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NORTH CAROLINA

) FIRST AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND
RESTRICTIONS FOR THE ESTATES
) AT FAIR OAKS (REVISED)

WHEREAS, FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company having its principal office in Forsyth County, North Carolina (hereinafter "Declarant"), caused the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for The Estates at Fair Oaks (hereinafter "Declaration") to be recorded in the Office of the Forsyth County Register of Deeds in Book 2672 at Page 471, which Declaration applies to all lots in The Estates at Fair Oaks, as recorded in Plat Book 50, at Pages 99, 100, and 101, Forsyth County Registry; and

WHEREAS, Declarant retained the right to unilaterally amend said Declaration in Article X, Section 2, of same; and

WHEREAS, the Declarant does hereby desire to amend said Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby amends the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for The Estates at Fair Oaks as follows:

- 1. The words "private water line" shall be deleted in Article I, Section 7.
- 2. The words "maintenance of the private water line" shall be deleted from Article I, Section 8.
  - 3. Article V, Section 2(B) shall be deleted in its entirety.
  - 4. The following shall be added to Article VI, Section 3:

(DD) With regard to Lot 32, The Estates at Fair Oaks (Revised), Plat Book 54, Page 55, Forsyth County Registry, Declarant shall

record an access easement twenty-five feet in width which shall provide the owner of Lot 32 the right to access that adjacent 12.69 acre tract delineated on a map by John E. Beeson, PLS, dated October 5, 2007, and recorded in Plat Book \_\_54\_\_, Page \_\_59\_\_\_\_. It is understood and agreed that this right of access shall be specifically appurtenant to Lot 32, and shall be utilized solely by the owners of Lot 32, their guests and invitees. It is further understood and agreed that the right of use of Valley View Drive shall appertain to the 12.69 acre tract so long as title to said tract and Lot 32 remain vested in the same ownership. It is contemplated, and shall be a provision of the easement, that the use of the adjacent tract by the owner of Lot 32 shall be for agricultural, equine, or recreational purposes only. No commercial activity shall be permitted on the accessed adjacent tract, other than the boarding of horses for residents of Fair Oaks or adjoining property owners.

5. Except as expressly amended herein, the restrictive covenants contained in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for The Estates at Fair Oaks, as aforesaid, shall remain in full force and effect without change or modification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, LLC, has caused this instrument to be signed in its company name by its duly authorized Manager, this 7th day of February, 2008.

FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, LLC
A North Carolina Limited Liability Company

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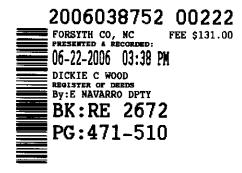
I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day, that I have personal knowledge of the identity of said person, and that he acknowledged to me that he signed the foregoing document: Brant H. Godfrey, Manager, Fair Oaks Associates, LLC.

Date: February 7, 2008

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Notary Public, North Carolina County of Guilford VIRGINIA M. NIXON Virginia M. Nixon, Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6/28/2012



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# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE ESTATES AT FAIR OAKS

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS is made and published this 15th of May, 2006, by and between FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a North Carolina Limited Liability Company, having its principal place of business in Forsyth County, North Carolina (hereinafter called "Declarant"), and any and all persons, firms or corporations hereafter acquiring any of the within described property.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain real property located off Fair Oaks Drive in the Village of Clemmons, North Carolina, and further described in a deed to FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. recorded in Book 2539, Page 514, Forsyth County Registry;

WHEREAS, the Property will contain three (3) different types of single family residential housing. The three (3) different types of residential housing will each have a separate homeowner's association that will be a sub-association of a master association known as Fair Oaks of Forsyth County Owners Master Association, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Master Association")

to coordinate, plan and maintain the recreational and common areas which are for the use and benefit of all sub-associations;

WHEREAS, the Declarant has or will cause a portion of the Property to be subdivided into lots for a subdivision known as "The Estates at Fair Oaks". The recording of a plat which is labeled "The Estates at Fair Oaks" and which is a part of the Property or a part of property which may be subjected to this Declaration as permitted by Article II, shall be sufficient action by the Declarant to subject the additional property to the jurisdiction of this Declaration and to become a part of The Estates at Fair Oaks;

WHEREAS, Declarant intends to develop The Estates at Fair Oaks into a high quality, single family residential subdivision. All improvements in the subdivision will be constructed from the highest quality materials and with the highest quality of workmanship to create a unique community. The Declarant will form a homeowners association to enforce and maintain the high quality of The Estates at Fair Oaks and to maintain certain amenities, which may include, but Declarant is not required to provide, private streets, a gated entranceway, entranceway signage, decorative street lighting, and other common areas and amenities that the Declarant or the homeowners association may provide for the general welfare and recreation of the owners. The Estates at Fair Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc. will be a sub-association of The Fair Oaks of Forsyth County Owners Master Association, Inc.;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Declarant, as well as to the benefit, interest and advantage of each and every person or other entity hereafter acquiring any of the said lots, that certain covenants, conditions, easements, assessments, liens and restrictions governing and regulating the use and occupancy of the same be established, fixed, set forth and declared to be covenants running with the land;

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities, the desirability and attractiveness of the real property in the development, and the continued maintenance and operation of the common areas as may be provided herein; and

WHEREAS, it is the Declarant's goal to develop The Estates at Fair Oaks to create an environment for a high quality neighborhood where the residences will maintain a high resale value and will be a desirable place to live. To accomplish this goal, all aspects of the

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development of The Estates at Fair Oaks must be coordinated such that there will be harmony between the architectural design, the landscaping, signage, lighting, and all aspects of the improvements as they fit into the landscape of The Estates at Fair Oaks. The location, design, and exterior appearance of the residences, landscaping, and other improvements on a Estates Lot will be made with the intention that the improvements will blend in and accent the image of The Estates at Fair Oaks. The harmony of the development and the requirement of the highest quality of materials and workmanship for all improvements on the Estates Lots and common areas will benefit all owners and enhance the value of each owner's Estates Lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the Declarant agrees with any and all persons, firms, corporations or other entities hereafter acquiring any of the Property which is a part of The Estates at Fair Oaks, that the same shall be and is hereby subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions, easements, assessments and liens (all hereinafter collectively referred to as "Restrictions") relating to the use and occupancy thereof, said Restrictions are to be construed as covenants running with the land, which shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in The Estates at Fair Oaks or any part thereof, and which shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof. Every person or other party hereafter acquiring any of the Lots in The Estates at Fair Oaks, by acceptance of a deed or contract for deed or other conveyance of any interest in or to The Estates at Fair Oaks, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed, contract for deed or other conveyance, and regardless of whether the same shall be signed by such person and whether or not such person shall otherwise consent in writing, shall take such property interest subject to this Declaration and to the terms and conditions hereof and shall be deemed to have consented to same.

### **ARTICLE I**

## **Definitions**

The following words when used in this Declaration or any supplemental declaration hereto (unless the context clearly prohibits such a meaning) shall have the following meaning:

Section 1. "Amenities" shall mean any facilities constructed, erected, installed or set aside on the Common Areas for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the Estates Owners as described below.

Section 2. "Architectural Committee" shall mean and refer to the Committee as described in Article VI.

Section 3. "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall mean those persons elected or appointed to act collectively as the directors of the Estates Association.

Section 4. "By-laws" shall mean the By-laws of the Estates Association as they now or hereafter exist.

Section 5 "Canopy Oaks" shall mean the mature oak trees which line Valley View Drive in The Estates at Fair Oaks.

