# DECLARATION AND GENERAL PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR LAKE FOREST NORTH OF PALM COAST

THIS DECLARATION is made this 17th day of November, 1989 by ITT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, its successor or assigns ("Declarant"), and joined in by LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PALM COAST, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit ("Association").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of Lake Forest North of Palm Coast (as that term is hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, Lake Forest North of Palm Coast is located in Flagler County, Florida, and is legally described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

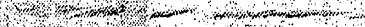
WHEREAS, Declarant is developing Lake Forest North of Palm Coast as a planned, residential community; and

WHEREAS, Declarant by this Declaration imposes those certain protective covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth herein upon the land legally described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and shall be herein referred to as "Committed Property"; and

WHEREAS, Declarant may, in its sole discretion, from time to time, convey, lease or grant a license or other use right to lands within or without Lake Forest North of Palm Coast by deed, easement, or otherwise to the Association (which must accept the same), or Declarant may, in its sole discretion, cause additional parties to do so, for the purpose of maintenance, landscaping, drainage, recreation or other purposes that will be for the use and benefit of some or all of its "Members" (as that term is hereinafter defined) and of families, tenants and guests; and

WHEREAS, Declarant has deemed it desirable for the efficient preservation of the values and amenities established as aforesaid to create a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, known as the Lake Forest North Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., which Association has joined in this Declaration and to which there has been and will be delegated and assigned certain powers and duties of operation, administration, maintenance and repair of portions of Lake Forest North of Palm Coast, including the collection and disbursement of the "Operating Expenses" (as that term is hereinafter defined), all as more particularly set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant declares that the Committed Property is and shall be owned, used, sold, conveyed,



encumbered, demised, and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, burdens, liens, and all other provisions of this Declaration, all as hereinafter set forth, which shall run with the Committed Property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Committed Property, or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each "Owner" (as that term is hereinafter defined) thereof.

## ARTICLE I

#### Definitions

The following words and phrases when used in this Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit) shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Access Area" shall mean and refer to that portion of each Improved Lot which surrounds the exterior of the Dwelling Unit.
- (b) "Adjacent Lot" shall mean and refer to that Lot or Lots immediately to either side of a Townhouse Lot.
- (c) "Architectural Review Committee" or "Committee" shall mean and refer to a committee appointed by Declarant pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, herein.
- (d) "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of Lake Forest North Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, attached hereto as Exhibit "B," as may be amended from time to time.
- (e) "Association" shall mean and refer to the Lake Forest North Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, its successors or assigns, which has its principal place of business in Flagler County, Florida. The Association is NOT a condominium association.
- (f) "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.
- (g) "Building" shall mean and refer to a building in Lake Forest North containing three attached Dwelling Units sharing party walls and a common roof.
- (h) "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of the Association, attached hereto as Exhibit "C," as may be amended from time to time.
  - (i) "Committed Property" shall mean and refer to the

property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- (j) "Common Area" shall mean and refer to those portions of Committed Property owned by the Association, and devoted to the common use and enjoyment of all Owners, together with any improvements thereon, including, without limitation, any commonly owned recreational facilities, courtyards, open space, off-street parking areas, utilities, private streets, sidewalks, street lights, and storage facilities within or about the Committed Property, all as further described in Article IV hereof.
- (k) "County" shall mean and refer to Flagler County,
- (1) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to ITT Community Development Corporation, a Delaware corporation, its designee, successors and assigns, and including its wholly-owned subsidiary, Palm Coast Construction Company.
- (m) "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Lake Forest North of Palm Coast, as may be amended from time to time.
- (n) "Development" shall mean and refer to the general development area commonly known as Palm Coast and located throughout Flagler County, Florida.
- (o) "Dwelling Unit" shall mean and refer to a residential unit of Lake Forest (hereinafter defined) to be used as an abode
- (p) "Improved Lot" shall mean and refer to any Townhouse Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit has been constructed.
- (q) "Institutional Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to (a) a lending institution having a first mortgage lien upon a Lot including any of the following institutions: (a) Federal or State Savings and Loan or Building and Loan Association, a national or state bank or real estate investment trust, or mortgage banking company doing business in the State of Florida, or life insurance company; or (b) any "Secondary Mortgage Market Institution" including the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration and such other Secondary Mortgage Market Institution as the Board shall hereafter approve in writing which has acquired a first mortgage upon a Lot; or (c) any and all investors or lenders, or the successors and assigns of such investors or lenders which have loaned money to Declarant to acquire, or construct improvements upon the Committed Property and who have a mortgage lien on all or a portion of the Committed

Property securing such loan; or (d) such other lenders as the Board shall hereafter approve in writing which have acquired a first mortgage upon a Lot.

- (r) "Lake Forest North of Palm Coast" and "Lake Forest North" shall mean and refer to that portion of real property more particularly described in attached Exhibit "A."
- (s) "Member" shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are members of the "Association."
- (t) "Operating Expenses" shall mean and refer to the expenses for which Owners are liable to the Association as described in this Declaration and in any other document governing Lake Forest North, and include, but are not limited to, the costs and expenses incurred by the Association in fulfilling its obligations hereunder and in administering, operating, owning, constructing, reconstructing, financing, maintaining, repairing and replacing the Common Areas, other real property, or portions of either and improvements thereon, as well as expenses incurred by the Association in fulfilling its obligations under this Declaration and any other document governing Lake Forest North, which mean and include the costs and expenses described in these documents as such and include regular and special assessments made by the Association in accordance with the terms hereof.
- (u) "Owner" or "Lot Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner (other than Declarant), whether one or more persons, firms or entities, who has acquired fee simple title to any Townhouse Lot.
- (v) "Party Wall" shall mean and refer to the entire wall, from front to rear, all or a portion of which is used for support of each adjoining structure, situate or intended to be situate on the boundary line between adjoining Lots.
- (w) "Property Line" shall mean and refer to the perimeter boundary line of any Townhouse Lot (hereinafter defined) within the Committed Property.
- (x) "Property Plan" shall mean and refer to the Plat of Lake Forest North attached hereto as Exhibit "D" as may be amended from time to time.
- (y) "Rules and Regulations" shall mean and refer to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board in accordance with the terms of this Declaration.
- (z) "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to an instrument executed by Declarant for the purpose of subjecting portions of Lake Forest North to this Declaration, or for such other purposes as more fully described herein.

(aa) "Townhouse Lot" or "Lot" means any platted Lot on the Committed Property.

# ARTICLE II

#### Plans for Development and Declarant's Rights and Powers

Section 1. General Plan of Development. Declarant is the owner of Lake Forest North and presently plans to develop all or a portion of Lake Forest North as a single-phase planned development. Declarant has the right, but is not obligated, to build up to forty eight (48) Dwelling Units within the real property described in Exhibit "A" to this Declaration, hereafter known as Lake Forest North. Therefore, the development may consist of forty eight (48) Dwelling Units, together with the Common Area and improvements thereto as described in this Declaration. Declarant, however, reserves the right to add additional phases to Lake Forest North, thereby increasing the total number of Dwelling Units to comprise the Committed Property.

Section 2. <u>Committed Property</u>. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREIN CONTAINED OR CONTAINED IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT, ONLY THAT PORTION OF LAKE FOREST NORTH WHICH IS COMMITTED PROPERTY (AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN THIS DECLARATION) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECLARATION AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENT GOVERNING THE COMMITTED PROPERTY.

Section 3. Additions to Committed Property: Certain Amendments. Declarant shall have the right, and hereby reserves the right, from time to time to bring other property not presently part of Lake Forest North into the Committed Property. Any additional properties brought within the scheme of this Declaration may contain Lots, Common Areas or both Lots and Common Areas and shall become part of the Association. The right of Declarant as provided for in the preceding sentence of this Section 3 shall be for a period of twenty (20) years commencing with the recording of this Declaration in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida.

Declarant, its successors and assigns, shall not be obligated to add to the Committed Property and bring within the scheme of this Declaration any or all of the remaining portions of Lake Forest North. The additions and amendments authorized under this subsection shall only be made by Declarant, shall not require the consent or approval of the Association, Members or any other person or entity, and shall be made by the recording in the Public Records of the County of a Supplemental Declaration with respect to the additional property, which shall extend the scheme of this Declaration to such property or modify the Declaration with respect to such additional preperties as

hereinafter set forth. Such Supplemental Declaration(s) shall identify Lots and Common Properties within the properties described therein. Declarant's rights under this Section 3 are paramount to the provisions of Section 7 of Article XIII of this Declaration.

Supplemental Declarations may contain such complementary additions and modifications of this Declaration as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of that portion of Lake Forest North or the additional properties which are the subject of such Supplemental Declaration as are not inconsistent with the scheme of this Declaration, as determined by Declarant. Further, such Supplemental Declarations may contain provisions relating to such portions of Lake Forest North and/or such additional property, or any portions thereof, dealing with, among other things, assessments and the basis thereof, rules and regulations, architectural controls and other provisions consistent with the nature of the development of such properties and pertaining to all or part of such portion and/or such additional properties to the exclusion of other portions of Lake Forest North.

The provisions of this Article II, Section 3, cannot be amended without the written consent of Declarant, and any amendment of this Article II, Section 3 without the written consent of Declarant, shall be deemed null and void.

Section 4. Warranties. Upon conveyance of a Dwelling Unit to an Owner, Declarant shall assign all warranties from the applicable sub-contractor, and if no such warranty exists, Declarant shall warrant the improvement against defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from conveyance. NoTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN, EXCEPT FOR THE WARRANTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION 4, DECLARANT DISCLAIMS ANY OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTIES, OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS AS TO THE DWELLING UNIT OR IMPROVED LOT, AND ALL ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CONTAINED THEREIN, WHETHER ARISING FROM CUSTOM, USAGE, COURSE OF TRADE, CASE LAW OR OTHERWISE, OR ANY OTHER WARRANTIES WHATSOEVER.

Section 5. <u>Sprinkler System</u>. There shall be constructed on each Lot a sprinkler system for irrigation purposes. The sprinkler system shall not be conveyed to the Owner but shall be owned by the Association.

Section 6. Changes in Use or Boundaries. Declarant shall have the right, by an amendment or Supplemental Declaration executed by Declarant alone, without the consent of the Association, any Institutional Mortgagees or the Owners, to take such action as may be required to relocate portions, change the use, or modify the boundaries of any of the Common Areas,

including the Lake, notwithstanding that such portions of the Common Areas may be Committed Property.

Section 7. Golf Course. The golf course located north of the Lake, as that term is hereinafter defined, is, at the time of the recording of this Declaration, owned and operated by Sunsport Recreation, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Declarant. The golf course is available for use on the terms set, from time to time, by Sunsport. All persons, including all Owners, are hereby advised that no representations or warranties have been or are made by Declarant or any other person with regard to the continuing ownership, method of operation, or layout of the golf course. Each Owner further understands and agrees that ownership interest in or right to use the golf course in any manner. Each Owner understands and agrees that his or her Dwelling Unit and Lot are adjacent to or near the golf course and that the golf course will be used, from time to time, for tournaments and other special events. Each Owner also acknowledges that the location of his or her Dwelling Unit within Lake Forest North may result in nuisances or hazards to persons and property on the Lot as a result of normal golf course operations or as a result of tournaments or special events. Each Owner covenants for itself, its heirs, successors, successors in title, and assigns that it shall assume all risks associated with such location including, but not limited to, the risk of property damage or personal injury arising from stray golf balls or actions incidental to such golf course activities, and SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, AND THE OWNER OF THE GOLF COURSE, FROM ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, OR EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AT ALL LEVELS, ARISING FROM SUCH PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY.

#### ARTICLE III

#### Membership and Voting Rights in the Association

Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Townhouse Lot which is or is at any time made subject to this Declaration shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and inseparable from ownership of a Lot. Transfer of Lot ownership either voluntarily or by operation of law shall terminate membership in the Association, and said membership shall thereupon be vested in the transferee.

When any one Lot is owned by more than one person, firm, individual, corporation or other legal entity, the composite title holder shall be and constitute one member of the Association. Any person, firm, individual, corporation or legal

entity owning more than one Lot shall be as many Members as the number of Lots owned.

Section 2. <u>Classes of Memberships and Voting Rights</u>. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall be all of those Owners as defined in Section 1, with the exception of Declarant. The Class A Members shall be entitled to one membership interest and one vote for each Lot in which they hold the interests required for membership by Section 1.

Class B. Class B Members shall be Declarant, including any of its subsidiaries to which Declarant may transfer title. The Class B Member shall be entitled to ten (10) membership interests and ten (10) votes for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for membership by Section 1, and the Class B Member shall be entitled to elect a majority of the Board of Directors until such time that the last Lot owned by Declarant within Lake Forest North has been sold and conveyed by the Declarant.

Upon the transfer of title of any Lot which is held for sale by Declarant to an Owner other than to one of Declarant's subsidiaries, the Class B membership interest appurtenant to such Lot shall be automatically converted to a Class A membership interest.

When any one Lot is owned by more than one person, firm, individual, corporation or other legal entity, the voting rights pertaining to such Lot shall be as prescribed in the Articles or Bylaws.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, DECLARANT OR ITS DULY AUTHORIZED SUBSIDIARY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DECLARANT NO LONGER HOLDS THE TITLE TO ANY PORTION OF LAKE FOREST NORTH.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Common Areas

Section 1. Common Area. Common Areas are those portions of the Committed Property designated as such in this Declaration, a Supplemental Declaration, Property Plan or other written instrument recorded in the Public Records of the County. Common Areas may be for recreational or other purposes. So long as Declarant appoints a majority of the Board of Directors, the Common Areas shall be only that property designated as such by

Declarant. Declarant shall have the right, and the power, but neither the duty nor the obligation, in its sole discretion, to, or to cause others to, convey, lease or grant a license or other use right to real property within or without Lake Forest North whether it be Committed Property or not, to the Association for such purposes as may be expressed in the instrument of conveyance, lease or grant of license or use. No such real property shall be considered to be Common Area until actually so conveyed, leased or grant of license or other use right is created by a written instrument. Association shall accept from Declarant, or others approved by Declarant, any such conveyance, lease, grant of license or grant of use right.

