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# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF WESTWOOD PLACE

This Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Conditions and Easements is hereby made by **D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation**, whose mailing address is 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33966.

#### WITNESSETH:

- D.R. Horton, Inc. is the owner in fee simple of the property described in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property"); and
  - D.R. Horton, Inc. for purposes of this Declaration will be the Declarant; and
- D.R. Horton, Inc. intends, but shall not be required, to develop the Property as a residential community and to construct homes upon the property described in **Exhibit "A"**, provided that in any event such construction will be subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the property described in **Exhibit** "A" shall be held, sold, conveyed, leased, mortgaged and otherwise dealt with subject to the protective covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges as hereinafter set forth, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and plan of development for the same. Said covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges shall run with the real property described in **Exhibit** "A", and shall be binding upon all parties having and/or acquiring any right, title or interest in said property or any portion thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each and every person or party, from time to time, owning or holding an interest in said Property.

## **ARTICLE I**

## **DEFINITIONS**

The following words and terms when used in this Declaration or any supplemental declaration hereto or any amendment thereto (unless the context shall clearly indicate otherwise) shall have the following meanings:

Section 1. "Articles" mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation, attached

hereto as **Exhibit "B"**, and all exhibits which are attached thereto and made a part thereof, and shall include such amendments, if any, as may be adopted from time to time pursuant to the terms thereof.

- Section 2. "<u>Association</u>" means the Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation, its successors and assigns.
- Section 3. "<u>Builder</u>" means any person or entity that purchases more than one Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of constructing Homes on such Lots for sale to third party purchasers.
- Section 4. "<u>By-Laws</u>" mean the By-Laws of Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc., attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "C"</u> and all exhibits attached thereto and made a part thereof, and shall include such amendments, if any, as may be adopted from time to time pursuant to the terms thereof.
- Section 5. "Common Area" is the property owned by or dedicated to the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Members and all improvements constructed thereon and such other property as determined by Declarant, in its sole and absolute discretion, which may include rights of way, open space, entrance features and gates, preserve areas, drainage facilities, landscape buffer and surface water management systems.
  - Section 6. "County" shall mean Lee County, Florida.
- Section 7. "Declarant" means D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor of Declarant who may be assigned all or a part of the rights and obligations of Declarant pursuant to a written assignment executed by Declarant and recorded among the Public Records of Lee County, Florida. If Declarant assigns only a portion of its rights and obligations as Declarant hereunder to an assignee, then the term Declarant as used in this Declaration shall mean such assignee only when necessary to give such assignee the rights and obligations of Declarant hereunder which were assigned to such assignee to the same extent as if such assignee had been the original Declarant, and said assignee shall not have any of the rights and obligations of Declarant hereunder which were not specifically assigned to such assignee.
- Section 8. "<u>Declaration</u>" means this instrument, together with the Exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof, and shall include such amendments, if any, as may be adopted from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof.
- Section 9. "<u>Development Period</u>" means the period of time until the Declarant has sold the last Lot within the Property or any property annexed to the Property and becoming a part of the Property as provided herein to a third party purchasers.
  - Section 10. "Home" is a single family dwelling constructed upon and including a Lot.
- Section 11. "<u>Institutional First Mortgage</u>" is a mortgage executed in favor of an Institutional First Mortgagee, which mortgage is a first and prior mortgage encumbering a Home.

- Section 12. "<u>Institutional First Mortgagee</u>" is a bank, federal savings bank, and loan association, any insurance company, pension fund, real estate trust, Federal National Mortgage Association or its assigns, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company or its assigns, or any other party engaged in the business of mortgage financing, which owns or holds a first and prior mortgage encumbering a Home, and shall include any corporate subsidiary of such entity.
- Section 13. "<u>Lot</u>" is a designated lot within the property described on the Plat or any property annexed thereto and becoming a part of the Property conveyed or to be conveyed to an Owner upon which there has been constructed or will be constructed a Home.
  - Section 14. "Member" is every person or entity who is a Member in the Association.
- Section 15. "Owner" is the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those parties having such interest merely as security for the performance of any obligation.
- Section 16. "<u>Plat</u>" is the Plat of the Property to be recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- Section 17. "<u>Property</u>" is the property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u>, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association and subject to the terms of this Declaration.
- Section 18. "Rules" are collectively the rules and regulations which the Board of Directors of the Association may promulgate or impose and thereafter modify, alter, amend, rescind and augment any of the same with respect to the use, operation, and enjoyment of the Property, though excluding the Common Area, and any improvements located thereon.
- Section 19. "<u>Westwood Place</u>" or "<u>Community</u>" means the planned community planned for development upon the property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> or any property annexed as provided herein; the said being within Lee County, Florida.