Section 6. "Committee" shall mean and refer to the Architectural Committee as described in Article VI.

"Common Area(s)" shall mean and refer to any and all real property Section 7. subject to this Declaration which is defined and bounded by properly referenced and recorded plat(s) designated thereon as "Common Area(s)," "Open Space," "Common Open Spaces," "Landscape Easement(s)" created by the Declarant to provide landscaping of any area that is set aside for the general use of the Estates Members. Common Area(s) shall include all real property and easement interests owned by the Estates Association for the common use and enjoyment of all Estates Members or designated classes of members of the Estates Association, which may include, but is not limited to, private streets, entranceway, private water line, decorative street lights, and entranceway signage. (It is understood that this list of possible amenities is only for descriptive purposes and the Declarant is not obligated to construct any of said amenities.) The term "Common Areas" does not include areas designated as "General Common Areas", or "General Common Open Space" or any other designation on the recorded plat(s) in the office of the Register of Deeds of Forsyth County, North Carolina, which would indicate that the area is for the use of all residents of Fair Oaks, regardless of the type or location of the residential property that the resident of Fair Oaks has, and is owned by the Master Association for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all sub-associations.

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Section 8. "Common Expenses" shall mean and refer to any expenses incurred by the Association for repair, maintenance and upkeep of the Common Area(s) and any expenses of the Association which are for the general use of the Estate Owners, such as but not limited to, decorative street lighting if such lighting is installed by the Declarant or the Association, water bills for all Estate Lots, maintenance of the private water line, maintenance of Canopy Oaks and private streets.

Section 9 "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to The Estates at Fair Oaks and which is recorded in the Forsyth Country Registry.

Section 10. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a North Carolina limited liability company, its successors and assigns.

<u>Section 11.</u> "Estates Association" shall mean and refer to The Estates at Fair Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, its successors and assigns.

Section 12. "Estates Lot" or Estates Lots", as used herein, shall mean and refer to any plot of land within The Estates at Fair Oaks, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single dwelling site as shown on a plat or plats for The Estates at Fair Oaks, or amendments thereto, recorded in the Forsyth County Registry. The Common Area is not an Estates Lot.

Section 13. "Estates Member" shall mean and refer to any person or other entity who holds membership in the Estates Association.

Section 14. "Estates Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee interest in any Estates Lot in The Estates at Fair Oaks, excluding, however, those parties having such interest merely as a security interest for the performance of an obligation.

Section 15. "General Common Area(s)" shall mean that real property containing Amenities for the general use of the homeowners in Fair Oaks, regardless of the type of residential property that the homeowner has and regardless of the location of the General Common Areas, since the General Common Area may be located within or without the boundaries of the sub-associations, but such General Common Area shall be designated as such

on a recorded plat for the purpose of designating the General Common Area or on the recorded plats of the sub-associations. The General Common Area will be conveyed to the Master Association by the Declarant.

Section 16. "Mansion" shall mean and refer to the existing dwelling which was constructed on the Property prior to the time the Declarant acquired the Property and will be used as a residence on Estate Lot 31.

Section 17. "Master Association" shall mean and refer to The Fair Oaks of Forsyth County Owners Master Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, its successors and assigns.

Section 18. "Master Declaration" shall refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for The Fair Oaks Of Forsyth County Owners Master Association, Inc. filed of record in the Forsyth County Public Registry to which the sub-association so designated herein and all Estates Owners thereof shall be subject to.

Section 19. "Person" shall mean and refer to a natural person, as well as a corporation, partnership, firm, association, trust or other legal entity. The use of the masculine pronoun shall include the neuter and feminine, and the use of the singular shall include the plural where the context so requires.

Section 20. "Property" shall mean and refer to all of the land described in the deed to the Declarant recorded in Book 2539, Page 514, Forsyth County Registry, including the property described in all sub-associations and which are subject to this Declaration and any supplementary Declaration or annexation of additional properties permitted under the provisions of Article II hereof.

Section 21. "Residence," "dwelling," or "building" shall mean and refer to any building or portion of a building situated on any Estates Lot which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family unit.

Section 22. "Sub-Association" shall mean and refer to the three (3) different residential communities to be developed within the Property known as The Estates at Fair Oaks, The Enclave at Fair Oaks and The Village at Fair Oaks. Each such Sub-Association shall

enforce and administer separate declarations of covenants, conditions and restrictions, which reflect the particular type and form of housing development subject thereto.

### **ARTICLE II**

# Properties Subject to This Declaration

The property, which is, and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to this Declaration, is located in the Village of Clemmons, Forsyth County, North Carolina, and is more particularly described as The Estates at Fair Oaks subdivision as shown on a recorded or to be recorded plat by the same name.

Without further assent or permit, Declarant hereby reserves the right, exercisable from time to time, to subject other real property to the Use Restrictions set forth herein, in order to extend the scheme of this Declaration to other property to be developed and thereby to bring such additional properties within the jurisdiction of the Estates Association. Additional property outside the boundaries of the Property may be subjected to the jurisdiction of this Declaration by Declarant so long as such additional properties are contiguous to the Property, and so long as the annexation occurs within thirty (30) years of the date of incorporation of the Estates Association. The recording of a plat which is labeled "The Estates at Fair Oaks" and, which is a part of the Property or a part of property which may be subjected to this Declaration as permitted by this Article II, shall be sufficient action by the Declarant to subject the additional property to the jurisdiction of this Declaration and to become a part of The Estates at Fair Oaks.

### **ARTICLE III**

## Estates Association Membership and Voting Rights

## Section 1. Membership.

(A) Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Estates Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Estates Association shall be a member of the Estates Association, subject to and bound by the Estates Association's Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, rules and regulations. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest in any Estates Lot merely as security

for the performance of an obligation. Ownership of record of such Estates Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership. When any Estates Lot is owned of record in tenancy by the entireties, joint tenancy, or tenancy in common or by some other legal form of multiple ownership, the membership (including the voting power arising therefrom) shall be exercised only as stipulated in Section 2 herein below.

- (B) During any period in which a Estates Member shall be in default in the payment of any annual, special or other periodic assessment levied by the Estates Association, the voting rights and right to the use of the Common Areas or any other facilities which the Estates Association may provide may be suspended by the Board of Directors until such assessment is paid. In the event of violation by a Estates Member of any rules or regulations established by the Board of Directors, such member's voting and use rights may be suspended by the Board of Directors after a hearing at which the general requirements of due process shall be observed. Such hearing shall only be held by the Board of Directors (or a committee thereof) after giving the Estates Member ten (10) days prior written notice specifying each alleged violation and setting the time, place and date of the hearing. Determination of violation shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof.
- (C) No membership fee shall be charged, nor shall Estates Members be required to pay at any time, any amount to carry on the business of the Estates Association, except to pay when due the charges, assessments and special assessments levied upon each Estates Member's lot, as specified in the Declaration or as the Estates Members may from time to time hereafter adopt.