Section 2. <u>Easements</u>. Declarant reserves the right for itself and its designees to grant additional easements for use, ingress and egress, governmental services and utilities over, across and under the Common Areas, for the use and benefit of persons who are not Members of the Association, including members of the Lake Forest Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, and for portions of Lake Forest North which are not Committed Property hereunder.

Section 3. <u>Maintenance</u>. The Association may enter into agreements with other persons or entities to provide for the maintenance, upkeep and repair of any of the Common Area or any other property which the Association has the obligation to maintain, upkeep and repair under this Declaration.

Section 4. Title in Association. Within six months after issuance of a final certificate of occupancy as to all improvements to be made to the real property known as Lake Forest North, Declarant, or its successors and assigns, shall convey and transfer to the Association the record fee simple title of those portions of Lake Forest North that constitute the Common Areas, except for the Lake (as that term is hereinafter defined). The Association shall accept such conveyance, subject to this Declaration. To preserve and enhance the property values and amenities of Lake Forest North of Palm Coast, the Common Areas, and any facilities now or hereafter built or installed thereon, shall at all times be maintained in good repair and condition and shall be operated in accordance with high standards. The maintenance and repair of the Common Areas may include, but not be limited to, the repair and maintenance of roadways, landscaped areas, walkways, recreational facilities (if any), or signs. The Association, by its execution of this Declaration, covenants and agrees to accept all conveyances of Common Areas. This section shall not be amended to reduce or eliminate the obligation for maintenance or repair of the Common Areas without the prior written consent of Declarant.

The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance thereof in a continuous and satisfactory manner and for the

payment of taxes assessed against Common Areas and any improvements and any personal property thereon accruing from and after the conveyance to the Association, and such taxes shall be prorated as of the date of conveyance. Prior to completion of the Common Areas and conveyance of the title thereto to the Association, the taxes assessed against such non-public property shall be paid by Declarant or its successors or assigns.

Section 5. Title to Additional Common Areas. From time to time, Declarant reserves the right, but not the obligation, to convey to the Association legal title to additional Common Areas, subject only to the condition that such properties shall be additional Common Areas shall be conveyed to the Association within the time provided in Section 3 of Article II.

Declarant shall not be obligated to bring any additional Common Areas within the scheme of this Declaration nor to convey title to such Common Areas to the Association. The additions authorized under this section may be made by Declarant in accordance with Article II, Section 3, of this Declaration.

Section 6. The Lake. Lake Forest North contains a portion of a lake (the "Lake") within Parcels G-1, G-2 and G-3 (common area) shown on Exhibit "D" attached hereto (Property Plan).

- (a) The portion of the Lake within Lake Forest North is Common Area. The boundaries of the Lake shall be subject to accretion, reliction and other minor natural changes.
- (b) The Lake is primarily a visual amenity and is generally not to be used for recreational purposes, provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations concerning the use of the Lake.
- (c) Swimming in the Lake is prohibited. Any boat traffic on the Lake is limited to boats without engines, such as rowboats and canoes. The Association shall have the right to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations concerning the use of boats, vessels or rafts on the Lake. In no event shall any boat or similar craft used on the Lake be permitted to remain on the Lake, the shore of the Lake or any Lot or Comman Area within is stored in a fully enclosed garage with the garage door fully closed. Any persons who swim in or otherwise use the Lake shall do so at their own risk and shall hold declarant and the Association harmless from any claim or loss arising therefrom.
- (d) No dock, davit or other structure abutting the

- (e) The Association shall maintain all of the landscaping and grass areas originally installed on each Lot as part of the initial construction of a Dwelling Unit, including the portions of any Lot which which abut the Lake. A nonexclusive easement is hereby reserved in favor of Declarant, the Association and their designees for ingress, egress, and access to any portion of the Committed Property in order to maintain the Lake. All costs of maintenance of the Lake, including the water fountain located therein, if any, shall be an Operating Expense, unless otherwise provided in this Declaration.
- (f) Declarant or the Association shall have the right to enter into an agreement with any party, including the owner of the Lake providing for or pertaining to the maintenance or joint-maintenance of the Lake.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Grant and Reservation of Easements

Section 1. <u>Easement of Enjoyment</u>. Each Member and each tenant, agent or invitee of Members shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title of the Lot, subject to this Declaration, including the following:

- (a) The right and duty of the Association to levy assessments against each Townhouse Lot for the purpose of maintaining the Common Areas and facilities.
- (b) The right of the Association to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and all facilities at any time situated thereon.
- (c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Board of Directors, provided that no such dedication, transfer, or determination as to the purposes or as to the conditions thereof, shall be effective unless seventy-five (75%) percent of the Members shall vote in favor thereof at a meeting of the Members called for such purpose, or unless an instrument signed by Members entitled to cast seventy-five (75%) percent of the eligible votes have been recorded, agreeing to such dedication, transfer, purpose or condition and unless written notice of the action is sent to

every Member at least ninety (90) days in advance of any action taken.

- (d) The right of Declarant and the Association to grant and reserve easements and rights-of-way in, through, under, over and across the Committed Property for the installation, maintenance, and inspection of lines and appurtenances for public or private water, sewer, drainage, cable television and other utilities, and the right of Declarant to grant and reserve easements and rights-of-way in, through, under, over, upon and across the Committed Property for the completion of the Development.
- Section 2. Access Easements. Declarant does hereby establish and create for the benefit of the Association and for the benefit of any and all Owners of Lots subject to this Declaration, their tenants, invitees and Institutional Mortgagees, and any members of the Lake Forest Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, and does hereby give, grant and convey to each of the aforementioned, the following easements, licenses, rights and privileges:
- (a) Right-of-way for ingress and egress by vehicles or on foot, as practicable, in, through, over, under and across the streets, roads, and walks within Common Areas (as they may be built or relocated in the future) for all purposes.
- (b) Right-of-way for ingress and egress for pedestrian traffic and for access, as necessary, over, under, and across the Access Areas for each Townhouse Lot, including, but not limited to, access to the lake shore abutting any Lot. This easement shall not be construed to permit the operation of any type of motorized vehicle on any portion of the Access Areas of a Lot, except as my be required or permitted by other easements providing for maintenance, construction or access by emergency vehicles.
- Section 3. <u>Public Easements</u>. Fire, police, health, sanitation, and other public service personnel and vehicles shall have a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Committed Property as needed.
- Section 4. Easement for Encroachments on Lots or Common Areas.
- (a) If any portion of any roadway, walkway, fence, gate, parking area, roof drainage system, roof, trellis, water lines, sewer lines, utility lines, sprinkler system or any other structure as originally constructed by Declarant or its

designee, successor or assign encroaches on any Lot or Common Area, it shall be deemed that the Owner of such Lot or Common Area has granted a perpetual easement to the Owner of the adjoining Lot or Common Area or the Association as the case may be, for continuing maintenance and use of such encroaching roadway, walkway, fences, gates, parking area, roof drainage system, roof, trellis, water line, sewer line, utility line, sprinkler system or other structure originally constructed by Declarant. The foregoing shall also apply to any replacement of any such roadway, walkway, fence, gate, parking area, roof drainage system, roof, trellis, water lines, sewer lines, utility lines, sprinkler system or other structure, if same are constructed in substantial conformance to the original. Other encroachments may hereafter be maintained as provided in a Supplemental Declaration. The foregoing conditions shall be perpetual in duration and shall not be subject to amendment of this Declaration.

(b) There shall be an easement for encroachment in favor of the Association and all Townhouse Lot Owners in the event any Dwelling Unit now or hereafter encroaches upon any other Dwelling Unit as a result of minor inaccuracies in survey, construction or reconstruction or due to settlement or movement. The encroaching improvements shall remain undisturbed for so long as the encroachment exists. Any easement for encroachment shall include an easement for the maintenance and use of the encroaching improvement in favor of the Dwelling Unit Owners, their designees, mortgagees and the Association. If any portion of any Lot encroaches upon the Access Areas and Common Areas as a result of the construction, reconstruction, repair, shifting settlement or moving of any portion of the Committed Property, a valid easement for the encroachment and for the maintenance of same shall exist so long as the encroachment exists.

Section 5. Easement for Maintenance by Association. Declarant hereby grants to the Association, its employees, subcontractors, agents and designees, a non-exclusive, perpetual easement over, through, across and under each Lot to permit the Association, its employees, subcontractors, agents or designees to maintain and replace, as necessary, those portions of the Lot required to be maintained, replaced and repaired by the Association, as provided in this Declaration.

Section 6. <u>Easement for Sprinkler System</u>. Declarant hereby reserves to itself and grants to the Association, its employees, subcontractors, agents and designees, a non-exclusive, perpetual easement over, through, across and under each Lot for the installation, maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of sprinkler system lines and sprinkler heads, which lines and heads are hereby deemed to be the property of the Association; provided, however, no lines shall be located under a Dwelling Unit on a Lot. Should a sprinkler line(s) or sprinkler head(s)

be required to be maintained, repaired or replaced as a result of the negligence by an Owner, his family, servants, guests or invitees, the applicable Owner shall be responsible for the costs thereof, and the Association shall have the right to levy an assessment against the Owner of said Lot for same, which assessment shall have the same force and effect as all other special assessments.

Section 7. <u>Utility Easement</u>. Declarant hereby grants to the Owner of each Lot a non-exclusive perpetual easement on, over, under and across the Common Area and all other Lots for the installation, maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of utility lines, including water and sanitary sewer lateral pipes servicing the Lot, together with wires, pipes, conduits, cable television lines, telephone lines and equipment and drainage lines.

# Section 8. Reservation of Easement by Declarant.

# (a) Easements for Development and Sales.

- (1) Declarant reserves the easements, licenses, rights and privileges of a right-of-way in, through, over, under and across the Committed Property, including all Lots, for the purpose of constructing adjacent properties and completing its work in developing and providing for the development of the Committed Property; and, toward this end, reserves the right to grant and reserve easements and rights-of-way, through, under, over and across the Committed Property, for the installation, maintenance and inspection of lines and appurtenances for public or private water, sewer, drainage, cable television, electric and other utilities and for any other materials or services necessary for the completion of such work.
- (2) Declarant also reserves the right to connect with and make use of the utility lines, wires, pipes, conduits, cable television, sewers, and drainage lines which may from time to time be in or along the streets and roads of other areas of the Common Areas.
- (3) Declarant also reserves the right for itself, its designees, successors and assigns, to continue to use the Committed Property, and any roadways, sales offices, model homes, signs and parking spaces located on the Committed Property, in its efforts to market or develop Dwelling Units or Lots in the Development.
- (b) Amendment. This section may not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant.
  - Section 9. Lake Maintenance Easement. An easement for

maintenance of the Lake shall exist as provided for in Article IV, Section 6 of this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### <u>Maintenance</u>

Section 1. Maintenance of Common Areas. The Association shall at all times maintain in good repair, operate, manage, insure and replace as often as necessary, any and all improvements situated on the Common Areas, including but not limited to, any courtyards, fences, gates, recreational facilities, lawns, landscaping, sprinkler systems, paving, drainage structures, the Lake, street lighting fixtures and appurtenances, sidewalks and other structures, and utilities, all of such work to be done as ordered by the Board of Directors of the Association acting on a majority vote of the Board members.

#### Section 2. Lot Maintenance.

#### (a) Association.

- of Directors, shall provide exterior maintenance at its expense upon each Lot as follows: paint, repair, replace and care for roofs, gutters, downspouts, and exterior building surfaces including wood trim, trellises, and hinged doors, all as originally installed by Declarant. The Association shall not be responsible for the maintenance of any mechanical component of any garage door or any garage door opener, such maintenance being the responsibility of the Lot Owner.
- referred to in the preceding sentence, the Association shall be obligated to maintain in good repair and replace as necessary that part of the fences, gates, paving, drainage structures, landscaping, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, drives, sprinkler systems, street lighting fixtures, driveways, parking places and other exterior improvements situated on each Lot and outside each Dwelling Unit, all as originally installed by Declarant. The Association shall not be responsible for the repair of any paving on a Lot which has been damaged as a result of oil, transmission fluid or other substances leaking onto any paving through the neglect of the Owner or occupant of the Lot on which such paving is located. Such repairs, if undertaken by the Association, shall be billed as a Special Assessment against the Lot on which such repairs are performed.
- (3) The Association shall not maintain landscaping or grass installed by any Lot Owner, nor will it maintain plantings within the deck or patio area of a Dwelling Unit, which will specifically be the responsibility of the Lot

Owner to maintain. The Association shall be responsible for watering the grassed area and landscaping on the Lot, excluding grass or landscaping NOT originally installed by Declarant. The time and frequency of watering shall be determined by the Association. The cost of sprinkling as well as the maintenance and repair of the sprinkling system shall be an Operating Expense. The cost and expense of repair, maintenance and replacement of any part of the sprinkler system damaged by a Lot Owner, his family, lessees, guests, servants or invitees, may be assessed against said Lot.

