DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS (SECTIONS I AND II)

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THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS (the "Declaration") is made this $\underline{10}^{\text{TH}}$ day of August, 2007, by Primm Springs Estates, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Declarant intends by this Declaration to impose upon the Properties (as defined herein) mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all owners of residential property within the Properties. Declarant desires to provide a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development of the Properties, and to establish a method for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of such Properties as are now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration;

Declarant hereby declares that all of the property described in Exhibit "A" and any additional property as is hereafter subjected to this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration (as defined herein) shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the real property subjected to this Declaration and which shall be binding on all parties having any right, title, or interest in the described Properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof. This Declaration does not and is not intended to create a condominium within the meaning of the Tennessee Horizontal Property Act, as codified under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 66-27-101 et seq.

Declarant, as the owner and developer of the Estates of Primm Springs Subdivision, desires to complete the development of the Estates of Primm Springs Subdivision (hereinafter referred to as "The Estates") including the infrastructure thereof and the common amenities attendant thereto.

Declarant has deemed it desirable, for the efficient preservation of the values and amenities in said community, to create an agency to which should be delegated and assigned the powers of maintaining and administering the community properties and facilities and administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions and collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereinafter created.

Declarant has caused or will cause to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, as a non-profit corporation, the Estates of Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc. for the purpose of exercising the functions aforesaid.

Now, therefore, the Declarant hereby declares that the real property described in Exhibit "A" hereof is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges and liens (sometimes referred to herein as the "Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions" or as the "Restrictive Covenants") hereinafter set forth which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the real property and be binding upon all parties having any right, title, or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

Article I Definitions

- Section 1. "Area of Common Responsibility" shall mean and refer to the Common Areas, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration or by contract become the responsibility of the Association. The office of any property manager employed by or contracting with the Association, if located on the Properties, or any public rights-of-way within or adjacent to the Properties, may be part of the Area of Common Responsibility.
- Section 2. "Association" shall mean and refer to the Estates of Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation, and its successors and assigns.
- Section 3. "Base Assessment" shall mean and refer to assessments levied against all Lots in the Properties to fund Common Expenses.
- Section 4. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall be the elected governing body of the Association having its normal meaning under Tennessee corporate law.
- Section 5. "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of the Estates of Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference, as they may be amended from time to time.
- Section 6. "Charter" shall mean and refer to the Charter of the Estates of Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc., as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee. A copy of the Charter of the Association is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- Section 7. "Class "B" Control Period" shall mean and refer to the period of time during which the Declarant, as the Class "B" Member, is entitled to appoint at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, as provided in Article III, Section 2(b), of the Declaration, and Article III. Section 2 of the Bylaws.
- Section 8. "Common Area(s)" shall mean all real and personal property, including the Properties, but excluding Residential Lots (as defined below), components thereof and easements appurtenant thereto, now or hereafter owned by the Association for common use and enjoyment of the Owners, including, but not limited to, all lawns, any and all streets, roads, bridges, parking areas, drainage facilities, swimming pool(s) or other common amenities (if any) and all related facilities, ponds, waterways, fences, structures, sidewalks, curbs, signs, lights, common utilities, and other improvements and elements (other than the Lots) desirable or rationally of common use or necessary to the existence, upkeep and safety of the Properties.
- Section 9. "Common Expenses" shall mean and include the actual and estimated expenses of operating the Association and maintaining the Common Areas, including any reasonable reserve, all as may be found to be necessary and appropriate by the Board pursuant to this Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Charter of the Association.
- Section 10. "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Properties. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the Architectural Review Committee.

- Section 11. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Primm Springs Estates, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, or its successors, successors-in-title or assigns who take title to any portion of the property described on Exhibit "A" for the purpose of development and sale and are designated as the Declarant hereunder in a recorded instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant.
- Section 12. "Member" shall mean and refer to a Person or entity entitled to membership in the Association, as provided herein.
- Section 14. "Mortgage" shall mean and refer to a first lien mortgage, a deed of trust, a deed to secure debt, or any other form of security deed encumbering one (1) or more Lots.
- Section 15. "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any Person that is an institutional lender and that holds a bona fide Mortgage encumbering a Lot, which has notified the Association, in writing, of its name and address, and that it holds a Mortgage with respect to a Lot(s). The term "institutional lender" specifically includes a bank, savings and loan association, a mortgage lending company, an insurance company, and the Federal National Mortgage Association or similar agency.
 - Section 16. "Mortgagor" shall mean and refer to any Person who gives a Mortgage.
- Section 17. "Owner" shall mean and refer to one (1) or more Persons or entities, including Declarant who holds fee simple title to any Residential Lot which is part of the Properties, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Residential Lot is sold under a recorded contract of sale and the contract specifically so provides, then the purchaser (rather than the fee owner) will be considered the Owner.
- Section 18. "Person" means a natural person, a corporation, a partnership, a trustee, or other legal entity.
- Section 19. "Properties" shall mean and refer to the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, together with such additional property as is hereafter subjected to this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration.
- Section 20. "Residential Lot" or "Lot" shall mean a portion of the Properties, whether developed or undeveloped, intended for the development, use, and occupancy as a detached single family residence. The term shall include all portions of the Lot owned, including any structure thereon. A Residential Lot shall include all easement rights appurtenant to such Lot as set forth herein or as shown on the Plan / Plat.

In the case of a parcel of vacant land or land on which improvements are under construction, the parcel shall be deemed to contain the number of Lots planned for such parcel until such time as a certificate of occupancy is issued on all or a portion thereof by the local government entity having jurisdiction, after which the portion designated in the certificate of occupancy shall constitute a separate Lot or Lots as determined above and the number of Lots on the remaining land, if any, shall continue to be determined in accordance with this paragraph.

Section 21. "Special Assessment" shall mean and refer to assessments levied in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of this Declaration.

Section 22. "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional property to this Declaration or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein, or both.

Article II Property Rights

Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area, subject to this Declaration as it may be amended from time to time and to any restrictions or limitations contained in any deed conveying such property to the Association. Any Owner may delegate his or her right of enjoyment to the members of his or her family, tenants and social invitees, as applicable, subject to reasonable regulation by the Board and in accordance with procedures it may adopt. An Owner who leases his or her Lot shall be deemed to have delegated all such rights to the Owner's lessee.

Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration unilaterally at any time, without prior notice and without the consent of any Person, for the purpose of removing certain portions of the Properties then owned by the Declarant or its affiliates or the Association from the provisions of this Declaration to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for The Estates desired to be effectuated by the Declarant, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for The Estates.

Article III Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. Membership. Every Owner, as defined in Article I, shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association.

No Owner, whether one (1) or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot owned. In the event the Owner of a Lot is more than one (1) Person, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided herein. The rights and privileges of membership may be exercised by a Member or the Member's spouse, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Bylaws. The membership rights of a Lot owned by a corporation or partnership shall be exercised by the individual designated by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the Secretary, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Bylaws.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant may at any time assign, pledge, hypothecate or alienate its membership, but any transfer by Declarant of title to a Residential Lot shall automatically transfer the membership in the Association appurtenant thereto, free and clear from such assignment.

Section 2. <u>Voting</u>. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B", as follows

(a) <u>Class "A"</u>. Class "A" Members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Class "B" Members, if any.

Class "A" Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership under Section 1 hereof; there shall be only one (1) vote per Lot.

In any situation in which more than one (1) Person holds the interest in a Lot required for membership, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Persons determine among themselves and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

- (b) Class "B". The Class "B" Members shall be the Declarant and any successor of Declarant who takes title for the purpose of development and sale and who is designated as such in a recorded instrument executed by Declarant or its successor. The Class "B" Members shall originally be entitled to three (3) votes for each Residential Lot owned. The rights of the Class "B" Members, including the right to approve actions taken under this Declaration and the Bylaws, are specified elsewhere in the Declaration and the Bylaws. The Class "B" Members shall be entitled to, in their sole discretion, appoint the members of the Board of Directors during the Class "B" Control Period, subject only to the Bylaws. The Class "B" Control Period shall terminate, and the Class "B" membership shall terminate and become converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier occurrence of:
- (i) four (4) months following the date on which seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots with respect to all phases of The Estates have been conveyed to Owners other than the Declarant or builders holding title solely for purposes of development and sale; or
- (ii) seven (7) years after the date on which the first Lot has been conveyed to an Owner other than the Declarant or builders holding title solely for purposes of development and sale; or
 - (iii) when, in their discretion, the Class "B" Members so determines.

From the happening of this event, the Class "B" Members shall be deemed to be Class "A" Members entitled to one vote for each Residential Lot in which it holds the interest required for membership under section 1 hereof. At such time, the Declarant shall call a meeting, as provided in the Bylaws for special meetings, to advise the membership of the termination of Class "B" status.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in this Declaration or the Bylaws, during the Class "B" Control Period, any action, policy or program of the Association requiring approval by the vote of the Members of the Association shall not be taken or adopted until also approved in writing by the Class "B" Members.

Article IV Maintenance

Section 1. <u>Association's Responsibility.</u> The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Area of Common Responsibility, such maintenance to be funded as hereinafter provided, subject to any insurance then in effect. This maintenance shall include, but need not be limited to, maintenance, repair, and replacement of all landscaping and other flora, structures, and improvements situated upon the Common Areas. Maintenance may also include such portions of any additional property included within the Area of Common Responsibility as

may be dictated by this Declaration, or by a contract or agreement for maintenance thereof by the Association.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all costs associated with the maintenance, repair and replacement of Common Areas shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Lots as part of the Base Assessment

The Association may maintain property which it does not own, including, without limitation, property dedicated to the public, if the Board of Directors determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot and all structures or improvements thereon, including exterior surfaces of the residence, parking areas, fences and other improvements located on the Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all applicable covenants, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association. If any Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility, the Association may perform it and assess all costs incurred by the Association against the Lot and the Owner thereof, in accordance with Article X, Section 4 of this Declaration; provided, however, except when entry is required due to an emergency situation, the Association shall afford the Owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry.

Article V Insurance and Casualty Losses

Section 1. <u>Insurance.</u> The Association's Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall have the authority to and shall obtain blanket all-risk insurance, if reasonably available, for all insurable improvements on the Common Area. If blanket all-risk coverage is not reasonably available, then at a minimum an insurance policy providing fire and extended coverage shall be obtained. This insurance shall be in an amount sufficient to cover one hundred (100%) percent of the replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any insured hazard.

In addition to casualty insurance on the Common Area, the Association may, as a Common Expense, but shall not under any circumstances be obligated to, obtain and continue in effect adequate blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, and if not reasonably available, fire and extended coverage, in such form as the Board of Directors deems appropriate for one hundred (100%) percent of the replacement cost of all structures located on Lots.