The foregoing definitions shall be applicable to this Declaration and to any supplemental declaration hereto or any amendment to this Declaration, unless otherwise expressly provided herein or therein.

#### ARTICLE II

## PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

Section 1. <u>Legal Description</u>. The real property which is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration is located in the County, and is the property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u>, and such additions as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association and subject to the terms of this Declaration, less the portions thereof dedicated and/or conveyed to other entities.

- Section 2. Application of Declaration. The Property shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration, and any and all supplements and lawful amendments hereto and any and all supplements and lawful amendments thereto. By receipt of delivery of a deed to any of the Property or other instrument evidencing ownership, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance or adjudication, each Owner hereby agrees to abide by and accept title to such portion of the Property and all terms and provisions of this Declaration. The filing of this Declaration and subjecting the Property to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges contained herein shall not be construed in any way as inhibiting or prohibiting the Declarant from conveying the Lots or improvements within the Property to third parties free and clear of any covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges, except for those specifically provided for in this Declaration. Lots so conveyed by the Declarant to third parties shall be used and held by said third parties in accordance with this Declaration.
- Section 3. <u>Additional Property</u>. Additional property may become subject to this Declaration or be withdrawn from the terms of this Declaration in the following manner:
- (a) 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 to annex, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association, all or any portion of the real property described in a Supplemental Declaration. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of the Members. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing of 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 or assignment is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument executed by Declarant.
- (b) Annexation With Approval of Class "A" Membership. Subject to the consent of the owner thereof, after the expiration of the Class B Member the Association may annex additional real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association. Such annexation shall require the affirmative vote of not less than sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Class "A" Members of the Association. Annexation shall be accomplished by filing of record in the public records of the County, a Supplemental Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplemental Declaration shall be signed by an authorized officer of the Association, and by the owner of the property being annexed, and any such annexation shall be effective upon filing unless otherwise provided therein. The relevant provisions of the Bylaws dealing with regular or special meetings, as the case may be, shall apply to determine the time required for and the proper form of notice of any meeting called for the purpose of considering annexation of property pursuant to this Section and to ascertain the presence of a quorum at such meeting.
- (c) <u>Acquisition of Additional Common Area</u>. Declarant may convey to the Association additional real property, or any interest therein, improved or unimproved, and upon conveyance or dedication to the Association shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense as a Common Area for the benefit of all of its Members.