- (4) The Association shall contract for garbage removal, and the Lot Owner shall comply with the regulations promulgated in such regard. The cost and expense of garbage removal shall be an Operating Expense.
- (5) The Association shall not maintain any other portion of the platted Lot and improvements thereon.
- (6) Maintenance of the Lake shall be as provided in Article IV, Section 6 of this Declaration.
- (b) Lot Owner. The Lot Owner is responsible to maintain and repair everything on the Lot, including but not limited to, the Dwelling Unit and any other improvements, except for items which the Association is required to maintain, as specifically provided in the paragraph above. Provided, however, Lot Owners shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement, if applicable, of water and sanitary sewer lateral pipes servicing their Dwelling Units, which laterals extend from the applicable water and sewer main to the Dwelling Units, notwithstanding that a portion of such lateral may be located within the Common Area. The Lot Owner is responsible to maintain, repair and replace the air-conditioning and heating system and appurtenances thereto, servicing the Dwelling Unit and improvements located on his Lot and any other portion of the air-conditioning and heating system or appurtenances thereto servicing his Dwelling Unit which may be located on the Common Area. The Lot Owner shall also maintain all screening and glass on the Dwelling Unit.
- Section 3. <u>Assessments</u>. All maintenance performed by the Association pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 (a) above and all expenses hereunder shall be paid for by the Association as Operating Expenses through assessments imposed by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article VII. Such assessments shall be against all Townhouse Lots equally. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments for such maintenance by non-use of the Common Areas or abandonment of his right to use the Common Areas.

Assessments shall include payment for insurance and taxes on the Common Area. The Association shall likewise assess each Lot Owner for water and sewer service in a fair and equal portion with all other Lot Owners.

The cost and expense of Association-provided maintenance shall be funded by an Association assessment against all Owners and shall be paid by the Association notwithstanding that title to the Common Area may be vested in Declarant.

Section 4. <u>Disrepair of Dwelling Units and Lots</u>. If the Owner of any Lot shall fail to maintain his Lot, and the improvements situated thereon, as required by any provision of this Declaration, in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Board of Directors of the Association or any committee established by such Board, except for such areas as the Association is required to maintain, upon direction of the Board of Directors, the Association shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon the Lot to maintain and restore the improvements erected on such Lot. The cost of any maintenance supplied by the Association pursuant to this Section shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

Section 5. Access at Reasonable Hours. For the purpose solely of performing the maintenance required by this Article, the Association, through its duly authorized agents and employees, shall have the right without notice to enter upon any Owner's Lot at reasonable hours on any day except Sunday and legal holidays.

Section 6. Negligence of Owner. Should any portion of a Dwelling Unit which the Association is required to maintain pursuant to this Article be required to be maintained, repaired or replaced as a result of the negligence of the Owner, his family, lessee, guests, servants or invitees, the applicable Owner shall be responsible for the cost thereof and the Association shall have the right to levy an assessment against the Owner of said Lot for same, which assessment shall have the same force and effect as all other assessments.

Section 7. Management. The Association, through the action of its Board of Directors, shall have the right to employ a manager or management firm which employment may either be on the basis of an employee of the Association or as an independent contractor.

Section 8. Maintenance of Roadways. The Association shall have the right to enter into an agreement or agreements with any entity, governmental or otherwise, including the Lake Forest Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, to provide for the maintenance of any roadway

which provides access to Lake Forest North, and to provide for the maintenance and landscaping of the real property abutting any such roadway.

### ARTICLE VII

# Covenant for Maintenance Assessments

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of the Assessments. Each Owner of any Townhouse Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor or instrument of conveyance, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or other instrument of conveyance, including any purchaser at a judicial sale, or by the acquisition of title in any other manner, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association annual assessments or charges for the maintenance of the Lots and Common Areas as provided in this Declaration, including such reasonable reserves as the Association may deem necessary, special assessments as provided in this Article, and assessments for maintenance as provided herein. Assessments for Operating Expenses shall be fixed, established and collected from time to time as herein provided. The annual, special and other assessments, together with such interest and costs of collection as hereinafter provided, shall, upon the recordation of a claim of lien, be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest and costs of collection, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who is the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment became due. All assessments by the Association for Operating Expenses shall be assessments by the Association for Operating Expenses shall be assessments by the Association for Operating Expenses shall be assessments by a the Association for Operating Expenses shall be assessments by a continuing Expenses shall be assessment and the Owners for assessments, and the obligation of the Association and the Owners for assessments, and the obligation for maintenance shall commence upon conveyance of the Lot.

Section 2. <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the Owners in Lake Forest North and, in particular, for the improvement and maintenance of properties, services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the appropriate portion of the Common Areas and of the Lots situated upon the Committed Property, including, without limiting the foregoing, the payment of taxes (if any), insurance, repair, replacement, maintenance, additions, and the cost of labor, equipment, materials, utilities, services, management and supervision, as well as any other costs set forth in this Declaration for which the Association is responsible.

Section 3. Budget and Commencement of Payment.

- (a) The Association's Board of Directors shall, from time to time, but at least annually, fix and determine a budget representing the sum or sums necessary and adequate for the continued operation of the Association. The Board shall determine the total amount of Operating Expenses, including the operational items such as insurance, repairs, replacements, reserves, maintenance and other expenses, as well as charges to cover any deficits from prior years and capital improvements and reserves approved by the Board. The total annual assessments and any supplemental assessments shall be shared by all Lots based upon the formula and terms and provisions set forth herein and in the Articles and Bylaws.
- Association assessments commencing with the day title of the Lot is conveyed by deed from Declarant to the first grantee thereof; provided, however, a conveyance by Declarant to a related or affiliated entity or subsidiary shall not be deemed a conveyance to the first grantee. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 immediately below (which provisions are only applicable during any guarantee period or any extension thereof), the assessment for Operating Expenses for each Lot shall be the dividend arrived at by dividing the total anticipated Operating Expenses reflected by the budget, other than those Operating Expenses which are properly the subject of a special assessment, by the total number of all Lots which have been conveyed by Declarant as of the date the budget was adopted. The total number of Lots responsible for payment of Operating Expenses will be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Declaration. All questions regarding the number of Lots subject to assessments shall be determined by the Association.

Section 4. Interim Assessment Period. For a period of one year commencing with the date of the conveyance by Declarant of the first Lot within the Committed Property, excluding conveyances by Declarant to an entity or subsidiary related to or affiliated with Declarant, the assessments of the Association shall be in the amount as specified in the initial estimated operating budget of the Association (the "Interim Assessment Period"). During the Interim Assessment Period, Declarant shall pay the amount of Operating Expenses of the Association incurred during that period and not produced by the assessments at the level stated in the initial estimated operating budget receivable from other Lot Owners, as provided herein, and during said period, Declarant shall not be required to pay any specific sum for its share of the Operating Expenses of the Association as to deficit during said period. During the Interim Assessment Period, however, Declarant's responsibility to fund deficits in the budget is not intended to include, and does not include and shall never be deemed to include, expenses or fees called for or occasioned by an action or decision of the Board of Directors

when Lot Owners, other than Declarant, elect a majority of the Board of Directors, when such expenses or fees are inconsistent with expenses or fees preceding that time. In such event, Declarant, at its option, may pay the sums required to be paid by it; or, Declarant, at its option, may terminate the Interim Assessment Period. In such case, it shall pay the assessments of the Association as to the Lots owned by it.

Declarant hereby reserves the right, to be exercised in its sole discretion, to extend from time to time the termination date of the Interim Assessment Period for such period of time as Declarant determines. Should Declarant elect to extend the Interim Assessment Period, Declarant shall notify the Board of Directors of the Association of its election prior to the termination date of the original term or an extended term, and such notice shall set forth the new termination date of the Interim Assessment Period. Declarant reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to require the Board of Directors of the Association to increase the amount of the assessments due from Lot Owners other than Declarant for each extension by an amount not to exceed fifteen (15%) percent of the amount of assessment for the preceding period. Provided, however, in no event may Declarant require the Board of Directors to increase the assessment due from Lot Owners other than Declarant by more than fifteen (15%) percent for each year of extension of the guarantee. The Board of Directors of the Association agrees to comply with the requirements of Declarant, as provided herein, and increase the assessments payable from Lot Owners other than Declarant during any extension of the Interim Assessment Period. Should the Board of Directors of the Association fail to increase such assessments, as may be required by Declarant hereunder, Declarant shall have the unconditional right to terminate the Interim Assessment Period, as contained herein; or, Declarant shall have the right to specifically enforce its rights as provided herein.

Section 5. <u>Due Dates: Duties of the Board of Directors.</u>
All assessments shall be payable monthly or quarterly in advance or on such other basis as is ordered by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the date of commencement and the amount of the assessment against each Lot and shall prepare a roster of the Lots and assessments applicable, which shall be kept in the office of the Association and shall be open to inspection by any Member. Upon the written request of a Member or his Institutional Mortgagee, the Board shall promptly furnish such Member or his Institutional Mortgagee with a written statement of the unpaid charges due from such Member.

Section 6. Effect of Non-Payment of Assessment: The Personal Obligation of the Member: The Lien: Remedies of the Association. If an assessment is not paid on the date when due,

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then at the option of the Board, such assessment, together with the balance of the annual assessment established by the Board, shall become delinquent and shall, together with such interest thereon, late charges and the cost of collection thereof, including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, thereupon become a continuing lien on the Member's Lot which shall bind such property in the hands of the Member, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns. Such lien shall be prior to all other liens except: (a) tax or assessment liens of the taxing division of any governmental authority, including but not limited to, state, county and school district taxing agencies; and (b) all sums unpaid on any bona fide first mortgage held by an Institutional Mortgagee of record encumbering the Dwelling Unit. The personal obligation of the Member who was the Owner of the Lot when the assessment fell due, to pay such assessment, however, shall remain his personal obligation for the statutory period and shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them, although the lien shall continue to encumber the Lot.

If the assessment is not paid within ten (10) days after the delinquency date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum permissible rate in the State of Florida. A late charge of up to \$25.00 may be assessed by the Board and the Association through its Board. The Board may bring an action at law against the Member or former Member personally obligated to pay the same or it may bring an action to foreclose the lien against the property. There shall be added to the amount of such assessment the costs of preparing and filing the complaint in such action, and in the event a judgment is obtained, such judgment shall include interest on the assessment as above provided and reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court, together with the cost of the action and the aforesaid late charge.

## Section 7. Selling, Leasing and Gifts of Lots, Etc.

- (a) No Member shall convey, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, sell or lease his Lot and the Dwelling Unit thereon unless and until all unpaid assessments assessed against such Lot shall have been paid as directed by the Board of Directors; such unpaid assessments, however, may be paid out of the proceeds from the sale of the Lot or by the purchaser of such Lot. Any sale or lease of the Lot in violation of this section shall be voidable at the election of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Upon the written request of a Member or his Institutional Mortgagee, the Board or its designee shall furnish a written statement of the unpaid charges due from such Member which shall be conclusive evidence of the payment of amounts assessed prior to the date of the statement but unlisted thereon.

A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for issuance of such statements.

- (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the acquisition of a Lot by an Institutional Mortgagee who shall acquire title to such by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure. In such event the unpaid assessments against the Lot which were assessed for Operating Expenses and became due prior to the acquisition of title by such Institutional Mortgagee shall be deemed waived by the Association and shall be charged to all other members of the Association as an Association expense. Such provisions shall, however, apply to any assessments which are assessed and become due after the acquisition of title by the Institutional Mortgagee and to any purchaser from such Institutional Mortgagee.
- (d) Whenever the term Lot is referred to in this section, it shall include the Member's interest in the Association and the Member's interest in any property acquired by the Association. Any Member may convey or transfer his Lot by gift during his lifetime or devise the same by will or pass the same by intestacy.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to Declarant. This section may not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant.
- Section 8. <u>Subordination of Lien</u>. The lien for assessments provided for in this Article shall be superior to all other liens, except tax liens, mortgage liens in favor of Institutional Mortgages, and mortgage liens in favor of mortgages under mortgages now existing or hereafter granted by Declarant, as mortgagor.
- Section 9. Exterior Maintenance and Water Assessment. The Association, through action of its Board of Directors, shall provide exterior maintenance upon each Lot as provided in Article VI. The cost of the exterior maintenance referred to in Article VI shall be an Operating Expense. The Association shall likewise assess each Townhouse Lot Owner for water service in a fair and equal portion with all other Lot Owners.
- Section 10. <u>Capital Improvements</u>. Funds necessary for capital improvements, emergencies or non-recurring expenses may be levied by such Association as special assessments, upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors of such Association and also, for such funds exceeding the sum of \$4,000.00, upon approval by two-thirds favorable vote of the Members of such Association voting at a meeting or by ballot as may be provided in the Bylaws of such Association.

Section 11. <u>Certificate of Assessment</u>. The Association shall upon demand at any time furnish to any Owner liable for an assessment a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether such assessment has been paid as to any particular Lot. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment to the Association therein estated to have been paid.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Common Structural Elements

- Section 1. <u>Definition</u>. Each Building contains or shall we contain certain elements, features or parts which are structural elements of the Building or of more than one Dwelling Unit (such elements, features, or parts being hereinafter referred to as "Common Structural Elements"). The Common Structural Elements of each Building shall include the following:
  - (a) <u>Party Walls</u>. All division walls between two Townhomes beginning at the unfinished surface of each side of such wall (hereinafter referred to as "Party Walls") located upon a Property Line between two Townhomes, provided that the mere fact such a division wall between two Townhomes is found not to be on a Property Line shall not preclude such division wall from being a Party Wall.
  - (b) Roofing. The entire roof of the Building, any and all roof support structures, and any and all appurtenances to such roof and roof support structures, including, without limitation, the roof covering, roof trim and roof drainage fixtures, all of which are collectively referred to herein as the "Roofing." Should the Roofing or part thereof extend beyond the Townhomes, same shall not be deemed to violate the provisions of this Declaration and such easements as may be necessary to accommodate and permit the Roofing as same shall be constructed or hereby imposed.
  - (c) <u>Foundation</u>. The entire concrete floor slab or wood floor system if used in lieu thereof and all foundational and support structures and appurtenances thereto, all of which are collectively referred to as the "Foundation." Should the Foundation or part thereof extend beyond the Townhomes, same shall not be deemed to violate the provisions of this Declaration and such easements as may be necessary to accommodate and permit the Foundation as same shall be constructed or thereby imposed.
  - Section 2. <u>General</u>. Each Owner shall own that portion of the Party Wall which stands on his own Lot. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rule of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply

to each Party Wall (or party fence, if applicable) which is built by Declarant as part of the original construction of the Dwelling Units upon the Lots and any replacement thereof.