The Board shall also obtain a public liability policy covering the Common Area, the Association and its Members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members or agents. The public liability policy shall have at least a One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollar single person limit as respects bodily injury and property damage, a Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollar limit per occurrence, if reasonably available, and a Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollar minimum property damage limit.

Premiums for all insurance shall be Common Expenses of the Association and shall be included in the Base Assessment, as defined in Article 1 and as more particularly described in Article X, Section 1. The policy may contain a reasonable deductible, and, in the case of casualty insurance, the amount thereof shall be added to the face amount of the policy in

determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost. The deductible shall be paid by the party who would be liable for the loss of repair in the absence of insurance and in the event of multiple parties shall be allocated in relation to the amount each party's loss bears to the total.

All insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the respective benefited parties, as further identified in (b) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:

- (a) All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in Tennessee which holds a Best's rating of A or better and is assigned a financial size category of XI or larger as established by A. M. Best Company, Inc., if reasonably available, or, if not available, the most nearly equivalent rating.
- (b) All policies shall be for the benefit of the Association and its Members and their Mortgagees, as their interests may appear.
- (c) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association on the Properties shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (d) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees.
- (e) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available, and an agreed amount endorsement with an annual review by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the Rutherford County, Tennessee, area.
- (f) The Association's Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors, its manager, the Owners, and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
- (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct, instead of paying cash;
- (iii) a statement that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or subject to nonrenewable on account of the actions of any one or more individual Owners;
- (iv) a statement that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or subject to nonrenewal on account of the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which the defect may be cured by the Association, its manager, any Owner, or Mortgagee;
- (v) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
 - (vi) that the Association will be given at least thirty (30) days' prior written

notice of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal.

In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board shall obtain, as a common expense, worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent required by law, directors' and officers' liability coverage, if reasonably available, a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other Persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available, and flood insurance, if required. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment but, if reasonably available, may not be less than three (3) months' assessments on all Lots, plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and shall require at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal.

Section 2. Individual Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Lot subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance on the improvements built upon the Lot(s) and structures constructed thereon meeting the same requirements as set forth in Section 1 of this Article V for insurance on the Common Area, unless the Association carries such insurance (which they are not obligated to do hereunder). Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of a partial loss or damage and destruction resulting in less than total destruction of structures located upon said Owner's Lot, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article XI of this Declaration. The Owner shall pay any costs of repair or reconstruction which is not covered by insurance proceeds. In the event that the structure is totally destroyed the Owner may decide not to rebuild or to reconstruct, in which case the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction and thereafter the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 3. Damage and Destruction.

- (a) Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any part of the Properties covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with filing and adjusting all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Properties. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the Properties to substantially the same condition in which they existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.
- (b) Any damage or destruction to the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Members representing at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the total vote of the Association, shall decide within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed.

(c) In the event that it should be determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the affected portion of the Properties shall be restored to their natural state and maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 4. <u>Disbursement of Proceeds</u>. If the damage or destruction for which the proceeds of insurance policies are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the proceeds, or such portion thereof as may be required for such purpose, shall be disbursed in payment of such repairs or reconstruction as herein provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs of repair or reconstruction to the Common Area shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. In the event no repair or reconstruction is made, any proceeds remaining after making such settlement as is necessary and appropriate with the affected Owner or Owners and their Mortgagee(s) as their interests may appear, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of any Mortgagee of a Lot and may be enforced by such Mortgagee.

Section 5. Repair and Reconstruction. If the damage or destruction to the Common Area is to be repaired or reconstructed, and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Members, levy a special assessment against all Owners on the same basis as provided for Base Assessments. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction.

Article VI No Partition

Except as is permitted in the Declaration or amendments thereto, there shall be no physical partition of the Common Area or any part thereof, nor shall any Person acquiring any interest in the Properties or any part thereof seek any judicial partition unless the Properties have been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Article shall not be construed to prohibit the Board of Directors from acquiring and disposing of tangible personal property nor from acquiring title to real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

Article VII Condemnation

Whenever all or any part of the Common Area shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the Board acting on the written direction of Members representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote and the Declarant, as long as the Declarant owns any property described on Exhibit "A") by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to notice thereof. The award made for such taking shall be payable to the Association as trustee for all Owners to be disbursed as follows:

If the taking involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking the Declarant, so long as the

Declarant owns any property described in Exhibit "A" or seventy-five (75%) percent of the total vote of the Association shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent lands are available therefore, in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. If such improvements are to be repaired or restored, the above provisions in Article V hereof regarding the disbursement of funds in respect to casualty damage or destruction which is to be repaired shall apply. If the taking does not involve any improvements on the Common Area, or if there is a decision made not to repair or restore, or if there are net funds remaining after such restoration or replacement is completed, then such award or net funds shall be disbursed to the Association and used for such purposes as the Board of Directors of the Association shall determine.

Article VIII Annexation of Additional Property

Section 1. Annexation Without Approval of Class "A" Membership. As the owner thereof, or if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option, from time to time at any time until the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association, any other real property not described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, a Supplemental Declaration annexing such property. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of Members. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplemental Declaration unless otherwise provided therein. Declarant shall have the unilateral right to transfer to any other Person the said right, privilege, and option to annex additional property which is herein reserved to Declarant, provided that such transfer is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument executed by the Declarant.

Section 2. <u>Annexation With Approval of Class "A" Membership.</u> Subject to the consent of the owner thereof, the Association, after the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period, may annex real property other than that described on Exhibit "A" to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association. Such annexation shall require (i) the affirmative vote of Members representing a majority of the Class "A" votes of the Association (other than those held by Declarant) present at a meeting duly called for such purpose and (ii) the affirmative vote of the Declarant, so long as Declarant owns property subject to this Declaration or which may become subject hereto in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Annexation shall be accomplished by filing of record in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, a Supplemental Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplemental Declaration shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Association, and by the owner of the property being annexed, and any such annexation shall be effective upon filing unless otherwise provided therein. The relevant provisions of the Bylaws dealing with regular or special meetings, as the case may be, shall apply to determine the time required for and the proper form of notice of any meeting called for the purpose of considering annexation of property pursuant to this Section 2 and to ascertain the presence of a quorum at such meeting.

Section 3. Acquisition of Additional Common Area. Declarant may convey to the Association additional real estate, improved or unimproved, located within the properties described in Exhibit "A" which upon conveyance or dedication to the Association shall be

accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of all its Members.

Section 4. <u>Amendment.</u> This Article shall not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant during the Class "B" Control Period.

Article IX Rights and Obligations of the Association

Section 1. Common Area. The Association, subject to the rights of the Owners set forth in this Declaration, shall be responsible for the exclusive management and control of the Common Area and all improvements thereon (including, without limitation, furnishings and equipment related thereto and common landscaped areas), and shall keep it in good, clean, attractive, and sanitary condition, order, and repair, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof and consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 2. <u>Water and Other Utilities in Common Areas Only</u>. The Association shall be responsible for acquiring, providing, and/or paying for, water, sewerage, garbage disposal, electrical, telephone, gas and other necessary utility services for the Common Areas and all utility services to enable the Association to maintain the Area of Common Responsibility as provided in Section 2 of this Article IX.

Section 3. <u>Taxes and Assessments</u>. The Association shall be responsible for paying all real and personal property taxes and assessments separately levied upon or assessed against the Association and/or of the property owned by the Association. Such taxes and assessments may be contested or compromised by the Association; provided that they are paid or a bond in an amount at least equal such taxes and assessments is posted prior to the sale or other disposition of any property to satisfy the payment of such taxes or assessments.

Section 4. <u>Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use.</u> The Association, through action of its Board of Directors, may acquire, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property. The Board, acting on behalf of the Association, shall accept any real or personal property, leasehold, or other property interests within the Properties conveyed to it by the Declarant.

Section 5. Rules and Regulations. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Properties, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. Sanctions may include reasonable monetary fines, which if unpaid, shall constitute a lien on the such Owner's Lot subject to enforcement as provided under Article X hereunder, as well as suspension of the right to vote and the right to use the recreational facilities. The Board shall, in addition, have the power to seek relief in any court for violations or to abate nuisances. Imposition of sanctions shall be as provided by the Bylaws of the Association.

The Association, acting through the Board by contract or other agreement, shall have the right to enforce county ordinances or permit Rutherford County, Tennessee, to enforce ordinances on the Properties for the benefit of the Association and its Members.

Section 6. <u>Implied Rights.</u> The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or the Bylaws, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be

implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

Article X Assessments

Section 1. <u>Creation of Assessments.</u> There are hereby created assessments for Association expenses as may from time to time specifically be authorized by the Board of Directors to be commenced at the time and in the manner set forth in Section 7 of this Article. There shall be two (2) types of assessments: (a) Base Assessments to fund Common Expenses for the benefit of all Members of the Association; and (b) Special Assessments as described in Section 4 below.

Base Assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots, except for Lots owned by the Declarant during the Class "B" Control Period. Special Assessments shall be levied as provided in Section 3 below. Each Owner, by acceptance of his or her deed or recorded contract of sale, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these assessments.

All assessments, together with interest at a rate not to exceed ten (10%) percent or the highest rate allowed by Tennessee law as computed from the date the delinquency first occurs, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment arose, but his or her grantee shall not be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance unless the obligation is expressly assumed by them. No first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Lot pursuant to the remedies provided in the Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid assessments which accrued prior to acquisition of title.

The Association shall, upon demand at any time, furnish to any Owner liable for any type of 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 to the Association of such assessment therein stated to have been paid. The Association may require the advance payment of a processing fee not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for the issuance of such certificate.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors which may include, without limitation, acceleration of the annual Base Assessment for delinquents, including Owners delinquent in the payment of fines imposed in accordance with Article IX, Section 5 of this Declaration as well as Article III, Section 21, of the Bylaws. Unless the Board otherwise provides, the Base Assessment shall be paid in monthly installments.

No Owner, except for the Declarant during the Class "B" Control Period, may waive or otherwise exempt himself from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, by non-use of Common Areas or abandonment of the Lot. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of assessment or set-off shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association or Board under this Declaration or the Bylaws, or

for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

Until the expiration of the Class B Control Period as set forth under Article III, Section 2(b) of this Declaration, the Declarant shall be obligated for the difference between the amount of assessments levied on all Lots subject to assessment and the amount of actual expenditures required to operate the Association during the fiscal year. This obligation may be satisfied in the form of a cash subsidy or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or a combination of these.

The Association is specifically authorized to enter into subsidy contracts or contracts for "in kind" contribution of services or materials or a combination of services and materials with Declarant or other entities for the payment of some portion of the Common Expenses.

