

**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
SADDLERIDGE SECTIONS I and II**

STATE OF TEXAS     }

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COUNTY OF HAYS     }

This Declaration made on the date hereinafter is set forth by the Saddleridge Property Owners Association (SPOA) .

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

WHEREAS, that certain tract of land known as **SADDLERIDGE**, being a subdivision of 1,090.82 Acres of land situated in Hays County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "Property" or the "Subdivision") with the plat ("Plat") of Saddleridge Section 1, being recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Hays County, Texas on the 29th\_\_\_\_\_ day of October \_\_\_\_\_, 1996\_\_, after having been approved as provided by law, and being recorded in Book 7\_\_ Page(s) 271-273 \_\_\_\_\_, of the Map Records of Hays County, Texas; and Saddleridge Section 2, being recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Hays County, Texas on the 26th day of March, 1997, after having been approved as provided by law, and being recorded in Book 7 Page(s) 348-354, of the Map Records of Hays County, Texas;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the SPOA to place certain restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, stipulations and reservations (herein sometimes referred to as the "Restrictions") upon and against Saddleridge in order to establish a uniform plan for its development, improvement and sale, and to insure the preservation of such uniform plan for the benefit of both the present and future owners of tracts in Saddleridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, the SPOA hereby adopts, establishes and imposes upon Saddleridge, and declares the following reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, applicable thereto, all of which are for the purposes of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of said property, which Restrictions shall run with said property and title or interest therein, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1.01** "Association" shall mean and refer to the Saddleridge Property Owners Association, and its successors and assigns.

**Section 1.02** "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Section 1.03** "Builders" shall mean and refer to persons or entities that purchase tracts and build speculative or custom homes thereon for third party purchasers.

**Section 1.04** "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including the improvements thereto) within the Subdivision owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

**Section 1.05** "Contractor" shall mean and refer to the person or entity with whom an Owner contracts to construct a residential dwelling on such Owner's Tract.

**Section 1.06** "Developer" shall mean and refer to Summerlin Properties, Inc. and its successors and assigns.

**Section 1.07** "Tract" shall mean and refer to any plot of land identified as a tract or home site on the Plat of Saddleridge. For purposes of this instrument, "Tract" shall not be deemed to include any portion of the "Common Areas" or "Unrestricted Reserves" (defined herein as any Common Areas and Unrestricted Reserves shown on the Plat) in Saddleridge regardless of the use made of such area.

**Section 1.08** "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds a membership in the Association.

**Section 1.09** "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any Tract which is a part of the Subdivision.

## **ARTICLE II.**

### **RESERVATIONS, EXCEPTION AND DEDICATIONS**

**Section 2.01** Recorded Subdivision map of the Property. The plat ("Plat") of Saddleridge dedicates for use as such, subject to the limitations as set forth therein, the roads, streets and easements shown thereon. The Plat further establishes certain restrictions applicable to Saddleridge. All dedications, restrictions and reservations created herein or shown on the Plat, replats or amendments of Saddleridge recorded or hereafter recorded shall be construed as being included in each contract, deed or conveyance.

**Section 2.02** Easements. Developer reserves for public use the utility easements shown on the Plat or that have been or hereafter may be created by separate instrument recorded in the Real Property Records of Hays County, Texas, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing a system or systems of electric lighting, electric power, telegraph and telephone line or lines, storm surface drainage, cable television, or any other utility the Developer sees fit to install in, across and/or under the Property. All utility easements in the Subdivision may be used for the construction of drainage swales in order to provide for improved surface drainage of the Reserves, Common Area and/or Tracts. Should any utility company furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, Developer, without the joinder of any other Owner, shall have the right to grant such easement on said Property without conflicting with the terms hereof. Any utility company serving the Subdivision shall have the right to enter upon any utility easement for the purpose of installation, repair and maintenance of their respective facilities. Neither Developer nor any utility company, political subdivision or other authorized entity using easements herein referred to shall be liable for any damages done by them or their assigns, agents, employees, or servants, to fences, shrubbery, trees and laws or any other property of the Owner on the Property covered by said easements.

**Section 2.03** Title Subject to Easements. It is expressly agreed and understood that the title conveyed by Developer to any of the Tracts by contract deed or other conveyance shall be subject to any easement affecting same for roadways or drainage, electric lighting, electric power, telegraph or telephone purposes and other easements hereafter granted affecting the Tracts. The Owners of the respective Tracts shall not be deemed to own pipes, wires, conduits or other service lines running through their Tracts which are utilized for or service to other Tracts, but each Owner shall have an easement in and to the aforesaid facilities as shall be necessary for the use, maintenance and enjoyment of his Tract. The Developer may convey title to said easements to the public, a public utility company or the Association.