If any portion of any structure, as originally constructed by Declarant or its designee, including any Party Wall or fence, shall protrude over two adjoining Lots, it shall be deemed that said Owners have granted perpetual easements to the adjoining Owner or Owners for continuing maintenance and use of the projection, Party Wall or fence. The foregoing shall also apply to any replacements of any structures, Party Walls or fences, if party wall or fence. The foregoing conditions shall be perpetual in duration and shall not be subject to amendment of these covenants and restrictions.

Section 3. Sharing Maintenance or Repair. The costs of reasonable repair and maintenance of Common Structural Elements shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use, except as otherwise provided herein. Such costs shall not be an Operating Expense.

Section 4. Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty. In the event of damage or destruction of Common Structural Elements from any cause whatsoever, other than the negligence or willful misconduct of either Owner thereto, the Owners shall, at their joint expense, repair or rebuild said Common Structural Elements, and each Owner, his successors and assigns, shall have the right to full use as herein contained of said Common Structural Elements so repaired or rebuilt. If damage or destruction is a result of one Owner's negligence or willful misconduct, that party shall be responsible for the total repair and replacement in a timely fashion. If either Owner fails to pay his share of have such Common Structural Elements repaired or reconstructed and shall be entitled to file in the Public Records of the County, a claim of lien on the premises of the Owner failing to pay for the amount of such defaulting Owner's share of the repair or replacement costs. Owner shall have the right to foreclose said claim of lien in accordance with the same procedural requirements as now provided for in Florida Statutes for foreclosure of a mechanic's lien; provided, however, said claim of lien shall be filed within ninety (90) days from date repairs or replacements were made to the party wall, and suit thereon shall be commenced one (1) year from date such lien is filed. If either or both Owners shall give or shall have given a mortgage or mortgages upon his property to an Institutional Mortgagee, then such Institutional Mortgagee shall have the full right, at its option, to exercise the rights of its mortgagor as an Owner hereunder and, in addition, the right to add to the outstanding balance of such mortgage any amounts paid by the Institutional

Mortgagee for repairs hereunder and not reimbursed to said Institutional Mortgagee by the Owners.

Section 5. <u>Easement for Repairs</u>. If repairs or reconstruction to the Common Structural Elements shall be necessary, all necessary entries on or into the adjacent Dwelling Unit upon the Adjacent Lot shall not be deemed a trespass so long as the repairs and reconstruction shall be done in a workmanlike manner. Consent is hereby given to enter on or into adjacent Dwelling Units to effect necessary repairs and reconstruction.

Section 6. Right to Contribution Runs with Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

Section 7. Weather Proofing. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Article, an Owner who by his negligent or willful act causes a Party Wall to be exposed to the elements, shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary repair and protection against such elements.

Section 8. <u>Arbitration</u>. In the event of any dispute arising concerning Common Structural Elements, or under the provisions of this Article, each party shall choose one arbiter, and such arbiters shall choose one additional arbiter, and the decision of a majority of all of the arbiters shall be final and conclusive of the questions involved.

Section 9. <u>Alterations</u>. The Owner of a Dwelling Unit sharing a Party Wall with an adjoining Dwelling Unit shall not cut windows or other openings in the party wall, nor make any alterations, additions or structural changes in the Party Wall.

Section 10. <u>Structural Cross Easements</u>. Cross easements of support and use over, upon, across, under, through and into the Common Structural Elements shall exist in favor of the Association, the Owners or their designees for the continued use, benefit and enjoyment and continued support, service, maintenance, repair and design of all Dwelling Units and Common Structural Elements within any of the Buildings.

## ARTICLE IX

#### Insurance

#### Section 1. Common Areas.

(a) <u>General Liability</u>. The Association, by action of its Board of Directors, shall maintain public liability insurance, to the extent obtainable, covering the Association and each Association Member, lessee and occupant, and the managing

agent, if any, against liability for any negligent act of commission or omission attributable to them which occurs on or in the Common Areas.

- (b) Additional Insurance. To the extent obtainable, the Board of Directors shall also be required to obtain the following insurance:
- (i) Vandalism and malicious mischief endorsements, insuring the Common Areas; and,
- (ii) worker's compensation insurance, if required by law; and,
- (iii) Directors' and Officers' liability insurance, fidelity insurance and other insurance it may deem proper to protect the Association, its members and property.
- (c) Assured and Loss Payable. All casualty insurance policies purchased by the Association hereunder shall be for the benefit of the Association and all Owners and their mortgagees as their interests may appear and shall provide that all proceeds covering casualty losses of \$10,000.00 or less shall be paid to the Association. Any sum in excess of \$10,000.00 shall be paid either to the Association or to an insurance trustee as the Association shall determine at the time. An "Insurance Trustee" shall be any bank or trust company or other corporate trustee authorized for and doing business in Florida, as designated by the Board of Directors of the Association. The duty of the Insurance Trustee shall be to receive such proceeds as are paid to it and to hold the same in trust pursuant to the terms of the Insurance trust agreement to be executed by the Association and the Insurance Trustee, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the provisions herein set forth.
- (d) <u>Payment of Premiums</u>. The Board of Directors shall collect and pay the premiums for insurance as a part of the Operating Expenses. Expenses of any Insurance Trustee appointed shall be paid by means of special assessment by the Board.
- (e) <u>Mandatory Repair</u>. Unless there occurs substantial damage or destruction to all or a substantial part of a Building or to Common Area facilities, the Association and the Owners shall use insurance proceeds to repair, replace and rebuild the damage caused by casualty loss. Related costs and expenses not covered by insurance shall be borne by the Owners in a fair and equal manner.
- (f) <u>Association as Agent</u>. The Association is hereby irrevocably appointed agent for each Owner to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association, and to execute releases thereof.

# Section 2. <u>Dwelling Units</u>, <u>Lots</u>.

- shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate insurance on his Dwelling Unit which shall insure the property for its full replacement value, with no deductions for depreciation, against loss by fire, storm or other hazards or casualty. Such insurance shall name the Association an additional insured and shall be sufficient to cover the full replacement value, or to cover necessary repair or reconstruction work. Such insurance shall be written in the manner acceptable to the Board of Directors of the Association and shall contain a clause which provides ten (10) days prior written notice to the Board of Directors of the Association before the policy can be cancelled. Each Owner shall be required to supply the Board of Directors with evidence of insurance coverage on his Dwelling Unit which complies with the provisions of this Section. Each Owner shall also be responsible for the purchasing of liability insurance for accidents occurring on his or her Lot.
- (ii) Action by Board. If the insurance provided under this Section has not otherwise been adequately obtained by each Owner, as determined by the Board of Directors, then the Board shall obtain such insurance coverage. Insurance obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association as Trustee for the benefit of the applicable Homeowner.
- obtained by the Board of Directors for the benefit of an individual Owner, as provided hereinabove, shall not be an Operating Expense, but shall be an individual assessment (special assessment) payable in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of this Declaration.
- Destroyed Property. Each Owner shall be required to reconstruct or repair any Dwelling Unit destroyed by fire or other casualty, covered by insurance written in the name of the Association as Trustee. The insurance proceeds shall be deposited in a bank or other financial institution, subject to withdrawal only by the signature(s) of an agent(s) duly authorized by the Board of Directors. If no repair or rebuilding has been contracted for, or otherwise substantially started by the Owner within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the insurance proceeds, the Board of Directors shall itself initiate the repair or rebuilding of the damaged or destroyed portions of the structure and/or exterior of the Dwelling Unit pursuant to Section 2(b) hereinbelow.
- (b) Association Action. Notwithstanding the provisions of the above subsection (a) of this Section 2, the

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following provisions shall also apply to Dwelling Units which have Common Structural Elements:

- (i) <u>Association Approval</u>. The insurance referred to in subsection (a) of this Section shall be written in a manner acceptable to the Association. The Association shall carry out the functions set forth hereafter.
  - contain a loss payment provision which provides that the proceeds of any loss shall be payable to the Association who shall hold such funds in trust to insure that repairs are made as hereinafter set forth. Each policy shall also contain a clause that it is non-cancellable without ten (10) days prior written notice to the Association. Each Owner shall be required to supply the Association with evidence of insurance coverage on his Dwelling Unit which complies with the provisions of this Section.
  - (iii) Action by Board. If the insurance provided under this Section has not otherwise been adequately obtained by each Owner, as determined by the Board of the Directors of the Association, then the Board of Directors of the Association shall obtain such insurance coverage. The purpose of such insurance will be to protect, preserve and provide for the continued maintenance and support of separately owned Dwelling Units which shall include Common Structural Elements. Insurance obtained by the Board of Directors of the Association shall be written in the name of the Association, as Trustee, for the benefit of the applicable Owner.
    - (iv) <u>Payment of Premiums</u>. Premiums for insurance obtained by the Board of Directors for the benefit of an individual Owner, as provided hereinabove, shall not be a part of the Operating Expenses, but shall be an individual assessment (special assessment) payable in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of this Declaration.
    - Destroyed Property. Each Owner shall, with the concurrence of the Owner's Institutional Mortgagee, if any, and the Board of Directors of the Association, be required to reconstruct or repair any Dwelling Unit destroyed by fire, storm or other casualty. Insurance proceeds issued for such repair shall be in the name of the Association, as Trustee. The insurance proceeds shall be deposited in a bank or other financial institution, subject to withdrawal only by the signature(s) of an agent(s) duly authorized by Board of Directors of the Association. If no repair or rebuilding has been contracted for or otherwise substantially started by the Owner within thirty (30) days after the Association receives the insurance proceeds, the Board of Directors of the Association is hereby irrevocably authorized by such Owner to initiate the repair or rebuilding of the damaged or

destroyed portions of the structure and/or exterior of the Dwelling Unit. Repairs should be done in a good and workmanlike manner in conformance with the original plans and specifications. The Board of Directors of the Association may advertise for sealed bids from any licensed contractors and may then negotiate with said contractors. The contract or contractors selected to perform the work shall provide full performance and payment bonds for such repair or rebuilding, unless such requirement is waived by the Board of Directors of the Association. If the insurance proceeds are insufficient to fully pay the costs of repairing and/or rebuilding the damaged or destroyed portions in a good and workmanlike manner, the Board of Directors of the Association shall levy a special assessment against the Owner in whatever amount is required to make up the deficiency. If the insurance proceeds exceed the cost of repairing and/or rebuilding, such excess shall be paid over to the respective Owner and/or the Owner's mortgagee in such portions as shall be independently determined by those parties.

- (c) Administrative Fee. Should the Association obtain the insurance coverage on a Dwelling Unit pursuant to this Article, then the Association may charge and the applicable Owner shall be responsible for, as a special assessment against the Lot, an administration fee of \$100.00. Said fee is in addition to the charge for the premium, for which Owner is also responsible.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, the Association, its Director or officers, shall not be liable to any person should it fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage on a Dwelling Unit.

#### ARTICLE X

## The Association

The Association shall have all statutory and common law powers of a Florida corporation not for profit, to the extent they do not conflict with all powers provided in its Articles and Bylaws, and all powers granted in this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE XI

# Building and Use Covenants

Section 1. Land Use. The use of a Lot or of the Common Areas by a Member or other occupant shall be subject to the rules, regulations and provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Directors. No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes

for immediate members of a single family and their guests and invitees.

Section 2. <u>Building Type.</u> No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one single family, Townhouse Dwelling Unit of the type orininally constructed by Declarant. All building exteriors shall be completed within six (6) months from commencement of construction or issuance of a building permit, whichever comes first.

Section 3. Architectural Control. (a) No building, wall, fence, decking, paving, awnings, or other structure or improvement of any nature shall be erected, placed, modified, altered or permitted to remain on any Lot or Common Area until the construction plans and specifications and a plan showing the kind, shape, materials, colors and location of the structure, exterior elevations, and landscaping, as may be required by both the Architectural Review Committee and the Association, have been approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee and the Association. In the case of structures initially constructed by Declarant on a Lot prior to the sale of that Lot to the initial Commer other than Declarant, only review and approval by the Architectural Review Committee shall be required. Each building, wall, fence, or other structure or improvement of any nature, together with the landscaping, shall be erected, placed or altered upon the premises only in accordance with the plans and specifications and plot plan so approved. Refusal of approval of plans, specifications and plot plan, or any of them, may be based on any ground, including purely aesthetic grounds, which, in the sole discretion of said Architectural Review Committee, seems sufficient. Any change in the exterior appearance of any building, wall, fence or other structure or improvements, and any change in the appearance of the landscaping, shall be deemed an alteration requiring approval. The Architectural Review Committee shall have the power to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this paragraph.

(b) The Architectural Review Committee shall review the proposed submission as to the type and quality of materials, harmony of the exterior design and location of the building or structure with existing buildings or structures, location of the building or structure with respect to topography, trees, vegetation and the finished grade elevation and floor slab, exterior color(s) of any building or structure and any other relevant considerations. Upon completion of the proposed improvements, an "as-built" survey showing the finished floor and grade elevation and location of all improvements shall be filed with the Association and with the Architectural Review Committee.

(c) The Architectural Review Committee shall be composed of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7)

persons. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by Declarant, its designees, successors or assigns. The membership, rules of procedure and duties of the Committee shall be prescribed by and, from time to time, changed or modified by Declarant. If and when Declarant deems the circumstances appropriate, Declarant, in its sole discretion, may assign to the Association or any other body, all or part of the rights, duties, and functions of the Architectural Review Committee as set forth in this Declaration. From and after the date of any such assignment, Declarant shall be relieved of any further duties or obligations concerning the Committee, and the Association or other body shall assume the duties and perform the functions as set forth herein.