- Withdrawal of Land. Declarant shall be entitled to withdraw portions of the Land owned by Declarant from the terms and conditions of this Declaration, subject to the terms and conditions of this Section. For purposes of this Declaration, the portion of the Land withdrawn from the terms hereof shall be referred to as the "Withdrawn Property." In order to withdraw such portion of the Land from the terms of this Declaration, Declarant shall record in the Public Records of the County an instrument executed with the formalities of a Deed, which instrument shall make reference to this Declaration, state that the purpose of the instrument is to withdraw the Withdrawn Property from the terms and conditions of this Declaration, and contain a legal description of the Withdrawn Property. Declarant shall have the right to withdraw portions of the Land from the terms and conditions of this Declaration without the joinder, ratification or approval of the Association, any Owner, or any lienholder, provided that Declarant is the fee simple owner of the Withdrawn Property, and provided that the withdrawal of the Withdrawn Property shall not result in the reduction of the number of Lots within the Community or the substantial material reduction of the size of any Lot. Upon the withdrawal of the Withdrawn Property from the terms and conditions of this Declaration, the Withdrawn Property shall no longer be subject to the terms of this Declaration, including all exhibits hereto, or any other covenants, restrictions and/or regulations provided herein or adopted hereunder, except for those easements, rights-of-way, or other portions hereof which, by their terms, specifically survive the termination of this Declaration, which shall include the withdrawal of such lands from the terms and conditions of this Declaration.
- (e) <u>Amendment</u>. This Article II, Section 3 shall not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant, so long as the Declarant holds Lots or Units for sale in the ordinary course of business.
- Section 4. <u>Association</u>. By taking title to a Lot in the Community, each Owner becomes subject to the terms and conditions of the Declaration, as amended from time to time. Each Owner shall abide by all covenants and restrictions, rules and regulations of the Declaration. The assessments established by the Association are to be used for the improvement, maintenance, enhancement and operation of the Association property and to provide services which the Association is authorized or required to provide in accordance with the Declaration and for such other purposes reasonably related to the carrying out of the authorized functions and purposes of the Association. The amount of assessments due to the Association is set by the Board of Directors of the Association and such assessments are allocated among each Lot in the Association. The Association also controls, oversees and improves various architectural guidelines governing the Property and reviews and approves plans for exterior improvements and modification in accordance with the Declaration. No recreational amenities will be part of the Community.

#### **ARTICLE III**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. Every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges, of this Declaration, including contract sellers, shall be a Member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who

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hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. No Owner shall have more than one membership for each Lot owned. Membership shall be appurtenant to a Lot and may not be separated from ownership of the Lot. Ownership of a Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership. The Owner of record of each Lot shall be subject to assessment by the Association, as hereinafter provided, and shall be subject to enforcement by the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE IV

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall be those Owners defined in Article III with the exception of the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership by Article III. When more than one (1) person or entity holds such interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant, D.R. Horton, Inc., its successors and assigns. The Class B member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class A Member vote, provided that the Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- Ninety (90%) percent of the Lots have been conveyed to third-party purchasers other than Builders;
- (b) Ten (10) years from the date of recording this Declaration; or
- (c) Thirty (30) days after Declarant elects to terminate the Class B Membership.

#### ARTICLE V

#### PROPERTY RIGHTS

- Section 1. Membership Easements of Enjoyment. Every Member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the non-exclusive use of the Common Area, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- The right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles of (a) Incorporation and By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area, and in aid thereof to mortgage said Common Area and the rights of such mortgagee in said Common Area shall be subordinate to the rights of the Owners hereunder; the right to mortgage the Common Area provided herein shall not become effective until a Home has been constructed upon each Lot within the Property and each Lot has been conveyed from the Declarant to a

purchaser. No such rights to mortgage shall be effective unless an instrument shall be signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members other than the Declarant.

- (b) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes, and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members, or to mortgage all or any part of the Common Area. No such dedication, transfer or mortgage, shall be effective unless an instrument signed by Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of the Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of the Class B membership, if any, has been recorded, agreeing to such dedication or transfer, and unless written notice of the proposed action is sent to every Member not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the duly called meeting at which the vote on such dedication or transfer is held;
- (c) The right of the Declarant or the Association to establish, from time to time, certain easements over the Common Area for utilities, broadband communications, cable television and other common services purposes;
- (d) The right of the Association to charge reasonable fees for the use of designated facilities (if any) on the Common Area;
  - (e) Existing easements and agreements of record;
  - (f) Easements referred to in Article X hereof;
- (g) The right to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area and facilities thereon shall extend to all Members and their family, tenants, contract purchasers and invited guests, provided there is delegation of the right of enjoyment in accordance with the By-Laws and subject to regulation from time to time by the Association in its Rules;
- (h) Access to certain Common Area within the Property may not be obtained from an Owner's or Member's Lot or other Common Area or publicly dedicated streets or properties. Thus, to obtain access to certain Common Area for which access can not be obtained from the Owner's or Member's Lot, other Common Area or publicly dedicated streets or properties, the Owner or Member shall need to obtain the permission of a Lot Owner whose Lot is contiguous to said Common Area. The fact that a Member or Owner shall not have access to certain Common Area from his or her Lot, Common Area or publicly dedicated streets or properties does not allow an Owner to escape liability for assessments provided for in Article VI of this Declaration; and
  - (i) The other provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and By-Laws.