Section 2. Computation of Base Assessment. It shall be the duty of the Board, at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of each fiscal year, to prepare a budget covering the estimated Common Expenses of the Association during the coming year. The budget may include a capital contribution establishing a reserve fund in accordance with a capital budget separately prepared. The Base Assessment to be levied for the coming year against each Lot subject to assessment under Section 7 below shall be computed by dividing the budgeted Common Expenses by the total number of Lots subject to assessment as of sixty (60) days before the end of the current fiscal year. The Board shall cause a copy of the Common Expense budget and notice of the amount of Base Assessment to be levied against each Lot for the following year to be delivered to each Owner at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting of the members by the vote of Members representing at least a majority of the total Class "A" vote in the Association, and by the Class "B" Member, if such exists. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Members as provided for special meetings in Article II, Section 4, of the Bylaws.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for any year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

Section 3. <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to the assessments authorized in Section 1 of this Article, the Association may levy a Special Assessment or Special Assessments from time to time; provided, such assessment shall have the affirmative vote or written consent of Members representing at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the total vote in the Association and the written consent of the Class "B" Member, if such exists. Special Assessments shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Board, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved, if the Board so determines.

The Board may also levy a Special Assessment against any Member, without the necessity of a vote of the Members, to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing a Member and his Lot into compliance with the provisions of the Declaration, any amendments thereto, the Articles, the Bylaws, and the Association rules, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the vote of the Board after notice to the Member and an opportunity for a hearing.

Section 4. Lien for Assessments; Power of Sale to Enforce Lien.

- (a) For and in consideration of the privileges, protections, mutual enjoyment and use of the Common Areas and the Limited Common Areas, the assumption of the obligations of Owners set forth in this Declaration by grantees as required hereunder, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and to secure the payment of Assessments, interest, late charges and attorneys' fees as provided herein (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Secured Charges"), a lien is expressly retained in favor of the Association on each and every Owner's Lot and pro rata interest in the Common Areas.
- (b) For the purpose of better and more effectually securing the Secured Charges, rendering unnecessary court proceedings for the enforcement of said lien in the event of the proceedings for the enforcement of said lien in the event of the nonpayment of the Secured Charges, and for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid in cash, receipt of which is acknowledged, the Owners, their respective heirs, successors, administrators, and assigns (hereinafter sometimes referred to, collectively, as "Trustors" and individually as "Trustor") hereby transfer and convey unto Jeremy H. Cherry, Trustee, of Davidson County, Tennessee, his successors and assigns, their respective Lots with the appurtenances, estates, titles and interests thereto belonging, upon the uses and trusts set forth in this Section 4.
- (c) Each Trustor agrees (i) to pay the Secured Charges attributable to such Trustor's Lot when due, as provided in this Declaration; (ii) to pay, discharge, or remove, any and all liens (except a first mortgage or deed of trust) which may be hereafter placed against its Lot and which shall adversely affect the lien of this instrument or enforcement of the terms and provisions hereof; (iii) to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Declaration and Bylaws and all rules and regulations of the Association; and (iv) to pay upon demand of Trustee or the Association, all the costs and expenses, together with reasonable attorneys' fees, of any court appearance or other proceedings required by Trustee, his successors or the Association to enforce any provision of this Declaration and Bylaws or any rule and regulation of the Association. If any Trustor fails to do any of these things, then Trustee or the Association may do any or all of those things, and the amounts so paid shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed under applicable law in effect from time to time from the date of payment and shall become a part of the Secured Charges secured hereby.
- (d) If the Secured Charges with respect to any Lot are not paid promptly when due, then the Trustee, or his successor in trust, is hereby authorized and empowered, upon giving twenty (20) days notice by three (3) publications in any newspaper, daily or weekly, published in Rutherford County, Tennessee, to sell said Lot at the front door of the Court House in said County to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the equity of redemption, the statutory right of redemption, homestead, dower and all exemptions of every kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived; and the Trustee, or his successor in trust, is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a deed to the purchaser. The Association may bid at any sale under this trust conveyance. The Association may, at any time after default in the payment of any of the Secured Charges, enter and take possession of the Lot, and shall only account for the net rents actually received by it. It is further agreed that, in the event the Association fails, before instructing Trustee to sell said Lot, as herein provided, to enter and take possession thereof, the purchaser shall be entitled to immediate possession thereof upon the delivery to him by the Trustee of a deed for said property. In case of sale hereunder, the proceeds shall be applied by the Trustee as follows:
 - (1) First, to the payment of all costs, charges and expenses of executing this

conveyance and enforcing the lien herein provided, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred for instituting or defending any litigation which may arise on account of the execution of this conveyance, or the enforcement of said lien;

(2) Second, to the payment of all taxes which are due but unpaid with respect to such Lot:

(3) Third, to the payment of all unpaid Secured Charges with respect to such Lot;

(4) Fourth, the residue, if any, will be paid to the Owner of such Lot, its order, representatives or assigns;

- (e) The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for the Lot at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. During the period in which a Lot is owned by the Association following foreclosure: (i) no right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (ii) no assessment shall be assessed or levied on it; and (iii) each other Lot shall be charged, in addition to its usual assessment, its equal pro rata share of the assessment that would have been charged such Lot had it not been acquired by the Association as a result of foreclosure. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid common expenses and attorneys' fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.
- (f) In the case of the death, absence, inability, or refusal to act of the Trustee at any time when action under the foregoing power and trusts may be required or for any other reason, the Association is hereby authorized and empowered to name and appoint a successor to the Trustee by an instrument in writing to be recorded in the Register's Office for Rutherford County, Tennessee, and the title and rights herein conveyed to the above named Trustee shall be vested in said successor.
- Section 5. <u>Capital Budget and Contribution</u>. The Board of Directors may annually prepare a capital budget to take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board may set the required capital contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital budget, with respect both to amount and timing by annual assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within and distributed with the budget and assessment, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.
- Section 6. <u>Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots upon conveyance of the first Lot to a person other than the Declarant or a builder or developer holding title solely for purposes of development and/or resale. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. The first annual assessments shall be adjudged according to the number of days remaining in the fiscal year at the time assessments commence on the Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no assessments with respect to Lots owned by the Declarant during the Class "B" Control Period.
- Section 7. <u>Subordination of the Lien to First Mortgages</u>. The lien of assessments, including interest, late charges (subject to the limitations of Tennessee law), and costs (including attorney's fees) provided for herein, shall be subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage upon any Lot. The sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a first Mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from lien rights for any assessments thereafter becoming due. Where the Mortgagee holding a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Lot obtains title pursuant to remedies under the

Mortgage, its successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of the common expenses or assessments by the Association chargeable to such Lot which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Lot by such acquirer. Such unpaid share of common expenses or assessments shall be deemed to be common expenses collectible from Owners of all the Lots, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns.

Section 8. <u>Capitalization of Association</u>. In conjunction with the acquisition of record title to a Lot by the purchaser thereof, other than the Declarant or an owner who purchases solely for the purpose of constructing a dwelling thereon for resale, a one-time contribution shall be made by or on behalf of the purchaser at the closing of the purchase of the Lot to the working capital of the Association in an amount to be determined by the Declarant and/or Board of Directors, which in no event shall be greater than an amount equal to three (3) months' Assessments with respect to said Lot. This amount shall be deposited into the purchase and sales escrow and disbursed therefrom to the Association for use to cover operating expenses and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and the Bylaws. During the Class "B" Control Period, the Declarant must not use any working capital funds to defray any of its expenses, reserve contributions, or construction costs or to make up any budget deficits. Moreover, when control of the Association is transferred from the Declarant to the Owners as provided in the Declarant and Bylaws, said fund and the proceeds thereof shall be transferred to the Association for deposit into a segregated fund to be used by the Association for the same aforementioned purposes.

Section 9. Exempt Property. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all Common Area shall be exempt from payment of Base Assessments and Special Assessments.

Article XI Architectural Standards

The Board of Directors shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to enforce in courts of competent jurisdiction decisions of the Architectural Review Committee established in Section 1 of this Article XI. This Article may not be amended without the Declarants written consent so long as the Declarant owns any land subject to this Declaration or subject to annexation to this Declaration.

No construction, which term shall include within its definition staking, clearing, excavation, grading, and other site work, and no plantings or removal of plants, trees, or shrubs, shall take place except in strict compliance with this Article, until the requirements thereof have been fully met, and until the approval of the appropriate committee has been obtained.

The Declarant at the time of sale and/or the plat is recorded for each phase/section of The Estates has the right to establish additional restrictions and/or design-standards as they relate to the size (minimum square footage) of a home and the exterior materials (percentage of masonry and/or skiing) to be used on homes in that particular phase/section of The Estates.

Section 1. <u>Architectural Review Committee</u>. The Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all original construction on any portion of the Properties as well as modifications, additions, or alterations made on or to existing Lots or structures and improvements thereon, as well as the Common Areas. The ARC shall prepare and, on behalf of the Board of Directors, shall promulgate design and development guidelines and application and review procedures, which shall be consistent with the specific guidelines set

forth in Section 2 below. Copies shall be available from the ARC for review. The guidelines and procedures shall be those of the Association, and the ARC shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend the guidelines and procedures. It shall make the guidelines and procedures available to Owners, builders, and developers who seek to engage in development of or construction upon all or any portion of the Properties and such Owners, builders and developers shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith. Until one hundred (100%) percent of the Properties have been developed and conveyed to purchasers in the normal course of development and sale, the Declarant retains the right to appoint all members of the ARC, which shall consist of at least three (3), but no more than five (5), persons. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant. Upon the expiration of such right, the Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the ARC.

In addition to the foregoing, the following shall apply. Plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials, and location of any initial construction, modifications, additions, or alterations, for all improvements on the Lots, including, but not limited to, any structure, building, fence, wall, driveway, path, or landscaping shall be submitted, prior to any construction, to the ARC for its written approval as to quality of workmanship and design and as to harmony of external design with existing structures, location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, and finish grade elevation. No permission or approval shall be required to repaint in accordance with an originally approved color scheme, or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the right of an Owner to remodel the interior of the residence located upon such Owner's Lot, or to paint the interior of such Owner's residence any color desired. In the event that the ARC fails to approve or to disapprove such plans or to request additional information reasonably required within sixty (60) days after submission, the plans shall be deemed approved.

