

- a. No Owner or occupant other than the Declarant shall excavate or extract earth from any of the lots subject to this Declaration for any business or other commercial purpose. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade of surrounding lots. No Lot shall be increased in size by filling in the water it abuts.
- b. No privy or outside toilet facilities shall be constructed or maintained on any lot other than those used during construction operations.
- c. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this Declaration, in the event that any Unit, as constructed by the Declarant, it's agents or builders on a Lot, encroaches upon any portion of the Common Areas or adjoining Lots, then a perpetual easement appurtenant to such Lot shall exist for the continuance of any such encroachment on the Common Areas or adjoining Lots. In the event any fence, roof, overhanging roof, or portion of the Unit as constructed upon any Lot by Declarant, it's agents or builders encroaches or overlaps upon any other Lot or the Common Areas, then, in such event, a perpetual easement appurtenant to the Lot upon which the fence, roof; overhanging roof, or Unit is constructed shall exist for the continuation of any such encroachment or overlapping upon the adjoining Lots and Common Areas.
- d. Installation and use of play equipment approved by the Architectural Committee shall be limited to the rear of each lot only, and not closer than five (5) feet to property lines.
- e. Towers, Play Structures, Above Ground Pools and Basketball Backboards. Other than approved play equipment, no outside tanks, towers, poles, tree houses or other recreation structures for any purpose shall be erected. This includes above ground pools, skate board ramps and Basketball backboards. Portable basketball backboards and goals must be stored in a garage or fenced yard out of view when not in use.
- f. Storage structures may be constructed in the rear yard of a residence in accordance with rules and limitations established by the Architectural Committee provided the structure can not be seen from any adjacent yard, right of way, lot, common area or open space. All such structures must have the prior approval of the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, has the right to enforce, by any appropriate proceeding, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, easements, reservations, rules, regulations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by, or pursuant to, the provisions of this Declaration. If any Owner or the Association is the prevailing party in any litigation involving this Declaration, then that party also has the right to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees for all trial and appellate proceedings, if any. If the Association employs an attorney to enforce the provisions of this Declaration against any Owner, regardless of whether suit is brought, the costs and expenses of such enforcement, including reasonable attorneys' fees, may be assessed against such Owner's Lot as provided in Article V, Section 4. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any provisions contained in this Declaration does not constitute a waiver of the right to do so at any time. The Declarant also has the right to enforce all provisions of this Declaration relating to the use, maintenance, and preservation of the Properties; and, if Declarant is the prevailing party in any litigation involving this Declaration, to recover all of Declarant's costs and expenses incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has the right to take enforcement measures, including a civil action for injunction and penalties, against the Association to compel it to correct any outstanding problems with the Surface Water Management System Facilities.

The Association may impose fines against any member, tenant, guest, or invitee, for violation of the provisions of this Declaration or the standards of the Architectural Committee. Such fines shall not exceed \$50 per violation, and may be imposed only after a hearing before a committee of three members appointed by the Board who are not related to officers, directors, or employees of the Association, with 14 days notice to the person sought to be fined.

Section 2. Meeting Requirements. Wherever any provision of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws requires any action to be approved by two-thirds (2/3) or more of the votes, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of membership at a meeting duly convened for such purpose, written notice of such meeting must be given to all Members not less than fifteen (15) days in advance, setting forth its purpose. At such meeting the presence in person or by proxy of Members entitled to cast at least fifty percent (50%) of the votes, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, outstanding constitutes a quorum.

Section 3. Rights of Mortgagees. By agreement between any Owner and the holder of any mortgage on such Owner's Lot, any and all membership rights of such Owner may be assigned to, and exercised by, such Mortgagee as collateral or additional security for performance of the obligations secured by such mortgage; but no such assignment or delegation will bind the Association until the Association has received written notice thereof.

Section 4. Approval of FHA/VA. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, any amendment to this Declaration, the articles, or the By-Laws; or any annexation of additional property; or any merger or consolidation of the Association or any dissolution of the

Association; or any mortgaging, sale or dedication of any Common Area, must be approved by the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration as long as there is Class "B" members.

Section 5. Severability. Invalidation of any particular provision of this Declaration by judgment or court order will not affect any other provision, all of which will remain in full force and effect provided, however, any court of competent jurisdiction is hereby empowered, to the extent practicable, to reform any otherwise invalid provision of this Declaration when necessary to avoid a finding of invalidity which otherwise effectuate Declarant's intent of providing a comprehensive plan for the use, development, sale and beneficial enjoyment of the Properties.

Section 6. Amendment. The provisions of this Declaration will run with and bind the Properties, and will inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association for so long as the Properties are used in whole or in part as a residential community, and in all events, for at least twenty-five (25) years following the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten years. This Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by members entitled to cast not less than two thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of membership pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 hereof. No amendment shall be effective which shall impair or prejudice the rights or priorities of the Declarant, or any Institutional Mortgagee without the specific written approval of the Declarant or Institutional Mortgagee affected thereby. Any amendment affecting the Surface Water Management System Facilities or the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water Management System Facilities shall have the prior written approval of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. During the first two years after execution hereof, Declarant may amend this Declaration by recording an instrument stating such amendment, for the sole purpose of complying with requirements of the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration, or Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Section 7. Easements for De Minimis Unintentional Encroachments. Where necessary and appropriate, Declarant and/or the Association, whichever is in control of the particular portion of the Properties at the time, may grant easements for de minimis unintentional encroachments.

Section 8. Interpretation. Unless the context expressly requires otherwise, the use of the singular includes the plural, and vice versa; the use of the terms "including" or "include" is without limitation; the terms "Common Area", "Lot", and "Properties" include both any portion applicable to the context and any and all improvements, fixtures, trees vegetation, and other property from time to time situated thereon; and use of the words "must", "will" and "should" is intended to have the same legal effect as the word "shall". This Declaration should be construed in favor of the party seeking to enforce its provisions to effectuate its purpose of protecting and enhancing the value, marketability, and desirability of the Properties as a residential community by providing a common plan for their development and enjoyment.

Section 9. Annexation. Within ten years of the date of execution of this Declaration, the Declarant may add contiguous lands to the Property, by the filing of a supplemental declaration declaring such annexed lands to be subject to the provisions hereof, with such modifications and additions as may be applicable to such annexed lands. Upon the filing of such a supplemental declaration, the Lots and lands annexed thereby shall become subject to this Declaration, to the assessment provisions hereof, and to the jurisdiction of the Architectural Committee and the Association. For purposes of Article IV, Section 2, the Lots in the annexed lands shall be considered to have been part of the Property since the filing of this Declaration. Within ten (10) years of the date of execution of this Declaration, the Declarant may remove any lands from the Property by the filing of a supplemental declaration declaring the same, if such lands have not been made part of any residential plat or subdivision or otherwise developed for residential purposes.

Section 10. Rights of The Declarant. The following actions shall require the approval of the Declarant, as long as the Declarant shall own a Lot: Amendment of this Declaration, Annexation of Additional Properties, and establishment of any assessment or yearly assessment.