**Section 2.04** Utility Easements.

- a) Utility ground and aerial easements have been dedicated in accordance with the Plat and by separate recorded easement documents.
- b) No building shall be located over, under, upon or across any portion of any utility easement. The Owner of each Tract shall have the right to construct, keep and maintain concrete drives, fences, and similar improvements across any utility easement, and shall be entitled to cross such easements at all times for purposes of gaining access to and from such Tracts, provided, however, any concrete drive, fence or similar improvement placed upon such Utility Easement by the Owner shall be constructed, maintained and used at Owner's risk and, as such, the Owner of each Tract subject to said Utility Easements shall be responsible for (i) any and all repairs to the concrete drives, fences and similar improvements which cross or are located upon such Utility Easements and (ii) repairing any damage to said improvements caused by the Utility District or any public utility in the course of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing or removing its facilities located within the Utility Easements.

### **ARTICLE III** **USE RESTRICTIONS**

**Section 3.01 Single Family Residential Construction.** Except as provided below, no building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Tract other than one dwelling unit per each Tract to be used for single family residential purposes. One guest/servants house may be built provided said guest/servants house must contain a minimum of 500 square feet and be built after or while the main dwelling is being built and be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Barns, storage buildings, work shops and similar outbuildings may be constructed on the property after the main dwelling is built, and plans must be approved by the Architectural Committee. No outbuildings are to be constructed prior to the construction of the main dwelling. Barns, storage buildings, work shops and similar outbuildings must be built behind the front of the dwelling site and be built with new construction material. All structures must be approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee prior to being erected, altered, or placed on the property. The term "dwelling" does not include double wide mobile or manufactured homes, or single wide mobile homes, and said homes are not permitted within the Subdivision. All dwellings must have at least 1600 square feet of living area for one-story homes and 2000 square feet of living area for two story homes, with at least 1000 square feet on the ground floor, excluding garages and porches, and be built with new construction material. Any building, structure or improvement commenced on any tract shall be completed as to exterior finish and appearance within six (6) months from the commencement date. All carports and garages will be of the same general construction as the main dwelling, and located on the tract according to the committee approved building site plan. Any violation of these covenants will subject the owner to court litigation to correct the violation.

**Section 3.02 Composite Building Site.** Any Owner of one or more adjoining Tracts (or portions thereof) may, with the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee, and with approval of the Hays County Commissioner's Court, if required, consolidate such Tracts or portions into one building site, with the privilege of placing or constructing improvements on such resulting site, in which case the side set-back lines shall be measured from the resulting side property lines rather than the Tract lines as indicated on the Plat.

**Section 3.03 Location of the Improvements upon Tract.** No building of any kind shall be located on any five (5) acre or larger tract nearer than twenty-five (25) feet to the side property line or nearer than one hundred (100) feet to any public road or nearer than fifty (50) feet to the rear property line; on tracts less than five (5) acres, no building of any kind shall be located on any tract nearer than ten (10) feet to the side property lines; or nearer than fifty (50) feet to any public road or rear property line, provided

however, as to any tract, Architectural Control Committee may waive or alter any such setback line, if the Architectural Control Committee in the exercise of the Architectural Control Committee's sole discretion, such waiver, or alteration is necessary to permit effective utilization of a tract. Any such waiver or alteration must be in writing and recorded in the Deed of Records of Hays County, Texas. All dwellings placed on Subject Property must be equipped with septic tank or other sewage disposal system meeting all applicable laws, rules, standards and specifications, and all such dwellings must be served with water and electricity.

**Section 3.04 Use of Temporary Structures.** No structure of a temporary or permanent character, whether trailer, motor home, mobile home, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be maintained or used on any Tract at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently. An RV camper, trailer, or motor home may be placed on a tract no more than seven (7) days out of a thirty (30) day period for camping purposes provided that the RV camper, trailer, or motor home is removed from tract afterwards. An RV camper, trailer, or motor home will be allowed to be used as a temporary residence up to six (6) months during construction provided an approved septic system has been installed and the RV camper, trailer, or motor home is placed behind the construction site. After the dwelling is complete an RV camper, trailer, or motor home may be stored on the tract provided it is stored behind the main dwelling and not within 25 feet of any side property line or 75 feet of any rear property line. The declarant or the committee shall have the right to have any RV camper, trailer, or motor home found to be in violation of these restrictions removed and stored at the expense of the owner; and, for these purposes declarant and/or the representative of the committee is granted express written consent to remove the same without penalty or offense.