- Section 2. <u>Certain Architectural Guidelines</u>. Any construction, modifications, additions, or alterations for all improvements on the Lots shall be subject to the following guidelines, which shall be In addition to, and not in substitution for, any further guidelines promulgated by the ARC.
 - (a) **Minimum Square Footage.** The minimum heated living area of any residence constructed on any Lot, exclusive of basements, garages, porches, terraces, and similar appurtenances shall be two thousand two hundred square feet (2,200 sq. ft.).
 - (b) **Exterior Materials.** The exterior portion of a residence must be of 100% brick, Hardie siding, or a combination thereof. Exterior materials must be at grade level.
 - (c) Mailboxes. All mailboxes must be of a standard mailbox design, as approved by the Declarant and ARC, and will be at the front property line.
 - (d) **Setbacks.** Minimum setback requirements shall be established on the Plat, but are not intended to engender uniformity. They are intended to avoid overcrowding and monotony. No Building or structure, or any part thereof, shall be located on any Lot nearer to the front line nor to a side or rear line than the minimum setback lines shown on the recorded Plat. All Lots shall provide the minimum side yard required by the local planning commission.
 - (e) Fences. Fences may be permitted as part of any pre-designed construction plan for Lots and thereafter, as may be permitted by the Declarant or ARC

in accordance with this Article. No dog runs, animal pens shall be permitted. No chain link or similar type of fencing will be allowed. No fence shall be located closer than twenty (20') feet from the front building line of the house, and on corner Lots, the front setback requirements on both streets shall apply. No fence will be permitted that is over six (6) feet in height. All fence specifications and location must be submitted to the ARC for its written approval or disapproval with such determination to be made in its sole and absolute discretion.

- (f) Garages. Each residence shall have a two-car garage, attached to the residence, and the entrance may be to the side, rear or front of the residence. Every garage door shall be equipped with a remote-controlled garage door opener.
- (g) Ornamental screens, awnings, screen doors, etc. No ornamental screens, awnings, screen doors, sunshades, walls, or hedges shall be erected or permitted upon the Lots, except (i) such as are installed in accordance with the initial construction of the improvements located upon the Properties or (ii) such as have received prior written approval by the ARC.
- Antennas and Satellite Dishes. All television antennas, satellite dishes, dishes which receive video programming services via multipoint distribution services and any other device used for the reception of television broadcast signals, direct broadcast satellite services or multi-channel multipoint distribution (wireless cable) services must be twenty-four (24) inches or less in diameter, must be located to the rear of the residence located on the Lot and not visible from the street (unless such location would preclude reception of an acceptable quality signal) and may not be affixed to any portion of the Common Areas. Television antennas must be located to the rear of the roof ridgeline, cable or centerline of the principal dwelling. Freestanding antennas must be attached to and located behind the rear wall of the main residential structure. No antenna may be erected on a wooden pole. Any deviation from this policy must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors. To the extent that any of the foregoing provisions of this Declaration or provisions of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board with respect to satellite dishes and antennas is not permitted under the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules and regulations, the remaining portion of this Section 7 shall survive independently to the extent permissible under the FCC rules and regulations.
- (i) Swimming Pools. Swimming pools below ground level for the use of residence occupants and their guests may be constructed on lots provided that: (1) the location, plans and specifications thereof are approved by the Declarant, and after the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period, the ARC, (2) all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of governmental agencies are complied with, and all necessary governmental permits are obtained; and (3) such construction is not commenced until after construction of the residence has begun. Should a residence become vacant, that is, not occupied for residential purposes, the owner shall see that the pool is drained and kept drained during the period of such non-occupancy, so as to prevent health and safety hazards. Above-ground pools are prohibited on the Properties.
- (j) Tents, Trailers and Temporary Structures. Except as may be permitted by the ARC during initial construction within the Properties, no tent, utility, shed, shack, trailer or other structure of a temporary nature shall be placed upon a Lot or any part of the Properties.

- (k) **Drainage and Septic Systems.** Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Person other than Declarant may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Declarant hereby reserves a perpetual easement across the Properties for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow. Septic systems are prohibited on the Properties.
- (I) Tree Removal. Except as may be permitted by the ARC during initial construction within the Properties, no trees shall be removed, except for diseased or dead trees and trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees or for safety reasons, and no trees may be added, unless approved in accordance with this Article.
- (m) **Sight Distance at Intersections.** All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would create a traffic or sight problem.
- (n) **Utility Lines.** No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be permitted within the Properties, except for temporary lines as required during construction and high voltage lines if required by law or for safety purposes.
- (o) Artificial Vegetation. Exterior Sculpture, and Similar Items. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any portion of the Properties. Exterior sculpture, fountains, flagpoles, flags, and similar items must be approved in accordance with this Article.
- (p) **Energy Conservation Equipment.** No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless it is an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the ARC pursuant to this Article.
- (q) **Subdivision of Lot.** No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots owned by Declarant. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations.
- Section 3. No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval of the ARC of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of such Committee, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- Section 4. <u>Variance</u>. The ARC may authorize variances from compliance with any of the provisions of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic, or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with duly adopted rules and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing, (b) be contrary to the restrictions set forth in the body of this Declaration, or (c) estop the

Committee from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.

Section 5. Enforcement In General.

- (a) Enforcement of the standards as specified in this Declaration may be by any proceedings at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting or threatening to violate a covenant or restriction, either to restrain a violation or to recover damages. In addition, the Association may establish monetary fines for any violations of the restrictions set forth pursuant to this Article XI. Any failure by the Declarant, the Association or Owner to enforce any restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the rights to do so thereafter nor constitute an acquiescence in or an estoppel against enforcing any, actual or future, preaches or violations of these covenants and restrictions.
- (b) In the event any cost or expenses including attorneys' fees, are incurred by the Declarant in connection with the action to correct or abate any violation or breach of the provisions hereof, the Association or any Owner or occupant of a residence located upon such Owner's Lot shall pay any such costs or expenses, and provided that reasonable notice to the Owner of the subject Lot(s) has been given, such cost and expenses shall be a lien against the Lot(s) of such Owner and such charges shall be subject to the provisions for lien rights and collection as specified in Section 6 below. No such cost or expenses shall be a lien when the nonexistence of a violation or breach hereof has been established by a court of competent jurisdiction. The court shall determine the method of handling a violation.

Section 6. Covenant and Creation of the Lien of Personal Obligation for Court Ordered Violation in Section 5. The Declarant for each lot owned by him within the subdivision hereby covenants and agrees, and each owner of any lot by acceptance of a deed therefore whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed as the conveyance shall be deemed to covenant and agree, to pay any court ordered violation cost and other costs or expenses incurred in Section 5, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof, including attorneys' fees, as provided herein, and shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot(s) against which each such obligation is made. It shall also be the personal obligation of each person who was an Owner of such property at the time of the violation.

Section 7. <u>Assignment</u>. The rights and powers retained by the Declarant shall be freely assignable and shall inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns.

Article XII Use Restrictions

The Properties shall be used only for residential, recreational, and related purposes (which may include, without limitation, offices for any property manager retained by the Association or business offices for the Declarant or the Association) as may more particularly be set forth in this Declaration or amendments hereto.

The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have authority to make and to enforce standards and restrictions governing the use of the Properties, in addition to those contained herein, and to impose reasonable user fees for use of Common Area facilities. Such regulations and use restrictions shall be binding upon all Owners and occupants until and

unless overruled, cancelled or modified in a regular or special meeting of the Association by the vote of Members representing a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and with the consent of the Class "B" Members, so long as such membership shall exist.

Section 1. <u>Signs.</u> No sign of any kind shall be erected within the properties without the written consent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the right to erect signs as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

Section 2. Parking and Garages. Garage doors must be kept closed except for times of ingress or egress. Vehicles shall be parked only in the garages or in the driveways, if any, serving the Lots or in appropriate spaces or designated areas in which parking may or may not be assigned and then subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt. No more than two (2) vehicles may be parked in any driveway. No parking shall be permitted on any street, except temporarily for social gatherings or other functions held by a Lot Owner as may be approved by the Board. Commercial vehicles, tractors, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, trailers (either with or without wheels), campers, camper trailers, boats and other watercraft, and boat trailers shall not be parked or stored upon a Lot, unless they are parked or stored in the garage.

Section 3. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws and of any rules and regulations or use restrictions promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants, guests and invitees of any Lot Owner.

Section 4. Animals and Pets. No animals, reptiles, rodents, livestock, birds, fish or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept in or on any portion of the Common Areas except that dogs, cats or such other household pets approved by the Association may be kept in the residence by an Owner. Dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets not to exceed a total of two (2) may be permitted with respect to each Lot. Pets are not permitted to roam free, and in the sole discretion of the Association, any pets which endanger the health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners of other Lots or the owner of any portion of the Properties shall be removed upon request of the Board; if the Owner fails to honor such request, the pet may be removed by the Board and turned over to the appropriate agency for keeping or disposal. No pets shall be kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs which are household pets shall at all times whenever they are outside a residence be confined on a leash held by and under the physical control of a responsible person. Local laws governing leashing, control, etc., of animals shall apply to the residents of The Estates. Homeowners shall be responsible to clean-up after their pet.

Section 5. <u>Nuisance.</u> No portion of the Properties shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause it to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept upon any portion of the Properties that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any portion of the Properties, nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any person using any portion of the Properties. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of Properties.

Section 6. <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on his or her Lot. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, 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, shall not be pursued or undertaken on any part of the Properties.

Section 7. Basketball Equipment, Clotheslines. Garbage Cans, Tanks, etc..

- (a) No permanent basketball hoops and backboards, basketball hoops attached to residence, clothes lines, above-ground tanks, and other similar items shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the Properties, including any Lot. All garbage cans and trash receptacles shall be stored in the garage so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots, streets and other property located adjacent to the Lot, except that garbage cans or other trash receptacles may be placed at curbside on days designated for trash pick-up for that particular Lot. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Properties and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon.
- (b) Portable basketball hoops, backboards and poles will be allowed under the following conditions: (1) the portable basketball hoop, backboard and pole must be taken down and stored out of site when not in actual use; (2) the portable basketball hoop, backboard and pole cannot remain up overnight and must be stored out of site; (3) the above mentioned basketball equipment can be used between the hours of eight (8) a.m. and ten (10) p.m. only; and (4) the portable basketball equipment must be set up and used as far away as feasibly possible from the residences located on adjacent Lots.
- Section 8. <u>Guns.</u> The discharge of firearms within the Properties is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types.
- Section 9. <u>Lighting</u>. Except for seasonal Christmas decorative lights, which may be displayed between December 1 and January 10 only, all exterior lights must be approved in accordance with Article XI of this Declaration.

Section 10. Leasing.

- (a) <u>Definition.</u> "Leasing" for purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a residence located upon a Lot by any person or persons other than the Owner for which the Owner receives any consideration or benefit, including, but not limited to a fee, service, gratuity, or emolument.
- (b) General. Lot residences may be rented only in their entirety; no fraction or portion may be rented. There shall be no subleasing of residences or assignment of leases unless prior written approval is obtained from the Board of Directors. No transient tenants may be accommodated in any residence or other improvements located upon the Lots. All leases shall be in writing and shall be for an initial term of no less than six (6) months, except with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. Notice of any lease, together with such additional information as may be required by the Board, shall be given to the Board by the Owner within ten (10) days of execution of the lease. The Owner must make available to the lessee copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations.