(d) If the Architectural Review Committee shall disapprove, in whole or in part, any submission required herein, the Committee shall notify the person, firm or entity making the submission of the reasons for such disapproval. If the Architectural Review Committee fails or refuses to approve or Architectural Review Committee fails or refuses to approve or disapprove a submission containing all the requirements as set disapprove a within forty-five (45) days after submission is forth herein within forty-five (45) days after submission is received by the Committee, it shall then be presumed that the submission has been approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

Section 4. Change in Buildings. Neither the Association nor any Owner shall make or permit any structural modification or alteration of any building except with the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee, or its successor; the Association, acting by and through its Board of Directors; and all Institutional Mortgagees holding a mortgage on a Dwelling Unit within said building. Consent may be withheld if, in the sole discretion of the party requested to give the same, it appears that such structural modification or alteration would affect or in any manner endanger other Dwelling Units. No building shall be demolished or removed without the prior written consent of all Owners of all other Dwelling Units with which such building was connected at the time of its construction and of all Institutional Mortgagees holding a mortgage on a Dwelling Unit within said building, and also the prior written consent of Declarant or its successors. Declarant shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to assign all of its rights and privileges under this Article to the Association.

Section 5. Regulations. Regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors, or any committee established by the Board of Directors, or any committee established by the Board concerning the use of Lake Forest North shall be observed by the Members and their family, invitees, guests and tenants; provided, however, that copies of such regulations are furnished to each Member by personal delivery or by regular mail prior to the time the regulations become effective.

Section 6. <u>Building Location</u>. Buildings shall be located in conformance with this Declaration, the applicable ordinances of Flagler County and any specific approvals thereunder, or as originally constructed on a Lot by Declarant or its successors or assignee.

Section 7. Damage to Buildings. If a Dwelling Unit is damaged, through Act of God or other casualty, then Lot Owner shall promptly cause his Dwelling Unit to be repaired and rebuilt substantially in accordance with the original architectural plans and specifications. It shall be the duty of the Association to enforce such repair or rebuilding of the Dwelling Unit to comply with this responsibility in accordance with Article IX hereinabove. To accomplish the requirements of this Section, each Owner shall insure his Dwelling Unit at the highest insurable value, including, but not limited to, full replacement value of the premises. The Association shall be named on the policy as an additional insured.

Section 8. Temporary and Accessory Structures. No accessory building or structure of a temporary character, or trailer, tent, mobile home, or recreational vehicle shall be permitted on any Lot or Common Areas at any time or used on any Lot as living quarters or for storage at any time, either temporarily or permanently, except as permitted by both the Association and the Architectural Review Committee. No gas tank, gas container, or gas cylinder serving a Dwelling Unit shall be permitted to be placed on or about the outside of any Dwelling Unit built in this property or any ancillary building, and all gas tanks, gas containers and gas cylinders shall be installed underground in every instance where gas is used. In the alternative, gas containers may be placed above ground if enclosed on all sides by a decorative screen approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

Section 9. <u>Signs.</u> No sign, advertisement or poster of any kind shall be erected or displayed to the public view on the Committed Property without the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee and the Association as to size, color, content, material, height and location. This paragraph shall not apply to Declarant.

Section 10. Pets, Livestock and Poultry. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind or size shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept as authorized by the Board of Directors of the Association. However, the number of said pets shall not exceed two (2) for any Lot, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose and provided that they do not become a nuisance or annoyance to any neighbor. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted to have excretions on any Lot,

Common Areas, or anywhere else within the Committed Property, except in locations designated by the Association.

Section 11. <u>Nuisances</u>. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Section 12. Antenna. No television, radio, electronic or other type antenna or satellite dish may be erected on the Committed Property or attached to any Dwelling Unit thereon.

Section 13. Exterior Appearances and Landscaping. The paint, coating, stain, and other exterior finishing colors on all buildings may be maintained as that originally installed, without prior approval of the Architectural Review Committee. Prior approval by the Architectural Review Committee shall be necessary approval by the Architectural Review Committee shall be necessary prior approval shall be required if the Association or any Owner wishes to paint, varnish, stain or make any application to exterior trellises or wood treatment, if any. The landscaping, including, without limitation, the trees, shrubs, lawns, flower including, without limitation, the trees, shrubs, lawns, flower beds, walkways, and ground elevations, shall be maintained as originally installed by Declarant, unless the prior approval for any substantial change in obtained from the Association and the Architectural Review Committee. Neither aluminum foil, paper, nor anything which the Architectural Review Committee deems objectionable, may be placed on windows or glass doors. No Owner may place any furniture, equipment or objects of any kind or construct any structures, slabs or porches beyond the limits of any building or patio wall or place any objects such as bicycles, toys, barbecues, etc., on the rear patio unless concealed from the view of the road frontage and other Dwelling Units, except, however, customary outdoor furniture.

All Lots shall be kept in a clean and sanitary manner and no rubbish, refuse or garbage shall be allowed to accumulate or any fire hazard allowed to exist.

Section 14. Existing Trees. Neither the Association nor an Owner or other person, without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee, shall remove any live tree with a trunk of four (4) inches or more in diameter (as measured one (1) foot from ground level) from any portion of the Committed Property. If said trees are removed without the prior consent, the Owner or the Association, as appropriate, may be required by the Committee to replace same with trees of comparable size.

Section 15. <u>Grades and Elevations.</u> To preserve and maintain proper drainage in Lake Forest North, no changes in grades or elevations of any portion of a Townhouse Lot (including the swale areas) or Common Area shall be made without the prior

written approval of the Association and the Architectural Review Committee. Final floor elevations and all other applicable grades must be shown on the site plan and approved by both the Committee and the Association prior to construction.

Section 16. <u>Drainage Swale</u>. The Association shall maintain any drainage swales within an owner's Townhouse Lot and/or within the Committed Property. Standards for the location, width, depth and invert grades of culverts and dipped driveways, if any, shall be established by the Architectural Review Committee from time to time. The Association shall provide the Architectural Review Committee with two sets of "as-built" drawings which set forth the location of invert grade, width and depth. Nothing shall be constructed, maintained, altered or permitted to exist on any portion of the Committed Property if, in the opinion of the Committee, it obstructs, would obstruct or otherwise impede the flow of surface drainage.

Section 17. <u>Fertilizers</u>. To reduce the dissolution of nitrogen into the ground and surface waters in amounts injurious to the environment, only fertilizers which are capable of releasing nutrients at a controlled rate, such as organic fertilizer, are permissible.

Section 18. Commercial Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers and Boats. No trucks or commercial vehicles, campers, mobile homes, motor-homes, boats, house trailers, boat trailers, or trailers of every other description shall be permitted to be parked or to be stored overnight at any place on any Lot or Common Area in this property; except only during the periods of approved construction on said Lot, or if parked in an area designated by Declarant for such purpose or parked in a fully enclosed garage with the garage door fully closed. This prohibition of parking shall not apply to temporary parking of trucks and commercial vehicles, such as for pick-up, delivery and other commercial services. Non-commercial vans used for personal purposes shall not be prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle so as to obstruct any resident's use of ingress or egress to any parking space or park a vehicle on any unpaved portion of any Lot or Common Area, except as expressly permitted by Declarant.

Section 19. <u>Sales and Rentals.</u> No Townhouse Lot or Dwelling Unit thereon may be sold, rented, or sublet without express written notice to the Board of Directors of the Association. This provision is for the purpose of making certain that subsequent owners and renters understand the rights and obligations of Members of the Association, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Declaration and Rules and Regulations. In addition, the Board of Directors may authorize the use of a registration form to be completed by prospective purchasers or renters. No Dwelling Unit may be rented, leased or sublet for a period of less than thirty (30) days. All

enforcement procedures applicable to this Declaration shall be equally applicable to enforcement of this section.

Section 20. Walls/Fences. No fence, wall, gate, hedge, or other structure shall be erected or maintained on any Lot, except as originally installed by Declarant or Declarant's assignee, or except any approved in writing by both the Association and the Architectural Review Committee as provided herein.

Section 21. <u>Garbage and Trash Disposal</u>. No garbage, refuse, trash or rubbish shall be deposited on any Lot except in areas designated by the Association for such purpose. All equipment for storage or disposal of such material shall be kept clean and sanitary condition and shall be kept hidden from view.

Section 22. <u>Outdoor Drying and Laundry.</u> No clothing, laundry or wash shall be aired or dried on any portion of any Lot or Common Area in an area viewable to any other Lot or Dwelling Unit or roadway. No garments, rugs, etc., shall be hung from windows or doorways of Dwelling Units, and no clotheslines or similar type structure shall be permitted on any Lot in an area viewable from any other Lot, Common Area or roadway.

Section 23. Swimming Pools and Screen Enclosures. All screen enclosures, deck areas, patios, hot tubs, jacuzzis, and sun decks, except for such structures origininally installed by Declarant as part of the first construction of a Dwelling Unit, must be approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee and the Association.

Section 24. <u>Lawful Conduct</u>. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of any Lot or other improvements. All valid laws, zoning ordinances, and regulations of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction shall be strictly observed.

Section 25. <u>Risks.</u> No Lot Owner shall permit or suffer anything to be done or kept in his Dwelling Unit or upon his Lot which will increase the rate of insurance as to other Lot Owners or as to their Lots or to the Association as to the Common Areas.

Section 26. Parking Spaces. Each Owner shall have the exclusive right to use the paved portions of the Owner's Lot for parking and shall not park on any unpaved areas. There shall be parking space(s) included within the Committed Property which have not been assigned. These unassigned spaces are part of the Common Area and shall be for the common use and benefit of Owners, their guests and invitees, subject to the right of the Board to adopt regulations concerning the use of such spaces.

Declarant, so long as it has Lots for sale, shall have the right to use any such unassigned spaces for parking by

prospective purchasers and such other parties as Declarant, in its sole discretion, deems advisable.

Declarant has provided various areas within the Committed Property which are landscaped. Some of these areas are capable of being converted to parking areas. If the future needs of the Committed Property require additional parking areas, Association, at the expense of Owners, shall be permitted to convert these landscaped areas into additional parking areas. Provided, however, that any such conversion shall be subject to compliance with all applicable building and zoning codes.

All parking spaces , including the paved portion of each Lot, shall be maintained by the Association.

Section 27. <u>Basketball Boards</u>. Basketball boards are prohibited, whether attached to the Dwelling Unit or freestanding.

Section 28. <u>Skateboard Ramps</u>. Skateboard ramps are prohibited on any Lot or Common Area.

Section 29. <u>Flagpoles</u>. All flagpole structures and their locations must be approved by the Committee prior to construction and/or installation of same.

Section 30. <u>Decorative Items</u>. The use of decorative items, including, but not limited to, statues, gates, rocks, planters, bird baths and other ornamental accessories must be submitted to the Association and the Architectural Review Committee for review and written approval prior to use, installation or construction.

Section 31. <u>Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes shall be of the standardized type designated by the Association and the Architectural Review Committee as to style, location, material, color, height and type of post mounting.

Section 32. Lighting. All exterior lighting, including, but not limited to, walkway, driveway, accent, or Common Area, must be approved by the Association and the Architectural Review Committee prior to construction or installation. Each Townhouse will be equipped with an outdoor light controlled by electric eye, which light must be kept operable at all times by Owner as a safety measure and for the benefit of all members of the Association.

Section 33. <u>Businesses</u>. No trade, business, professional office, or any other type of commercial activity shall be conducted on any portion of the Committed Property or in any Dwelling Unit; however, notwithstanding this restriction, Declarant and its assigns shall not be prohibited from operating

sales models and/or a sales and leasing office on any portion of the Committed Property.

Section 34. Wells, Mining, Drilling and Excavation. No wells, mining, drilling or excavation of any type, except for such excavation as may be necessary for construction of Dwelling Units and Common Areas, shall be permitted on any portion of the Committed Property.

Section 35. <u>Violations</u>. In the event of a violation of this Declaration, or of any rule properly promulgated by the Board of Directors of the Association, the Association may, as an additional remedy, provide written notice of the violation to the Owner of record, and if said violation shall continue for a period of seven (7) days from the receipt of the written notice, the Owner may be assessed an amount up to \$5.00 per day, per violation. This assessment shall be considered in the same manner as hereinbefore provided for regular assessments and those sections providing for the recording of the assessment lien, enforcement and collection shall also apply.

Section 36. Declarant Rights. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration, Declarant is irrevocably empowered to sell, lease or rent Lots on any terms to any purchasers or lessees for as long as it owns any Lot. This section is intended to provide Declarant with the broadest authority and power to transact and implement its business, and such activities shall be free and clear of any restrictions contained in this Declaration which would impede such activities. Declarant shall have the right to transact any business necessary to consummate sales and leases of said Lots, temporary uses for model homes, parking Lots and/or sales offices, maintain signs, have employees in the office, use the Common Areas and show Lots. Sales office signs and all items pertaining to sales shall not be considered property of the Association and shall remain the property of Declarant.

### ARTICLE XII

### Additional Powers Reserved to Declarant

Section 1. Declarant Related Documents. So long as Declarant shall own any Lots or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, no Declarant related amendment shall be made to the Declaration, to any Supplemental Declaration, to the Articles, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or any other similar Association document, nor shall any such Declarant related amendments or documents be executed, adopted or promulgated by the Association or the Board of Directors unless such Declarant related amendment or document shall be

specifically approved in writing by Declarant in advance of such execution, adoption, promulgation and recording.

- Section 2. <u>Definitions</u>. For the purposes of Section 1 of this Article, an amendment or document which does any of the following shall be considered to be a Declarant related amendment:
- (a) Discriminates or tends to discriminate against Declarant as an Owner or otherwise;
- (b) Directly or indirectly by its provisions or in practical application relates to Declarant in a manner different from the manner in which it relates to other Owners;
- (c) Modifies the definitions provided for by Article I of this Declaration in a manner which alters Declarant's rights or status;
- (d) Modifies or repeals any provision of Article II of this Declaration;
- (e) Alters the character and rights of membership as provided for by Article III of this Declaration or affects or modifies in any manner whatsoever the rights of Declarant as a Member of the Association;
- (f) Alters any previously recorded or written agreement with any public or quasi-public agencies, utility company, political subdivision, public authorities or other similar agencies or bodies, respecting zoning, streets, roads, drives, easements or facilities;
- (g) Denies the right of Declarant to convey the Common Areas to the Association;
- (h) Denies the right of Declarant to record a Supplemental Declaration with respect to portions of Lake Forest North or adding properties subject to this Declaration or otherwise making provisions in accordance with the powers granted to Declarant in this Declaration;
- (i) Modifies the basis or manner of Association assessments as applicable to Declarant or any Lots owned by Declarant as provided for by Articles VI and VII;
- (j) Modifies the provisions of Article XI (architectural control) as applicable to Declarant or any Lots owned by Declarant;
- (k) Alters the provisions of any Supplemental Declaration; or

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- (1) Denies the right to Declarant, its contractors and subcontractors, to maintain temporary construction trailers, sheds or other buildings upon the Committed Property; or
- (m) Alters or repeals any of Declarant's rights or any provision applicable to Declarant's rights as set forth in any provision of this Declaration or of any Supplemental Declaration or other document applicable to Declarant.

The decision to approve or failure to approve any Declarant related document or Amendment by Declarant in accordance with Section 1 of this Article shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of Declarant and Declarant shall not be liable to the Association, its Members or any party as a result of granting or refusing to grant such approval.

Section 3. <u>Declarant Lands</u>. So long as Declarant continues to construct any facilities in the Development, no action may be taken by the Board or the Association applicable to the Declarant or any of the Lots or other land owned by Declarant unless such action shall be approved in writing by Declarant; or, unless the need therefor shall be waived by the Declarant in writing.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### General Provisions

Section 1. Beneficiaries of Easements, Rights and Privileges. The easements, licenses, rights and privileges established, created and granted by this Declaration shall be for the benefit of and restricted solely to, the Association, Declarant and its subsidiaries and assigns, the Owners of Lots, and to any other party to whom the Declarant or Association is entitled to grant such easements, licenses, rights and privileges under this Declaration; and any Owner may also grant the benefit of such easement, license, right or privilege to his tenants and guests and their immediate families for the duration of their tenancies or visits, subject, in the case of the Common Areas, to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Directors; but, the same is not intended nor shall it be construed as creating any rights in or for the benefit of the general public.

Section 2. <u>Duration</u>. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land that has been made a part of the Association and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Declarant, the Association, or the Owner of any land subject to this Declaration, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of ninety-nine (99) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically

extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument signed by the then Owners of two-thirds of the Lots and all Institutional Mortgagees of Lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions in whole or in part. Provided, however, that no such agreement to change shall be effective unless made and recorded one (1) year in advance of the effective date of such change, and unless written notice of the proposed agreement is sent to every Owner at least ninety (90) days in advance of any action taken.

Section 3. Notice. Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Owner under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when personally delivered or mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person who appears as Member or Owner on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing.

Section 4. Enforcement. Enforcement of these covenants and restrictions shall be by Declarant, its assigns, the Association or any Owner of five (5) or more Lots by any proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against the land to enforce any lien created by these covenants; and failure by Declarant, the Association, any Owner or other party to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. These covenants may also be enforced by the Architectural Review Committee. The prevailing party in any proceeding at law or in equity provided for in this Section shall be entitled to recover in said suit the cost of the action, including reasonable attorneys' fees as fixed by the court, including attorneys' fees in connection with appeal of any action.

Section 5. Disposition of Assets Upon Dissolution of Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, its real and personal assets, including the Common Areas, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency or utility to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. If such dedication is refused acceptance, which refusal in the case of the County shall be by formal resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any corporation not for profit, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. No such disposition of the Association properties shall be effective to divest or diminish any right or title to any Member vested in him under the licenses, covenants and easements of this Declaration, or under any subsequently recorded covenants and deeds applicable to Lake

Forest North, unless made in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration or said covenants and deeds.

Section 6. <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order or otherwise shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Amendment. Excepting Supplemental Declarations and in addition to any other manner herein provided for the amendment of this Declaration, the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, and liens of this Declaration may be amended, changed, added to, derogated, or deleted at any time and from time to time, upon the execution and recordation of any instrument executed by: (1) Declarant, for so long as it holds title to any Lot affected by this Declaration and said amendment by Declarant shall not require the consent of any mortgagees, Owners or partial owners of Townhouse Lots nor of the Association, either now or in the future; or, alternatively, (2a) by Owners holding not less than two-thirds vote of the membership in the Association or by an instrument signed by the President and Secretary of the Association attesting that such instrument was approved by Members entitled to vote two-thirds of the votes of the Association at a meeting of the Members called for such purpose; provided, that so long as Declarant is the owner of any Lot affected by this Declaration, Declarant's consent must be obtained; and (2b) by all Institutional Mortgagees of Lots affected by this Declaration, Declarant is the owner of any Lot affected by this Declaration, Declarant is the owner of any Lot affected by this Declaration, Declarant's consent must be obtained. Any amendment must be properly recorded in the Public Records of the County to be effective.

Section 8. Administration. The administration of the Association shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws which are made a part of this Declaration and attached hereto as Exhibits "C" and "D" respectively.

Section 9. <u>Conflict</u>. In case of any conflict between the Articles and Bylaws, the Articles shall control. In case of any conflict between the Articles or Bylaws and this Declaration, this Declaration shall control.

Section 10. <u>Community Benefit Program and Assessment.</u>
Declarant, on behalf of itself, its subsidiaries and assigns, does hereby reserve the right to create a Community Benefit Program and to assess a monthly fee of approximately Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each Lot or Dwelling Unit constructed thereon (subject to adjustment in relation to costs). The Program shall

be within Declarant's sole discretion. The funds collected may be used on behalf of all residents of the Development and may be

used to cover the costs (1) for the maintenance, expansion, or creation of facilities (such as recreational parks or tennis creation of facilities (such as recreational parks or tennis courts), improvements (such as utility, drainage, rights-of-way, lakes, greenways), amenities (such as golf courses and yacht club), or programs or services of a community nature, (2) to further the environmental and aesthetic principles of the made by Declarant for any facility, improvement or amenity and (4) of maintaining utility lines when no buildings have been constructed or connections made to said lines. constructed or connections made to said lines.

This fee shall constitute a lien against the assessed Lots and if unpaid, shall be subject to the same interest and remedies of those provided in Article VII herein.

Section 11. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Declaration shall become effective upon its recordation in the Official Records Book of Effective Date. This Declaration shall become

Section 12. Approval of Association Lawsuits by Owners. Nothwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Nothwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association shall be required to obtain the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of all Owners (at a duly called meeting of the Owners at which a quorum is present) prior to the payment of legal or other fees to persons or entities engaged by the investigating any lawsuit, or commencing any lawsuit other than for the following purposes:

- (a) the collection of Assessments;
- (b) the collection of other charges which Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Lake Forest North Documents;
- (c) the enforcement of the use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Lake Forest North Documents, including, but not limited to, those against tenants; or
- (d) in an emergency where waiting to obtain the approval of the Owners creates a substantial risk of irreparable injury to Lake Forest North or any portion thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ITT Community Development Corporation

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has hereunto caused this documents to be signed by its proper officers this 17% day of <u>November</u>, 19<u>89</u>.

Signed in the presence of:

ITT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Delaware

corporation

By: proofden

Attest

(Corporate Seal)

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF FLAGLER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of November 1929, before me, a person authorized to take acknowledgements to deeds and other instruments, personally appeared 18ms E. Carde and Rober G. Cure as President and Secretary, respectively, of ITT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument as such officers, and they severally acknowledged the execution thereof to be their free act and deed as such officers for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that they affixed thereto the official seal of said corporation and that the said instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Notary Public, State of Horida
My Commission Expires June 1, 1992

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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the preceipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PAIM COAST, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, hereby agrees to accept all of the benefits and all of the duties, responsibilities, obligations and burdens imposed

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upon it by the provisions of this Declaration and Exhibits attached hereto.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a florida corporation not for profit

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Secretary

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(Corporate Seal)

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF FLAGLER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 77 day of Norman, 1989, before me, a person authorized to take acknowledgements to deeds and other instruments, personally appeared Kenney Differe and Jean MCKINSTRY, as President and Secretary, respectively, of LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument as such officers, and they severally acknowledged the execution thereof to be their free act and deed as such officers for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that they affixed thereto the official seal of said corporation and that the said instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public, State of Florida My Commission Expires June 1, 1992

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The following Legal Description prepared by Clyde W. Roesch, Palm Coast Engineering and Design Services, Inc. 5 Hargrove Grade, Palm Coast, Florida.

Date; November 21, 1988.

Platted boundary, Lake Forest North.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A parcel of land being a portion of Reserved Parcel "A" and Reserved Parcel "B" of the "Subdivision Map Country Club Cove Section-8" Palm Coast, recorded in Map Book 6, Page 33, of the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

As a Point of Reference being the Northwest Corner of Reserve Parcel "B" all according to said Map Book 6, Page 33, thence North 85°46'25" East along the common boundary line of Reserved Parcels "A" and "B" a distance of 430.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description, thence departing said common boundary line North 04°13'35" West a distance of 50.00 feet, thence North 76°24"35" East a distance of 1054.36 feet, thence South 26°39'01" East a distance of 533.81 feet to a Point on the Northerly right-of way line of Palm Coast Parkway (104'R/W), thence South 63°20'59" West along said Northerly right-of-way of Palm Coast Parkway a distance of 307.64 feet, thence departing said Palm Coast Parkway North 26°39'01" West a distance of 287.00 feet to a Point being the Northeast corner of "Lake Forest", Map Book 27, Pages 18 and 19, thence South 63°20 59 West a distance of 315.00 feet, thence North 88°39'01" West a distance of 70.00 feet, thence South 68°46'17" West a distance of 46.47 feet, thence North 88°39'01" West a distance of 47.62. feet, thence South 63°20'59" West a distance of 47.62. feet, thence North 04°13'35" West a distance of 187.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel containing 10.1439 acres more or less.

Bearings refer to the Transverse Mercator Grid System of the East Zone of Florida.



Bepartment of State

I certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PALM COAST, INC., a corporation organized under the Laws of the State of Florida, filed on November 17, 1989, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is N35321.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Alorida, at Tallahussee, the Capital, this the 22nd day of November, 1989.



Jim Smith Secretary of State

Exhibit B

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PALM COAST, INC.

(A Florida corporation not for profit)

The undersigned, by these Articles, associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and certify as follows:

### EXPLANATION OF TERMINOLOGY

- A. The terms contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall have the meaning of such terms set forth in the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Lake Forest North of Palm Coast (the "Declaration").
- B. "Association" as used herein shall mean and refer to the Lake Forest North Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, the corporation formed by these Articles, its successors or assigns.

#### ARTICLE I NAME/DURATION

The name of the corporation is LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PALM COAST, INC., and its duration shall be perpetual.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND POWERS

The purpose of this corporation is to provide for a unified effort in protecting the value of the property of the Members of the Association, in accordance with the Declaration recorded (or to be recorded) in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida, and any Supplemental Declaration filed in accordance therewith. The Association shall exercise all the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of the corporation as defined and set forth in these Articles, the Bylaws, and the Declaration. The Association shall also have all powers granted by statutory and common law not in conflict with the terms of the Declaration and these Articles, and terms, conditions, covenants and restrictions wherever recorded that pertain to Lake Forest North, a subdivision located in Flagler County, as recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Flagler County, Florida. The powers of the Declaration include the

establishment and enforcement of the payment of charges or assessments contained therein, and the power to contract for the management of the Association and engagement in such other lawful activities as may be to the mutual benefit of the Members and their property.

The Association is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings, if any, shall inure to the personal benefit of any Member or individual person, firm or corporation.

# ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is or is at any time made subject to the Declaration shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and inseparable from ownership of a Lot. When any one Lot is owned by more than one person, firm, individual, corporation or other legal entity, the composite title holder shall be and constitute one Member of the Association. Any person, firm, individual, corporation or legal entity owning more than one Lot shall be as many Members as the number of Lots owned. Membership in the corporation and transfer thereof shall be upon such terms and conditions as provided in the Declaration and Bylaws.

Section 2. <u>Voting Rights</u>. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall be all of those Owners as defined in Section 1, with the exception of Declarant. The Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) membership interest and one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold the interests required for membership by Section 1.

Class B. Class B Members shall be Declarant, including any of its subsidiaries, to which Declarant may transfer title. The Class B Member shall be entitled to ten (10) membership interests and ten (10) votes for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for membership pursuant to Section 1. The Class B Member shall be entitled to elect a majority of the Board of Directors until such time that the last Lot within Lake Forest North owned by Declarant has been sold and conveyed by Declarant. Upon the transfer of title of any Lot from Declarant to an Owner other than to one of Declarant's subsidiaries or assigns, the Class B membership interest shall automatically be converted to a Class A membership interest.

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Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, Declarant, or its duly authorized subsidiary, shall have the right to elect a majority of the Board of Directors of such Association until such time as Declarant no longer holds the title to any Lot in Lake Forest North. A transfer of title from Declarant to one of its subsidiaries does not constitute a transfer of title under this paragraph, and any subsidiary of Declarant shall have the same rights to Class B membership as Declarant.