**Section 3.05 Walls, Fences, and Mail Boxes.** Walls and fences, if any, must be approved in writing prior to construction by the Architectural Control Committee and shall not be closer to front street property lines than the Tract boundary line and no closer than the tract boundary line to side street lines. Any fence or wall must be constructed of generally accepted standard new fencing materials and completed in a professional manner. No chain link or barbed wire fencing shall be allowed. Fences shall be completed within two (2) months of commencement date. All individual mail boxes must be of masonry construction and approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. Electrical fences to be installed on any property must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

**Section 3.06 Antennas, Towers, and Satellite Dishes.** Antennas, Towers, or Satellite Dishes of any kind shall not exceed ten feet above the roof of the Dwelling or Accessory Building whichever is higher. Any Antenna, Tower, or Satellite Dish must be located to the side or rear of the Dwelling or Accessory Building and not within 25 feet of any side property line or 50 feet of any rear property line.

**Section 3.07 Prohibition of Offensive Activities.** No Activity, whether for profit or not, shall be conducted on any Tract which is not related to single family residential purposes, unless said activity meets the following criteria: (a) no additional exterior sign of activity is present, (b) it is the type of action that usually happens in a home, (c) no additional traffic, that would not be there normally, is created, and (d) nothing dangerous is present that shouldn't be there. This restriction is waived in regard to the customary sales activities required to sell homes in the Subdivision. The discharge or use of firearms is expressly prohibited. The Association shall have the sole and absolute discretion to determine what constitutes a nuisance or annoyance.

**Section 3.08 Garbage and Trash Disposal.** Garbage, trash, construction residue or other refuse accumulated in this Subdivision shall not be permitted to be dumped at any place where a nuisance to any residence of this Subdivision is or may be created. No Tract shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, and trash, garbage or other waste shall not be allowed to accumulate, shall be kept in

sanitary containers and shall be disposed of regularly. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

**Section 3.09 Junked Motor Vehicles Prohibited.** No Tract shall be used as a depository for abandoned or junked motor vehicles. No junk of any kind or character, or dilapidated structure or building of any kind or character, shall be kept on any Tract.

**Section 3.10 Signs.** No signs, advertisement, billboards or advertising structure of any kind may be erected or maintained on any Tract without the consent in writing of the Architectural Control Committee, except one (1) professionally made sign not more than five square feet in area and three feet in height (from the ground to the top of the sign) advertising an Owner's Tract for sale or rent. Signs denoting the contractor are allowed without approval of the Committee but may not exceed five square feet in area and three feet in height (from the ground to the top of the sign). Contractor signs must be removed three days after completion of construction or sale, whichever ever occurs later, No signs are permitted in road right-of-ways. Any member of such Committee shall have the right to remove any such sign, advertisement or billboard or structure which is placed on any Tract or right-of-way in violation of these restrictions, and in doing so, shall not be liable, and are hereby expressly relieved from, any liability for trespass or other tort in connection therewith, or arising from such removal.

**Section 3.11 Animal Husbandry.** No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Tract except that one (1) horse; one (1) cow; or one (1) goat per acre, or any combination thereof may be kept, as long as the maximum number of the above stated animals does not exceed one (1) per acre and does not become a nuisance or threat to other Owners. Provided, however, animals being raised for 4H school sponsored programs will be permitted. No pigs or hogs will be permitted under any circumstances or programs. All horses, cows and 4-H animals raised by individual tract owners must be kept in a fenced area on the owner's tract. Dogs, cats, or other common household pets may be kept on a Tract. Dogs must be kept in a kennel, dog run, or fenced in area that confines said dog(s) to that area, and for these purposes chain link fencing shall be permitted provided, however, no such fenced in area shall be located adjacent to any side, front or rear boundary line. Dogs will not be permitted to run loose in the Subdivision and must be vaccinated for rabies according to State law once a year and registered with Hays County once a year.

**Section 3.12 Mineral Development.** No commercial oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operation of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Tract. No derrick or other structures designed for the use of boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Tract.

**Section 3.13 Drainage.** Natural established drainage patterns of streets, tracts or roadway ditches will not be impaired by any person or persons. Driveway culverts must be installed and will be of sufficient size to afford proper drainage of ditches without backing water up into ditch or diverting flow. Drainage culvert installation is subject to the inspection and approval of the Architectural Control Committee and to County requirements.

**Section 3.14 Resubdivision.** No tract shall be resubdivided or split; unless otherwise permitted in the restrictions.

In the event of the failure of Owner to comply with the above requirements after ten (10) days written notice thereof, the Association or their designated agents may, without liability to the Owner, Contractor of any occupants of the Tract in trespass or otherwise, enter upon (and/or authorize one or more others to enter upon) said Tract, cause to be removed, such garbage, trash and rubbish or do any other thing

necessary to secure compliance with this Declaration at the expense of the owner. Payment for the charges shall be payable on the first day of the next calendar month.