(c) <u>Compliance with Declaration</u>, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. Every Owner shall cause all occupants of his or her residence to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and shall be responsible for all violations and losses to the Common Areas caused by such occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such occupants of a residence are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Section 11. <u>Parks.</u> Any park or other areas or equipment furnished by the Association or erected within the Properties, if any, shall be used at the risk of the user, and the Association shall not be held liable to any person for any claim, damage, or injury occurring thereon or related to use thereof.

Section 12. <u>Business Use.</u> No trade or business may be conducted in or from any residence located within The Estates, except that an Owner, or lessee or other occupant of a residence, may conduct business activities within the residence so long as: (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell from outside the residence; (b) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Properties; (c) the business activity does not involve persons coming onto the Properties who do not reside in the Properties or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Properties; and (d) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Properties and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Properties, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

The terms "business" and "trade", as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefore. Notwithstanding the above, the leasing of a residence located on a Lot in accordance with Section 10 of this Article shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this section.

Section 13. <u>Playground Equipment.</u> All playground equipment, including but not limited to, swingsets, slides, seesaws, playhouses, and/or climbing apparatuses, shall be maintained in good condition, constructed of natural wood, and finished with a natural wood exterior surface. No painted wood finish, predominately plastic or metal structures shall be allowed. Any allowable playground equipment must be hidden as much as possible from the street view and from the view of adjoining lot owners.

Article XIII General Provisions

Section 1. <u>Term.</u> The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Properties, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or the Owner of any Properties subject to this declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless an instrument in writing, signed by a majority of the then Owners, has been recorded within the year preceding the beginning of each successive period of ten (10) years, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions, in whole or in part,

or to terminate the same, in which case this Declaration shall be modified or terminated as specified therein.

Section 2. Amendment.

- (a) Prior to the conveyance of the first Lot, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration. After such conveyance, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration so long as it has the unilateral right to annex Additional Property pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of this Declaration and so long as the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Owner. Thereafter and otherwise, this Declaration may be amended only by the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total votes of the Association, and the written approval of the Class "B" Members so long as the Class "B" membership exists. However, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.
- (b) If an Owner consents to any amendment to this Declaration or the Bylaws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority so to consent and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.
- (c) No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of Declarant without the written consent of Declarant or the assignee of such right or privilege.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Section 2, amendments of a material nature must be approved by Owners who represent at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the total allocated votes in the Association and by fifty-one (51%) percent of Mortgagees. A change to any of the provisions governing the following will be considered an amendment of a material nature:
 - (1) Voting rights;
 - (2) Increases in Assessments that raise the previously assessed amount by more than 25%, Assessment liens, or the priority of Assessment liens;
 - (3) Reductions in reserves for maintenance, repair, and replacement of Common Areas;
 - (4) Responsibility for maintenance and repairs of the Common Areas;
 - (5) Convertibility of Lots into Common Areas or vice versa;
 - (6) Hazard, liability or fidelity insurance requirements;
 - (7) Restrictions on the leasing of residences located on the Lots;
 - (8) A decision by the Association to establish self-management if professional management had been required previously by the Declaration, Bylaws, or by a holder of a Mortgage with respect to a Lot;
 - (9) Restoration or repair of the project (after damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than that specified in the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations of the Association:
 - (10) Any provisions that expressly benefit holders, insurers, or guarantors of a Mortgage with respect to a Lot.

The failure of a Mortgagee to respond within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of any written request of the Association for approval of an addition or amendment to the Declaration or

Bylaws shall constitute an implied approval of the addition or amendment.

(e) A copy of each amendment shall be certified by the Association as having been duly adopted and shall be effective when recorded in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Section 3. Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify every officer, director, and committee member against any and all expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such officer, director, or committee member in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director, or committee member. The officers, directors, and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be Members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer, director, or committee member, or former officer, director, or committee member may be entitled. The Association shall, as a common expense, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

Section 4. Easements of Encroachment. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements of encroachment as between each Lot and such portion or portions of the Common Area adjacent thereto or as between adjacent Lots due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of these restrictions) to a distance of not more than three (3) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Lot and the adjacent portion of the Common Area or as between said adjacent Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of an Owner, tenant, or the Association.

Section 5. Easements for Utilities. etc., There is hereby reserved unto Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns any property described on Exhibit "A" or any Additional Property subsequently annexed to The Estates, the Association, and the designees of each (which may include, without limitation, the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Rutherford County, Tennessee, Consolidated Utility District, Murfreesboro Electric Department, and any other utility service provider), blanket easements upon, across, over, and under all of the Common Areas and, to the extent shown on any plat, over the Lots for ingress, egress, installation, replacing, repairing, and maintaining cable television systems, master television antenna systems, security, and similar systems, roads, walkways, bicycle pathways, drainage systems, street lights, signage, and all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewers, meter boxes, telephones, gas, and electricity.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, there are hereby reserved for the local water supplier easements across all Lots on the Properties for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, repairing, and maintaining water meter boxes.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section, no sewers, electrical

lines, water lines, or other utilities may be installed or relocated on the Properties, except as may be approved by the Association's Board of Directors or as provided by Declarant. Should any entity furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, the Board of Directors shall have the right to grant such easement on said Properties without conflicting with the terms hereof. The easements provided for in this Article shall in no way adversely affect any other recorded easement on the Properties.

The Board shall have, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the power to dedicate portions of the Common Area to Rutherford County, Tennessee, or any other local, state, or federal governmental entity, subject to such approval requirements as may be contained in Section 2 of this Article and Article XIV, Section 2 of this Declaration.

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

Section 7. Right of Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter onto any Lot, as well as residences located thereon, for emergency, security, and safety, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter onto any Lot, as well as residences located thereon, to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

Section 8. <u>Perpetuities.</u> If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

Section 9. <u>Litigation</u>. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the Members. This Section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens), (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided in Article X hereof, (c) proceedings involving challenges to *ad valorem* taxation, or (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is made by the Declarant or is approved by the percentage votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

Section 10. <u>Use of the Words "Estates of Primm Springs"</u>. No Person shall use the words "Estates of Primm Springs" or any derivative thereof in any printed or promotional material without the prior written consent of the Declarant. However, Owners may use the term, "Estates of Primm Springs" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within The Estates community.

Article XIV Mortgagee Provisions

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages on Lots in the Properties. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the Bylaws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

Section 1. Notices of Action. A Mortgagee shall be entitled to timely written notice of:

- (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Properties or which affects any Lot on which there is a Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any Mortgagee, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by an Owner of a Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or Bylaws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- (d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgagees.
- Section 2. Special FHLMC Provision. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing. Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Members representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote entitled to be cast thereon consent, the Association shall not:
- (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer all or any portion of the real property comprising the Common Area which the Association owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Area shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this subsection);
- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an Owner of a Lot;
- (c) by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Lots (as well as residences located thereon) and of the Common Area (The issuance and amendment of architectural standards, procedures, rules and regulations, or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver, or abandonment within the meaning of this provision.);
 - (d) fail to maintain insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
- (e) use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Area losses for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such property.

Mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Area and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of an Association policy, and Mortgagees making such payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

- Section 3. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of a Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Area.
- Section 4. <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.
- Section 5. Amendment by Board. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.
- Section 6. <u>Applicability of Article XIV.</u> Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, Bylaws, or Tennessee law for any of the acts set out in this Article.
- Section 7. <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond.</u> Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request.
- Section 8. <u>Inspection of Books</u>. The Association shall permit any holder, insurer, or guarantor of a Mortgage with respect to a Lot, or any Owner to inspect the project documents, including the Declaration, the Bylaws, and the rules and regulations of the Association, as amended, as well as the records, books, and financial statements of the Association during normal business hours.
- Section 9. <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Association shall provide any holder, insurer, or guarantor of a Mortgage with respect to a Lot which submits a written request with a copy of an annual financial statement within one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of each fiscal year of the Association, and any cost associated with the preparation of said financial statement shall be borne by said holder, insurer, or guarantor of the Mortgage.

Article XV Declarant's Rights

Section 1. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant may be transferred to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained herein, and provided further, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration to the contrary, so long as construction and initial sale of Lots shall continue, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant to maintain and carry on upon portions of the Common Area such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction or sale of such Lots, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model homes, and sales offices, and the Declarant shall have an easement for access to such facilities. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include specifically the right to use Lots owned by the Declarant and any clubhouse or community center which may be owned by the Association, as models and sales offices, respectively.

So long as Declarant continues to have rights under this paragraph, no Person shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Properties without Declarant's review and written consent thereto, and any attempted recordation without compliance herewith shall result in such declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or similar instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by recorded consent signed by the Declarant.

Section 2. This Article may not be amended without the express written consent of the Declarant. The rights contained in this Article shall terminate only upon the recording by Declarant of a written statement that all sales activity has ceased and that Declarant releases such rights by express reference thereto.

ARTICLE XVI Common Open Space - Zoning Ordinance Section

Any common open space established by an adopted final master development plan for planned unit development shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The Rutherford County Planning Commission may require that the landowner provide for and establish an organization for the ownership and maintenance of any common open space, and such organization shall not be dissolved nor shall it dispose of any common open space, by sale or otherwise (except to an organization conceived and established to own and maintain the common open space), without first offering to dedicate the same to the City of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and the said dedication be approved by the Rutherford County Planning Commission. However, the conditions of any transfer shall conform to the adopted final master development plan.
- (b) In the event that the organization established to own and maintain common open space, or any successor organization, shall at any time after the establishment of the planned unit development fail to maintain the common open space in reasonable order and condition in accordance with the adopted master development plan, the zoning administrator may serve written notice upon such organization and/or the owners or residents of the planned unit development and hold a public hearing. After thirty (30) days when deficiencies of maintenance are not corrected, the zoning administrator shall call upon any public or private agency to maintain the common open space for a period of one year. When the zoning administrator determines that the organization is not prepared for the maintenance for the common open space, such agency shall continue maintenance for yearly periods.
 - (c) The entire cost of such correction shall be a lien upon each of the Residential Lots

from the date the lien is filed in the Register's Office for Rutherford County, Tennessee.

ARTICLE XVII Party Walls

- Section 1. <u>General Rules of Law to Apply.</u> Each wall or fence built as a part of the original construction of a structure upon the Properties and placed on the dividing line between two Residential Lots shall constitute a party wall and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.
- Section 2. <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. the cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.

