DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR WHISTLE STOP FARMS SUBDIVISION

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 create a planned unit development and impose upon the Subdivision (as defined herein) mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all owners of residential property within the Subdivision. Declarant desires to provide a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development of the Subdivision, and to establish a method for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of such Subdivision as are now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration;

Declarant hereby declares that all of the property described in 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 Subdivision or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof. All restrictions contained herein specifically do not apply to or encumber any property within the Whistle Stop Farms development that is designated as or zoned for commercial use, either initially or by Supplemental Declaration

Declarant, as the owner and developer of Whistle Stop Farms Subdivision, desires to complete the development of Whistle Stop Farms Subdivision (hereinafter referred to as "Whistle Stop" or the "Subdivision") 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, Whistle Stop Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") 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 Subdivision, or any public rights-of-way within or adjacent to the Subdivision, may be part of the Area of Common Responsibility.
- Section 2. "Assessments" shall mean and refer to any Assessments levied upon the Lots pursuant to the terms and provisions herein, including the Base Assessments, Supplemental Assessments as applicable, and any Special Assessments.
- Section 3. "Association" shall mean and refer to Whistle Stop Farms Homeowners Association, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation, and its successors and assigns.
- Section 4. "Base Assessment" shall mean and refer to Assessments levied against all Lots in the Subdivision to fund Common Expenses.
- Section 5. <u>"Board" or "Board of Directors"</u> shall be the elected governing body of the Association having its normal meaning under Tennessee corporate law.
- Section 6. "Builder(s)" shall mean any Person holding fee simple title to a Lot for purposes of development and construction of a Unit and other improvements thereon to be sold to a third-party purchaser; provided, however, that Declarant shall not be considered a Builder for purposes of the Assessment obligations imposed upon Builders under Article X, Section 11 and the insurance obligations imposed upon Builders under Article V, Section 2 herein.
- Section 7. "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of Whistle Stop Farms Homeowners Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference, as they may be amended from time to time.
- Section 8. "Charter" shall mean and refer to the Charter of Whistle Stop Farms 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 9. "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 10. "Common Area(s)" shall mean all real and personal property, including the Properties, but excluding Residential Lots and Townhome Units (as defined below), components thereof and easements appurtenant thereto, now or hereafter owned by the Association for common useand enjoyment of the Owners, including, but

not limited to, all lawns, any and all streets, roads, bridges, parking areas, drainage facilities, community swimming pool(s), walking trails, 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 Subdivision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the area designated as "Future Development Area" on the Final Plat for Whistle Stop Farms Subdivision of record in Plat Book ______, Page ______, Register's Office for Williamson County, Tennessee shall not be considered Common Area unless and until suchtime that ownership of said "Future Development Area" is conveyed to the Association. Declarant hereby reserves the right to convey said Lot to another entity for development as amenities for the Subdivision with membership rights to use said amenities to be determined by Declarant and purchaser.

Section 11. "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 12. "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Subdivision. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the Architectural Review Committee.

Section 13. "<u>Declarant"</u> shall mean and refer to Whistle Stop Farms, 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 <u>Exhibit "A"</u> 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 14. "<u>Documents</u>" shall mean and refer to this Declaration, any exhibits or supplements thereto, including the Bylaws and Charter of the Association, the Architectural Guidelines, as well as the rules and regulations adopted by the Association, all of which as may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time.

Section 15. "Member" shall mean and refer to a Person or entity entitled to membership in the Association, as provided herein.

Section 16. "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 17. "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 18. "Mortgagor" shall mean and refer to any Person who gives a Mortgage.

Section 19. "Owner" shall mean and refer to one (1) or more Persons or entities, including Declarant who holds fee simple title to any Residential Lot, or Townhome, which is part of the Subdivision, 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 20. <u>"Person"</u> means a natural person, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, a trustee, a fiduciary, or other legal entity.
- Section 21. <u>"Properties"</u> 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 22. "Residential Lot" or "Lot" shall mean a portion of the Subdivision, whether developed or undeveloped, intended for the development, use, and occupancy as a 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 final subdivision plat for the respective phase or section of Whistle Stop Farms (the "Plat(s)").
- Section 23. "Residential Unit" or "Unit" shall mean and refer to improvements situated upon any Lot designated and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family.
- Section 24. "Special Assessments" shall mean and refer to Assessments levied in accordance with Article X, Section 4 of this Declaration.
- Section 25. "Supplemental Assessments" shall mean and refer to Assessments levied in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of this Declaration.
- Section 26. "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.
- Section 27, "Townhome Lots" shall mean and refer to any Lots within the Subdivision on which is located single-family attached Townhome Units.
- Section 28. "Townhome Units" shall mean and refer to any Units within the Subdivision located upon Townhome Lots.

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. To the extent that any property to be removed from the Subdivision is owned by a Person other than Declarant, such Person's consent must be obtained to said removal, as evidenced by such Person's signature affixed to the Declaration amendment.

Article III Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. 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, limited liability company, 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) Class "A". 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 or Townhome inwhich 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 two hundred (200) votes plus fifty (50) 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) six (6) months following the date on which one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots with respect to all phases of Whistle Stop Farms have been conveyed to Owners other than the Declarant or Builders; or

- (ii) twenty (20) years after the date on which the first Lot has been conveyed to an Owner other than the Declarant or Builders; 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. Association's Responsibility

(a) The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Areas, as further described in Article IX, Section 1 herein, with such maintenance to be funded as hereinafter provided, subject to any insurance then in effect. Maintenance may also include such portions of any additional property included within the Subdivision 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, through the Board, reserves the right enter individual lots and the Common Area to water any vegetation it deems in peril of dying for lack of water, including the right to use the outside water faucet on any residential lot to provide water for vegetation on that specific lot.

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.

The Association shall not be liable for any damage, including personal injury or property damage, caused by or stemming from the Association's failure to maintain or repair, or properly maintain or repair, any item for which it has the maintenance and or repair obligation as setforth herein.

(b) In addition to the operation, maintenance, and management duties of the Association set forth in subsection (a) above, the Association shall provide for the maintenance, care, repair, and replacement of the following portions of the Townhome Lots, and improvements located thereon: the exterior landscaping (except such landscaping installed by, or on behalf of, the Lot Owner and such landscaping enclosed by a fence),

as well as walkways, patios, and porches located upon or about each Townhome Lot, with the exception of elevated decks, and/or balconies. The Association shall have the right, however, to contract with the respective Lot Owner for the maintenance of such elevated decks and balconies, and for the maintenance of such other areas and items as the Board may deem appropriate. The Association also shall maintain the exterior of each Townhome Unit as follows: painting, maintenance, and nonstructural repair of exterior building surfaces as the Board shall deem necessary and proper, including siding, roofs, gutters, downspouts, replacement of trim, caulking, and other repairs to roof covers (to include the repair and replacement of all non-structural components of the roof of each Residential Unit), and other miscellaneous repairs of a nonstructural nature. Such exterior maintenance shall not include glass surfaces (including, without limitation windows or sliding glass doors), HVAC equipment, storm doors, front or rear entry doors, screens, or patio covers. The balance of the Townhome Units and other improvements located on the respective Lots shall be maintained by the Owner of the particular Townhome Lot involved.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the need for exterior maintenance and repair by the Association as required by this paragraph is caused by the willful or negligent conduct or act an Owner, his/her family, guest, invitees, or other Persons using or occupying his/her Townhome Unit with his/her express or implied permission, the cost of such repair or maintenance shall be assessed against such Owner and shall be due and payable thirty (30) days from the date of notice thereof, such Assessment to be collected and enforced as provided in Article X of this Declaration. Such Assessment shall not require the approval of any of the Members; provided, however, that any Owner against which any such assessment is levied shall be entitled to notice, a hearing, and an opportunity to do the corrective work required, as provided by Article X, Section 4 hereof, prior to an Assessment being levied against such Owner in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the sole purpose of performing the exterior maintenance upon each Townhome Unit required by this subsection (b), the duly authorized employees or agents of the Association shall have the right, after reasonable notice to the Owner, to enter upon any Townhome Lot and into any Townhome Unit at reasonable hours of any day except Sunday. Moreover, if, during the course of performing the maintenance of a Townhome Lot, the Association discovers that maintenance, repair or replacement is required of an item which is the Owner's responsibility, and such maintenance, repair or replacement must be performed for the Association to properly complete its maintenance project, then the Association may perform such work on behalf of the Owner and at Owner's expense without prior notice to the Owner.