## Section 2. Common Area.

(a) <u>Ownership</u>. The Declarant hereby represents that the fee simple title to the Common Area has been or will be conveyed to the Association and the Association shall maintain the Common Area. The Association shall be obligated to accept conveyance of any Common Areas from the Declarant as deemed necessary or advisable by Declarant.

- Maintenance. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Common Areas in a continuous and satisfactory manner in good order, condition, and repair. In addition, the Association shall replace as scheduled any and all improvements situated on the Common Areas (upon completion of construction by Declarant), including, but not limited to, all landscaping, paving, drainage structures, street lighting fixtures, signs, irrigation systems, sidewalks, and other structures, but excepting any public utilities. The Association shall be authorized, but not required, to provide other services, such as installation and maintenance of security gates (manned and/or unmanned), operation of a guardhouse, and emergency repairs and other work on Lots reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the Community, and shall have easement rights necessary to perform same. All work pursuant to this Section and all expenses hereunder shall be paid for by the Association through assessments as provided in this Declaration; provided, however, that the cost of any maintenance, repair or replacement caused by the negligent conduct of an Owner or its guest, tenants or other invitees or by the failure of an Owner to comply with the lawfully adopted rules and regulations of the Association shall be levied as a Special Assessment against such Owner individually. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments for such maintenance by non-use of the Common Areas or abandonment of his right to use the Common Areas.
- (c) <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the Common Areas, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. Sanctions may include reasonable monetary fines and suspension of the right to vote. The Board of Directors shall, in addition, have the power to seek relief in any court for violations or to abate nuisances. Imposition of sanctions shall be as provided herein and in the Bylaws of the Association.
- Section 3. <u>Declarant's Reserved Rights</u>. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the property rights under this Article V shall be subject to:
- (a) The right of Declarant to execute all documents and take such actions and do such acts affecting the Property or the Common Area which, in the Declarant's sole discretion, are desirable or necessary to facilitate the Declarant's actual construction or development, construction, sales and marketing of the Property. However, nothing contained herein shall authorize either Declarant to take any action that will diminish the rights of any lienholder or the holder of any mortgage on any Lot or on the Common Area; take any action that will affect title to any of the Lots after conveyance to third parties; or unilaterally change the Declaration, Articles, By-Laws and Rules after the Class B Membership has terminated;
- (b) Easements of record on the date hereof and any easements which may hereafter be granted by Declarant to any public or private utilities or governmental bodies for the installation and maintenance of cable television, electrical and telephone conduit and lines, sewers or water pipes, or any other utilities or services to any Lots within the Property or any portion of the Common Area or such easements as Declarant may determine are necessary or beneficial for the maintenance or preservation of the Property;
- (c) The Declarant shall have full rights of ingress and egress to and through, and over and about the Property, including all Common Areas, during the Development Period

and such additional period of time as Declarant is engaged in any construction or improvement work, sales, leasing or marketing of the Community on or within the Property, and the Declarant shall further have an easement thereon for the purpose of storage of materials, vehicles, tools, equipment, etc., which are being utilized in such development or construction and for the use and maintenance of signs, banners, and the like being used in connection with the sale or promotion of the Property, or any portion thereof. The Declarant shall further have the right to operate and maintain models, sales centers and leasing offices and to operate and open gates and access to the Community to facilitate sales and marketing of the Community in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. No Owner, his guests, employees, servants, agents and invitees shall in any way interfere with or hamper Declarant, its agents, servants, employees, invitees, successors or assigns, in connection with such construction, development, promotion or sales activity; and