## **ARTICLE IV** **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

### **Section 4.01 Basic Control.**

- a) No building or other improvements of any character shall be erected or placed, or the erection or placing thereof commenced or changes made in the design or exterior appearance thereof (excluding, without limitation, painting, staining or siding), or any addition or exterior alteration made thereto after original construction or demolition or destruction by voluntary action made thereto after original constructed, on any Tract in the Subdivision until the obtaining of the necessary approval (as hereinafter provided) from the Committee of the construction plans and specification for the construction or alteration of such improvements or demolition or destruction of existing improvements by voluntary action. Approval shall be granted or withheld based on matters of compliance with the provisions of this instrument.
- b) Each application made to the Committee, shall be accompanied by two sets of plans and specifications for all proposed construction (initial or alteration) to be done on such Tract, including plot plans showing location on the tract.

### **Section 4.02 Architectural Control Committee.**

- a) The authority to grant or withhold architectural control approval as referred to above is vested in the Architectural Control Committee of the Association (sometimes herein referred to as the "Committee"), in which event such authority shall be vested in and exercised by the Committee (as provided in (b) below), as to plans and specifications and plot plans. The term "Committee", as used in this Declaration, shall mean or refer to the Saddleridge Architectural Control Committee composed of members of the Association, as applicable.
- b) The Board shall select a committee of three (3) members to be known as the Saddleridge Architectural Control Committee. Each member of the Committee must be an Owner of property in Saddleridge Subdivision. .

**Section 4.03 Effect of Approval.** The granting of the aforesaid approval shall constitute only an expression of opinion by the Committee that the terms and provisions hereof shall be complied with if the building and/or other improvements are erected in accordance with said plans land specifications and plot plan; and such approval shall not constitute any nature of waiver or estoppel either as to the persons expressing such approval or any other person in the event that such building and/or improvements are not constructed in accordance with such plans and specifications and plot plan, but, nevertheless, fail to comply with the provisions hereof: Further no person exercising any prerogative of approval or disapproval shall incur any liability by reasons of the good faith exercise thereof.

**Section 4.04 Variance.** The Committee may authorize variances from compliance with any of the provisions of this Declaration or minimum acceptable construction standards or regulations and requirements as promulgated from time to time by the Committee, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, Tract configuration, Tract size, hardship, aesthetic or environmental considerations require a variance. The Committee reserves the right to grant variances as to building set-back lines. Such variances must be evidenced in writing and shall become effective when signed by a

majority of the members of the Committee. If any such variances are granted, no violation of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance is granted; provided, however, that the granting of a variance shall not operate to waive any of the provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and particular provisions hereof covered by the variance, nor shall the granting of any variance affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental law as and regulations affecting the property concerned and the Plat.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SADDLERIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Section 5.01 Membership.** Every person or entity who is a record owner of any Tract which is subject to the Maintenance charge (or could be following the withdrawal of an exemption there from) and other assessments provided herein, shall be a "Member" of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those having only an interest in the mineral estate. No Owner shall have more than one membership for each Tract owned by such Member. Memberships shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of the Tracts. Regardless of the number of persons who may own a Tract (such as husband and wife, or joint tenants, etc.) there shall be but one membership for each Tract. Additionally, the Directors of the Association must be Members of the Association (as more particularly described in the By-laws). Ownership of the Tracts shall be the sole qualification for membership. The voting rights of the Members are set forth in the Bylaws of the Association. However, the Restrictive covenants will not be construed as to assess the Veterans Land Board or the State of Texas. Any assessments are the personal obligation of the Veteran purchaser, his successors, heirs and assigns. Any lien imposed by the restrictive covenants does not affect the Veterans Land Board's interest in the property.

**Section 5.02 Non-Profit Corporation.** SaddleRidge Property Owners Association, a non-profit corporation, has been organized and it shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of said Association; and all duties, obligations, benefits, liens and rights hereunder in favor of the Association shall vest in said corporation.

**Section 5.03 Bylaws.** The Association has adopted or may adopt whatever Bylaws it may choose to govern the organization or operation of the Subdivision and the use and enjoyment of the Tracts and Common Areas, provided that the same are not in conflict with the terms and provisions hereof.