(c) In addition, the duly authorized agents or employees of the Association shall have the right to enter in or upon any Residential Unit or Townhome or into any structure located on a respective Lot, without notice to the Owner thereof, when, in the judgment of the Association, acting through its Board of Directors, such entrance is necessary to prevent damage to such Residential Unit or surrounding Residential Units or Common Areas by fire, criminal act, natural disaster, or other similar emergency.

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility.

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein with respect to Townhome Lots, each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot, as well as the Residential Unit and all other 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 provisions of the Documents, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association.

- (b) With respect to Townhome Lots, all maintenance of the interior portions of the Residential Unit, all structural components of the Townhome Unit, entry doors, doorways and doorsteps, windows, window casings, glass, decks, balconies, patios, utility boxes, and other improvements not maintained by the Association, including, but not limited to, fencing, driveways, garages, garage doors, air conditioning units, as well as any landscaping, planting beds, bushes and trees installed or planted by or on behalf of a Lot Owner, shall be the sole responsibility of the Ownerthereof. Any repair or maintenance to an item that is for the exclusive use of or service to a specific townhome shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of that townhome or lot to repair or maintain at no costs to the Association.
- (c) If any Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility as provided under this Section 2 or the Board determines that an emergency exists, the Association may perform such maintenance and/or repairs 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, which assessment shall be a lien against said Lot and Owner; 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. The Board may alternatively enforce this Section through monetary fines against the Owner or Lot and each day the maintenance, repair, or replacement is not completed shall constitute a separate violation for which fines may be assessed on a daily basis.
 - Any utility connection including Water, Gas, Electrical, Sewer or other (d) that services one or more units shall be the responsibility of the unit for both repair and cost of repair. In the event that the connection in question is connected to more than one townhome, the community shall make the repair and the townhomes that are a direct beneficiary of the repair shall be responsible for the cost of the repair, including any and all sidewalk, street, grass or other affected common area. The board may place the costs of the repair(s) on the owner account in the form of a special assessment for the effected unit. Said billing shall be subject to any and all late fees stated herein. All sums paid on behalf of the townhome by the community shall be due in full upon demand. All sums shall be the actual cost incurred by the community without any markup or increase. Any payment on the item that is made over 30 days after billing shall be subject to a late fee in the amount of 10% per month on the balance until paid in full.

Section 3. Rights of the City of Thompsons Station

If the Association or any successor organization or any Owner shall fail to maintain the Common Areas in a reasonable order and condition in accordance with the officially recorded development plan, the City Manager for the City of Thompsons Station may serve written notice on the organization and/or Owner advising of the deficiencies and the right to a formal hearing regarding same. Upon request received by the City Manager within fourteen (14) days after the date of such notice, the City Manager shall conduct a hearing to allow proposals for the maintenance of the spaces to be heard. If the deficiencies are not corrected within thirty (30) days, or within such time as the City Manager may establish after conducting the hearing, the City Manager may call on any public or private agency to maintain the Common Areas for a period of one (1) year. If after one (1) year the City Manager determines that the Association is still unable or unlikely to maintain the Common Areas, he/she may continue to call on any public or private agency to maintain the space for yearly periods. The costs of maintenance shall be assessed proportionally against the properties within the residential subdivision that have the right of enjoyment of the Common Areas and, if not paid, shall become a lien on such properties.

Article V Insurance and Casualty Losses

Section 1. Insurance. 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, including coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief. Insurance shall be in an amount sufficient to cover one hundred (100%) percent of the replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction of said improvements in the event of damage or destruction from any insured hazard.

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 or 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 Subdivision 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, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.
- (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 Williamson County, Tennessee, area.
- (I) 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;
 - 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 offidelity 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. Except as otherwise provided under Section 3 below with respect to Townhome Lots, 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 Units and all other improvements built upon the Lot(s) meeting the same requirements as set forth in Section 1 of this Article V for insurance on the Common Area. In addition, each Owner shall carry liability insurance covering the Owner's Lot and Unit for all damage or injury, including bodily injury, death, and property damage, arising from any condition or occurrence on the Owner's Lot or in the Owner's Unit. The Board shall upon request make available for review by Owners a copy of the Association s insurance policies to allow Owners to assess their personal insurance needs. Each Builder shall, in addition to the other insurance requirements set forth herein, carry liability insurance with coverage limits reasonably satisfactory to Declarant and the Association for all damage or injury, including bodily injury, death and property damage, arising from the exercise of the Builder Construction Easement granted by Declarant in Article XVII, Section 2. Prior to exercising any rights granted pursuant to said Builder Construction Easement, each Builder shall deliver to the Declarant and the Association a certificate of insurance (i) evidencing that the aforementioned insurance coverage has been obtained and (ii) naming the Declarant and the Association as Additional Insureds.

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 the Unit and other improvements 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. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to the Townhome Lots.

Section 3. Insurance for Townhome Lots. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary of Section 2 above, in addition to casualty insurance on the Common Area, the Association shall, as a Common Expense, 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 the Townhome Units, excluding the replacement of any fixtures, cabinets, appliances, flooring, improvements installed or supplied by the Owners, or their tenants, or personal property of the Owners, or their tenants, quests, and invitees located within said Townhome Units or upon the Townhome

Lots. The deductible shall be a maintenance expense to be paid by the Person or Persons who would be liable for the loss or repair in the absence of insurance. If the loss affects more than one Townhome Lot, the cost of the deductible may be apportioned equitably by the Board among the parties suffering loss in proportion to each affected party's portion of the total cost of repair, or otherwise as the Board determines equitable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the insurance policy provides that the deductible will apply to each Townhome Lot separately or to each occurrence, each Owner shall be responsible for paying any deductible pertaining to his or her Townhome Lot. If any Owner fails to pay the deductible when required hereunder, then the Association may pay the deductible and assess the cost to the Owner. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event of an insured loss under the Association's policy for which the Association receives from the insurer payment for a loss sustained by an Owner who is delinquent in the payment of any Assessment or charge owed to the Association. then the Association may retain and apply such proceeds to the delinquency. Any surplus remaining after application of the proceeds to any delinquency shall be paid by the Association to the affected Owner.

Each Townhome Lot Owner may, at such Owner's expense, obtain insurance coverage for loss of or damage to any furniture, furnishings, appliances, flooring, fixtures, cabinets, improvements installed or supplied by the Owners, or their tenants, personal effects, and other property belonging to such Owner which is not covered under the insurance policy discussed in this section. The Board shall, upon request, make available for review by Townhome Lots Owners a copy of the Association's insurance policy(ies) covering such Owners' respective Townhome Lots to allow such Owners to assess their personal insurance needs.

Section 4. 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 portion of the 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 eighty (80%) percent of the total vote of the Association, shall decide within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. Any damage or destruction to the Townhome Units shall be promptly repaired or reconstructed unless the Members representing one hundred (100%) percent of the total vote of the Owners of the Townhome Units within each building of connected damaged or destroyed Townhome Units, 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. In the event of substantial damage or destruction to a Townhome Unit(s), each Mortgagee shall be entitled to written notice of the damage.

and nothing in the documents provided shall be construed to afford a priority to any Owner with respect to the distribution of proceeds to any such Townhome Unit. 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
- (d) Notwithstanding any provision in the Documents to the contrary, if the damage or destruction to the Common Area is to be repaired or reconstructed, and such insurance 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.
- (e) If, after a fire or other casualty causing damage to the Townhome Units, the proceeds of the insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Board, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair or upon completion of reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, the additional costs shall be assessed against the Owners of the Townhome Units damaged in proportion to the damage suffered. If there are surplus funds after repair and reconstruction is completed, such funds shall be common funds of the Association to be used as directed by the Board. Any such reconstruction or repair shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications under which the Subdivision was originally constructed, except where changes are necessary to comply with current applicable building codes or where improvements not in accordance with the original plans and specifications as approved by the Board. To the extent insurance proceeds are available, the Association may reconstruct or repair Owner improvements damaged as a result of fire or other casualty.
- (f) Encroachments upon or in favor of Lots which may be created as a result of such reconstruction or repair shall not constitute a claim or basis for any proceeding or action by the Owner upon whose Lot such encroachment exists, provided that such reconstruction was substantially in accordance with the architectural plans under which the Subdivision was originally constructed. Such encroachment shall be allowed to continue in existence for so long as the reconstructed structure shall stand.

Section 5. <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 to any portion of the Common Area, any proceeds remaining, after making such settlement as is necessary with the Mortgagee, 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 to any Lot

or Unit, any proceeds remaining, after making such settlement as is necessary with the Mortgagee, shall be paid to the respective Owner(s).