ARTICLE XVIII Obligation To Rebuild

- Section 1. <u>Damage and Destruction - Duty to Rebuild.</u> If all or any portion of a residence constituting a part of a residence located upon a Lot is damaged or destroyed by vandalism, malicious mischief, fire, windstorm, or other casualty, it shall be the duty of the Owner of said Lot to rebuild, repair, or reconstruct said residence in a manner that will restore it substantially to its appearance and condition immediately prior to casualty.
- Section 2. <u>Time Limitation</u>. The Owner of any damaged residence shall be obligated to proceed with all due diligence and commence reconstruction within forty-five (45) days after damage occurs and to complete reconstruction within six (6) months after the damage occurs for any major structural damage and within sixty (60) days for any minor non-structural damage, unless prevented by causes beyond their reasonable control, except that disputes concerning insurance coverage shall not be deemed am adequate cause for delay.

ARTICLE XIX Professional Management

The Association may, but shall not be required to, hire a professional management agent or agents, at a compensation established by the Board, to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. Any agreement for professional management of the condominium project shall comply with the following:

- (a) No such agreement shall have a term greater than five (5) years;
- (b) Any such agreement must provide for termination by either party without cause and without payment of a termination fee on not less than ninety (90) days written notice.

Article XX Non-liability of Declarant

The Declarant is the developer of the Properties with respect to the residential project contemplated herein. However, Declarant may sell all or portions of the Properties to other parties for purposes of constructing individual residences to be located on the Lots.

Consequently, all Owners acknowledge and affirm that the Declarant shall not be liable for any claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever in law or in equity arising from or in any way relating to the construction of improvements upon the Lots that was performed by parties other than Declarant, its agents, employees, subsidiaries or other affiliated entities.

To the extent that a claim(s) may be asserted against the Declarant or its affiliates by the Association or by Owners with respect to the design, construction, sale, maintenance, habitability or, condition of any Lots or the Common Areas of the Development, said claim(s) shall be resolved by a final and binding arbitration hearing conducted in Nashville, Tennessee by a panel of no more than three (3) arbiters with a company actively involved in the dispute resolution business and mutually agreeable to all parties, but if no agreement can be reached, then the hearing will be conducted by a company chosen by the Declarant. The Association is hereby authorized to act as the exclusive representative of all Owners in asserting any such claims and causes of action relating to the Common Areas of The Estates. Each Owner does hereby appoint the Association to exclusively act as its power of attorney (which power shall be irrevocable) with respect to the above-referenced claims and causes of action including the right to compromise and settle the same. No Owner shall assert a claim or cause of action relating to the Common Areas except through the Association. Any arbitration award may be confirmed and enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the legal principles of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall be applicable to any arbitration award. Any attempt by any such person or entity to enforce this arbitration provision shall constitute conclusive evidence of its intent to be bound hereby. Any portion of this provision that may be held to be unenforceable shall be severable from the balance of this provision so that the remainder of this provision shall remain in full force and effect.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Declarant has executed this Declaration this day of August, 2007.

DECLARANT: PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company Blackburn for Primm Springs Estates ITS: Secreting. STATE OF TENNESSEE COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for State and County aforesaid, personally appeared TICK BLACEBURN, with whom I am personally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be SECRETARY of Primm Springs Estates, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, the within named bargainor, and that he, as SECRETARY of the limited liability company, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the Company by himself as SECRETARU WITNESS my hand and official seal at NASHVIUCE. Tennessee, this 10 day of Whenst, 2007. attitution, My commission expires:

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EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR **ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS** SECTIONS I AND II

Section I

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 9TH CIVIL DISTRICT, RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AS PART OF PARCEL 58, AS SHOWN ON TAX MAP 108 OF THE TAX ASSESSOR OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, AND BEING BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY JOE BREWER (MAP 58, PARCEL 108.03; D.BK. 77, PG. 15), ON THE WEST BY THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD, ON THE NORTH BY DON BEECHAM (MAP 58, PARCEL 108.01; D.BK. 318, PG. 357), AND ON THE EAST BY THE REMAINING LANDS OF PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC (MAP 58, PARCEL 108; R.BK. 691, PG. 3018); BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN SET AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BREWER AND IN THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD; THEN,

WITH THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD N07°14'26"E, 532.70' TO AN IRON PIN SET IN THE SOUTHERN LINE OF BEECHAM; THEN,

1. WITH THE SOUTHERN LINE OF BEECHAM S81°24'32"E, 320.64' TO A POINT; THEN,

WITH A NEW LINE SEVERING THE LANDS OF PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC THE FOLLOWING:

- 2. \$53°40'58"W, 230.42'; THEN,
- S09°42'17"W, 182.90'; THEN,
- N80°17'43" W, 3.92'; THEN,
- N82°35'23"W, 24.66'; THEN,
- \$09°42'17"W, 184.60' TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERN LINE OF BREWER; THEN, 6.
- N82°28'06"W,109.20"; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, HAVING AN AREA OF 87,002 SQUARE FEET OR 1.997 ACRES, MORE OR LESS BY SURVEY OF SEC, INC.

BEING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC IN RECORD BOOK 691, PAGE 3018, R.O.R.C.

Section II

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 9TH CIVIL DISTRICT, RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AS PART OF PARCEL 58, AS SHOWN ON TAX MAP 108 OF THE TAX ASSESSOR OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, AND BEING BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY WILLIAM HERZER (MAP 69, PARCEL 5.02; D.BK. 271, PG. 324), RALPH R. JR. AND LINDA M. RUTHENBERG (MAP 69, PARCEL 5.03; D.BK. 399, PG. 316), AND JOE BREWER (MAP 58, PARCEL 108.03, D.BK. 77, PG. 15); ON THE WEST BY SECTION I, ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS, ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY THE REMAINING LANDS OF PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC (MAP 58, PARCEL 108; R.BK. 691, PG. 3018); BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AN IRON PIN FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BREWER IN THE NORTHERN LINE OF RUTHENBERG: THEN,

- 1. WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF BREWER N05°54'12"E, 177.31' TO AN IRON PIN SET; THEN,
- WITH THE NORTHERN LINE OF BREWER N82°28'06"W, 310.59' TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1. ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS, SECTION 1; THEN,

WITH SECTION 1, ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS THE FOLLOW:

- N09°42′17″E, 184.60′; THEN,
 S82°35′23″E, 24.66′; THEN,
- \$80°17'43"E, 3.92'; THEN,
- N09°42'17"E, 182.90'; THEN,
- N53°40'58"E, 230.42' TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHERN LINE OF BEECHAM; THEN,

WITH A NEW LINE, SEVERING THE LANDS OF TO PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC THE FOLLOWING:

- 8. \$33°37'53"E, 116.57"; THEN,
- S80°17'43"E, 209.97'; THEN,
- 10. WITH A CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT HAVING AN ARC LENGTH OF 9.47', A RADIUS OF 127.00', A CHORD BEARING OF \$11°50'26" W. AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 9.47'; THEN,
- 11. S09°10'09"W, 23.00'; THEN,
- 12. S80°17'43"E, 508.38'; THEN,
- 13. S09°42'17"W, 218.01'; THEN,
- 14. S07°12'17"W, 84.74"; THEN,

- 15. S05°31'56"W, 216.06'; THEN,
- 16. \$81°09'56"E, 185.35"; THEN, 17. \$08°30'52"W, 27.15"; THEN,

- 18. \$81°29'08"E, 160.00"; THEN, 19. \$08°30'52"W, 275.00"; THEN, 20. N84°35'37"W, 195.11"; THEN,
- 21. N05°24'23"E, 5.10'; THEN,

- 22. N84°35'37"W, 142.12", THEN,
 23. S05°24'23"W, 10.00"; THEN,
 24. N84°35'37"W, 133.39"; THEN,
 25. S07°41'26"W, 257.86' TO AN IRON PIN SET AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HERZER; THEN,
- 26. WITH THE NORTHERN LINE OF HERZER N79°20'59"W, 199.86' TO AN IRON PIN SET; THEN, 27. WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF RUTHENBERG N09°18'54"E, 532.17' TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND; THEN,
- 27. WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF RUTHENBERG NUSTISSIA E, 532.17 TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND; THEN, WITH THE NORTHERN LINE OF RUTHENBERG THE FOLLOWING:
 28. N80°58'07"W, 250.33" TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THEN,
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BEING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO PRIMM SPRINGS ESTATES, LLC IN RECORD BOOK 691, PAGE 3018, R.O.R.C.

EXHIBIT "B" CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

Secretary of State
Division of Business Services
312 Eighth Avenue North
6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

DATE: 08/14/07
REQUEST NUMBER: 6112-0846
TELEPHONE CONTACT: (615) 741-2286
FILE DATE/TIME: 08/14/07 1439
EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME: 08/14/07
CONTROL NUMBER: 0555752

TO:
ORTALE KELLEY HERBERT & CRAWFORD
200 4TH AVE. NORTH
3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37219

RE: ESTATE OF PRIMM SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER

THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE FILING OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

WHEN CORRESPONDING WITH THIS OFFICE OR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR FILING, PLEASE REFER TO THE CORPORATION CONTROL NUMBER GIVEN ABOVE.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS DOCUMENT MUST ALSO BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY WHEREIN A CORPORATION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE IF SUCH PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS IN TENNESSEE.

FOR: ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER

ON DATE: 08/14/07

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ORTALE KELLEY HERBERT & CRAWFORD/200 4TH 200 4TH AVE N

TOTAL PAYMENT RECEIVED:

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200 4TH AVE N 3RD FL NOEL PLACE NASHVILLE, TN 37219-8985

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RILEY C. DARNELL SECRETARY OF STATE



(For-Profit)

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Corporate Filings

312 Eighth Avenue North 6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower

Nashville, TN 37243			
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PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 48-20-106 OF THE TENNESSEE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ITS CHARTER:			
PLEASE INSERT THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION AS IT APPEARS OF RECORD: Estates at Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc.			
IF CHANGING THE NAME, INSERT THE NEW NAME ON THE LINE BELOW: Estates of Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc.			
2. PLEASE MARK THE BLOCK THAT APPLIES:			
AMENDMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE WHEN FILED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. AMENDMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)			
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CITY STATE/COUNTY ZIP CODE	_		
B. REGISTERED AGENT: C. REGISTERED ADDRESS:	_		
TN STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY	- 1		
D. OTHER CHANGES:			
4. THE CORPORATION IS FOR PROFIT.			
5. THE MANNER (IF NOT SET FORTH IN THE AMENDMENT) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY EX- CHANGE, RECLASSIFICATION, OR CANCELLATION OF ISSUED SHARES IS AS FOLLOWS:			
6. THE AMENDMENT WAS DULY ADOPTED ON August 14, 2007 (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) BY (Please mark the block that applies):			
 ▼ THE INCORPORATORS WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER ACTION, AS SUCH WAS NOT REQUIRED. □ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL, AS SUCH WAS NOT REQUIRED. □ THE SHAREHOLDERS. 			
Incorporator SIGNER'S CAPACITY SIGNATURE SIGNATURE	==3		
August 14, 2007 Jeremy H. Cherry			
DATE NAME OF SIGNER (TYPED OR PRINTED)			
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Secretary of State **Division of Business Services** 312 Eighth Avenue North 6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS HOA, INC. 6026 NOLENSVILLE RD.