**Section 5.04 Owner's Right of Enjoyment.** Every Owner shall have a beneficial interest of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Areas and such right shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every assessed Tract, subject to the following provisions:

- a) the right of the Association, with respect to the Common Areas, to limit the number of guests of Owners;
- b) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and Bylaws , to (i) borrow money for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Common Areas and facilities (including borrowing from the Developer or any entity affiliated with the Developer and (ii) mortgage said property, however, the rights of such mortgagee of said property shall be subordinate to the rights of the Owners hereunder.
- c) the right of the Association to suspend the Member's voting rights and the Member's and "Related Users" (as hereinafter defined) right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Areas

during any period in which the Maintenance Charge or any assessment against his Tract remains unpaid;

- d) the right of the Association to suspend the Member's voting rights and the Member's and Related Users' right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Area, after notice and hearing by the Board of Directors, for the infraction or violation by such Member or Related Users of this Declaration of the "Rules and Regulations", as hereinafter defined, which suspension shall continue for the duration of such infraction or violation.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MAINTENANCE FUND**

**Section 6.01 Maintenance Fund Obligation.** Each Owner of a tract by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association a monthly maintenance charge (the "Maintenance Charge"), and any other assessments or charges hereby levied. The Maintenance Charge and any other assessments or charges hereby levied, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the Tracts and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such Maintenance Charge and other charges and other assessments are made.

**Section 6.02 Basis of the Maintenance Charge.**

- a) The Maintenance Charge referred to shall be used to create a fund to be known as the "Maintenance Fund", which shall be used as herein provided; and each such Maintenance Charge (except as otherwise hereinafter provided) shall be paid by the Owner of each Tract (or residential building site) to the Association. The Maintenance Charge for the year of purchase shall be prorated at closing and then shall be paid annually, in advance, on or before the first day of the first month of each calendar year. Provided, however if such owner owns more than one tract in the subdivision, such Owner shall pay only twice the assessment of one (1) tract no matter how many tracts are owned or in the event Owner obtains consent from the Committee for a composite Building site pursuant to Section 3.02 hereof, such Composite Building Site shall be considered for the Maintenance Charge of one Tract beginning upon the completion of the improvements thereon.
- b) Any Maintenance Charge not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the lesser of (i) the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or (ii) the maximum rate permitted by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the hereinafter described lien against the Owner's Tract. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Maintenance Charge by the non-use of any Common Areas or recreational facilities available for use by Owners of the Subdivision or by the abandonment of his Tract.
- c) The initial amount of the Maintenance Charge applicable to each Tract will be \$96.00 per year due in advance, payable on January 1 of each year. All other matters relating to the Maintenance Charge and the collection, expenditures and administration of the Maintenance Fund shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association, subject to the provisions hereof.
- d) The Association shall have the further right at any time, with a majority vote of all association members responding to a written request, to adjust or alter said Maintenance Charge from year to year as it deems proper to meet the reasonable operating expenses and reserve requirements of the Association in order for the Association to carry out its duties hereunder.



**Section 6.03 Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation.** In order to secure the payment of the Maintenance Charge, and other charges and assessments hereby levied, each Owner of a Tract in the Subdivision, by such party's acceptance of a deed thereto, hereby grants to the Association a contractual lien on such Tract which may be foreclosed on by non-judicial foreclosure, pursuant to the provision of Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code (and any successor statute); and each such owner hereby expressly grants the Association a power of sale in connection therewith. The Association shall, whenever it proceeds with non-judicial foreclosure pursuant to the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code and said power of sale, designate in writing a Trustee to post or cause to be posted all required notices of such foreclosure and to conduct such foreclosure sale. The Trustee may be changed at any time and from time to time by the Association by means of written instrument executed by the President or any Vice-President of the Association and filed for record in the Real Property Records of Hays County, Texas. In the event that the Association has determined to non-judicially foreclose the lien provided herein pursuant to the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code and to exercise the power or sale hereby granted, the Association, or the Association's agent, shall give notice of foreclosure sale as provided by the Texas Property Code 88 then amended. Upon request by Association, the Trustee shall give any further notice of foreclosure sale as may be required by the Texas Property Code as then amended, and shall convey such Tract to the highest bidder for cash by the General Warranty Deed.

Out of the proceeds of such sale, if any, there shall first be paid all expenses incurred by the Association in connection with such default, including reasonable attorney's fees and a reasonable trustee's fee; second, from such proceeds there shall be paid to the Association an amount equal to the amount in default; and third, the remaining balance shall be paid to such Owner. Following any such foreclosure, each occupant of any such Tract foreclosed on and each occupant of any improvements thereon shall be deemed to be a tenant at sufferance and may be removed from possession by any and all lawful means, including a judgment for possession in an action of forcible detainer and the issuance of a writ of restitution thereunder.