Section 6. <u>Construction Fund.</u> The net proceeds of the insurance collected on account of a casualty and the funds collected by the Association from Assessments against Owners on account of such casualty shall constitute a construction fund which shall be disbursed in payment of the cost of reconstruction and repair as set forth in this Article to be disbursed by the Association in appropriate progress payments to such contractor(s), supplier(s), and personnel performing the work or supplying materials or services for the repair and reconstruction designated by the Board.

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 Subdivision or any part thereof seek any judicial partition unless the Subdivision 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 norfrom acquiring title to real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

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 subjected to and encumbered by this Declaration) 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 date that is twenty (20) years from the date on which the first Lot is conveyed to an Owner other than the Declarant or Builders (the "Declarant Annexation Period"), subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association, to annex 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 Williamson County, Tennessee, a Supplemental Declaration annexing such property. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of Members but shall require the consent of the owner thereof if such owner is not the Declarant. 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 Declarant Annexation 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 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 Williamson County, Tennessee, a Supplemental Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplemental Declaration shall be signed by: (i) the Declarant and/or by an officer of the Association, as applicable pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 2 herein, and (ii) by the owner of the property being annexed, if such owner is not the Declarant, 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. <u>Acquisition of Additional Common Area.</u> Declarant may convey to the Association additional real estate, improved or unimproved, located within the Subdivision 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. <u>Common Area.</u> The Association, subject to the rights of the Owners set forth in this Declaration, shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Townhome Lots as set forth in Article IV, Section 1 and 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. Water and Other Utilities in Common Areas Only. 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

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. Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use. 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 Subdivision conveyed to it by the Declarant.

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 as well as suspend voting rights and usage of the Common Areas for any violations of the restrictions and provisions set forth in the Documents. Any failure by the Declarant, the Association or Owner to enforce any restriction or other provisions 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, breaches or violations of these covenants and restrictions.
- (b) In the event any cost or expenses including attorneys' fees and any costs of litigation, are incurred by the Declarant or Association in connection with the action to correct or abate any violation or breach of the provisions hereof, the Owner or occupant of a Unit 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.

(c) Minimum fines and time limits are set forth as follows:

Pet Waste Violations \$100.00 per violation

Dumpster Violations \$100.00 per item

Trash/rubbish left on lot or common area \$100.00 per item

Violations Of Herein set out Rules and Regulations:

1st Offense: \$0.00 2nd Offense: \$50.00 3rd Offense: \$100.00

Any repeat of a violation within 6 months of the original violation shall be deemed a 2nd Offense and fines as such. A fine for a 3rd offense may be levied daily until cured. The Board may not waive any violation fine for any reason unless said fine was assessed by the Board or management company in error. All fines for violations will require verified evidence of the violation by the management company or a member of the Board. Any fines shall constitute a lien on the property the fine is levied on and, as such, shall constitute a special assessment on said lot that is subject to legal enforcement.

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 above, 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. Rules and Regulations. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Subdivision, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. In addition, the Association may promulgate rules and regulations applicable only to the Townhome Lots. Sanctions may include monetary fines, which if unpaid, shall constitute alien on 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. Such rules and regulations, as amended, 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.

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

Section 8. <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, including, but not limited to:

- (a) imposing monetary fines and suspending use and voting privileges;
- (b) granting permits and licenses, utility easements and other easements, permits or licenses under, through or over the Common Areas;
- (c) sell, transfer or convey portions of the Common Area, but only upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the total eligible votes of the Association.

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 three (3) types of Assessments: (a) Base Assessments to fund Common Expenses for the benefit of all Members of the Association as described in Section 2 below; (b) Supplemental Assessments as described in Section 3 below; and (c) Special Assessments as described in Section 4 below.

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 and any applicable Supplemental Assessments 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 and any applicable Supplemental Assessments shall be paid in monthly installments.

No Owner, except for the Declarant during the Class "B' Control Period and a Builder during the Builder Exception Period as discussed in Section 11 below, 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, and each Owner, by acceptance of his or her deed or recorded contract of sale, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these Assessments. No diminution or abatement of Assessment or set- offshall beclaimed 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.

Section 2. <u>Base Assessments; Computation.</u> Base Assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots, except as otherwise provided under Section 10 below with respect to Common Area and Section 11 below with respect to Declarant and any Builders. 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 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. Supplemental Assessments for Townhome Lots. In addition to the Base Assessments authorized in Section 2 above, the Association shall levy Supplemental Assessments for Townhome Lots to cover the cost of Lot maintenance of those Townhome Lots and other maintenance as may exceed the type and scope of maintenance of the rest of the Subdivision, and any additional administrative costs incurred by the Association as a result of its maintenance and oversight activities on behalf of the Townhome Lot Owners. The Supplemental Assessments shall be included in the budget prepared by the Association pursuant to Section 2 above. The Owners of Townhome Lots may elect a subcommittee (the "Townhome Lot Subcommittee") of the Board of the Association that shall report to and be under the authority of the Board of the Association. The Townhome Lot Subcommittee shall be an advisory committee to the Board concerning matters affecting Owners of Townhome Lots, but the Board shall have final authority over all matters of the Association including matters affecting the Owners of Townhome Lots, All Townhome Lot Owners shall have full access to all amenities, if owned by the Association, and Common Areas in Whistle Stop Farms and shall pay regular Base Assessments to the Association in the same amount as other Owners in Whistle Stop Farms and shall also pay the Supplemental Assessments as discussed herein

Section 4. <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to the other Assessments authorized in this Article, the Association may levy a Special Assessment or Special Assessments from time to time; provided, however, that 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 Documents, and any amendments thereto, and to pay the deductible provided in Article V, Section 1, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the vote of the Board after notice to the Member and an opportunity for a hearing.

Section 5. 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 Jesse N. Franks, III, as Trustee, of Williamson 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 the Documents; 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.
- 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 Williamson 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 possess ion 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 lienherein 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 thesame.
- (f) In the case of the death, absence, inability, or refusal to act of the Trustee, or if the Board so decides in its sole discretion, 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 Williamson County, Tennessee, and the title and rights herein conveyed to the above named Trustee shall be vested in said successor.

Section 6. <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 Assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within the Base Assessment and/or Supplemental Assessment, as applicable, and distributed with the budget, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Assessments & Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments.

(1) Except as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Association, the Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots upon conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner other than the Declarant; provided, however, if such conveyance is to a Builder (other than Declarant), such Assessment shall not commence with respect to such Lot until the expiration of the Builder Exception Period (as defined in Section 11 below). Assessments shall be due and

payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. The first Assessments levied by the Association shall be adjudged according to the number of days remaining in the fiscal year at the time Assessments commence on the Lot.

- (2) 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 (including post-judgment attorneys' fees from a prior judgment, if any), shall be a charge on the Lot 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, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance. 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, unless otherwise provided under applicable laws.
- (3) The Association shall, within a reasonable time upon written request, furnish to any Owner, Mortgagee or Person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Lot, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Lot, a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association setting forth the amount of Assessments due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines or other charges against a Lot, if any, 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 Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars for the issuance of such certificate.

Section 8. Subordination of the Lien to First Mortgages. 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, or by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, 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 9. Capitalization of Association; Working Capital Fund and Amenity Fund.

(a) Working Capital Fund. In conjunction with the acquisition of record title to any Lot by the purchaser thereof, other than the Declarant or a Builder, a 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 as determined in the Board's discretion, but in any event, shall not be greater than an amount that is equal to twice the annual Base Assessment per Lot as determined by the Board for the year in which the respective closing occurs. This amount shall not be considered an advance payment on the Base Assessment and shall be deposited into the purchase and sales escrow and disbursed therefrom

to the Association for use to cover capital and operating expenses, capital repairs or improvements, and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and the Bylaws. Moreover, when control of the Association is transferred from the Declarant to the Owners as provided in the Documents, said fund and any remaining proceeds thereof shall be transferred to the Association to be used for the same aforementioned purposes.

Section 10. Exempt Property. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all Common Area and property dedicated or otherwise conveyed to and accepted by any governmental authority or public entity shall be exempt from payment of Assessments.

Section 11. <u>Obligation of Declarant and Builders for Assessments.</u> Until the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period, Declarant shall not be liable for the payment of Assessments on its unsold Lots.

In addition, no Assessments shall be levied on Lots owned by any other Builder until the earlier to occur of: (i) the date that the Lot is conveyed from the Builder to a third-party purchaser holding title to the Lot for purposes permitted herein other than the development and construction of a Unit and other improvements thereon, or (ii) the expiration of six (6) months after the Builder obtains a building permit issued by the applicable governmental authorities for the construction of a Unit on the respective Lot (the "Builder Exception Period").