## Section 2. Voting and Voting Rights.

- (A) The voting rights of the membership shall be appurtenant to the ownership of Estates Lots. The ownership of each Estates Lot by a person other than Declarant shall entitle its owner to one vote. The Estates Association shall have two classes of voting membership:
- (1) <u>Class A.</u> Class A members shall be all Estates Owners, other than Declarant; however, Declarant shall be a Class A member to the extent provided in subparagraph (2) hereinafter. Class A members shall be entitled to one vote for each Estates Lot owned; and

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- (2) <u>Class B.</u> The Class B member shall be the Declarant, and it shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Estates Lot in which it holds a fee or undivided fee interest; <u>provided that</u> the Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:
- (i) Four (4) months after the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, except as provided in sub-paragraph (b) of Section 2 below; or
  - (ii) On June 1, 2011.
- (B) Because the Declarant desires to provide for a stable and orderly management of The Estates at Fair Oaks and notwithstanding anything in this Section 2 to the contrary, the Declarant shall retain all voting rights for all Estates Lots in The Estates at Fair Oaks for a period of five (5) years from the date of closing of the first sale of an Estates Lot by the Declarant to the first Estates Owner (hereinafter, the "Period of Declarant Control"). It is the intent of this paragraph that the Declarant will retain the voting rights for all Estates Lots during the Period of Declarant Control in all Estates Association matters and shall retain all other management responsibilities of the Estates Association, including, but not limited to, electing Directors and appointing or populating any committees of the Estates Association.

At any time during the Period of Declarant Control, the Declarant, in its sole discretion, may release or waive its rights to control of the Estates Association as provided above, and then and in the event of such waiver, the voting rights of the Estates Members shall be as stated in sub-paragraph (a) of Section 2 above.

Regardless of whether or not the Declarant controls the Estates Association as provided above, the Estates Association's dues will still begin to accrue from the date of closing the purchase of the Estates Lot by any party other than the Declarant, including, but not limited to, an Estates Owner, a builder for an Estates Owner or a builder who is building a residence for sale, as provided in Section 1 of Article V.

(C) When two or more persons hold an interest (other than a leasehold or security interest) in any Estates Lot, all such persons shall be Estates Members. The vote for such Estates Lot shall be exercised by one of such persons as proxy and nominee for all persons holding an interest in an Estates Lot and in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with

respect to any Estates Lot (except with respect to Estates Lots owned by Declarant), nor shall any fractional vote be cast.

- (D) Any Estates Member who is delinquent in the payment of any charges duly levied by the Estates Association against an Estates Lot owned by such Estates Member shall not be entitled to vote until all such charges, together with such reasonable penalties as the Board of Directors may impose, have been paid.
- (E) Estates Members shall vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Estates Members. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution or upon conveyance by the Estates Member of his or her Estates Lot. A corporate Estates Member's vote shall be cast by the President of the member corporation or by any other officer or proxy appointed by the President or designated by the Board of Directors of such corporation, which designation must, if requested by the Estates Association, be in writing.
- (F) Voting on all matters except the election of directors shall be by voice vote or by show of hands, unless a majority of the Estates Members present at the meeting shall, prior to voting on any matter, demand a ballot vote on that particular matter. Where directors or officers are to be elected by the Estates Members, the solicitation of proxies for such elections may be conducted by mail.

### **ARTICLE IV**

### Common Area Property Rights

- Section 1. Use of Common Area. Every Estates Owner (by virtue of membership in the Estates Association and the Estates Association's membership in the Master Association) shall have a nonexclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas and to the General Common Areas, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title for every Estates Lot, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the Estates Association and the Master Association, and the encumbrances referred to in Section 3 hereof, and the following:
- (A) The right of the Estates Association and Master Association to limit the use of the Common Areas to Estates Owners, their families and guests;

- (B) The right of the Estates Association to suspend the voting and enjoyment rights of an Estates Owner for any period during which any dues, charges, assessments (regular or special) against the Estates Owner's lot remain unpaid, or for any infraction of either associations' published rules and regulations;
- (C) The right of the Estates Association to mortgage, to dedicate or to transfer any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, utility or other entity for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by members of this Estates Association, as applicable in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration. No such mortgage, dedication or transfer shall be effective unless approved by Estates Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Class B membership, if any, and unless written notice of the proposed action is sent to every Estates Member not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the vote. The instrument effecting such dedication, transfer or conveyance shall be sufficient if it is executed by appropriate officers of the Estates Association and contains a recital of the approval of the Estates Members; and
- (D) The right of the Estates Association to formulate, publish and enforce rules and regulations as provided in Article VI, and to formulate, publish and enforce rules and regulations governing the use and activities permitted on or around any areas designated as Common Area.
- Section 2. Delegation of Use. The right and easement of enjoyment granted to every Estates Owner in Section 1 of this Article may be exercised by members of the Estates Owner's family, and an Estates Owner may delegate his or her rights of enjoyment in the Common Areas to his or her tenants or contract purchasers who occupy the dwelling of the Estates Owner within The Estates at Fair Oaks.
- Section 3. <u>Title to the Common Area</u>. The Declarant hereby covenants that it will convey fee simple title to the Common Area shown on the aforementioned recorded plat to the Estates Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, except utility, and drainage easements and easements to governmental authorities.
- Section 4. Parking and Use Regulations for Boats, Trailers, etc. The Estates Association may regulate the parking on the Common Areas. No boats, trailers, motor homes,

recreational vehicles, or trucks shall be parked within the right-of-way of any public or private street in The Estates at Fair Oaks.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Antennas and Satellite Dishes.</u> The Estates Association may regulate or prohibit the erection of any type of antennas, including, but not limited to, CB, TV, Video, and Short Wave, on any Common Area.

### **ARTICLE V**

## Covenants for Maintenance Assessments

Section 1. Annual Assessment for Maintenance Fund. For each Estates Lot owned within The Estates at Fair Oaks, the Estates Owner covenants and agrees, and each subsequent Estates Owner of any such Estates Lot covenants and agrees, that by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it is so expressed in such deed, the Estates Owner will pay to the Estates Association the assessments and charges provided for in this Declaration, as follows:

- (A) Annual assessments or charges in the amount hereinafter set forth; and
- (B) Special assessments as approved by the Estates Association to be established and collected as hereinafter provided.

The annual assessment for the Estates Association, as provided for herein, shall be payable in advance on an annual basis by every Estates Owner of each Estates Lot, unless the Estates Association decides by a majority vote to have the assessment payable quarterly. The annual assessment shall be due as of January 1 of each year, except for the first year of ownership by an Estates Owner. The annual dues for a particular year may be established later in the year than January 1, but the annual assessment shall be retroactive to January 1 of each year. At the closing of the purchase of an Estates Lot by a third party other than the Declarant, the assessment shall begin to accrue and the Estates Owner shall pay to the Estates Association the Estates Owner's pro rata share of the annual assessment for the remainder of the year of closing.

## Section 2. Purpose of Assessments.

(A) The assessments levied by the Estates Association shall be used to provide funds for such purposes and Common Expenses as are for the benefit of the Estates Association, the Master Association and the Owners of Estates Lots within the areas overseen and

administered by the Estates Association and the Master Association, which purposes may include maintenance, replacement, repair, insurance, landscaping and beautification of the Common Areas and General Common Areas, which shall specifically include (i) the payment of electric bills for decorative street lighting, whether or not such lighting is installed in the Common Area or along or in the public or private streets, (ii) the maintenance, repair and replacement of the private streets, including a reserve fund for such purposes, (iii) payment of the water bills for each Estate Lot, (iv) the maintenance, repair and replacement of the private water line which serves the Estate Lots, and (v) landscaping at the entrance of the Estate Lots and in any cul-de-sacs. Funds may also be used to pay Common Expenses which provide other services to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the community and in particular for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of the properties, services and facilities related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas and General Common Areas. including, but not limited to the cost of repair, replacement and additions thereto; the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision thereof; the payment of taxes assessed against Common Areas and General Common Areas and the requirements of the Master Declaration; the procurement and maintenance of insurance; the employment of attorneys, accountants and other professionals to represent the Estates Association when necessary or useful; the employment of security personnel to provide any service which is not readily available from any governmental authority; and such other needs as may arise. Any additional uses of and purposes for assessments may be adopted by an amendment to this Declaration, as provided in Article X herein.