In the event of non-payment by any Owner of any Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may, in addition to foreclosing the lien hereby retained, and exercising the remedies provided herein, upon ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to such non-paying Owner, exercise all other rights and remedies available at law or in equity.

It is the intent of the provisions of this Section 6.03 to comply with the provisions of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code relating to non-judicial sales by power of sale and, in the event of the amendment of said Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code hereafter, the President or any Vice-President of the Association, acting without joinder of any other Owner or mortgagee or other person may, by amendment to this Declaration filed in the Real Property Records of Hays County, Texas, amend the provisions hereof so as to comply with said amendments to Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code.

**Section 6.04 Notice of Lien.** In addition to the right of the Association to enforce the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder, the Association may file a claim or lien against the Tract of the delinquent Owner by recording a notice ("Notice of Lien") setting forth (a) the amount of the claim of delinquency, (b) the interest thereon, (c) the costs of collection which have accrued thereon, (d) the legal description and street address of the Tract against which the lien is claimed and (e) the name of the Owner thereof. Such Notice of Lien shall be signed and acknowledged by an officer of the Association or other duly authorized agent of the Association. The lien shall continue until the amount secured thereby and all subsequently accruing amounts are fully paid or otherwise satisfied. When all amounts claimed under the Notice of Lien and all other costs and assessments which may have accrued subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Lien have been fully paid or satisfied, the Association shall execute and record a

notice releasing the lien upon payment by the Owner of a reasonable fee as filed by the Board of Directors to cover the preparation and recordation of such release of lien instrument.

**Section 6.05 Liens Subordinate to Mortgages.** The lien described in this Article VI shall be deemed subordinate to a first lien or other liens of any bank, insurance company, savings and loan association, university, pension and profit sharing trusts or plans, or any other third party lender, including Developer, which may have heretofore or may hereafter lend money in good faith for the purchase or improvement of any Tract and any renewal, extension, rearrangement or refinancing thereof. Each such mortgagee of a mortgage encumbering a Tract who obtains title to such Tract pursuant to the remedies provided in the deed of trust or mortgage or by judicial foreclosure shall take title to the Tract free and clear of any claims for unpaid Maintenance Charges or other charges of assessments against such Tract which accrued prior to the time such holder acquired title to such Tract. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such holder from liability for any Maintenance Charge or other charges or assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. Any other sale or transfer of a Tract shall not affect the Association's lien for Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments. The association shall make a good faith effort to give each such mortgagee sixty (60) days advance written notice of the Association's proposed foreclosure of lien described in Section 6.01 hereof, which notice shall be sent to the nearest office of such mortgagee by prepaid United States registered or Certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall contain a statement of delinquent Maintenance Charges or other charges or assessments upon which the proposed action is based provided, however, the Association's failure to give such notice shall not impair or invalidate any foreclosure conducted by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Article VI.

**Section 6.06 Purpose of the Maintenance Charges.** The Maintenance Charge levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the Owners of the Subdivision which hereafter may become subject to the jurisdiction of the Association. In particular, the Maintenance Charge shall be used for any improvement or services in furtherance of these purposes and the performance of the Association's duties described in Article VIII, including the maintenance of any Common Areas, any Drainage Easements and the establishment and maintenance of a reserve fund for maintenance of any Common Areas. The Maintenance Fund may be expended by the Association for any purposes which in the judgment of the Association will tend to maintain the property values in the Subdivision, including but not limited to providing funds for the actual cost to the Association of all taxes, insurance, repairs, energy charges, replacement and maintenance of the Common Area as may from time to time be authorized by the Association. Except for the Association's use of the Maintenance Charge to perform its duties described in this Declaration and in the Bylaws, the use of the Maintenance Charge for any of these purposes is permissive and not mandatory. It is understood that the judgment of the Association as to the expenditure of said funds shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgment is exercised in good faith.

**Section 6.07 Handling of Maintenance Charges.** The collection and management of the Maintenance Charge or other charge or assessment levied hereunder shall be performed by the Association. The Association shall maintain separate special accounts for these funds, and Owners shall be provided at least annually information on the Maintenance Fund.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Section 7.01 General Duties and Powers of the Association.** The Association has been formed to further the common interest of the Members. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors or through persons to whom the Board of Directors has delegated such powers (and subject to the provisions of the Bylaws), shall have the duties and powers hereinafter set forth and, in general, the power to do anything that may be necessary or desirable to further the common interest of the members, to maintain, improve

and enhance the Common Areas and to improve and enhance the attractiveness, desirability and safety of the Subdivision. The Association shall have the authority to act as the agent to enter into any and all contracts on behalf of the Members in order to carry out the duties, powers and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration.