Section 12. <u>Transfer Fees.</u> In conjunction with the acquisition of record title to a Lot by the purchaser thereof, other than the Declarant or a Builder, a reasonable one-time contribution shall be made by or on behalf of the purchaser at the closing of the purchase of the Lot to the management company or Association, as applicable, to cover certain administrative costs related to establishing the new Owner's account with the Association.

Article XI Architectural Standards

No Owner, occupant of an Owner's Lot, or any other Person, other than the Declarant, may: (i) make any exterior change, alteration, modification, or construction on a Lot; (ii) erect, place or post anything or object which may affect the appearance of a Lot; or (iii) change the grade or slope of a Lot without first obtaining the written approval of the Architectural Review Committee. 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 Declarant's written consent so long as the Declarant owns any land or Lot subject to this Declaration or subject to annexation to this Declaration.

The Declarant at the time of sale and/or the plat is recorded for each phase/section of Whistle Stop Farms has the right to establish additional restrictions and/or design-standards with respect to improvements constructed upon the Lots in that particular phase/section of Whistle Stop Farms.

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 Subdivision 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 (the "Architectural Guidelines"). Any amendments to the Architectural Guidelines shall be prospective only and shall not apply to require modifications to or removal of structures previously approved once the approved construction or modification has commenced. Copies shall be available from the ARC for review. The Architectural Guidelines shall be those of the Association, and the ARC shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend the Architectural Guidelines. A copy of the Architectural Guidelines, as well as any amendment, supplement, or modification thereto, shall be provided to all Owners, including any Builders, and developers who seek to engage in development of or construction upon all or any portion of the Subdivision, and such Owners, Builders and developers shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith.

Until one hundred (100%) percent of the Lots with respect to all phases as shown on the master plan of the Subdivision, as may be revised or amended from time to time, have been developed and conveyed to purchasers in the normal course of development and sale, the Declarant retains the right to act as the ARC or appoint all members of the ARC, which shall consist of at least three (3), but no more than five (5), persons.

In addition to the foregoing, 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. Prior to the formation of the ARC, such approval shall be granted by the Declarant and any approval granted by the Declarant shall be binding on the Association. The Board, the ARC, or the Association may establish a reasonable processing and review fee related to the consideration of any submitted architectural review requests. 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, unless such construction, modification or improvement otherwise is in violation of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Architectural Guidelines, the Association's rules and regulations, or applicable zoning ordinances.

The ARC shall be the sole arbiter of the application and may withhold approval for any reason whatsoever, including purely aesthetic considerations. The Association, acting through the Board, shall be entitled to stop any construction or modification which is not in conformance with approved plans. In the event that the ARC disapproves any application or part thereof, an Owner shall have the right to appeal the ARC's decision to the Board of Directors, in writing by certified mail. Said notice of appeal must be received by the Board within fourteen (14) days from the date of the ARC's notice to Owner of its decision, otherwise the decision of the ARC shall be final. The Board shall rule on the appeal with thirty (30) days of receiving written notice requesting an appeal from the Owner; and all decisions of the Board shall be final.

Neither the Board nor the ARC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the design, quality, structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes, zoning regulations and other governmental requirements. Neither the Declarant, Association, the Board, the ARC or any member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages or loss arising out of the manner, design, or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot, nor may any action be brought against the Declarant, Association, the Board, the ARC, or any member thereof, for any such injury, damage or loss.

Section 2. 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 inconnection 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 whatsoever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.

Section 3. <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) stop 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 4. Enforcement of Architectural Standards. Any construction, alteration, or other work done in violation of this Article, the Declaration, the Bylaws, the design standards or any applicable zoning ordinances, code, or regulations shall be deemed non-conforming, and upon written request from the Board, such non-conforming construction, alteration, or other work shall be removed at the sole expense of the Owner and the Lot shall be restored to substantially the same condition as existed prior to such construction, alteration or work. Should the Owner fail to do so, the Board, or its designees, shall have the right, in addition to other remedies provided under Article IX of the Declaration as well as the rules and regulations of the Association, to enter the Lot and remove the violation and restore the Lot, or obtain a court order compelling the violating Owner to do so. All costs thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against such Lot, regardless of whether or not litigation is filed. The remedies under this Section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other remedies provided under the Documents, or at law or in equity.

Article XII Use Restrictions

Section 1. <u>Signs and Flagpoles.</u> No sign of any kind shall be erected or placed within the Subdivision without the written consent of the Board of Directors, except (i) that an Owner may place one (1) sign on such Owner's lot advertising the sale thereof and (ii) as otherwise permitted under Article XIV with respect to Declarant and Builders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have the right to erect signs as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. No flagpoles shall be erected on any Lot, except for Lots owned by the Declarant or any Builder where Units or improvements

located thereon are used as models and sales offices or trailers. To the extent that any of the foregoing provisions of this Section 1, provisions of the Architectural Guidelines adopted by the ARC, or rules and regulations adopted by the Board with respect to flagpoles is not permitted under the "Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005" as codified under 4 U.S.C. § 5 (Executive Order 10834, Section 3), as amended, or any other applicable federal, state, or local laws, such provisions of the applicable Documents shall be interpreted so as to be in compliance with such applicable laws.

Section 2. Parking and Garages. No Owner or occupant shall keep more than two (2) vehicles parked in said Owner's driveway at any time; provided, however, that if the Lot only has a one car garage, then said Owner or occupant shall not park more than one vehicle in said driveway. All other vehicles must be parked in garages, designated parking spaces, or other areas authorized in writing by the Board. Vehicles shall not be parked on any lawn, yard, private street or alley. There shall also be designated parking spaces located upon the Common Area, which shall be utilized for guest parking only as well as special parking permits issued by the Board. Parking upon any public streets or dedicated right-of-ways of the Subdivision shall be incompliance with applicable laws, ordinances, codes and regulations of the City of Thompsons Station. The Board may also adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding parking within the Subdivision, which shall be in compliance with this section.

Garage doors shall remain closed at all times, except for necessary use, ingress, and egress. Each garage should be maintained in such a manner that parking for the maximum number of motor vehicles for which it was originally designed to hold is allowed and possible with the exception of a garage temporarily converted to a sales center by the Declarant or any Builder.

No vehicle that does not have a current license tag or is inoperable may be parked on or within the Subdivision, in addition, no vehicle may be parked upon or within any portion of the Subdivision for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more without being driven during said period, unless prior written permission has been obtained from the Board of the Association. Boats, trailers, jet-skis and trailers for same, panel trucks, buses, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, vans (excluding vans used by handicapped persons, mini-vans or sport utility vehicles used as passenger vehicles and receiving a "cars or "passenger vehicle" classification by the Tennessee Department of Motor Vehicles), recreational vehicles (including, without limitation, RVs, campers, and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes, and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors are also prohibited from being parked upon any portion of the Subdivision property, except in areas, if any, that may be designated by the Board as parking areas for particular types of vehicles. Notwithstanding the above, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Common Area during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any Lot or the Common Area; provided, however, no such vehicle shall remain on the Common Area overnight or for any purpose unless prior written consent of the Board is first obtained. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary above, all emergency response and local, state, and federal law enforcement vehicles may be parked on the Subdivision property so long as they are either owned by an Owner or occupant or they are parked on the Subdivision property in furtherance of emergency response or law enforcement purposes.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Subdivision property in violation of this subsection or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, a Board member

or other agent of the Association may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed or booted. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity that will do the towing or booting and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6) months of such notice, the Board or other agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed or booted in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the Owner or user of the vehicle. If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane or a space designated for handicapped parking, is blocking another vehicle or access to another parking space, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked in a parking space which has been assigned as exclusively serving another Lot, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition or is an obstruction to the safety or health of other persons on the Subdivision property, no notice shall be required and the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed or booted in accordance with this subsection or if a vehicle is seized or towed by any other Person that is not an employee or agent of the Association, then neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the seizure or towing activity. Also, the Association, and its officers or agents, shall not be liable for any vehicle that is stolen or otherwise unlawfully removed from property within the Subdivision by a third party. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions under the rules and regulations or remedies at law or in equity, rather than exercise its authority to tow or boot.

Section 3. Occupants Bound All provisions of the Documents 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 Subdivision, except as otherwise provided below. Dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets not to exceed a total of three (3) 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 Subdivision 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 Whistle Stop Farms. Homeowners shall be responsible to clean-up after their pet. Any Owner or occupant who keeps or allows any pet on a portion of the Subdivision shall be deemed to have indemnified and agreed to hold the Association, its, directors, officers, and agents free and harmless from any loss, claim, or liability of any kind or character whatever arising by reason of keeping, maintaining, or allowing such pet within the Subdivision.