(B) The private water line which will provide water to the Estates Lots will have a public water meter installed at or near the boundary line of The Estates at Fair Oaks, and the Estates Association will pay, as one of its regularly budgeted items, the monthly water bill from the assessments paid to the Estates Association. The Declarant will install a private water meter on each Estates Lot to measure the amount of water used by each Estates Lot. On either a monthly or annual basis, the Association will read the private water meters on the Estates Lots to determine the amount of water used by each Estates Lot and will then reconcile the amount of the water bill paid to the public utility by the Estates Association to determine the water usage by each Estates Lot. If a particular Estates Lot has used less water than paid for in its assessment,

then that Estates Owner will receive a credit against its next payment of the assessment to the Estates Association. If a particular Estates Lot has used more water than paid for in its assessment, then that Estates Owner will reimburse the Estates Association for the amount of water used in excess of that for which it has paid. The amount owed to the Estates Association for the excess water usage shall be considered as an additional assessment owed to the Estates Association and shall be a continuing lien against the particular Estates Lot as provided in Section 3 below.

Section 3. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessment. In accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, and in order to secure payment at and after the due date, as each assessment becomes due, there shall arise a continuing lien and charge against each Estates Lot, the amount of which shall include costs and reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent permissible by law. Each such assessment, together with such interest, cost and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Estates Owner of such Estates Lot at the time when the assessment fell due.

Section 4. Exempt Property. The assessments, charges and liens created under this Article V shall not apply to the Common Areas, nor shall they apply to any Estates Lot the title to which is vested either in any first mortgagee subsequent to foreclosure; provided, however, that upon the resale of such Estates Lot by such first mortgagee, the assessment herein provided shall again commence and accrue and shall be fully applicable to such Estates Lot upon the conveyance to any subsequent Estates Owner. Any Estates Lot which Declarant may hereafter designate for common use, either temporarily or permanently, as part of the Common Areas or otherwise, shall be exempt from the assessments and charges created herein. In addition, other than land and improvements devoted to dwelling use, all property dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority shall be exempt from the assessments, charges and liens created hereby.

# Section 5. Annual Maintenance Assessments and Maximums.

(A) The annual maintenance assessment imposed by the Estates Association, which shall include the annual maintenance assessment by the Master Association, shall be set each year by the Estates Association as set forth herein.

- (B) In establishing the annual assessment for any year, the Board of Directors shall consider all current costs and Common Expenses of the Estates Association, any accrued debts, and reserves for future needs.
- (C) Notwithstanding anything in this Article V to the contrary, Declarant shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments, special or otherwise.

# Section 6. Special Assessments.

In addition to the annual assessment imposed by the Estates Association set forth above, the Estates Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any capital improvement, the cost of any repairs or replacement of any capital improvement, and the cost of repairs or replacement of any improvement on the Common Areas, including the repair or replacement of the private water line and the paving on the private streets and private easements, if any, created by the Declarant to provide access to more than one Estates Lot. Any such assessment shall have the consent of fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of all Estates Owners of Estates Lots not owned by the Declarant, at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Estates Members in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws for special meetings of the Estates Association. Any special assessment passed by the Estates Members shall not apply to the Declarant.

# Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessment Due Dates; Certificate of Payment.

(A) The annual assessments provided for herein for the Estates Association shall be payable as of January 1 of each year. The assessment shall begin to accrue as to an Estates Lot at the time of closing and conveyance of an Estates Lot to any party other than the Declarant. During the first quarter of each year, the Board of Directors shall establish the amount of the annual assessment imposed by the Estates Association against each Estates Lot, which assessment shall be retroactive to January 1 of that year. In the event the Board of Directors elects not to fix such assessment rate as herein provided, the amount of the prior year's annual assessment shall be the fixed amount. Written notice of any changed assessment rate shall be sent to every Estates Owner by the Estates Association.

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(B) The Estates Association shall, upon demand and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Estates Association setting forth whether the assessments imposed by the Estates Association (whether annual or special) on a specified Estates Lot have been paid to date.

<u>Association.</u> Any assessment, including any assessment by the Master Association, not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the maximum legal rate and to the extent allowed by law. The Board may, in its sole discretion, waive the interest charge for extenuating circumstances. The Estates Association or its agents or representatives, may bring an action at law against the Estates Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the Estates Lot to which the assessment relates, and interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees for such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such assessment to the extent allowed by law. No Estates Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of any of the Common Areas or abandonment of his or her Estates Lot.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Ad Valorem Taxes and Mortgages. The liens provided for herein on any Estates Lot shall be subordinate to the lien of ad valorem taxes and subordinate to the lien of any first or second deed of trust (sometimes hereinafter called "mortgage") on any Estates Lot, if such assessments have a due date on or after the date such mortgage is filed for record. The lien and permanent charge hereby subordinated is only such lien and charge as relates to assessments authorized hereunder, having a due date subsequent to the date such mortgage is filed of record and prior to the satisfaction, cancellation or foreclosure of such mortgage or the sale or transfer of the mortgaged property pursuant to any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or the sale or transfer of the mortgaged property pursuant to a sale under power contained in such mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Estates Lot to a new Estates Owner shall not affect any assessment lien, unless the sale or transfer of the Estates Lot is pursuant to a foreclosure or under a power of sale or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure, and in that event, shall extinguish the lien of such assessment as to payments which became due after the date of recording the deed of trust but prior to such sale or transfer, but the Estates Association shall

have a lien upon the proceeds from foreclosure or of sale junior only to the said foreclosed mortgage and the equity of redemption of the mortgagor or trustor. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Estates Lot from liability for any assessment thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 10. Collection of Assessments. The Estates Association shall promptly collect all assessments due from Estates Owners pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof, including the assessments for the Master Association.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## Architectural Control, Inspection and Use Restrictions

Declarant shall have the responsibility of enforcing the restrictions set forth in this Article prior to the formation of the Committee which, upon appointment by the Directors, shall assume and be responsible for enforcement of these restrictions. References in this Article to "Committee" shall mean "Declarant" until the Committee is appointed by the Directors and references to "Declarant" shall mean "Committee" once it is appointed by the Declarant. The following architectural restrictions shall apply to each and every Estates Lot now or hereafter subject to this Declaration.

# Section 1. Approval of Plans and Architectural Committee.

(A) No site preparation or initial construction, erection, or installation of any improvements, including, but not limited to, dwellings, outbuildings, landscaping, fences, walls, signs, antennas, mailboxes, post lamps, and other structures, shall be undertaken upon the Estates Lots, unless the plans and specifications therefore, and specifically including any type of activity which might harm or endanger the Canopy Oaks, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color and location of the proposed improvements on the Estates Lot, including, but not limited to, the residence, decks, garage, driveway, parking areas and any other permanent structures or changes to be made to the Estates Lot, shall have been submitted to the Committee and expressly approved by the Committee in writing. No subsequent alteration or modification which will result in an exterior, structural change to the dwelling, outbuilding, or significant

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changes to the landscaping may be undertaken on any of the Estates Lots without the prior review and express written approval of the Committee.