**Section 7.02 Duty to Accept the Property and Facilities Transferred by Developer.** The Association shall accept title to any property, including any improvements thereon and personal property transferred to the Association by Developer, and equipment related thereto, together with the responsibility to perform any and all administrative functions and recreation functions associated therewith (collectively herein referred to as "Function"), provided that such property and Functions are not inconsistent with the terms of this Declaration. Property interests transferred to the Association by Developer may include fee simple title, easements, leasehold interests and licenses to use such property. Any property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall be within the Boundaries of the Property. Any property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall, except to the extent otherwise specifically approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, be transferred to the Association free and clear of all liens and mortgages (other than the lien for property taxes and assessments not then due and payable), but shall be subject to the terms of this Declaration, the terms of any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions annexing such property to the Common Area, and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions and equitable servitude or other encumbrances which do not materially affect the Owners authorized to use such property. Except as otherwise specifically approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, no property or interest in property transferred to the Association by the Developer shall impose upon the Association any obligation to make monetary payments to the Developer or any affiliated of Developer including, but not limited to, any purchase price, rent, charge or fee. The property or interest in property transferred to the Association by Developer shall not impose any unreasonable or special burdens of ownership of property, including the management maintenance, replacement and operation thereof.

**Section 7.03 Duty to Manage and Care for the Common Area.** The Association shall manage, operate, care for, maintain and repair all Common Areas and keep the same in a safe, attractive and desirable condition for the use and enjoyment of the Members. The duty to operate, manage and maintain the Common Areas shall include, but not be limited to the management, maintenance, repair and upkeep of the Subdivision entrances and other common areas.

**Section 7.04 Other Insurance Bonds.** The Association shall obtain such insurance as may be required by law, including workmen's compensation insurance, and shall have the power to obtain such other insurance and such fidelity, indemnity or other bonds as the Association shall deem necessary or desirable.

**Section 7.05 Duty to Prepare Budgets.** The Association shall prepare budgets for the Association, which budgets shall include a reserve fund for the maintenance of all Common Areas.

**Section 7.06 Duty to Levy and Collect the Maintenance Charge.** The Association shall levy, collect and enforce the Maintenance Charge and other charges and assessments as elsewhere provided in this Declaration.

**Section 7.07 Duty to Provide Annual Review.** The Association shall provide for an annual un-audited independent review of the accounts of the Association. Copies of the review shall be made available to any Member who requests a copy of the same upon payment by such Member of the reasonable cost of copying the same.

**Section 7.08 Duties with Respect to Architectural Approvals.** The Association shall perform functions to assist the Committee as elsewhere provided in Article IV of this Declaration.

**Section 7.09 Power to Acquire Property and Construct Improvements.** The Association may acquire property or an interest in property (including leases) for the common benefit of Owners including improvements and personal property. The Association may construct improvements on such property and may demolish existing improvements.

**Section 7.10 Power to Adopt Rules and Regulations.** The Association may adopt, amend, repeal and enforce rules and regulations ("Rules and Regulations"), fines, levies and enforcement provisions as may be deemed necessary or desirable with respect to the interpretation and implementation of this Declaration, the operation of the Association, the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas, and the use of any other property, facilities or improvements owned or operated by the Association.

**Section 7.11 Power to Enforce Restrictions and Rules and Regulations.** The Association (and any Owner with respect only to the remedies described in (ii) below) shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations and shall take such action as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable to cause such compliance by each Member and each Related User. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power to enforce both the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations of the Association by anyone or more of the following means: (i) By entry upon any property within the Subdivision after notice and hearing (unless a bona fide emergency exists in which event this right of entry may be exercised without notice (written or oral) to the Owner in such manner as to avoid any unreasonable or unnecessary interference with the lawful possession, use or enjoyment of the improvements situated thereon by the Owner or any other person), without liability by the Association or the Owner thereof, for the purpose of enforcement of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (ii) by commencing and maintaining actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Declaration or the Rules and Regulations; (iii) by exclusion, after notice and hearing, of any Member or Related User from use of any recreational facilities within the Common Areas during and for up to sixty (60) days following any breach by such Member or a Related User of a provision of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case such suspension shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (iv) by suspension, after notice and hearing, of the voting rights of a Member during and for up to sixty (60) days following any such breach by Member or a Related User of a provision of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations, unless the breach is a continuing breach in which case such suspension shall continue for so long as such breach continues; (v) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, an assessment against any Member for breach of this Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Related User which assessment reimbursed the Association for the costs incurred by the Association in connection with such breach; (vi) by levying and collecting, after notice and hearing, reasonable and uniformly applied fines and penalties, established in advance in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, from any Member or Related User for breach of the Declaration or such Rules and Regulations by such Member or a Related User; and (vii) by taking action itself to cure or abate such violation and to charge the expenses thereof, if any, to such violating Members, plus attorney's fees incurred by the Association with respect to exercising such remedy. Before the Board may invoke the remedies provided above, it shall give registered notice of such alleged violation to Owner, and shall afford the Owner a hearing. If, after the hearing, a violation is found to exist, the Board's right to proceed with the listed remedies shall become absolute. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Failure of the Association, or of any Owner, to take any action upon any breach or default with respect to any of the foregoing violations shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take enforcement action thereafter or upon a subsequent breach or default.