Section 5. Governmental Laws and Nuisance. No portion of the Subdivision shall be used, in whole or in part, in violation of any applicable local, state, or federal laws, statutes, regulations, codes, or ordinances ("Governmental Laws"). In the event that any provision of applicable Governmental Laws conflicts with the provisions of this Declaration, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

No portion of the Subdivision 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. Moreover, no substance, thing, or material shall be kept upon any portion of the Subdivision 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 Subdivision, nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any person using any portion of the Subdivision. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is illegal, noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of Subdivision.

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 Subdivision.

Section 7. <u>Basketball Goals or Playground Equipment, Clotheslines, Garbage</u> <u>Cans Irrigation Systems, Fences</u>

- (a) No clothes lines, above-ground tanks, and other similar items shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the Subdivision, 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 Subdivision and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. Trash receptacles may not be left at the curb more than 24 hours.
- (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; (4) the portable basketball equipment must be set up and used as far away as feasibly possible from the Units located on adjacent Lots, and (5) all portable basketball equipment must have a clear backboard and a black pole. Permanent basketball goals and hoops shall not be permitted to be installed upon any Lot within the Subdivision. Basketball hoops attached or affixed to the residence shall not be permitted upon any Lot within the Subdivision.
- (c) No irrigation system or lawn sprinkler system may be installed by or on behalf of an Owner of a Townhome Lot, except for such irrigation or lawn sprinkler systems installed by, or on behalf of, the Declarant or a Builder, which shall be maintained by the Association.
- (d) Fences will be permitted in the subdivision, but only with the prior approval of the ARC, prior to installation, including the location and materials to be used. Fences

will be required for enclosing swimming pools, but only with approval of the ARC, prior to installation as to its location and the materials to be used. A site plan showing the property boundary lines and the location of the proposed fence shall accompany the approval request submitted to the ARC. The Board, or its agent, will not process and approve any fence request that does not contain this information. NO fences of any type shall be erected within an easement area.

Section 8. <u>Guns The</u> discharge of firearms within the Subdivision 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 decorative lights, which may be displayed between Thanksgiving and January 10th 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 one year, except with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. Notice of any lease, together with such additional information as shall 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 Documents. The Association, or managing agent of the Association, may charge the Owner a reasonable review and processing fee with respect to the lease submitted under this subsection.
- (c) <u>Compliance with Declaration Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.</u> Every Owner shall cause all occupants of his or her residence to comply with the Documents, 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 Documents.
- Section 11. Amenities. Any amenities (including, but not limited to parks, playground equipment, walking trails, community pool(s), and clubhouse) provided by the Association or erected within the Subdivision, 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. Any user of the amenities does so at their own risk. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, make every effort to disinfect the amenities and protect all users from any harm or injury resulting from the use of said amenities. ALL USERS shall indemnify and hold the Association harmless from any and all liability for any such harm or injury that may be suffered by a user of any amenity. The Board may promulgate additional rules and regulations governing the use of such amenities.

Section 12. Residential Use Only. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only and no trade or business may be conducted in or from any Lot located within Whistle

Stop Farms, 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 Subdivision; (c) the business activity does not involve persons coming onto the Subdivision who do not reside in the Subdivision or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Subdivision, provided however, this provision shall not preclude delivery of materials or items by U S Postal delivery or by other customary parcel delivery services (UPS, Fed Ex, etc.); and (d) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Subdivision and does not increase traffic, does not increase insurance premiums paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage, and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Subdivision, 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 or the leasing of a model home or a sales trailer on a Lot by the Declarant or a Builder shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this section.

Section 13. <u>Garage Sales.</u> No garage sale, yard sale, or similar activity shall be conducted in the Subdivision without prior approval of the Board. The Board may additionally permit Subdivision garage sale or yard sale days.

Section 14. 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. No antenna may be erected on or attached to any Townhome. 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 14 shall survive independently to the extent permissible under the FCC rules and regulations.

Section 15. <u>Swimming Pools.</u> Swimming pools below ground level for the use of Owners, Unit 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 within the Subdivision. A site plan and survey showing the property boundary lines and the location of the proposed pool shall accompany the approval request submitted to the Declarant or the ARC. The Declarant, the ARC or its agent will not process and approve any request that does not contain this information. NO portion of any pool or pool equipment shall be constructed within any easement area.

Section 16. <u>Tents, Trailers and Temporary Structures.</u> Except as otherwise permitted with respect to the Declarant and Builders under Article XIV hereunder, no tent, utility shed, shack, trailer or other structure of a temporary nature shall be placed upon a Lot or any part of the Subdivision.

Section 17. <u>Drainage and Septic Systems.</u> 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 re-channel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Septic systems are prohibited upon or within the Subdivision.

Section 18. <u>Subdivision of Lot.</u> No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of (a) the Board of Directors of the Association, whose approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and (b) the local governmental authorities. 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. Moreover, any two or more Lots that are combined into one or more Lots by Owners, other than the Declarant, shall continue to be responsible for the Base Assessments and Special Assessments allocated to said Lots as if the combination of Lots had not taken place.

Section 19. <u>Playground Equipment.</u> All playground equipment located upon the Lots, including but not limited to, swing sets, slides, seesaws, playhouses, trampolines, and/or climbing apparatuses, shall be maintained in good condition, constructed of naturalwood, and finished with a naturalwood exterior surface, and shall be approved by the ARC prior to installation. No painted wood finish, predominately plastic or metal structures shall be allowed. Any allowable playground equipment must be screened by improvements approved by the ARC so as to be hidden as much as possible from the street view and from the view of adjoining Owners.

Section 20. <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. 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.

Section 21. <u>Artificial Vegetation; Yard and/or Outdoor Decorations.</u> No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any portion of the Subdivision. No decorative appurtenances, including, but not limited to, sculptures, birdhouses,

birdbaths, fountains or other similar decorative embellishments shall be placed on or in any front yard or on any part of a Lot visible from any street or other Lot, unless the placement and design of such embellishments has been approved by the ARC pursuant to the provisions of Article XI.

Article XIII Mortgagee Provisions

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages on Lots in the Subdivision. 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 Subdivision or which affects any Lot on which there is a Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by sucheligible 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. <u>No Priority.</u> 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 ataking of the Common Area.

Section 3. <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 4. <u>Amendment by Board.</u> Should the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/Federal Housing Administration, Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the revision of 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 5. <u>Applicability of Article XIII.</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 lawfor any of the acts set out in this Article.

Section 6. Failure of Mortgagee to Respond. 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 sixty (60) days of the date of the Association's request.

Section 7. <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 Documents, as amended, as well as the records, books, and financial statements of the Association during normal business hours.

Section 8. <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.

Section 9. <u>Conformity with Federal Guidelines</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Declaration and Bylaws, all terms, conditions, and regulations now existing, or which may be promulgated from time to time, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/Federal Housing Administration, Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation pertaining to planned unit developments are hereby incorporated as terms and conditions of this Declaration and such shall be governing upon the Subdivision, so long as such conditions are not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Tennessee and do not impinge on any substantial property rights of individual LotOwners.

Section 10. <u>Conflicts.</u> This Article XIII is supplemental to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of the Declaration, but in the case of conflict, the provisions of this Article XIII shall control.

Article XIV Declarants rights

Section 1. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in this Declaration or its Bylaws may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to any other Person, 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 expressly specified herein or in a separate written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Register's Office of Williamson County, Tennessee.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration to the contrary, so long as construction and the initial sale of Lots shall continue, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant, and any Builder to maintain and carry on upon portions of the Subdivision, including any Lot, 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 or trailers, and the Declarant and such Builder(s) 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 of Declarant to use designated portions of the Common Area and Lots owned by the Declarant and the right of any Builder to use Lots owned by Builder, as models and sales offices or trailers, respectively.

No Person shall (1) institute legal or equitable proceedings involving the alleged

defective design or construction of any Unit, structure, or improvement within the Subdivision or (2) retain an expert for the purpose of inspecting the design or construction of any Unit, structure, or improvement within the Subdivision in connection with or in anticipation of any potential or pending claim, demand, or litigation involving such design or construction, unless Declarant and the respective Builder have been first notified in writing and given an opportunity to meet with the Owner of the Lot to discuss the Owner's concerns and conduct their own inspection(s). Declarant and the respective Builder(s) reserve the right for themselves and others designated to inspect, monitor, test, redesign and correct any Unit, improvement or condition which may exist on any portion of the Subdivision, including the Lots and Common Area, and a perpetual easement of access through the Subdivision for such purposes. No entry into a Unit shall be permitted without the express consent of the Owner. Any Person exercising this right shall promptly repair, at such Person's expense, any damage resulting from the exercise thereof.

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 Subdivision 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, and the rights contained herein may not be terminated, waived, or released, without the express written consent of the Declarant.