- (B) In the event that the Committee fails to approve or disapprove the site or design of any proposed improvements within sixty (60) days after plans and specifications therefore have been submitted and received, approval will not be required, and the requirements of this Article will be deemed to have been fully met; provided, that the plans and specifications required to be submitted shall not be deemed to have been received by the Committee if they contain erroneous data or fail to present adequate information upon which the Committee can arrive at a decision.
- (C) For purposes of Section 1, subparagraph (b) above, and for so long as the Declarant constitutes the Committee, the plans and specifications will not be deemed to have been "received" unless the Declarant acknowledges in writing such receipt or, in the alternative, the plans and specifications are sent by certified or registered mail to the Declarant, and a return receipt is received acknowledging the receipt thereof.
- (D) The Committee shall have the right, at its election, to enter upon the Estates Lots during site preparation or construction, erection or installation of improvements to inspect the work being undertaken and to determine that such work is being performed in conformity with the approved plans and specifications and in a good and workman-like manner, utilizing standard industry methods and good quality materials.
- (E) The approval of any such plans, specifications or other items submitted to the Committee, pursuant to this Article VI, shall not impose any liability or responsibility on the Committee or the Estates Association with respect to either the compliance or non-compliance of any such plans, specifications or other items (including any improvements or structures erected in accordance therewith) with applicable zoning ordinances, building codes or other governmental or quasi-governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations from defects in or arising from such plans, specifications or other items (including, without limitation, defects relating to engineering matters, structural and design matters and the quality or suitability of materials).

- (F) For so long as Declarant owns an Estates Lot in The Estates at Fair Oaks, or until such time as the Declarant notifies the Board of Directors in writing of its desire to have the Directors to appoint the members of the Committee, the Declarant shall serve as the Committee, and shall exercise the authority to approve plans and other matters set forth in this Article. After Declarant divests itself of all Estates Lots within The Estates at Fair Oaks, or waives the Period of Declarant Control, the Committee shall be appointed by the Directors.
- (G) The Declarant shall be solely responsible for the initial installation of the landscaping of the Common Area and any Landscaping Easement area. Once said landscaping is installed, the care and maintenance of the landscaping of the Common Area and Landscape Easement area shall be a common expense and the responsibility of the Estates Association.
- (H) Nothing in this Section 1 shall apply to the Mansion until the Declarant conveys title to said Estates Lot containing the Mansion to a third party owner of the Mansion. Until the time of said conveyance of the Mansion, the Declarant will not be subject to any architectural approval or review.

Section 2. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors shall have the power to formulate, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas. Such rules and regulations, along with all policy resolutions and policy actions taken by the Board of Directors, shall be recorded in a Book of Resolutions, which shall be maintained in a place convenient to the Estates Owners and available to them for inspection during normal business hours.

## Section 3. Use Restrictions.

- (A) All structures must be built to comply substantially with the plans and specifications as approved by the Committee, and before any residence may be occupied, it must be completely finished and a certificate of completion must have been issued by the local or state authority empowered to do so. Once construction has commenced on an Estates Lot, construction shall be diligently and continuously pursued and shall be completed within twelve (12) months from the date of commencement of construction.
- (B) All Estates Lots shall be used for single-family, residential use only. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Estates Lot, other than a detached, single family dwelling, not to exceed two (2) stories in height (exclusive of finished

attic space) and a private garage for not more than five (5) automobiles. Any additional building or out buildings which an Estates Owner wants to construct on an Estates Lot must be approved in writing by the Committee.

- (C) No building shall be built, erected or used on an Estates Lot unless it contains living area of at least 2,500 square feet of floor space if the structure is a one-story building. Any other residence whether a two-story residence or split-level residence, shall contain at least 3,500 square feet. The living area floor space herein referred to shall be exclusive of garages, porches, breezeways, terraces and basement areas. Said measurements are to be measured from the outside wall lines. With written approval of Declarant, a portion of the living space required to comply with the limitations of this paragraph may remain unfinished.
- (D) Main level garages, but not basement level garages, may face either the street on which the residence faces or a side street, and may be attached to, detached from or built within a residence. Carports shall have a solid or semisolid wall on the street side. Each Estates Owner must also provide on the Estates Lot at least two additional parking spaces (which may be on the driveway), not necessarily covered, for off-street parking. If a garage faces a street, the garage door must remain closed except when a vehicle is entering or exiting the garage.
- (E) No permanent structures shall be erected having exposed exterior walls of concrete blocks, and all driveways must be paved with either concrete, asphalt, stone or brick pavers.
- (F) The Estates Lots which are subject to this Declaration shall not be subdivided, except that two (2) Estates Lot owners may subdivide an Estates Lot between them, but only one residence shall be built on the combined original Estates Lot and subdivided portion of any Estates Lot.
- (G) No building or part thereof shall be erected nearer the front property line of the Estates Lot than as follows: (i) as to Estates Lots 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40 and 41 85 feet; (ii) as to Estates Lots 37, 38 and 39 75 feet; (iii) as to Estates Lots 33, 34, 35 and 36 65 feet; and (iv) as to Estates Lots 30, 31 and 32 at the sole discretion of the Committee. Rear yard and side yard setback requirements shall be as required by applicable zoning.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in special cases, as determined by the Committee, the Committee may alter the setback requirements provided for herein.

- (H) No business, profession, professional clinic or other trade or business activity shall be carried on upon any Estates Lot or in any building erected thereon, except an Estates Lot owner may use one room of the residence as a home office; provided: (i) there is nothing visible from outside the residence to indicate a room is being used as an office, (ii) there are no business clients or members of the general public coming to the residence because of the business being conducted in the residence, and (iii) there is nothing being done in the residence which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
- (I) No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding erected on the Estates Lots shall be used at any time as a residence, temporarily or permanently, nor shall any structure of any temporary character be used as a residence, except this restriction shall not apply to finished room or rooms which are a part of a garage. This restriction shall not apply to construction trailers used during the construction of improvements on the Estates Lot.
- (J) No stable, barn, or out building shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Estates Lot for domestic animals. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, pastured or maintained on any Estates Lot, except standard household pets which may be kept thereon in reasonable number as pets for the sole pleasure and purpose of the occupants but not for any commercial use or breeding purpose. Any standard household pets which are permitted by this paragraph shall be kept primarily within the residence and shall not be housed outside of the dwelling. No housing, cages or enclosures shall be located on any Estates Lot for purposes of housing or restraining such pets. No pets shall be permitted in or upon the Common Area unless restrained by a leash. The walking of any pets on streets, Common Areas or Estates Lots belonging to others for the purposes of allowing pets to relieve themselves of bodily wastes is prohibited, and each pet owner is responsible for retrieving any excrement deposited by his or her pet in the event of unintentional depositing of such waste.
- (K) No property in the subdivision shall be used for the sale of any items, including automobiles, nor shall inoperable automobiles, automobiles which are not used on a regular basis, or other debris, trash or storage items be allowed to accumulate or to remain on any Estates Lot of the subdivision.