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) persons. Directors need not be Members of the corporation. The number of persons who are to serve initially on the Board of Directors until the first annual meeting thereof shall be three (3) and their names and addresses are as follows:

Kenneth DiFiore 1 Corporate Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32151 Charles V. Warren 1 Corporate Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32151

Jean E. McKinstry 1 Corporate Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32151

#### ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Indemnity. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. However no indemnification shall be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter in which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his or her duty to the Association. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to

the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Approval. Any indemnification under Section 1 above (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee or agent is proper under the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 above. Such determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (b) if a majority of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or by a majority vote of the members.

Section 3. Advances. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of said action, if it is authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case. Provided, the Board must first request an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount, unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article.

Section 4. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of Members or otherwise.

Section 5. Insurance. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, insuring against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

#### ARTICLE VII SUBSCRIBERS

The following person hereby subscribes to these Articles of Incorporation:

Robert G. Cuff

The office address of the subscriber is:

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1 Corporate Dr. Palm Coast, FL 32151

### ARTICLE VIII BYLAWS

The Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors. Prior to the first annual meeting, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by the unanimous vote of all Directors. As set forth in the Bylaws, the Bylaws may thereafter be adopted, amended, altered or rescinded only with the approval of not less than eighty (80%) percent of all the Directors or not less than fifty-five (55%) percent of the Members of the Association. Provided, that no amendment shall be effective which would affect the rights of the Class B Member without the approval of said Member.

The Bylaws shall include the time and place for annual meetings and for regular and special meetings, quorum requirements, the manner for electing directors and officers and voting requirements.

### ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Section 1. Before Recording Declaration. Prior to the recording of the Declaration amongst the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by all of the Directors and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular Article or Articles being amended and a certified copy of each amendment shall be attached to any certified copy of these Articles and shall be an Exhibit to a Declaration upon recording of the Declaration.

Section 2. <u>After Recording Declaration</u>. When the Declaration has been recorded amongst the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida, these Articles may be amended by the following methods:

A. At a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, which may be either the Annual Meeting, or a special meeting, by the affirmative vote of not less than eighty (80%) percent of all Directors;

- B. At a duly called meeting of Members, which may be either the Annual Members Meeting, or a special meeting, by the affirmative vote of not less than seventy-five (75%) percent of the Members of the Association.
- c. An Amendment may be adopted by a written statement signed by not less than eighty (80%) percent of all Directors or seventy-five (75%) percent of all Members setting forth their intention that an amendment to these Articles be adopted.
- Section 3. <u>Class B Approval</u>. No amendment to these Articles shall be effective which would affect the rights of the Class B Member without the approval of such Member.
- Section 4. <u>Conflict</u>. In case of any conflict between these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, these Articles shall control; and in case of any conflict between these Articles of Incorporation and Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

### ARTICLE X INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 1 Corporate Drive, Palm Coast, Florida 32151, and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation is James E. Gardner.

### ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved, consistent with the applicable provisions of Florida Statutes, upon petition having the assent given in writing and signed by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of each class of Members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of in accordance with the Declaration.

### ARTICLE XII NO STOCK OR DIVIDENDS

There shall be no dividends to any of the Mcmbers. This corporation shall not issue shares of stock of any kind or nature whatsoever.

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I, the undersigned, being the subscriber hereto, do hereby subscribe to these Articles of Incorporation and in witness whereof, set my hand and seal this 13th day of November, 1989.

ROBERT G. CUFF

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF FLAGLER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Robert G. Cuff, who acknowledged before me that he executed the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Flagler County, Florida, this 3 day of November, 1989.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: Notary Public, State of Florida

My Commission Expires June 1, 1992

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### ACCEPTANCE BY RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office. I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of a registered agent provided for in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (1987).

JAMES E. GARDNER (Resident

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF FLAGLER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public

duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgements, personally appeared James E. Gardner, to me known to be the person described therein; and he acknowledged before me that he executed the above Acceptance for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State named above this 13th day of Ablember, 1989.

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My Commission Expires:

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#### BYLAWS OF

### LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS

ASSOCIATION OF PALM COAST, INC.

### ARTICLE I GENERAL

Section 1. Identity: The name of the corporation shall be LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PAIM COAST, INC., which is a corporation not for profit organized for the purpose of managing, operating and administering LAKE FOREST NORTH OF PAIM COAST, to be established on the real property more fully described in the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Lake Forest North of Palm Coast (hereinafter called "Declaration"), as recorded in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida.

Section 2. The Principal Office: The initial principal office of the corporation shall be Executive Offices, Palm Coast, Florida, 32051, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. <u>Definitions</u>: The terms contained in these Bylaws shall have the meaning of such terms set forth in the Declaration. "Association" as used herein shall mean and refer to the Lake Forest North Homeowners Association of Palm Coast, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, its successors and assigns.

### ARTICLE II DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number and Term: The number of directors which shall constitute the whole Board shall not be less than three (3) persons and may be increased from time to time by the members of the Board, provided the total number of members does not exceed seven (7). Directors need not be Members of the Association.

The initial Board of Directors shall be appointed by Declarant and shall hold office and exercise all powers of the Board of Directors until such time that they resign or are replaced by other Directors appointed by Declarant or are joined or replaced by Directors elected by the Members as follows:

At such time as Owners other than Declarant own thirty-five (35%) percent or more of the Lots that will be operated ultimately by the Association, the Owners other than Declarant shall be entitled to elect not less than one-third (1/3) of the Members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

Nevertheless, Declarant shall be entitled to elect a majority of the Board of Directors as long as it holds title to any portion of the Committed Property.

After the initial election of a Director to the Board by the Members, in accordance with the terms above, non-appointed Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Members and each Director shall be elected to serve for the term of one (1) year or until his or her successor shall be elected and shall qualify.

Section 2. Removal: Except for any Directors appointed by Declarant, a Director may be removed from office with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of a majority of the Members. Provided, before any Director is removed from office, he or she shall be notified in writing that a motion to remove him or her will be made prior to the meeting at which said motion is made. Such Director shall be given an opportunity to be heard at such meeting, should he or she be present, prior to the vote of his or her removal.

A Director elected or appointed by Declarant may be removed at any time by Declarant, who shall thereupon designate the successor Director.

Section 3. Vacancy and Replacement: If the office of any Director or Directors other than Directors appointed by Declarant, becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, a majority of the remaining Directors, at a special meeting of Directors duly called for this purpose, shall choose a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect to which vacancy occurred. Any Director unable to attend said special meeting may vote by proxy or absentee ballot. Said proxy or ballot shall be in writing and be signed by the Director and, in addition, this proxy shall designate the person to vote the proxy. All proxies shall be filed with the President or Secretary of the Board of Directors prior to the special meeting.

If the office of any Director appointed by Declarant becomes vacant, Declarant shall thereupon designate the successor Director.

Section 4. Powers: The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors which may exercise all corporate powers not specifically prohibited by law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or that, by these Bylaws is directed or required to be exercised or done by the Members. These powers shall specifically include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. To levy upon the Members, quarterly or otherwise, assessments as are necessary for anticipated current Operating Expenses of the Association. The Board of Directors may increase the assessments or vote a special assessment in excess of that amount, if required, to meet any necessary additional expenses, but said increase can only be made in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws.
- b. To use and expend the assessments collected to maintain, care for and preserve the Common Area and portions of the Lots, as provided in the Declaration, or to otherwise carry out the intent of the Declaration;
- c. To pay taxes and assessments levied and assessed against any real property the Association might own and to pay for such equipment and tools, supplies and other personal property purchased for use in such maintenance, care and preservation;
- d. To enter into and upon the Lots when necessary and at as little inconvenience to the Owner as possible in connection with such maintenance, care and preservation. For the purpose of preservation, care and restoration of Association property, each lot is subject to a perpetual easement to the then existing Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agents, in the event of an emergency to enter into the Dwelling Unit if the necessities of the situation should require;
- e. To repair, alter or replace any Association facilities, machinery or equipment;
- f. To insure and to keep insured the Association-owned property against loss from public liability and to carry such other insurance as the Board of Directors may deem advisable; and, in the event of damage or destruction of real property, real or personal, covered by such insurance, to use the proceeds for repairs and replacement, all in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration;
- g. To collect delinquent assessments by suit or otherwise; to abate nuisances; and to enjoin or seek damage from Owners for violations of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or any Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors;
- h. To employ such personnel, make such purchases and enter into such contracts as may be necessary or desirable in carrying out the operation and management of the Association.
- i. To make, amend and repeal Rules and Regulations governing the operation, maintenance and management of the Association.

- j. To open bank accounts and to borrow money on behalf of the Association and to designate the signatories to such bank accounts.
- k. To enter into contracts for the management, maintenance and operation of the Association property.
- 1. To bring and defend actions by or against one or more Members as to matters relating to the Association, and to assess the Members for the cost of such litigation.
- m. The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate one or more committees or Members, each of such committees to consist of at least one (1) Director, which, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Association and may have power to sign all papers which may be required, provided the said resolution shall specifically so provide. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors, shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same to the Board, as required.
- n. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bylaws, so long as Declarant or its designee shall own any membership interest in the Association, the Board may not, without Declarant's prior written consent, (i) make any addition, alteration or improvement to the Committed Property, or (ii) assess any charges for the creation of, addition to or replacement of all or part of a reserve, contingency or surplus fund, or (iii) hire any employee when it results in a greater number of employees employed by the Association then in its prior fiscal year, or (iv) enter into any service or maintenance contract for work not being performed by the Association in its prior fiscal year, or (v) borrow money on behalf of the Association, or (vi) reduce the services performed by the Association in its prior fiscal year, or (vii) amend these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions.
- <u>Section 5. Compensation:</u> Directors and officers shall serve without compensation.

#### Section 6. Meetings.

a. The first meeting of each Board after election by the Members of new Directors shall be held immediately upon adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected, provided a quorum shall then be present, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall

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be held at the same place as the annual Members' meeting, and immediately after the adjournment of same, at which time the dates, places and times of regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be set.

- b. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly at such time and place as the Board shall fix from time to time.
- c. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President on two (2) days notice to each Director either personally or by mail or telegram. Special meetings shall be called by the President or Secretary in a like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two (2) Directors.
- d. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all Lot Owners. Notice of all meetings shall be posted on the Association property at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of each schedule meeting, to the attention of all Lot Owners, except, however, in case of an emergency, when a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held without notice.
- e. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the Directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Declaration, by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. If a quorum shall not be present in any meeting of Directors, the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.
- f. Emergency Meeting: Any member of the Board, or the President, may call a meeting, without notice, for the purpose of considering any matter deemed to be an emergency.
- g. Any meeting of the Board may be held by a telephone conference call, at which each member may hear, and be heard by all other members.
- h. The joinder of a member of the Board in the action of a meeting may be by signing and concurring in the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.
- i. Before or at any meeting of the Board of Directors, any Director may, in writing, waive notice of such meeting and such waiver by a Director at any meeting of the Board shall be a waiver of notice by him of the time and place thereof. If all

Directors are present at any meeting of the Board, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

Section 7. Annual Statement: The Board shall present at the annual Members' meeting, and when called for by a vote of the Members at any special meeting of the Members, a full and clear statement of the business and condition of the Association, including an account of the financial transactions during the preceding fiscal year.

The Association shall maintain accounting records according to good accounting practices, which shall be open to inspection by Lot Owners or their authorized representatives at reasonable times. Written summaries of said records shall be supplied at least annually to Lot Owners or their authorized representatives.

### ARTICLE III

Section 1. Elective Offices: The officers of the Association need not be Members of the Association. They shall be chosen by the Directors and shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors may also choose one or more additional vice presidents, assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers, or other officers. No more than one Owner in each Dwelling Unit may be an officer at any one time.

Section 2. Time of Election: The Board of Directors at its first meeting after each annual meeting of general Members shall elect officers, none of whom, excepting the President, need be a Director.

Section 3. Appointive Offices: The Board may appoint such officers and agents as it shall deem necessary, who shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board.

Section 4. Term: The officers of the Association shall hold office for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are chosen and qualify in their stead. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed, at any time, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board. If the office of any officer becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

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### Section 5. The President and Vice President:

- a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Members and Directors, shall be ex-officio member of all standing committees, shall have general and active management of the business of the Association, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. He shall execute bonds, mortgages, and other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the Association, except when the same are required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except when the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to another officer or agent of the Association.
- c. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

### Section 6. The Secretary:

- a. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board and all meetings of the Members and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. The minutes book shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by Lot Owners and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President, under whose supervision he or she shall serve. He or she shall keep in safe custody the seal of the Association, and, when authorized by the Board, shall affix the same to any instrument requiring it; and, when so affixed, the seal shall be attested by his or her signature or by the signature of the Treasurer or an Assistant Secretary.
- b. Assistant Secretaries, in order of their seniority, shall, in the absence or disability of the Secretary, perform the duties and exercise the power of the Secretary and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

### Section 7. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer:

a. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the Association funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board.

- b. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board, making proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meeting of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an account of all transactions by the Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association.
- c. Assistant Treasurers, in the order of their seniority, shall, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, perform the duties, exercise the powers and assume the obligations of the Treasurer, and shall perform such other duties as the Board shall
- Section 8. Bonding of Corporate Officers: The Treasurer and all Assistant Treasurers, if any, the President and Secretary, shall be required to be bonded, in an amount to be determined by the Board, with a fiduciary bonding company Florida. The cost of the premium for this bond shall be paid by

Section 9. Indemnification of Corporate Officers: Every Director and officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding or any settlement thereof, to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or basing bean an officer or him the which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been an officer or Director of the Association, whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided, that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interest of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all rights to which such officer or Director

### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING PROVISIONS

Section 1. Membership: Membership in the Association shall be limited to record Owners of the Lots in Lake Forest North, as further defined herein and in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation of this Association and Article III of the Declaration. Transfer of ownership, either voluntary or by operation of law, shall terminate membership in the Association, and said membership shall become titled in the transferee. If unit ownership is titled in more than one person, the composite title holder shall be and constitute one Member for voting title holder shall be and constitute one Member for voting

purposes; however, all of the persons so owning said Lot shall be Members eligible to hold office and attend meetings in accordance with these By-Laws.