- (d) The Declarant shall have full right to assign any or all of its right, title and interest in the Property, both as Declarant and as a Member of the Association, to another party by the execution and recording of a proper instrument in the Public Records of the County. This provision shall not, however, be construed to allow Declarant to assign a membership in the Association in a transaction separate from ownership of a Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant shall also have the right to grant a Builder certain rights reserved hereunder to the Declarant for the purpose of constructing Homes in the Community by executing an assignment of rights in favor of the Builder to be kept in the official records of the Association.
- Section 4. <u>No Dedication to Public Use</u>. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be construed or be deemed to constitute a dedication, express or implied, of any part of the Common Area, except for access to and from and throughout the property described in the Plat or any additions thereto.
- Section 5. <u>Incorporation of Easements by Reference</u>. Reference in the respective deeds of conveyance, or any mortgage or trust deeds or other evidence of obligation, to the easements and covenants herein described shall be sufficient to create and reserve such easements and covenants to the respective grantees, mortgagees or trustees of said parcels as fully and completely as though said easements and covenants were fully recited and set forth in their entirety in such documents.
- Section 6. <u>Surface Water Management</u>. It is acknowledged that the surface water management, drainage and storage system for the Property is one integrated system, and accordingly those portions contained within the Property shall be deemed Common Area and an easement is hereby created over the entire Property for the surface water drainage and storage, and for the installation and maintenance of the surface water management, drainage and storage system for the Property; provided, however that such easement shall be subject to improvements constructed within the Property as permitted by controlling governmental authorities from time to time. If, pursuant to the permitting requirements of any governmental authority, the surface water management system for the Property is required to provide drainage for any other property, such other property shall have an easement for drainage purposes into the surface water management system for the Property. The surface water management, drainage, and storage system of the Property shall be developed, operated, and maintained in conformance with the requirements of, and any permits or approvals issued by the South Florida Water Management District ("WMD") and any other controlling governmental authority. Except as hereafter

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provided, the Association shall maintain the entire surface water management, drainage, and storage system for the Property, including but not limited to all lakes and canals, swale areas, retention areas, culverts, pipes, pumps, catch basins, preserve areas, and related appurtenances, and any littoral zones in any lakes or other waterway, regardless of whether or not same are natural or man-made within the Property or are owned by the Association and the cost of the same shall be a common expense. Such maintenance shall be performed in conformance with the requirements of any governmental authority, and an easement for such maintenance is hereby created. The Association will have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain any portion of the surface water management, drainage, and storage system for the Property which is owned and/or maintained by any controlling governmental authority, or which is outside of the Property. The Association will have the right to enter into agreements with any controlling governmental authority or any other property owner or association for the common maintenance of the surface water management, drainage, and storage system serving the Property and any other property. The Property shall be required to accept surface water drainage from any other property pursuant to the requirements of any controlling governmental authority and an easement for such drainage is hereby created, and in connection therewith the Association will have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain any portion of the surface water management system for such other property reasonably required in connection with the maintenance or operation of the surface water management system for the Property. If wetland mitigation monitoring will be required, the Association shall be responsible to complete the task successfully, including meeting all conditions associated with mitigation maintenance and monitoring.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments to be Paid to the Association. The Declarant, for each Lot owned by it within the Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance (including any purchaser at a judicial sale), is deemed to covenant, which covenant shall run with the land and be binding on every Owner, and agrees to pay to the Association: (1) any regular assessments or charges for the operating expenses of the Association (including payment of property taxes which may be assessed against Common Area or any personal property which may in the future be owned by the Association) ("Regular Assessments" or "Annual Assessments"); and (2) any special assessments for improvements, or to fund any deficits between the amount collected for regular assessments in accordance with the annual budget and the amount determined necessary by the Association for the proper management and maintenance of the Common Area, together with other costs and/or expenses levied or imposed against the Association or property of the Association ("Special Assessments"); and (3) any individual assessments or charges incurred by the Association on behalf of one or more Lots but not all Lots ("Individual Assessments"). All such assessments shall be fixed, established and collected from time to time as hereinafter provided. The Regular, Special and Individual Assessments, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, including attorney's fees, as hereinafter provided and any applicable late fee imposed by the Board of Directors of the Association, shall be a charge on the Property and shall be a continuing lien relating back to the date of recordation of the Declaration upon any Lot against which each such assessment is made, and said lien may be enforced in the same manner in which mortgages are enforced. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs (including applicable late fees), and reasonable attorneys' fees for its collection, including attorneys' fees involved at all appellate levels and whether or not suit is instituted, shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who was the Owner of the Lot at the time when the assessment becomes due.