NASHVILLE, TN 37211

ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. CHARTER - NONPROFIT

CONGRATULATIONS UPON THE INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE ENTITY IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE AS INDICATED.

A CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE CORPORATION'S FISCAL YEAR. ONCE THE FISCAL YEAR HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, PLEASE PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION. THIS OFFICE WILL MAIL THE REPORT DURING THE LAST MONTH OF SAID FISCAL YEAR TO THE CORPORATION AT THE ADDRESS OF ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR TO A MAILING ADDRESS PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE IN WRITING. FAILURE TO FILE THIS REPORT OR TO MAINTAIN A REGISTERD AGENT AND OFFICE WILL SUBJECT THE CORPORATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION. ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION.

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FOR: CHARTER - NONPROFIT

ON DATE: 08/09/07

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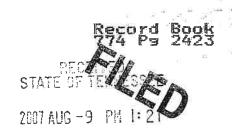
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RILEY C. DARNELL SECRETARY OF STATE

CHARTER



OF

ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS SECRETARY OF STATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned natural person, having capacity to contract and acting as the incorporator of a corporation under the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopts the following Charter for such corporation:

- 1. The name of the corporation is ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
- 2. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is David C. McGowan,

 Jr.
- The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 6026 Nolensville Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37211.
- 4. The address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be 6026 Nolensville Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37211.
- The name and address of the incorporator is Jeremy H. Cherry, Esq., Ortale,
 Kelley, Herbert & Crawford, 200 Fourth Avenue North, Third Floor Noel Place,
 Nashville, Tennessee 37219.
- 6. The corporation is a mutual benefit corporation.
- 7. The corporation is not for profit.
- 8. This corporation is organized for the purpose of providing for the ownership, operation, maintenance, preservation, development, and control of all property known as ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS as established by a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Bylaws for the benefit and use of the owners and residents of the Lots indicated thereon and in pursuit thereof to:

- a. Acquire, by gift, purchase or otherwise, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in accordance with the law and in connection with the purposes of this corporation;
- b. Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means of all charges and assessments levied or assessed against members of the corporation and to pay all expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the corporation including all licenses, taxes, or other charges levied against the property of the corporation;
- Borrow money and mortgage, pledge, or deed in trust any or all of its real
 or personal property as security for money borrowed for debts incurred;
- d. Contract or otherwise provide for necessary or desired maintenance, or improvement, repair, restoration or alteration of its real and personal property, and to purchase, if necessary, equipment, and employ personnel to achieve these purposes;
- e. Represent and promote the welfare of the owners and residents of the Lots located within ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS and to have and exercise any and all rights, powers, and privileges which a corporation not for profit organized under the Tennessee General Corporation Act may now or hereafter have or exercise; and
- f. Generally engage in any other lawful endeavor or activity in furtherance of the foregoing, so long as such endeavor or activity does not prevent the corporation from being, or maintaining its status as, a homeowners

association as defined by Section 528(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding section of any future income tax code.

- owner of a fee interest in any Lot located within ESTATES AT PRIMM SPRINGS shall be a member of the corporation. Nothing herein is intended to include persons or entities holding any interest intended merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Ownership of a Lot shall be the sole qualification for members, and a membership shall not be transferable other than as it is appurtenant to ownership of a Lot. When more than one (1) person holds an interest in a Lot, only one (1) certificate of membership shall issue and the rights and privileges accruing to such membership shall be assigned among the owners as they may agree.
- To the extent allowed by the laws of the State of Tennessee, no present or future directors of the corporation (or his or her estate, heirs and personal representatives) shall be liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director of the corporation. Any liability of a director shall be further eliminated to the fullest extent allowed by the laws of the State of Tennessee, as may hereafter be adopted or amended.
- With respect to claims or liabilities arising out of service as a director or officer of the corporation, the corporation shall indemnify and advance expenses to each present and future director and officer to the fullest extent allowed by the laws of the State of Tennessee, both as now in effect and as hereafter adopted or amended.

- 12. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members or other private individuals or persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to (a) pay reasonable compensation for goods and services rendered, (b) rebate excess membership dues, fees or assessments, and (c) make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.
- 13. Upon dissolution, after all creditors of the corporation have been paid any excess membership dues, fees or assessments have been rebated, its assets shall be distributed to the then current Lot owners.
- 14. This Charter may be amended upon the approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of eligible Lot owners, however, this Charter may be amended unilaterally: (1) by the incorporator up to the date the first Lot is conveyed to a homeowner other than Developer or (2) by the Board of Directors at any time as permitted under Tenn, Code Ann. §§ 48-51-101 et seq.

DATED this 9th day of August, 2007.

Jeremy H. Cherry, Incorporator Ortale, Kelley, Herbert & Crawford 200 Fourth Avenue North, 3rd Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37219 (615) 256-9999

EXHIBIT "C" BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS FOR ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article I Name, Principal Office, and Definitions

Section 1. <u>Name.</u> The name of the Association shall be Estates of Primm Springs Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").

Section 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association in the State of Tennessee shall be located in the County of Davidson. The Association may have such other offices, either within or outside the State of Tennessee, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.

Section 3. <u>Definitions.</u> The words used in these Bylaws Shall have the same meaning as set forth in that Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Estates of Primm Springs, (said Declaration, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "declaration"), unless the context shall prohibit.

Article II

Association: Membership, Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

Section 1. Membership. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B", as is more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board of Directors either within the Properties or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The First annual meeting of the Association shall be held within thirty (30) days from the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period, as provided under Article III, Section 2 of the Declaration. Meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur at least ninety (90) but not more than one hundred twenty (120) days before the close of the Association's fiscal year on a date and at a time set by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. <u>Special Meetings</u>. The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by the resolution of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by Members representing at least ten (10%) percent of the total votes of the Association. The notice of any special meetings shall state the date, time,

and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

Section 5. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meetings of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meeting or when required by statute or these Bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 6. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted thereat unless objection to the calling or convening of the meeting, of which proper notice was not given, is raised before the business is put to a vote.

Section 7. Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted. If a time and place for reconvening the meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that Members or their alternates representing at least fifteen (15%) percent of the total votes of the Association remain in attendance, and provided further that any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the Members required to constitute a quorum.

Section 8. <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated herein.

Section 9. <u>Proxies</u>. Members may vote by proxy, provided the proxy is signed, dated and filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting for which it is valid.

- Section 10. <u>Majority</u>. As used in these Bylaws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number.
- Section 11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Declaration, the presence in person or by proxy of Members representing 10% of the total vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. Any provision in the Declaration concerning quorums is specifically incorporated herein.
- Section 12. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring at the meeting.
- Section 13. <u>Action Without A Meeting</u>. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members, may be taken without a meeting if written consent setting for the action so taken is signed by all of the Members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and any such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Members.

Article III

Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

A. Composition and Selection

- Section 1. Governing Body, Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one (1) vote. Except with respect to directors appointed by the Declarant, the Directors shall be Members or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time. In the case of an Owner which is a corporation or partnership, the person designated in writing to the secretary of the Association as the representative of such corporation or partnership shall be eligible to serve as a director.
- Section 2. <u>Directors During Class "B" Control.</u> The Directors shall be selected by the Class "B" Member acting in its sole discretion, subject only to Article III, Section 6, hereof, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member until the first to occur of the following:
- (a) When seventy-five (75%) percent of the Lots planned with respect to all phases of The Estates have been conveyed to Persons other than the Declarant or builders holding title solely for purposes of development and sale;
- (b) Seven (7) years after the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner other than Declarant or builders holding title solely for purposes of development and sale; or
- (c) When, in its discretion, the Class "B" Member permits Class "A" Members to be eligible to hold Director positions.

Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the Class "B" Member shall cause the Board to call a meeting, as provided in Article II, Section 3, of these Bylaws for an annual meeting, to advise the membership of termination of the Class "B" Control Period and to elect Directors from Class "A" Members.

Section 3. <u>Declarant Participation</u>. This Section 3 may not be amended without the express, written consent of the Declarant.

After termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Declarant shall have the right to participate in the decision-making process and the right to disapprove all actions of the Board and the Architectural Review Committee, as is more fully provided in this Section. These rights shall be exercisable only by the Declarant, its successors, and assigns that specifically take this power in a recorded instrument, and shall terminate one (1) year from the date of termination of the Class "B" Control Period. Declarant participation shall be as follows:

No action authorized by the Board of Directors or Modifications Committee shall become effective, nor shall any action, policy, or program be implemented until and unless:

- (a) The Declarant shall have been given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings of the Board or any committee thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address it has registered with the Secretary of the Association, as it may change from time to time, which notice complies as to the Board of Directors meetings with Article III, Sections 8, 9, and 10, of these Bylaws and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the Bylaws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at said meeting; and
- The Declarant shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program to be implemented by the Board, any committee thereof, or the Association. The Declarant, its representatives or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts and suggestions known to the members of the subject committee thereof, or the Association. The Declarant, its representatives or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts and suggestions known to the members of the subject committee and/or the Board. The Declarant shall have the right to disapprove any policy or program authorized by the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, and any action to be taken by the Board, any committee thereof, the Association, or any individual member of the Association, if Board, committee, or Association, or any individual member of the Association approval is necessary for such action. This right may be exercised by the Declarant, its representatives, or agents at any time within ten (10) days following the meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Declarant shall not have the right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, the Board or the Association, and shall not exercise its rights hereunder to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

Section 4. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The number of directors in the Association shall be not less than two (2) or more than five (5), as provided in Section 6 below.

Section 5. Nomination of Directors. Except with respect to directors selected by the Class "B" Member, nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and three (3) or more Members of the Association. The nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting of the Members to serve a term of one (1) year or until their successors are appointed, and such appointment shall be announced at each such annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of positions to be filled. Nominations shall also be permitted from the floor.

Section 6. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein:

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after the termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Association shall call a special meeting to be held at which Class "A" Members shall elect five (5) directors, who shall serve as at-large directors. The directors elected by the Class "A" Members shall not be subject to removal by the Declarant acting alone and three (3) shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and two (2) for a term of two (2) years.
- (b) At the first annual meeting of the membership after the termination of the Class "B" Control Period and at each annual meeting of the membership thereafter, the directors shall be selected by vote of the membership. Each Class "A" Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote with respect to each vacancy to be filled.

At the expiration of the initial term of office of each member of the Board of Directors, a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. The Directors elected by the Members shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected by the Association. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms.