ARTICLE XV Professional Management

The Association shall, prior to the closing of the first residence in the development, hire a professional management agent or agents, at a reasonable compensation established by the Board, to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. Except for agreements entered into with the Declarant during the Class "B" Control Period, any agreement for professional management of the Subdivision and Association shall not have a term greater than three (3) years.

Article XVI Non-liability of Declarant

The Declarant is the developer of the Subdivision with respect to the residential project contemplated herein. However, Declarant may sell all or portions of the Subdivision 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 Frankin, 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 Whistle Stop Farms. 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.

Article XVII Easements

In addition to, and without limitation of, any other easements or rights reserved elsewhere in this Declaration, the following rights and easements are hereby reserved:

Section 1. Easements for Utilities, etc. There is hereby reserved unto Declarant and any Builder, so long as the Declarant and such Builder(s) owns any property described on Exhibit "A" or any Additional Property subsequently annexed to the Subdivision, the Association, and the designees or grantees of each (which may include, without limitation, City of Thompsons Station, Tennessee, Williamson County, Tennessee, Atmos Energy, Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation. Milcroften Utility District, and any other public or private utility (including cable and internet providers), blanket easements upon, across, over, and under all, or a portion, of the Common Areas and over the Lots, and any Units located thereon, for ingress, egress, installation, replacing, altering, 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. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article, no sewers. electrical lines, water lines, or other utilities may be installed or relocated on the Subdivision except as may be approved by the Association's Board of Directors or as provided by Declarant, or any Builder with respect to utilities to be installed or located upon such Builder's Lot(s). Within these easements, no structure, planting, or other materials shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, or which may change the direction of flow of drainage channels in the easements, or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements. Any portion of Whistle Stop Farms' property that has been subjected to, or encumbered by, easements granted pursuant to this Declaration or as shown on the Plat(s) for Whistle Stop Farms shall be maintained by, and at the expense of, the Association. Should any entity furnishing a service covered by the general easements herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, the Board of Directors shall have the right to grant such easement on said Subdivision 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 Subdivision.

Section 2. Declarant and Builder Easements. (a) Until completion of Declarant's intended development of the Property, an easement is reserved to the Declarant for ingress and egress generally across the Property, including any Lot, at reasonable places, for the purpose of completing Declarant's intended development of the Properties, provided that said easement shall be reasonable and shall not interfere with the construction of improvements on a Lot nor the use and enjoyment of a Lot by a Lot Owner. Declarant, any Builder, and the Association also reserve any and all easements reasonably required to allow completion, repair and maintenance of any and all utility areas, or improvements. Declarant hereby grants and conveys to any Builder an easement for ingress and egress generally across the Properties reasonably required to allow completion, repair and maintenance of any and all utility areas or improvements upon any Lots owned by Builder. In addition, Declarant hereby grants and conveys to any Builder a temporary construction easement, 5 feet in width along the side vard boundary lines of any Lot for the purpose of facilitating home construction on an adjacent Lot owned by such Builder (the "Builder Construction Easement"), which temporary construction easement shall automatically terminate upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Unit constructed on the adjacent Lot by Builder. Builder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Declarant, the Association, and the Owner upon whose Lot the Builder Construction Easement is located from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, penalties, costs, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses at the trial and appellate levels) that may result from Builder's use of the Builder Construction Easement,

- (b) Until completion of Declarant's intended development of the Property, an easement is reserved to the Declarant to enter the Common Areas and to maintain thereon such facilities and perform such operations as in the sole opinion of the Declarant may be reasonably required, convenient or incidental to the intended development of the Property by the Declarant.
- (c) Until the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period, Declarant may grant such easements over and across the Common Areas and/or any Lots owned by Declarant as in the sole opinion of the Declarant may be reasonably required, convenient or incidental to the intended development of the Subdivision by the Declarant.
- Easements for Maintenance Repair Emergency and Other Section 3. Purposes. A perpetual nonexclusive easement is granted and reserved to the Association, its officers, agents, employees, including employees of any management company having a contract with the Association, police, firemen, ambulance personnel and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties, over, across, and upon the Common Area and the Lots for emergency, security, safety and for other purposes reasonably necessary for proper maintenance, operation and repair of the Subdivision, including the maintenance of any utilities for which an easement has been granted, and to prevent damage to the Common Area or any Lot or Unit situated thereon. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner or Occupant. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter a Lot to cure any violation of the Documents and any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event that an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board. The Association shall have the authority to grant easements over the Common Areas for such other purposes

as may be determined by the Association, which do not unreasonably interfere with the Owners' use of the Common Areas.

Section 4. Entrance Signage and Landscaping Easement. The Declarant reserves the right to build the entrance sign(s) and landscaping at the entrance(s) for the Subdivision, together with any utility or water lines serving the entrance features. Once constructed, the entrance sign and landscaping and utility or water lines shall become the property of the Association, together with the sole liability for maintenance, repair and replacement thereof. The Declarant reserves all rights of ingress and egress onto said Common Area as may be necessary to construct said entrance sign. Additionally, the Association shall have an easement over any portion of a Lot on which any entrance feature, including, but not limited to, the Subdivision sign and landscaping are located, including utility and waterlines across the Lot to the entrance features.

Section 5. <u>Fence Easement.</u> Declarant hereby reserves an easement to itself, any Builder, and the Association across any Lot which borders the perimeter of the Subdivision and any Lot that borders or contains a portion of any water facility, detention pond, or retention pond for the purpose of erecting a fence. The Owner of a Lot on which any portion of a fence is located shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the fence as part of the Owner's maintenance obligation; provided however, the Declarant or the Association may, but are not obligated to, repair and maintain any fence installed by or on behalf of Declarant or any Builder, and any expenses or costs associated therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against such Lot, regardless of whether or not litigation is filed.

Section 6. <u>Easements for Encroachment and Overhang.</u> There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for encroachment and overhang as between each Townhome Lot and such portion or portions of the common Area adjacent thereto or as between adjacent Townhome Lots due to trees or the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the Townhome Units or other improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with this Declaration) to a distance of not more than five (5) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Townhome Lot and the adjacent portion of the Common Area or as between adjacent Townhome Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point.

Article XVIII General Provisions

Section 1. <u>Term.</u> The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Subdivision, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or the Owner of any Subdivision 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, by fifty-one (51%) percent of Mortgagees, and the written approval of the Class "B" Members so long as the Class "B" membership exists. A change to any of the provisions governing the following will be considered an amendment of a material nature:
 - (1) Voting rights;
 - (2) Assessment liens, or the priority of Assessment liens;
 - (3) Responsibility for maintenance and repairs of the Common Areas;
 - (4) Convertibility of Lots into Common Areas or vice versa;
 - (5) Hazard, liability or fidelity insurance requirements;
 - (6) Restrictions on the leasing of residences located on the Lots;
 - (7) 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;
 - (8) Restoration or repair of the project (after damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than that specified in the Documents;
 - (9) 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 sixty (60) days after notice of any written request of the Association for approval of an addition or amendment to the Declaration or Bylaws has been provided 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 Williamson 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 of the Association. 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. <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other pro\visions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. 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 6. <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 7. <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 8. <u>Use of the Words "Whistle Stop Farms".</u> No Person shall use the words "Whistle Stop Farms", or any derivative thereof in any printed or promotional material without the prior written consent of the Declarant. However, Owners may use the term, "Whistle Stop Farms' in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within the Subdivision.

Section 8. <u>Disclosures</u>. Each Owner acknowledges the following:

- (a) The Subdivision is located adjacent to thoroughfares and railroad tracks that may be affected by traffic and noise from time to time and may be improved and/or widened in the future.
- (b) The views from an Owner's Unit may change over time due to, among other circumstances, additional development and the removal or addition of landscaping.
- (c) No representations are made regarding the zoning of adjacent property, or that the category to which adjacent property is zoned may not change in the future.
- (d) No representations are made regarding the schools that currently or may in the future serve the Subdivision or any Unit.
- (e) Since in every neighborhood, there are conditions that different people may find objectionable, it is acknowledged that there may be conditions outside of the Subdivision that an Owner may find objectionable and that it shall be the sole responsibility of the Owners to become acquainted with neighborhood conditions that could affect the Unit.
- (f) All Owners acknowledge and understand that Declarant and Builders will be constructing/renovating portions of the Subdivision and engaging in other construction activities related to the construction of Common Areas and improvement of Units. Such construction activities may, from time to time, produce certain conditions on the Subdivision, including, without limitation: noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, frequency or shrillness; smoke; noxious, toxic, or corrosive fumes or gases; obnoxious odors; dust, dirt or flying ash; unusual fire or explosion hazards; temporary interruption of utilities; and/or other conditions that may threaten the security or safety of persons on the Subdivision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Owners agree that such conditions on the Subdivision resulting from renovation and construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance and shall not cause Declarant and its agents to be deemed in violation of any provision of the Declaration.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Declarant has executed this Declaration as of the day and year first above written.