- (L) Declarant reserves an easement for, and the right at any time in the future to grant, rights-of-way for the installation and maintenance of public utilities across, on or under any Estates Lot along the front, rear and side property lines, but such rights-of-way must be used so as to interfere as little as possible with the use of the Estates Lot by its Estates Owner. Further, there is reserved on behalf of Declarant and the standard utility companies for electricity, telephone, cable, natural gas, and any other standard utility company which has been approved by the Committee, an easement to enter upon the premises to maintain, repair, or modify existing or future underground facilities, and the Estates Owners, or their successors in title to said Estates Lots, shall in no way interfere with said facilities, or dig up, cut or tamper with said facilities, except at their own peril and in violation of the rights of said utility companies. No public utility company or governmental entity or agency shall obtain any right in the easement reserved herein without an express written and recorded grant thereof by Declarant. In the event The Estates at Fair Oaks, which is the subject to this Declaration, is served by any underground public utility facilities, the service to structures erected thereon shall be connected to the underground facility at the pedestals provided for this purpose.
- (M) Decorative fencing of good quality may be erected, but the quality, style, color, and location of said fencing must be approved by the Committee. Fencing must be maintained in a good state of repair.
- (N) No communications or television receiving dish, antenna or similar item may be erected or placed on any Estates Lot or on any building on any Estates Lot, except a satellite dish of less than one (1) meter in diameter. Before installing a satellite dish of less than one (1) meter in diameter, the Estates Lot owner must make a good faith effort to locate the dish in the rear yard area and screen the dish such that the dish is not visible from any other Estates Lot, the street or any Common Area. The location and screening for the dish must be approved by the Committee.
- (O) Incinerators for garbage, trash or other refuse shall not be used or permitted to be erected or placed on any Estates Lot. Any and all equipment, coolers, woodpiles, garbage cans, refuse or storage piles placed on an Estates Lot (whether temporary or permanent) shall be screened to conceal same from the view of adjoining Estates Lots, roads, streets, or

Common Areas. Plans for all screens, walls and enclosures must be approved by the Committee prior to construction.

- (P) No leaves, trash, garbage or other similar debris shall be burned except as permitted by the appropriate governmental authority. No garbage, trash, construction debris or other unsightly or offensive materials shall be placed upon any portion of an Estates Lot, except as is temporary and incidental to the bona fide improvement of any portion of an Estates Lot.
- (Q) No lumber, brick, stone, cinder block, concrete or other building materials, scaffolding, mechanical devices or any other thing used for building purposes shall be stored on any Estates Lot, except for the purpose of construction on such Estates Lot or for the purpose of staging materials for construction of improvements on other Estates Lots if the Declarant designates certain Estates Lots as staging areas for such construction materials. In either event, such materials shall not be stored on the Estates Lot for longer than the length of time reasonably necessary for completion of the improvement(s) in which same is to be used.
- (R) No exposed above-ground tanks will be permitted for storage of fuel or water or any other substance.
- (S) No Estates Owner shall excavate or extract earth from any of the Estates Lots subject to this Declaration for any business or commercial purpose. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade of surrounding Estates Lots.
- (T) No outside toilet facility may be constructed or maintained on any Estates Lot, except during construction of improvements on any Estates Lot.
- (U) Outside clotheslines and other such clothes-handling devices will not be permitted.
- (V) Each Estates Owner, at its expense, shall install the initial mailbox for each Estates Lot, as approved by the Declarant. All future mailboxes must be of the same design, construction and color and in the same location unless the changes in design or location are approved by the Committee.
- (W) No sign of any kind whatsoever shall be erected upon or displayed or otherwise exposed to view on any Estates Lot or any improvement thereon outside the residence without the prior written consent of the Committee, except during the period of construction. Prior to the sale of an Estates Lot containing a residence, the following signs shall be permitted:

the Declarant's signs, the initial builder's sign of no more than 9 square feet of surface space (no subcontractor's signs shall be allowed), and real estate signs approved by the Declarant. After the sale of an Estates Lot by the initial builder or the completion of construction of a residence, only customary real estate broker signs shall be allowed on an Estates Lot, and such signs must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of the sale of the Estates Lot.

- (X) No house trailer, boat, boat trailer, camper, trailer, vessel, motorcycle or other recreational vehicle shall be permitted on any Estates Lot unless such trailer, boat, camper, motorcycle or other vehicle is kept within the garage with the garage door closed and not visible from any adjoining Estates Lot or Lots, streets and Common Areas. It is the intention of this restriction to prevent the parking of any vehicles in the parking area of the Estates Lot other than the Estates Owner's or the Estates Owner's invitees' passenger automobiles and pickup trucks. No vehicle which contains any commercial printing or signs on the vehicle may be parked on an Estates Lot unless it is either parked within a closed garage or is temporarily parked on the Estates Lot by an invitee of the Estates Owner.
- (Y) All motorized vehicles operating on any Estates Lot, Common Area and streets of The Estates at Fair Oaks must have proper mufflers so as to eliminate noise which might be offensive to others. Minibikes and similar two, three, or four-wheeled vehicles are prohibited from being used or operated on or within The Estates at Fair Oaks, unless the prior written consent of the Committee is first secured.
- (Z) No temporary structure or storage building shall be permitted on any Estates Lot unless screened from view of adjoining Estates Lots, streets and Common Areas; provided, however, temporary buildings and other structures shall be permitted during the construction period of the dwellings or as temporary real estate sales offices for the sale of Estates Lots. No garage, outbuilding or other appurtenant structure shall be used for residential purposes, either temporary or permanently, except for a finished room or rooms which are a part of the attached garage, without the written consent of the Committee.
- (AA) Trees may be removed, when necessary, for the construction of driveways and dwellings or if located within six (6) feet of the foundation of the dwelling or garage or swimming pool. All other trees over six (6) inches in diameter measured eighteen (18)

inches from the surface of the ground shall be retained unless their existence creates a hazard to the property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Canopy Oaks shall be protected and preserved without exception. The construction of driveways, improvements or other ground disturbing activity on any Estates Lot which may affect or endanger any Canopy Oak must be specifically approved by the Committee as to whether or not such activity may endanger the existence or health of any Canopy Oak.

- (BB) The use restrictions set forth in this Section 3 listing those items which may not be maintained on an Estates Lot shall not apply to Estates Lots during the period of construction of the dwelling unit upon the Estates Lots. As soon as a dwelling unit has been completed on an Estates Lot, these use restrictions shall immediately apply to the Estates Lot.
- (CC) Any use restriction set forth in this Section 3 which would cause the Mansion to be in violation of these restrictions is hereby waived as to any permanent condition of the Mansion or Estates Lot containing the Mansion. Any improvements or changes to the Mansion or The Estates Lot containing the Mansion after the conveyance of the Mansion to the first occupant of the Mansion must comply with this Section 3.

Section 4. Hobbies and Activities. The pursuit of hobbies or other inherently dangerous or unsightly activities on an Estates Lot, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly or unkempt conditions, and the shooting of firearms, fireworks or pyrotechnic devices of any type or size are forbidden. Any such activities shall not be pursued or undertaken on any part of any Estates Lot or the Common Areas without the consent of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Nuisances and Unsightly Materials. Each Estates Owner shall refrain from any act on or use of his or her Estates Lot which could reasonably cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. No noxious, offensive or illegal activity shall be carried on upon any Estates Lot. No Estates Lot shall be used in whole or in part for storage of rubbish of any character whatsoever; nor shall any substance, thing or material be kept upon any Estates Lot which will emit foul or noxious odors or that will cause any noise that will or might disturb the peace and quiet of the occupants of surrounding property. No trash, rubbish, stored materials, wrecked or inoperable vehicles or similar unsightly items

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shall be allowed to remain on any Estates Lot outside an enclosed, covered structure. However, the foregoing shall not be construed to prohibit temporary deposits of trash, rubbish and other debris for pickup by garbage and trash removal service units. Each Estates Owner shall maintain the improvements on the Estates Lot in a neat and orderly manner. In the event any Estates Owner of any Estates Lot fails or refuses to maintain the improvements on the Estates Lot in a neat and orderly manner or to keep the Estates Lot from accumulating any of the foregoing unsightly items, weeds or underbrush, the Estates Association may, at its option, ten (10) days after posting a notice thereon or mailing a notice to said Estates Owner at his or her property address requesting an Estates Owner to comply with the requirements of this Section, enter and remove all such unsightly items and growth at said Estates Owner's expense, and the Estates Owner shall be personally liable to the Estates Association for the costs of removal or maintenance, plus a supervision fee equal to \$200.00 or 25% of the applicable costs, whichever is greater, and the costs, until paid, shall be a permanent charge and lien upon such Estates Lot enforceable to the same extent and collectible as provided for in Article V, entitled "Covenants for Maintenance Assessments." By acquiring property subject to these restrictions, each and every Estates Owner agrees to pay such costs promptly upon demand by the Estates Association, its agents, assigns, or representatives. No such entry as provided in this Section shall be deemed a trespass. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to Estates Lots upon which residences are under construction.