Section 2. <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The assessments to be levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Property and shall specifically include, but not limited to: payment of water charges for the Lots and Common Area billed through a master water meter (if applicable); any fees due under a bulk service agreement entered into on behalf of the Owners by the Association or Declarant; the maintenance of the Common Area; the payment of taxes and insurance for the Common Area; payment for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area; and services and facilities related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area. Special Assessments shall be used to fund capital improvements, deficits in the collection of Regular Assessments to cover operating expenses of the Association, and other purposes deemed necessary by a majority vote of Owners of the Association as set forth in Section 5 hereof. Individual Assessments shall be for the costs incurred by the Association which by nature are applicable only to one or more Lots, but less than all Lots. By way of example and not limitation, in the event an Owner fails to maintain their Lot in a manner required by the Governing Documents, the Association shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon the Lot and to repair, restore, and maintain the Lot and/or Home as required by the Governing Documents. The costs of any such repair, restoration and/or maintenance, plus the reasonable administrative expenses of the Association and any costs incurred in bringing a Lot and/or Home into compliance with the Governing Documents shall be an Individual Assessment.

Section 3. Basis of Annual Assessments. For the first twelve (12) months of operation of the Association, the Annual Assessment shall be the amount as set forth in the estimated operating budget of the Association for the initial year of operation. From and after the initial year of operation, the Annual Assessment shall be determined in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association taking into account current maintenance costs and future needs of the Association. Each Owner acknowledges the Association is responsible for the repair and maintenance of capital improvements that may result in a Special Assessment due to reserves not being collected. Because reserve accounts are not being initially provided for by the Declarant, the Members of the Association may elect to collect reserves after the expiration of the Class B Membership upon the affirmative approval of a majority of the total voting interests of the Association obtained by a vote of the Members at a duly called meeting of the membership or by the written consent of a majority of the total voting interests of the Association. The approval action of the membership must state that reserve accounts shall be provided for in the budget and must designate the components for which the reserve accounts are to be established. Upon approval by the membership, the Board shall include the required reserve accounts in the budget in the next fiscal year following the approval and each year thereafter. Once reserves are established as provided in this subsection, the reserve accounts must be funded or maintained or have their funding waived in the manner provided by Chapter 720, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the same, reserves will not be funded by the

Declarant for the Lots Declarant owns so long as Declarant is funding any deficits in operating costs pursuant to Section 12 herein.

Section 4. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Both Annual and Special Assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots with a Home and may be collected on a quarterly basis or as determined by the Board of Directors; provided, however, any unimproved or vacant Lot which does not have a Home that is occupied or has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy, shall only be obligated to pay 25% of the per Lot Annual Assessment. Payments of all assessments will be made directly to the Association or its designated management company and in no instance shall any mortgagees have the obligation to collect assessments.

Section 5. Special Assessment for Capital Improvements. In addition to the Annual Assessment authorized above, the Association may levy in any assessment year, a Special Assessment applicable to that year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair or replacement of a described capital improvement upon the Common Area, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto, PROVIDED that any such assessments shall have the assent of a majority of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Members not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting. Any unimproved or vacant Lot which does not have a Home that is occupied or has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy on the date of the Special Assessment, shall only be obligated to pay 25% of the per Lot Special Assessments. The remaining balance of the Special Assessment shall be allocated equally to all Lots with Homes.