Section 2. Rights and Obligations: The rights of membership are subject to the payment of assessments levied by the Association, the obligation of which assessment is imposed against each Owner of, and becomes a lien upon, the Lots against which such assessments are made, as provided in the Declaration. No Member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, functions, affairs or facilities of the Association.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations: All present and future Members shall be subject to these Bylaws and to the rules and its Members.

### Section 4. Voting:

- a. As set forth in the Declaration and in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, the Owner(s) of each Lot other than Declarant shall be entitled to one (1) vote per Lot. If a Lot Owner other than Declarant owns more than one (1) Lot, he or she shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. Declarant shall be entitled to ten (10) votes for each Lot owned, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.
- b. A majority of the Owners' total votes present in person or by written proxy or absentee ballot, at any meeting at which a quorum is present, shall decide any questions, unless the Declaration, the Bylaws, or Articles of Incorporation of the Association provides otherwise.

Section 5. Proxies and Absentee Ballots: Votes may be cast in person, by absentee ballot or by proxy. All proxies and absentee ballots shall be in writing on forms approved by the Board of Directors and signed by the person entitled to vote (as set forth below in Section 6), and shall be filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting in which they are to be used, and shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated therein. Proxies shall also designate the person to vote the proxy and such person must be a "Voting Member" as such term is hereinafter defined. When a Lot is owned jointly by a husband and wife, and if they have not designated one of them as a Voting Member, a proxy must be signed by both husband and wife when a third person is designated. No one person, other than Declarant, shall be designated to hold more than five (5) proxies for any purpose.

Section 6. Designation of Voting Member: If a Lot is owned by one person, his right to vote shall be established by the recorded title to the Lot. If a Lot is owned by more than one person, the person entitled to cast the vote for the Lot shall be designated in a certificate signed by all of the record Owners of the Lot, and filed with the Secretary of the Association. If a Lot is owned by an association or corporation, the officer or employee thereof entitled to cast the vote for the Association shall be designated in a certificate for this purpose, signed by shall be designated in a certificate for this purpose, signed by the President or Vice President, attested to by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association, and filed with the Secretary of the Association. If a Lot is owned by any other legal entity, the certificate shall be signed by any party permitted by law to execute documents on behalf of such entity. The person designated in such certificate who is entitled to cast the vote for a Lot shall be known as the "Voting Member." If such a certificate is not on file with the Secretary of the Association for a Lot owned by more than one person or by any Association for a Lot owned by more than one person or by any legal entity, the vote of the Lot concerned shall not be considered in determining the requirement for a quorum, or for any purpose requiring the approval of a person entitled to cast the vote for the Lot, except if said Lot is owned by a husband and wife. Such certificates shall be valid until revoked or until superseded by a subsequent certificate, or until there is a until superseded by a subsequent certificate, or until there is a change in the ownership of the Lot concerned. If a Lot is owned jointly by a husband and wife, the following three provisions are applicable thereto:

- They may, but they shall not be required to, designate a Voting Member.
- b. If they do not designate a Voting Member, and if both are present at a meeting and are unable to concur in their decision upon any subject requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that subject at that meeting. As previously provided, the vote of a unit is not divisible.
- c. When they do not designate a Voting Member, and only one is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the vote individually, without establishing the concurrence of the absent person.

### ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF MEMBERSHIP

All meetings of the Association membership shall be held at the office of the Association, or may be held at such place and time as shall be stated in the notice Place: thereof. yens

### Section 2. Annual Meeting:

- a. Regular annual meetings of the Members shall be held in each fiscal year, at such time, date and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- b. All annual meetings shall be held at such hour as the Board of Directors may determine.
- c. At the annual meeting, the Members shall elect a Board of Directors, as provided by these Bylaws and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
- d. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be served upon or mailed via regular mail to each Member entitled to vote at such address as appears on the books of the Association at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting shall be posted at a conspicuous place on the Association property at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

### Section 3. Special Meetings of Members:

- a. Special meetings of the Members, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by law or by the Articles of Incorporation, may be called by the President, and shall be called by the President or Secretary at the request in writing of not less than one-fourth (1/4) of the membership entitled to vote. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting.
- b. Written notice of a special meeting of Members, stating the time, place and object thereof, shall be served upon or mailed, via regular mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such address as appears on the books of the Association at least five (5) days before such meeting.
- c. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the objects stated in the notice thereof.
- Section 4. Quorum: Fifty-one percent (51%) of the total number of Members entitled to vote in the Association present in person or represented by written proxy or absentee ballot, shall be requisite to an shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Members for the transaction of business, except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or by these Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the Members, the Members entitled to vote who are present in person or represented by written proxy or absentee ballot shall have the power to adjourn the meeting for not less than one (1) hour until a quorum shall be present or represented. If, when the meeting has been

resumed and a quorum is not present or represented by proxy or absentee ballot, the Members entitled to vote thereat may be declare a quorum that shall constitute forty percent (40%) of the total number of Members entitled to vote. Any business may be transacted at the resumed meeting that could have ben transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 5. Vote Required to Transact Business. When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of a majority of the Members entitled to vote, present in person or represented by written proxy or absentee ballot, shall decide any question brought before such meeting unless the question is one upon which, by express provision of law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these Bylaws, a different vote is required, in which case, the express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question.

Section 6. Right to Vote: At any meeting of the Members, every Member having the right to vote shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy or absentee ballot. Such proxy or absentee ballot shall only be valid for such meeting or adjournments thereof, must be in writing, signed by the Member, and filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Section 7. Waiver and Consent: Whenever the vote of Members at a meeting is required or permitted by any provision of law, the Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws to be taken in connection with any action of the Association, the meeting and vote of Members may be dispensed with, if all the Members who would have been entitled to vote upon the action if such meeting were held shall consent in writing to such action being taken.

Section 8. Rules of Procedure: Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of corporate proceedings when not in conflict with law, the Articles, the Declaration, or these Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI NOTICES

Section 1. Definition: Whenever under law the Articles, these Bylaws or the Declaration notice is required to be given to any Director or Member, it shall not be construed to mean personal notice; but, such notice may be given in writing, by mail, or by depositing the same in a post office or letter box. Mailed notices shall be in a postpaid, sealed wrapper, addressed to such Director or Member at such address as appears on the books of the Association.

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Section 2. Service of Notice Waiver: Whenever any such notice is required to be given, a waiver thereof, in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed the equivalent thereof.

### ARTICLE VII FINANCES

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors and may be a calendar year, beginning on the first day of January in each year.

Section 2. Checks: All checks or drafts for money and notes of the Association shall be signed by any two of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, or by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

#### Section 3. Assessments:

a. The Board of Directors of the Association shall, from time to time, at regular meetings or special meetings called for this purpose, fix and determine the sum or sums necessary and adequate for the continued operation of the Association. The Board shall determine the total amount required, including the Operating Expenses such as taxes on Association property, insurance, repairs, maintenance, operating capital, reserves for deferred maintenance, other reserves, and other expenses, and expenses designated as Operating Expenses from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association or under the provisions of the Declaration. The total annual Operating Expenses shall be assessed as a single sum against all Lots in the Association and prorated equally to each of said Lots, as further specified in the Declaration. Said assessments shall be payable quarterly in advance or as otherwise ordered by the Board. Special assessments, should such be required, shall be levied and paid in the same manner as hereinbefore provided for regular assessments. The Owner agrees to pay promptly when due all assessments assessed against his or her Lot. Delinquent assessments will bear interest and late charges as set forth in the Declaration. No Member shall be personally liable for any personally liable for unpaid assessments as further set forth in the Declaration.

b. So long as Declarant is in control of the Board of Directors, the Board shall not impose an assessment for a year grater than 115% of the prior fiscal or calendar year's assessment without approval of a majority of the Lot Owners. In

determining whether assessments exceed 115% of similar assessments in prior years, there shall be excluded in the computation any provision for reasonable reserves made by the Board of Directors in respect of repair or replacement of the Association property or in respect of anticipated expenses by the Association which are not anticipated to be incurred on a regular Association which are not anticipated to be excluded from such or annual basis and there shall be excluded from such computation, assessment for betterments to the Association computation, assessment for betterments to be imposed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Accounts: There shall be established and maintained such bank account or accounts as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable, into which shall be deposited all Directors shall deem advisable, into which shall be deposited all assessments as fixed and determined for all Lots. Disbursements from said accounts shall be for the general needs of the from said accounts shall be for the general needs of the Association, including, but not limited to, wages, repairs, betterments, maintenance and other expenses of the property of the Association.

Section 5. Association Expenses: The expenses for which the Members shall be liable as set forth in the Declaration shall be those costs and expenses deemed necessary or desirable by the Association for the operation and maintenance of the Association, Association for the operating Expenses. Said expenses shall not including the Operating Expenses. Said expenses shall not include maintenance of the interior of a Dwelling Unit, nor any include maintenance of the interior of a Dwelling Unit, nor any such other items for whose maintenance and repair a Lot Owner is responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, responsible. Such expenses shall not not shall expense shall not not shall

### ARTICLE VIII ENFORCEMENT

The Association, by direction of the Board of Directors, shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations and liens now or hereafter imposed by the Declaration, the Articles, liens now or any Rules and Regulations of the Association for take Forest North.

## ARTICLE IX PARAMOUNT RIGHTS OF DECLARANT

All of the applicable terms and provisions of these Bylaws shall be subject to any sections of the Declaration, Articles or

Bylaws regarding rights and powers of Declarant, which rights and powers shall be deemed paramount to the applicable provisions of these Bylaws.

### ARTICLE X ACQUISITION OF LOTS

At any foreclosure sale of a Lot, the Board of Directors may, with the authorization and approval by the affirmative vote of Members casting not less than sixty-six and two-thirds (66-2/3%) percent of the authorized votes of the Members, present in person or by proxy or absentee ballot, at any regular or special meeting of the Members, acquire, in the name of the Association, or its designees, a Lot being foreclosed. The term "foreclosure," as used in this Article, shall mean and include any foreclosure of any lien, excluding the Association's lien for assessments. The power of the Board of Directors to acquire a Lot at any foreclosure sale shall never be interpreted as a requirement or obligation on the part of said Board of Directors or of the Association to do so at any foreclosure sale, the provisions hereof being permissive in nature and for the purpose of setting forth a power of the Board of Directors to do so should the requisite approval of the Members be obtained. The Board of Directors shall not be required to obtain the approval of Owners at the foreclosure sale of a Lot, due to the foreclosure of the Association's lien for assessment under the provisions of the Declaration, notwithstanding the sum that the Board of Directors determines to bid at such foreclosure sale.

#### ARTICLE XI SEAL

The seal of the Association shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Association, the year of its organization, and the words "not for profit." Said seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed, affixed, reproduced or in any other form evidencing the intent of the signing officer or officers to have the effect of the corporate seal.

### ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT

Until the first annual meeting of the membership of the Association, the Board of Directors shall have full power without membership approval or vote to amend, alter or rescind these Bylaws by unanimous vote of all the Directors. Thereafter, these Bylaws may be amended in the following manner, as well as in the manner elsewhere provided:

Section 1. Notice: Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is considered.

Section 2. Resolution: A resolution adopting a proposed amendment may be proposed by either the Board of Directors or by the Members entitled to vote. Directors and Members not present at the meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing. Except as elsewhere provided, such approval must not be less than eight percent (80%) of all Directors or by not less than fifty-five percent (55%) of all of the Members entitled to vote who are either present or voting by proxy or absentee ballot.

Section 3. Agreement: In the alternative, an amendment may be made by an agreement executed by all Members of the Association in the manner required for the execution of a deed, and such amendment shall be effective when recorded in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida.

Section 4. Proviso: No amendment to these Bylaws shall be passed which would operate to impair or prejudice the rights of the Declarant, nor any Institutional Mortgagee. No amendment shall discriminate against any Lot Owner nor against any class or group of Lots unless the Lot Owners so affected shall consent; and no amendment shall increase the Owner's proportionate share of the Operating Expenses unless the record Owner of the Dwelling Unit concerned and all record Owners of Mortgages thereon shall join in the execution of the amendment. All amendments to these Bylaws shall be recorded in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida.

#### ARTICLE XIII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Construction: The definitions of particular words and phrases contained in the Declaration shall apply to such words and phrases when used in these Bylaws. In case of any conflict between the Articles and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control, and in case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

Section 2. Severability: Should any provisions of these Bylaws be void or unenforceable in law or in equity, the remaining provisions shall, nevertheless, be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Subordination: Any lien or other encumbrance upon or against a Lot or portion of the Committed Property in favor of the Association is hereby declared to be, and shall be, subject, subordinate and inferior to the lien of any mortgage

encumbering such Dwelling Unit or portion of the Committed Property when such mortgage is made by an Institutional Mortgagee, regardless of whether such mortgage was made or recorded before or after the aforesaid lien or encumbrance of the Association.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations: The Board of Directors shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations which shall govern the use of the Association property. Such rules and regulations may be amended, altered, or changed by the Board from time to time.

The foregoing were adopted by the Board of Directors as the Bylaws of LAKE FOREST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF PALM COAST, INC., this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_.

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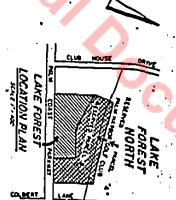
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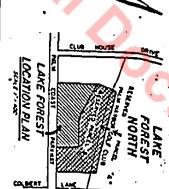
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