Section 7. Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Any director elected by the Class "A" Members may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of Class "A" Members representing a majority of the votes entitled to be cast for the election of such director. Any director whose removal is sought shall be given notice prior to any meeting called for that purpose. A director who was elected at large solely by the votes of Class "A" Members may be removed from office prior to the expiration of his or her term only by the votes of a majority of Class "A" Members. Upon removal of a director, a successor shall then and there be elected by the Class "A" Members entitled to elect the director so removed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of such director.

Any director elected by the Class "A" Members who has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of any assessment or other charge due the Association for more than thirty (30) days may be removed by a majority of the directors present at a regular or special meeting, at which quorum is present, and a successor may be appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. In the event of the death disability, or resignation of a director, a vacancy may be declared by the Board and it may appoint a successor.

B. Meetings

Section 8. <u>Organization Meetings</u>. The first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the directors, but at least four (4) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one (1) per quarter; provided, however, that the aforementioned requirements regarding meetings of the Board shall not apply during the Class "B" Control Period. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be communicated to directors not less than four (4) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting.

Section 10. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President of the Association or by a majority of directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by telephone communication, either directly to the director or to a person at the director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director; or (d) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given at the director's telephone number or sent to the director's address as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least four (4) days before the time set up for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned or given to the telegraph company at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the meeting.

Section 11. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meetings of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

Section 12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a

quorum is not present, a majority of the directors who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

Section 13. <u>Compensation</u>. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless a proved by Members representing a majority of the total vote of the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association; provided, any director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a majority of the other directors.

Section 14. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of meetings of the Board of Directors, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.

Section 15. <u>Action Without a Formal Meeting</u>. An action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting, of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

C. Powers and Duties

Section 16. <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as directed by the Declaration Articles, or these Bylaws to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members or the membership generally.

The Board of Directors shall delegate to one of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors on all matters relating to the duties of the managing agent or manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and shall be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

- (a) preparation and adoption of annual budgets in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the common expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessment; provided, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the annual assessment for each Lot's proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be payable in equal monthly installments, each such

installment to be due and payable in advance on the first day of each month for said month;

- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the Association, its property, and the Area of Common Responsibility and, where, appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association; provided, any reserve fund may be deposited, in the directors' best business judgment, in depositories other than banks;
 - (f) making and amending rules and regulation;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the common Area in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws and the rules and regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its Members and not chargeable directly to specific Owners;
- (I) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred;
- (m) making available to any prospective purchaser of a Lot, any Owner of a Lot, any first Mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a first Mortgage on any Lot, current copies of the Declaration, the Charter of the Association, the Bylaws, rules governing the Lots, and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association; and
- (n) permitting utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Properties.

Section 17. Management Agent.

- (a) The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Board of Directors may delegate to the managing agent or manager, subject to the Board's supervision, all of the powers granted to the Board of Directors by these Bylaws, other than the powers set forth in subsections (a), (b), (f), (g), and (i) of Section 16 of this Article. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager.
- (b) No management contract may have a term in access of two (2) years and must permit termination by either party without cause and without termination fee on thirty (30) days' written notice.
- Section 18. <u>Accounts and Reports</u>. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:
- (a) accounting as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, shall be employed;
- (b) accounting and controls should conform to generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the managing agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finders fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; anything of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) any financial or other interest which the managing agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors;
- (f) commencing at the end of the month in which the first Lot is sold and closed, financial reports shall be prepared for the Association at least quarterly containing:
 - (i) an income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period on an accrual basis;
 - (ii) a statement reflecting all cash receipts and disbursements for the preceding period;
 - (iii) a variance report reflecting the status of all accounts in an "actual" versus "approved" budget format;
 - (iv) a balance sheet as of the last day of the preceding period; and
 - (v) a delinquency report listing all Owners who are delinquent in paying the monthly installments of assessments at the time of the report and describing the status of any action to collect such installments which remain delinquent (A monthly installment of the assessment shall be considered to be

delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day of each month unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors);

(g) an annual report consisting of at least the following shall be distributed to all Members within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet; (2) an operating (income) statement; and (3) a statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. The annual report referred to above shall be prepared on an audited or reviewed basis, as determined by the Board, by an independent public accountant; provided, during the Class "B" Control Period, the annual report shall include certified financial statements.

Section 19. <u>Borrowing</u>. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair or restoration of the Area of Common Responsibility without the approval of the Members of the Association. The Board shall also have the power to borrow money for other purposes; provided, the Board shall obtain Member approval in the same manner provided in Article X, Section 3, of the Declaration for special assessments in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities and the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed five (5%) percent of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.

Section 20. Rights of the Association. With respect to the Area of Common Responsibility, and in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws of the Association, the Association shall have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions. Without limiting the foregoing, this right shall entitle the Association to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with trusts, condominiums, or cooperatives, and other owners or residents associations, both within and without the Properties. Such agreements shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all Directors of the Association.

The Association shall not be bound, either directly or indirectly, by any contract, lease, or other agreement (including any management contract) executed during the Class "B" Control Period unless such contract, lease or other agreement contains a right to termination exercisable by either party without penalty at any time, with or without cause, upon not more than ninety (90) days notice to the other party.

Enforcement. The Board shall have the power to impose Section 21. reasonable fines against Owners or occupants, which shall be an assessment on the Lot, shall constitute a lien upon the property of the violating Owner, and may be collected in the same manner provided for the collection of assessments in Article X of the Declaration. The Board also shall have the authority to suspend an Owner's right to vote, or to use the Common Area, for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these Bylaws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder; provided, however nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to limit ingress and egress to or from a Lot. In the event that any occupant of the residence located upon a Lot violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule or regulation and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against the occupant; provided, however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right, of the Board to do so thereafter.

(a) Additional Enforcement Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, these Bylaws, or the rules and regulations) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or occupant responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred.

Article IV Officers

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected from among the members of the Board. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
- Section 2. <u>Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies</u>. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members, as herein set forth in Article III. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- Section 3. <u>Removal</u>. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.
- Section 4. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The officers of the Association shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as may from time to time specifically be conferred or imposed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.
- Section 5. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time given written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- Section 6. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two (2) officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article V Committees

Section 1. <u>General</u>. Committees are hereby authorized to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. <u>Covenants Committee</u>. In addition to any other committees which may be established by the Board pursuant to Section 1 of this Article, the Board of Directors may appoint a Covenants Committee consisting of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members. Acting in accordance with the provisions in the Declaration, these Bylaws, and resolutions the Board may adopt, the Covenants Committee, if established, shall be the hearing tribunal of the Association and shall conduct all hearings held pursuant to Article III of these Bylaws.

Article V Miscellaneous

Section 1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such a resolution, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 2. <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with Tennessee law, the Charter of the Association, the Declaration, or these Bylaws.

Section 3. <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts between the provisions of Tennessee law, the Charter of the Association, the Declaration, and these Bylaws, the provisions of Tennessee law, the Declaration, the Charter of the Association, and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.

Section 4. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. The Declaration and Bylaws, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board and committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any Mortgagee, Member of the Association, or by his or her duly appointed representative at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a Member at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Properties as the Board shall prescribe.
- (b) Rules for Inspection. The Board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to:
 - (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records;
 - (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and

- (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of the documents requested.
- (c) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The night of inspection by a Director includes the right to make extracts and a copy of relevant documents at the expense of the Association.
- Section 5. <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these Bylaws shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid:
- (a) if to a Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Lot of such Member; or
- (b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this Section.
- Section 6. Amendment. Prior to the conveyance of the first Lot, Declarant may unilaterally amend these Bylaws. After such conveyance, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration so long as it has the right to annex Additional Property pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of this Declaration and so long as the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Owner. Thereafter and otherwise, this Declaration may be amended only by the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total votes of the Association, and the written approval of the Class "B" Members so long as the Class "B" membership exists. However, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amendments of a "material nature" as set forth under Article 13, Section 2 of the Declaration shall require the approval of Owners who represent at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the total allocated votes in the Association and by fifty-one (51%) percent of Mortgagees. No amendment shall be effective until recorded in the Register of Deed's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

[CERTIFICATION PAGE TO FOLLOW]

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Bylaws are hereby adopted as the Bylaws of THE ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Tennessee nonprofit corporation, by the undersigned as of this the 10th day of August, 2007.

RICK BLACKBURN, SECRETARY

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE ESTATES OF PRIMM SPRINGS (the "First Amendment") is hereby made this <u>u</u> day of August, 2007, by Primm Springs Estates, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant"), for itself, its successors, grantees, and assigns.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Declarant recorded the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration") for The Estates of Primm Springs ("The Estates") on the 15th day of August, 2007, of record in Record Book 774, Page 2383, Register's Office for Rutherford County, Tennessee (the "Register's Office"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2 of the Declaration, the Declarant desires to unilaterally amend said Declaration prior to the conveyance of the first Lot within The Estates to clarify that the Association is responsible for any and all maintenance, repairs, and modifications regarding all signage located on the sign easement areas as shown on the Plat(s), as may be amended or revised, that will be recorded in said Register's Office; and

WHEREAS, the provisions within the paragraphs of this First Amendment to the Declaration shall be incorporated into the Declaration by reference and shall have legally binding effect as to any Person, as defined under Article I of the Declaration, with an interest, whether legal, equitable or otherwise, in the Properties, as defined under Article I of the Declaration, upon recordation of this First Amendment in said Register's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of these premises and other and valuable consideration, the undersigned hereby amend the Declaration, as follows:

1. Section 8 of Article I shall be amended by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following new Section 8:

Section 8. Common Area(s) shall mean all real and personal property, including the Properties, but excluding Residential Lots (as defined below), components thereof and easements appurtenant thereto, now or hereafter owned by the Association for common use and enjoyment of the Owners, including, but not limited to, all lawns, any and all streets, roads, bridges, parking areas, drainage facilities, swimming pool(s) or other common amenities (if any) and all related facilities, ponds, waterways, fences, structures, sidewalks, curbs, signs [including all signage located in the sign easement area(s) as shown on the Plat(s)], lights, common utilities, and other improvements and elements (other than the Lots) desirable or rationally of common use or necessary to the existence, upkeep and safety of the Properties.

2. Article XIII of the Declaration shall be amended by inserting the following new section at the end of said Article:

Section 11. Maintenance of Sign Easement Areas. The Association shall be responsible for any and all maintenance, repairs, and modifications regarding all signage erected, installed, and located upon the sign easement areas as shown on the Plat(s) of The Estates. Moreover, all such signage shall be in conformance with any applicable local or state laws, ordinances, and/or regulations.

- 3. All other provisions of the Declaration not heretofore amended shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. All defined terms as used in the Declaration are incorporated herein by reference thereto.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this First Amendment is hereby adopted by the undersigned in accordance with the terms thereof, effective as of the day and year first above written.

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