**Section 7.12 Power to Grant Easements.** In addition to any blanket easements described in this Declaration, the Association shall have the power to grant access, utility, drainage, water facility and other such easements in, on, over or under the Common Area.

## **ARTICLE VIII** **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 8.01 Term.** The provisions hereof shall run with all property in SaddleRidge and shall be binding upon all Owners and all persons claiming under them for a period of forty (40) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument, signed by not less than a majority of the Owners of the Tracts responding to a written request to modify this document, has been recorded agreeing to amend or change, in whole or in part, this Declaration.

**Section 8.02 Amendments.** This Declaration may be amended or changed, in whole or in part, at any time by the written agreement or by signed ballots voting for such amendment, of not less than a majority of the Owners of the Tracts responding to a written request. There shall be one vote per Tract. Anyone owning more than one Tract shall have one vote for each Tract owned. If the Declaration is amended by a written instrument signed by those Owners entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes of the Owners of the Association responding, such amendment must be approved by said Owners within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the date the first Owner executes such amendment. The date an Owner's signature is acknowledged shall constitute prima facia evidence of the date of execution of said amendment by such Owner. Those Members entitled to cast not less than a majority of all of the votes of the members of the Association responding may also vote to amend this Declaration, in person, or by proxy, at a meeting of the Members duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Owners at least ten (10) days and not more than sixty (60) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting. Notwithstanding any provision contained in the Bylaws to the Contrary, a quorum, for purposes of such meeting, shall consist of not less than seventy percent (70%) of all the Members (in person or by proxy) entitled to vote. Any such amendment shall become effective when an instrument is filed for record in the Real Property Records of Hays County, Texas, accompanied by a certificate, signed by a majority of the Board of Trustees, stating that the required number of Members executed the instrument amending this Declaration or cast a written vote, in person or by proxy, in favor of said amendment at the meeting called for such purpose. Copies of the written ballots pertaining to such amendment shall be retained by the Association for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of filing of the amendment, or termination.

**Section 8.03 Severability.** Each of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable and the invalidity of un-enforceability or partial invalidity or partial un-enforceability of any provision or portion hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

**Section 8.04 Liberal Interpretation.** The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed as a whole to effectuate the purpose of this Declaration.

**Section 8.05 Successors and Assigns.** The provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Owners, and the Association, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

**Section 8.06 Effect of Violations on Mortgages.** No violation of the provisions herein contained, or any portion thereof, shall affect the lien of any mortgage or deed of trust presently or hereafter placed of

record or otherwise affect the rights of the mortgagee under any such mortgage, the holder of any such lien or beneficiary of any such deed of trust; and any such mortgage, lien or deed of trust may, nevertheless, be enforced in accordance with its terms, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions herein contained.

**Section 8.07 Terminology.** All personal pronouns used in this Declaration and all exhibits attached hereto, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Title of Articles and Sections are for convenience only and neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Declaration itself. The terms "herein", "hereof" and similar terms, as used in this instrument refer to the entire agreement and are not limited to referring only to the specific paragraph, section or article in which such terms appear.

**VETERAN PURCHASER PARTIAL RELEASE**

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Restrictions to the contrary, a Veteran Purchaser shall be entitled to have a 1.00 acre tract released from the Veterans Land Board for a home site and same shall not be construed as a violation of the above Restrictive Covenants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Developer herein, has hereunto set its hand on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_.

SADDLERIDGE JOINT VENTURE

By: SIJMMERLIN PROPERTIES, INC., a Texas corporation.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES D. PATTERSON, President

STATE OF TEXAS        }

COUNTY OF HAYS       }

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of: \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_, by CHARLES D. PATTERSON, President of SUMMERLIN PROPERTIES, INC., a Texas Corporation on behalf of said corporation.

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Notary Public, State of Texas  
Notary's Name Printed:

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My Commission Expires: