association Documents, adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke, and enforce guidelines, hereinafter referred to as the "Design Standards" for the purposes of:

- (i) governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval pursuant to this Declaration;