Section 6. Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 5. At each meeting called, as provided in Section 5 hereof, the presence of the meeting of Members or of proxies entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirements set forth in Section 4 and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (½) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Assessments provided for herein shall commence upon the sale of a Lot from the Declarant to a third party purchaser; provided, however, unimproved or vacant Lots shall pay only 25% of the regular Annual Assessment until the earliest of the following events to occur: a) a Certificate of Occupancy being issued for a Home constructed on a Lot; or b) the occupancy by an Owner of a Home constructed on a Lot. The Annual Assessment due and payable for each unimproved or vacant Lot that is issued a Certificate of Occupancy or has an occupied Home shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the amount of the Annual Assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each year. Written notice of the Annual Assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto together with the due date of such assessments established by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, if necessary to insure cash flow, may institute reasonable late payment fees for delinquent payment of the annual assessment. The Association

shall upon demand at any time furnish a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

Section 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within ten (10) days (or such other period of time established by the Board) after the due date, an administrative late fee of the greater of Twenty-Five and no/100 Dollars (\$25.00) or 5% of the amount of the installment that is past due, together with interest in an amount equal to the maximum rate per annum allowable by law beginning from the due date until paid in full may be levied. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot to which the assessment is levied, and interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including at all appellate levels and whether or not suit is instituted, in collection or enforcement shall be added to the amount of such assessment. Additionally, the Board of Directors of the Association may at its discretion accelerate the Assessments then due from a delinquent Owner for the next twelve (12) The Association may also notify any mortgagees or lenders of Owner, any coborrowers and/or guarantor(s) without recourse to Declarant and/or the Association of delinquencies in the payment of Assessments. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his or her Lot. All payments on accounts shall be first applied to fines levied in accordance with the terms of the Declaration, interest accrued by the Association, then to any administrative late fees, then to collection costs and attorney fees, and then to the delinquent Assessments. The allocation of payments described herein shall apply notwithstanding any restrictive endorsement, designation or instruction placed on or accompanying a payment. Additionally, if a Home is occupied by a Lessee and the Owner is delinquent in the payment of Assessments, the Association may demand from the Lessee payment to the Association of all monetary obligations, including without limitation, Assessments due from the Owner to the Association. So long as the Owner remains delinquent, future rent payments due to the Owner may be collected by the Association and shall be credited to the monetary obligations of the Owner to the Association. If within fourteen (14) days from written demand of the Association, the Lessee provides the Association with written evidence of making prepaid rent payments, the Lessee shall receive credit for the prepaid rent for the applicable period of such prepaid rent.

Section 9. Special Assessment Against a Particular Owner of Lot. In the event an Owner of any Lot in the Property shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the Association, after approval by a majority of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said parcel and to repair, maintain, and restore the Lot, and the exterior of the buildings and any other improvements erected thereon. The costs of such exterior maintenance to which such Lot is subject; and said assessment shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for in Section 8.

Section 10. <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages</u>. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be superior to all other liens except tax liens and the liens of any bona fide Institutional First Mortgage to an Institutional First Mortgage recorded prior to any lien for assessments by the Association; provided, however, that said mortgage liens are first liens against the property encumbered thereby, subject only to tax liens, and secure indebtednesses payable in monthly, quarterly or annual payments over a period of not less than ten (10) years.

Section 11. <u>Exempt Property</u>. The following Property subject to this Declaration shall be exempt from the assessments created herein: (a) any portion of the Property dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority; (b) the Common Area; (c) any portion of the Property which is designated and/or reserved for easements; and (d) any portion of the Property owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Florida; however, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

Section 12. Declarant's Right to Deficit Fund Operating Expenses. Notwithstanding any provision that may be contained to the contrary in this Declaration, for as long as Declarant is the owner of any Lot, the Declarant shall not be liable for Annual, Special or Individual Assessments against such Lots owned by the Declarant, provided that the Declarant funds any deficit in operating expenses exclusive of reserves, cost of capital improvements, non-budgeted repairs or replacement and management fees (if the Declarant is entitled to same). For the purposes hereof, a deficit shall be computed by subtraction from said operating expenses (exclusive of the items described in the foregoing sentence) all assessments, contributions and other sums received or receivable by the Association. The Declarant may at any time commence to pay assessments to the Lots that it owns and thereby automatically terminate its obligations to fund a deficit in the operating expenses of the Association, or any time or from time to time elect again to fund deficits as aforesaid. When all Lots within the Property are sold and conveyed to purchasers, the Declarant shall have no further liability of any kind to the Association for the payment of assessments or deficits other than those that arose to prior to such time.