Section 6. Governmental Regulations. Each Estates Owner shall observe all governmental building codes, health regulations, zoning restrictions and other regulations applicable to his or her Estates Lot. In the event of any conflict between any provision of any such governmental code, regulation or restriction and any provision of this Declaration, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

# Section 7. Other Prohibitions or Requirements.

(A) No vent or other pipes or appendages may extend from the front of any dwelling, unless screened from public view by a screening material or shrubbery approved by the Committee.

- (B) Any exterior air-conditioning or heating equipment must be screened from public view by a screening material or shrubbery approved by the Committee.
- (C) Downspouts and gutters must be so constructed so as not to promote the erosion of the soil of any Estates Lot, including but not limited to the adjacent Estates Lots.
- (D) Any tennis courts, swimming pools, or other outdoor recreational facilities located on any Estates Lot must be screened from public view by a screening material approved by the Committee; moreover, any outdoor lighting must be shielded so as to cast no direct light upon adjacent Estates Lots.
- (E) As soon as possible, but no later than the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a residence on an Estates Lot, the Estates Owner of the Estates Lot, at a minimum, must immediately sow grass seed over all areas that are not natural areas to control erosion. The final grading and installation of the landscaping must be completed within three (3) months of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy and must be supervised by the initial builder or owner.
- (F) The Estates Association reserves the right to impose reasonable rules and regulations that pertain to the treatment of wildlife within the Common Area.

### **ARTICLE VII**

### Easements

Section 1. Walks, Drives, Parking Areas and Utilities. All of the properties shown in any plats of the Estates at Fair Oaks, including Estates Lots and Common Areas, shall be subject to such easements for private streets, driveways, walkways, parking areas, public and private water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm drainage facilities, gas lines, telephone and electric power lines, television antenna lines, and other public utilities as shall be established prior to subjecting the properties to this Declaration by the Declarant or its predecessors in title. The Estates Association shall have the power and authority to grant and to establish in, over, upon, and across the Common Areas conveyed to it such further easements as are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the properties.

Section 2. Landscape Easement. The Declarant may reserve on any recorded plat of The Estates at Fair Oaks a Landscape Easement over certain of the Estates Lots for purposes of drainage, access, construction and maintenance of berms or other landscaping. The maintenance, repair and replacement of the landscaping within the Landscape Easement will be the sole expense of the Estates Association. Estates Lot owners whose Estates Lots are affected by the Landscape Easement will take no action to change, interfere with or prohibit the landscaping within the Landscape Easement.

Utilities and Drainage. All utility lines of every type, including, but not Section 3. limited to, water, electricity, natural gas, telephone, sewage and television cables, running from the main trunk line or service locations must be underground. The Developer reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, a perpetual, alienable and releasable easement and right on, across, over and under the ground to erect, maintain, replace and use water, sewer, electric and telephone systems, wires, cables, and conduits for the purpose of bringing public services, including cable television service, to the Estates Lots and Common Areas, and said easement is to be located (i) within ten (10) feet of each lot line fronting on a street and twenty (20) feet along the rear line of each Estates Lot, (ii) within the rights of way of any street or road shown on any recorded plat(s) of The Estates at Fair Oaks, (iii) within ten (10) feet of each side line of each Estates Lot, and (iv) such other areas as are shown on any recorded plats of The Estates at Fair Oaks; provided further, that the Declarant or Estates Association may cut, at its own expense, drainways for surface water wherever and whenever such action is reasonably required in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. These easements and rights expressly include the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, take or add any soil, or to take any other similar action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe utility installation or to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance.

Section 4. Emergency. There is hereby reserved without further assent or permit, a general easement to all policemen and security guards employed by Declarant or the Estates Association, firemen, ambulance personnel and all similar persons to enter upon the Property, and specifically over any private streets, or any property or portion thereof which is now or hereafter made subject to this Declaration, in the performance of their respective duties.

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#### ARTICLE VIII

## **Insurance**

Section 1. Fidelity Insurance Coverage. As a part of the common administration expense of the Estates Association, the Estates Association may provide for fidelity coverage against dishonest acts on the part of the officers, directors, management, contractor, employees or volunteers responsible for handling funds belonging to or administered by the Estates Association at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The fidelity bond or insurance must name the Estates Association as the named insured and shall be written in an amount set by the Estates Association. In connection with such coverage, an appropriate endorsement to the policy to cover any person or persons who serve without compensation shall be added if the policy would not otherwise cover volunteers. If requested by an Estates Owner or mortgagee, such policies shall additionally provide that the policies cannot be canceled by either the insured or the insurance company until after ten (10) days prior written notice to all who have requested such notice.

Section 2. Other Insurance. The Board of Directors may purchase and maintain in force as a common expense, liability insurance (including liability insurance for the Board members), debris removal insurance, plate glass or other glass insurance, fidelity bonds and other insurance or bonds that it deems necessary. The Board of Directors shall purchase and maintain workmen's compensation insurance to the extent that the same shall be required by law respecting employees of the Estates Association.

### ARTICLE IX

### Rights of Institutional Lenders

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Amendments.</u> The prior written approval of each institutional holder of a first deed of trust on Estates Lots will be required for any material amendment to the Declaration or to the By-laws of the Estates Association which affects the rights of such holders.

Section 2. <u>Professional Management.</u> As a part of the common administration expense of the Estates Association, the Declarant reserves the right to select professional management of the Estates Association for the period during which Declarant maintains voting

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control of the Estates Association. Declarant is not required to engage professional management, but may, if Declarant so desires. Following the transfer of voting control to the Estates Owners pursuant to Article III, the Estates Owners may vote either to engage professional management for the Estates Association, or to self manage the Estates Association. Any contract for professional management shall provide that the Estates Association may terminate said contract on the giving of not less than ninety (90) days notice.

- Section 3. <u>Inspection and Notice.</u> Upon written request, any institution holder of a first lien on an Estates Lot will be entitled to:
- (A) inspect the books and records of the Estates Association during normal business hours; and
- (B) receive an annual financial statement of the Estates Association within ninety (90) days following the end of any fiscal year; and
- (C) written notice of all meetings of the Estates Association and shall be permitted to designate a representative to attend all such meetings; and
- (D) written notice of a lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Estates Association; and
- (E) written notice of any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of mortgage holders; and
- (F) written notice of any sixty (60) day delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by the Estates Owner of any Estates Lot on which it holds the mortgage.