DECLARANT:

WHISTLE STOP FARMS, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company

John Y. Franks

Its: Secretary

STATE OF TENNESSEE COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for State and County aforesaid, personally appeared John Y. Franks, 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 WHISTLE STOP FARMS, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, the within named bargainor, and that he, as Secretary of the 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 Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Franklin, Tennessee, this 21 st day of December ____, 2020.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(SEAL)

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit "A" Legal Description for Property

Charter of Whistle Stop Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. Exhibit "B"

Bylaws of Whistle Stop Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. Exhibit "C"

Being a tract of land located in the 4th Civil District of Williamson County, Tennessee, and bounded on the North by Eugene Williams, Alice L. Huff etal and Sadie H. Harbison, Thomas W. Hargrove, James A. Porter, George L. Brown and Thompson's Station Road; East by Thompson's Station Road, Kennedy M. Gibbs, Janie Lou Brown, Eugene Haynes, Wesley Dean Brown, Willis Patton, John Timothy Neal and James Richard Rosenburg; West by CSX Transportation Railroad and Malcolm Moss Gibbs and John M. Gibbs; South by Jack D. Brandon; and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a steel post being the southwest corner of Eugene Williams and being the northwest corner of herein described tract; thence with Eugene Williams and fence line South 88 degrees 51minutes 10 seconds East 416.92 feet to a fence post; thence with Alice L. Huff, etal and Sadie H. Harbison and fence line South 88 degrees 33 minutes 20 seconds East 135.80 feet to an iron pipe; thence with Thomas W. Hargrove and fence line South 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds East 117.94 feet to a steel post; thence with same South 01 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West passing an iron pin at 243.98 feet, in all 270.98 feet to a spike in the center of CSX Transportation Railroad; thence with Thomas W. Hargrove and James A. Porter and the center of CSX Transportation Railroad with a portion of a curve to the right with a central angel of 116 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds R = 1909.86 feet, T = 3108.02 feet, a length on curve of 367.21 feet to a spike; thence with George L. Brown and the center of CSX Transportation Railroad South 89 degrees 30 minutes 40 seconds East 224.21 feet to a spike; thence with the South margin of Thompson Station Road and fence line South 01 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West 52.88 feet to a point; thence with same South 36 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds East 80.45 to a fence post; thence with same South 67 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East 70.80 feet to a fence post; thence with James T. Smithson and fence line South 02 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds West 121.69 feet to an iron pin; thence with Janie Lou Brown and fence line North 88 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West 111.92 feet to an iron pin; thence with the same South 00 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds West 102.56 feet to an iron pin; thence with Eugene Haynes and fence line South 01 degrees 15 minutes West 153.29 feet to an axle; thence with Wesley Dean Brown and fence line South 04 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds West 18.49 feet to an iron pin, thence with same North 88 degrees 29 minutes 50 seconds West 221.64 feet to an iron pin; thence with Wesley Dean Brown and Willis Patton and fence line South 00 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds East 428.24 feet to an iron pin; thence with John Timothy Neal and fence line South 85 degrees 48 minutes West 98.53 feet to an iron pin; thence with same South 03 degrees 39 minutes 40 seconds West 321.86 feet to an iron pin; thence with James Richard Rosenburg and fence line South 01 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West 1335.43 feet to a 14 inch hackberry tree; thence with same South 04 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West 1047.64 feet to an iron pin; thence with Jack D. Brandon and fence line South 85 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds West 309.98 feet to a bolt; thence with same North 56 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West 345.13 feet to a 24 inch oak tree; thence with same North 59 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West 438,00 feet to an iron pin; thence with same South 68 degrees 30 minutes West passing an iron pin at 484.40 feet in ail 546.41 feet to a spike in the center of CSX Transportation Railroad; thence with Malcolm Moss Gibbs and John M. Gibbs and the center of CSX Transportation Railroad North 04 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds West 183.12 feet to a spike; thence with same North 10 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West 199.16 feet to a spike; thence with same North 16 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds West 174.46 feet to a spike; thence with same North 20 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds West 353.24 feet to a spike; thence with same with a portion of a curve to the right with a central angle of 116 degrees 51 minutes 30 second R = 1909.86 feet, T = 3108.02 feet,

a length on curve of 2810.87 feet to a spike; thence with same North 02 degrees 08 minutes 50 seconds East passing an iron pin at 23.52 feet, in alt 488.43 feet to the point of beginning containing 142.47 acres by survey of James D. Webb, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor No. 596, Maury County, Tennessee, dated December 26,1996.

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION BUT EXCLUDED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE IS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

Situated and lying in the 4th Civil District of Williamson County, Tennessee, bounded on the north by Thompson's Station Road West, on the east by James T. Smithson, on the west by KMK Acres, LLC (remaining property), on the south by Janie Lou Brown, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a fence post in the south margin of Thompson's Station Road West and being the northwest corner of James T. Smithson, and also being the northeast comer of herein described tract; thence with James T. Smithson and fence line South 02 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds West 121.69 feet to an iron pin; thence with Janie Lou Brown and fence line North 88 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West 66.48 feet to an iron pin; thence with KMK Acres, LLC and stake line North 02 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds, East 147.20 feet to a fence post; thence with the south margin of Thompson's Station Road West, South 67 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds East 70.80 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.205 acres by survey of James D. Webb, TRLS No. 596, Maury County, Tennessee, dated March 11,1997.

This exclusion being the same property conveyed to Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, a municipal corporation, from KMK Acres, LLC, by deed dated May 14,1997, of record in Book 1521, Page 486, ROWCO, Tennessee.

Being a certain tract of land located in the Town of Thompson's Station, in the 4th Civil District of Williamson County, Tennessee, being located on the west side of School Street, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a mag nail in the pavement situated on the westerly margin of School Street, said iron rod being situated in the northerly boundary line of the Malcomb Howard Nevils, Jr. and Mattie N. Nevils property as evidenced in Bk 1007 Pg 947 Registers Office of Williamson County, Tennessee (ROWC, TN); THENCE; with Nevil's northerly boundary N 81 deg. 37' 38" W - 235.12 feet to an iron rod, said Iron rod being the northwest corner of Nevil; THENCE; with Nevil's westerly line and the Nevil tract evidenced in Bk 1977 Pg 328 ROWC, TN, S 02 deg. 07' 27" W - 243.3 feet to an iron rod by Cummings situated in a wire fence, said iron rod being situated in the northerly boundary of the Timothy John and Kay R. Neal property as evidenced in 8k 748 Pg 368 ROWC, TN; THENCE; leaving Nevil, with Neal and generally with a wire fence S 23 deg. 39' 07" W - 40.85 feet to an iron rod situated at a wooden fence corner post; THENCE; with Neal's northerly boundary and generally with a wire fence N 86 deg. 20' 59" W - 209.56 feet to an iron rod by Webb, said iron rod being situated at a wooden fence intersection; said iron rod also being a corner of the Whistle Stop, LLC property as evidenced in Bk 5775 Pg 532 ROWC, TN; THENCE; leaving Neal and with Whistle Stop, LLC's easterly boundary line and generally with a wire fence N 05 deg. 26' 08" E -428.20 feet to an Iron rod by Webb situated at a wooden fence corner post; THENCE; with a southerly boundary line of the Whistle Stop, LLC's property and generally with a wire fence S 83 deg. 04' 02" E - 221.64 feet to an iron rod by Webb situated at a wooden fence corner post; THENCE; with an easterly boundary line of the Whistle Stop, LLC's property and generally with a wire fence N 10 deg. 30' 11" E - 18.32 feet to an axle in the fence line, said axle being the southwest corner of the Anna L. Haynes property as evidenced in Bk 1878 Pg 487 ROWC, TN; THENCE; leaving Whistle Stop, LLC and with Haynes' southerly boundary S 81 deq. 37' 38" E - 227.06 feet to an iron rod situated on the westerly boundary of School Street; THENCE; leaving Haynes and with the westerly margin of School Street S 08 deg. 02' 49" W - 152.94 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.90 acres +/- (126,126 square feet), according to a survey by Dividing Line Survey Service, J. R. Faulk TN RLS #2122, dated 10/16/2014.

EXHIBIT "B"

CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

[SEE ATTACHED]





CHARTER NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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Þ The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation. ۳ <u>ح</u> 1. The name of the corporation is: Whistle Stop Farms Homeowners Association Inc. بر 0 Celved 2. Name Consent: (Written Consent for Use of Indistinguishable Name) This entity name already exists in Tennessee and has received name consent from the existing entity. 3. This company has the additional designation of: None 4. The name and complete address of its initial registered agent and office located in the State of Tennessee is: Tennessee LARRY WESTBROOK STE 604 3326 ASPEN GROVE DR FRANKLIN, TN 37067-4858 WILLIAMSON COUNTY Secreta 5. Fiscal Year Close Month: December Period of Duration: Perpetual 6. If the document is not to be effective upon filing by the Secretary of State, the delayed effective date and time is: (Not to exceed 90 days) 7. The corporation is not for profit. 0 8. Please complete all of the following sentences by checking one of the two boxes in each sentence: ٧. This corporation is a public benefit corporation / Immutual benefit corporation. g d This corporation will have members / not have members. 40 9. The complete address of its principal office is: **STE 604** Harge 3326 ASPEN GROVE DR FRANKLIN, TN 37067-4858 WILLIAMSON COUNTY (Note: Pursuant to T.C.A. §10-7-S03 all information on this form is public record.)



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You must file an Annual Report with this office on or before the Annual Report Due Date neted above and maintain a Registered Office and Registered Agent. Failure to do so will subject the business to Administrative Dissolution/Revocation.

Secretary of State

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BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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BYLAWS FOR WHISTLE STOP FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article I Name, Principal Office, and Definitions

Section 1. <u>Name.</u> The name of the Association shall be Whistle Stop Farms 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 Williamson. 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 Whistle Stop Farms, (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. <u>Membership.</u> 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 or by Zoom videoconferencing as may be designated by the Board of Directors either within the Properties or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.

Section 3. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. 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. Annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur at least sixty (60) 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 twenty-five (25%) 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 shall be given 10 days prior to a meeting stating the place, day, and hour of any meetings of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by regular or electronic 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 sent by regular mail, 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. If sent by electronic mail, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered upon receipt of a delivery receipt notice by the sender.

Section 6. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. 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 avote.

Section 7. <u>Adjournment of Meetings</u>. 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) normore 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 at the previously adjourned meeting shall be on the agenda for said meeting. 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'/o) 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 fifteen percent (15%) of the total vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association, and the votes of a majority of the Members, present or by proxy, at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Members on all business voted upon at such meeting, unless a higher percentage of Members' votes is required under the Declaration or these Bylaws. 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. All meetings shall be governed by and conducted according to the most recently published version of Roberts Rules of Order.

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 forth 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. <u>Composition and Selection</u>

Section 1. <u>Governing Body, Composition.</u> 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>. Pursuant to the transfer and assignment of special rights of the Declarant set forth under Article III, Section 2(b) of the Declaration, the Directors shall be selected by Wristle Stop Fams, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, acting in its sole discretion, during the Class "B" Control Period subject only to Article III, Section 6, hereof, and shall serve at the pleasure of Whistle Stop Fams, LLC until the first to occur of the following:

(a) Six(6) months following the date when one hundred (100%) percent of the Lots planned with respect to all phases of Whistle Stop Farms have been conveyed to Persons other than the Declarant or Builders;

(b) Twenty (20) years after the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner other than Declarant or Builders; or

(c) When, in its discretion, Whistle Stop Farms, LLC permits Class "A" Members to be eligible to hold Director positions.

Within thirty (30) days thereafter, Whistle Stop Farms shall cause the Board to call a meeting, as provided in Article III, Section 2, 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/Control of Board and Architectural Review Committee.</u> This Section 3 may not be amended without the express, written consent of the Declarant.

- (a) As provided under Article XI, Section 1 of the Declaration, until one hundred (100%) percent of the Lots have been developed and conveyed to purchasers in the normal course of development and sale, Whistle Stop Farms, LLC retains the right to appoint all members of the ARC. 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.
- (b) 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, as is more fully provided in this Section. These rights shall be exercisable only by the Declarant, and their 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. During this one-year period, no action authorized by the Board of Directors shall become effective, nor shall any action, policy, or program be implemented until and unless the Declarant has been allowed to participate as follows:
 - (i) 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
 - (ii) 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, through their representatives or agents, shall make their concerns, thoughts and suggestions known to the members of the subject committee thereof, the Board, or the Association. 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, through their 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 and 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 five (5).

Section S. <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) If a Board position is open due to the expiration of such member's term and such position cannot be filled because a quorum cannot be obtained pursuant to

Article II, Section 10 to conduct a meeting in order to have an election after two (2) consecutive attempts to hold a meeting, then the Board may appoint a Member to fill such vacant position until an election can be held by the Members at a meeting in which a quorum ispresent.

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 the 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 or inviolation of any restrictions under the Documents for more than sixty (60) 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 to serve the remainder of the term of such director.

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. Board meetings may be held in person or via video or telephone conference at the direction of the Board President. All actions taken during such meeting shall constitute the normal business of the Board and shall be binding as long as a quorum is present during the entire 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; (d) by telegram, charges prepaid;

or (e) by electronic mail with delivery receipt acknowledgment. All such notice 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 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 furthernotice.

Section 13. <u>Compensation.</u> No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved 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. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. 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, 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. All meetings shall be governed by and conducted according to the most recently published version of Roberts Rules of Order.

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 a Director 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;
 - (I) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (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 and regulations governing the Subdivision, 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), (l), (i) (except for the execution and/or filing of documents for the enforcement of Association liens) of Section 16 of this Article. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided under Article XV of the Declaration, no management contract may have a term in excess of three (3) years.

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, finder's 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;
- (I) 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 a cash 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 definquent 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 (15") 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; and (2) an operating (income) statement.

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; provided, however, that any such agreements shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all Directors of the Association.

Except for property management contracts entered into pursuant to Article XV of the Declaration as well as any" contract, lease, or other agreement entered into by the Declarant on behalf of the Association during the Class "B" Control Period, the Association shall not be bound, either directly or indirectly, by any contract, lease, or other agreement (including any management contract) 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' written notice to the other party.

Section 21. Enforcement. The Board shall have the power to impose 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, and may seek any other available remedy at law or in equity 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 Board may choose, at the Board's sole discretion, to collect the fine from the occupant or the respective Owner. 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 sothereafter.

(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</u>, <u>Term of Office</u>, <u>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. <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving 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. <u>Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc.</u> All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two (2) officers, unless the Board has specifically designated an officer(s), 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, provided that the cost of any such copies shall be paid by the requesting party.
- (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 right of inspection by a Director includes the right to make extracts and a copy of relevant documents at the expense of the Association.

Section S. <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:

- (a) United States Mail, first class postage prepaid:
 - (i) 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
 - (ii) 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, sent via regular or electronic mail, to the Members pursuant to this Section.
- (b) electronic mail to the address provided for the Member or Association, as applicable, with delivery receipt acknowledgment.

Section 6. <u>Amendment.</u> Prior to the conveyance of the first Lot, Declarant may unilaterally amend these Bylaws. After such conveyance, the Declarant may unilaterally

amend these Bylaws so long as it has the right to annex Additional Property pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the 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 XVIII, 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 Williamson. Tennessee.

ICERTIFICATION PAGE TO FOLLOW!

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Bylaws are hereby adopted as the Bylaws of WHISTLE STOP FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Tennessee nonprofit corporation, by the undersigned as of this the ______ day of _____ vec____ lea___, 2020.

WHISTLE STOP FARMS, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company

John Y. Franks Its: Secretary

This Instrument
Prepared By:
Steltemeier & Westbrook, PLLC
3326 Aspen Grove Drive, Suite 604
Franklin, TN 37067
Attn: Larry N. Westbrook

TRUE COPY CERTIFICATION

I, Larry N. Westbrook, do hereby make oath that I am a licensed attorney and/or the custodian of the electronic version of the attached document tendered for registration herewith and that this is a true and correct copy of the original document executed and authenticated according to law.

Signature - Larry N. Westbrook

State of Tennessee County of Williamson

Personally appeared before me, Melissa A. Smith, a notary public in and for this county and state, Larry N. Westbrook, who acknowledges that this certification of an electronic document is true and correct and whose signature I have witnessed.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/27/23

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JESSICA SWEENEY	736339 ~ 20073429	
12/22/2020 - 11:3	30:27 AM	
MORTGAGE TAX	0.00	
TRANSFER TAX	0.00	
RECORDING FEE	335.00	
DP FEE	2.00	
REGISTER'S FEE	0.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT	337.00	

STATE of TENNESSEE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY

SHERRY ANDERSON