# Section 4. Condemnation or Default.

- (A) If any Estates Lot or portion thereof or the Common Area or any portion thereof is made the subject matter of any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or is otherwise sought to be acquired by a condemning authority, then the institutional holder of any mortgage on an Estates Lot will be entitled to timely written notice of any such proceeding or proposed acquisition.
- (B) The holder of a mortgage on any Estates Lot shall be given prompt written notice of any default in the mortgagor's obligations hereunder which are not cured within sixty

(60) days of said default; provided that, the holder shall have given written notice to the Estates Association that it is a holder as to the Estates Lot of such mortgagor and shall have requested the notice of default as herein set forth.

### ARTICLE X

## **General Provisions**

Section 1. Duration. The foregoing restrictions shall be construed to be covenants running with the land and shall be binding and effective for thirty (30) years from the date of recording, at which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each unless it is agreed by the vote of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the then Estates Owners of the above-described property to change, amend or revoke the restrictions in whole or in part. Every purchaser, owner or subsequent grantee of any interest in any property now or hereafter made subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be extended as provided in this Article.

Section 2. Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (i) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; or (ii) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Estates Lots subject to this Declaration; or (iii) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on the Estates Lots subject to this Declaration; or (iv) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on the Estates Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Estates Owner's Estates Lot unless any such Estates Lot owner shall consent thereto in writing. Further, during the Period of Declarant Control or for the period of thirty (30) years from the date of incorporation of the Estates Association, which ever is longer, the Declarant may

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unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose so long as said amendment is not inconsistent with the common plan or scheme of development; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially or adversely affect the substantive rights of any Estates Lot owner hereunder, nor shall it materially or adversely affect title to any Estates Lot without the consent of the affected Estates Lot owner.

In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least seventy percent (70%) of the Estates Owners during the first thirty (30) year period and of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Estates Owners thereafter, and with the consent of the Declarant, so long as Declarant is a Class B member of the Estates Association as provided in Article III.

Every purchaser or subsequent grantee of any interest in any property now or hereafter made subject to this Declaration by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, hereby agrees that the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended as provided in this Article. Amendments as used in this Article X shall not mean the addition of properties as provided in Article II.

Section 3. Procedure for Certification and Recordation of Amendment. Any instrument amending these covenants, conditions, and restrictions (other than a permitted unilateral amendment by the Declarant, or an amendment by the Board of Directors to correct an error or inconsistency in drafting, typing or reproduction) shall be delivered, following approval by the owners, to the Board of Directors. Thereupon, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days after delivery, do the following:

- (a) Reasonably assure itself that the amendment has been approved by the Estates Owners of the required number of Estates Lots as provided in Section 2 of this Article. (For this purpose, the Board may rely on its roster of members and shall not be required to cause any title to any Estates Lot to be examined);
- (b) Attach to the amendment a certification as to its validity, which certification shall be executed by the Estates Association in the same manner that deeds are executed; and

(c) Immediately, and within the thirty (30) day period aforesaid, cause the amendment to be executed by the Estates Association's officers in the same manner that deeds are executed, and recorded in the Forsyth County Registry.

All amendments shall be effective from the date of recordation in the Forsyth County Registry, unless a later effective date is specified therein. When any instrument purporting to amend the covenants, conditions and restrictions has been certified by the Board of Directors, recorded and indexed as provided by this Section, it shall be conclusively presumed that such instrument constitutes a valid amendment as to the Estates Owners of all Estates Lots in this development.

Section 4. Enforcement. If any person, firm or corporation shall violate or attempt to violate any of these Restrictions, it shall be lawful for the Estates Association or for any other person, firm or corporation owning any property to bring an action against the violating party at law or in equity for any claim which these restrictions may create in such other Estates Owner or interested party either to prevent said person, firm or corporation from so doing such acts or to recover damages for such violation. The violating party shall be responsible for all costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Estates Association or such other Estates Owner in such action. Any failure by the Estates Association or any Estates Owner to enforce any of said covenants and restrictions or other provisions shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Invalidation of any one or more of these Restrictions by judgment or court order shall neither affect any of the provisions not expressly held to be void nor the provisions so voided in circumstances or application other than those expressly invalidated, and all such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect together with the provisions ruled upon as they apply to circumstances other than those expressly invalidated.

Section 5. Delegation and Assignability. Declarant shall at all times and from time to time have the right to delegate any and all functions herein reserved to Declarant. Further, notwithstanding any other provision contained herein to the contrary, Declarant shall have the right at all times and from time to time to fully transfer, convey and assign all or any part of its right, title and interest (whether real or personal) in and to Common Areas; provided, however, that any transferee, grantee or assignee shall be deemed to have assumed the same, in the event of any such sale, transfer or conveyance, subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

Declarant shall not, however, be liable to any person for any injury or loss resulting from failure of performance or negligent performance of Declarant's obligations under these covenants arising after such sale, transfer or conveyance.

Section 6. Conflicts. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between the Declaration and the By-laws of the Estates Association, the provisions of this declaration shall control. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between this Declaration or the By-laws of the Estates Association and the Articles of Incorporation of the Estates Association, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall control.

Section 7. Headings and Binding Effect. Headings are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending or otherwise modifying the particular sections to which they refer. The covenants, agreements and rights set forth herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective heirs, executors, successors and assigns of the Declarant and all persons claiming by, through and or under Declarant.

Section 8. Unintentional Violation of Restrictions. In the event of an unintentional or minor violation of any of the foregoing restrictions with respect to any Estates Lot, the Declarant or its successors reserves the right (by and with the mutual written consent of the Estates Owner or Estates Owners of such Estates Lot) to change, amend, or release any of the foregoing restrictions as the same may apply to that particular Estates Lot.

Section 9. Professional Management. In the event that the Estates Association becomes insolvent or for any reason whatsoever loses the ownership of any of the General Common Areas, the Estates Owners of Estates Lots having an interest in such General Common Areas or any Single Family Member of the Estates Association may, at their election as determined by majority vote of those affected, form a nonprofit corporation as provided in the Articles and Bylaws of the Estates Association and assign to it the duty and authority to assess on a per lot basis all Estates Lots having an interest in such General Common Areas, whereupon such corporation shall maintain such General Common Areas in the same manner that the Estates Association is empowered to do by this instrument with the same right of lien for assessments provided for herein.

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### ARTICLE XI

# Dissolution or Insolvency of the Estates Association

In the event that the Estates Association becomes insolvent or for any reason whatsoever loses the ownership of any of the private streets, if any, or Common Areas, the Estates Owners of Estates Lots having an interest in such Common Areas and private streets may, at their election as determined by majority vote of those affected, form a nonprofit corporation as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Estates Association and assign to it the duty and authority to assess on a per lot basis all Estates Lots having an interest in such Common Areas and private streets, whereupon such corporation shall maintain such Common Areas and private streets in the same manner that the Estates Association is empowered to do by this instrument with the same right of lien for assessments provided for herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions to be duly signed, the day and year first above written.

•	FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. a North Carolina Limited Liability Company (SEAL)
	Brant H. Godfrey, Manager
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	)
COUNTY OF FORSYTH	)

I, Mary Ellen Barger a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Brant H. Godfrey, Manager of FAIR OAKS ASSOCIATES, L. L. C., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 15th day of May

My commission expires: 2-16-09

Notary Public, North Carolina County of Forsyth MARY ELLEN BARGER

Notary Public

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	)
COUNTY OF FORSYTH	)
The foregoing certificate of certified to be in due form and according registered.	, a Notary Public of is ng to law. Let the said Declaration and certificate be
This, 2006.	
	Register of Deeds, Forsyth County