Section 13. <u>Surface Water Management System.</u> The Association is responsible for assessing and collecting fees for the operation, maintenance, and, if necessary, replacement of the surface water management system, preserve areas and preserve or conservation easements, which is part of the Common Area. Fees shall be assessed and collected through Annual Assessments or other assessment, if necessary.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION**

Section 1. <u>Capital Contribution on Sale By Declarant</u>. At the time of the closing of a Home by the Declarant or a Builder, each purchaser shall pay to the Association a sum of \$500.00 charged by the Association at the time of conveyance as the amount of working capital contribution. These monies (hereinafter called "**Capital Contribution**") shall be the Association's property, and shall be held by the Association through its Board of Directors, pursuant to the powers described in the Articles and By-Laws. The Capital Contribution shall be

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deemed ordinary association income and need not be separated from or held or applied differently than assessments. No refund of a Capital Contribution will be made on re-sale.

Section 2. <u>Capital Contribution on Sale By Owner Other Than Declarant</u>. At the time of the closing of a Home pursuant to a sale by an Owner other than Declarant, each purchaser shall pay to the Association a sum of \$500.00 charged by the Association at the time of conveyance as Capital Contribution. These monies shall be the Association's property, and shall be held by the Association through its Board of Directors, pursuant to the powers described in the Articles and By-Laws. The Capital Contribution shall be deemed ordinary association income and need not be separated from or held or applied differently than assessments. No refund of a Capital Contribution will be made on re-sale.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL**

Section 1. Review of Proposed Construction. Subject to Section 2 below, no improvement or alteration of any kind, including, but not limited to, a fence, wall or other addition, structure, or equipment (including landscaping, antennas, awnings, and shutters) shall be installed, painted, erected, removed or maintained within the Property, until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association. The Board of Directors of the Association shall approve proposals or plans and specifications submitted for its approval only if it deems that the construction, alterations or additions contemplated thereby in the locations indicated will not be detrimental to the appearance of the surrounding area of the Property and that the appearance of any improvement or other structure affected thereby will be in harmony with surrounding structures and improvements (or the surrounding area contemplated by Declarant, if within the Development Period) and it otherwise desirable. The Board of Directors of the Association may condition its approval of proposals and plans and specifications as it deems appropriate, and may require submission of additional plans and specifications or other information prior to approving or disapproving material submitted. The Board of Directors of the Association may also issue rules or guidelines setting forth procedures for the submission of plans for approval. The Board of Directors of the Association may require such detail in plans and specifications submitted for its review as it deems proper, including, without limitation, floor plans, site plans, drainage plans, elevation drawings and descriptions or samples of exterior materials and colors. Until receipt by the Board of Directors of the Association of any required plans and specifications, the Board of Directors of the Association may postpone review of any plans submitted for approval. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have forty-five (45) days after delivery of all required materials to approve or reject any such plans. During the period of time the Declarant appoints the majority of the Board, if an Owner's plans are not approved within such 45-day period, said plans shall be deemed not approved; however, once Owners other than the Declarant elect a majority of the Board, if an Owner's plans are not approved within such 45-day period, said plans shall be deemed approved. All changes and alterations shall be subject independently to all applicable governmental laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders and decrees. Any alteration or modification to the location and/or placement of exterior walls of any Home shall be

further conditioned on compliance with the County ordinances and the obtaining of applicable governmental approvals, if any.

- Section 2. <u>No Waiver of Future Approvals</u>. The approval of the Board of Directors of the Association of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of the Board of Directors of the Association, 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 whether subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- Section 3. <u>Liability of the Board of Directors of the Association</u>. No member of the Board of Directors of the Association (or Declarant) shall be liable to any Owner or other person by reason of mistake in judgment, failure to point out deficiencies in plans, or any other act or omission in connection with the approval of any plans. Any Owner submitting plans hereunder by the submitting of same, agrees (i) not to seek any damages or make any claim arising out of approval of plans hereunder, and (ii) to indemnify and hold the Board of Directors of the Association, the Association and Declarant harmless from any cost, claim, damage, expense or liability whatsoever, including attorneys' fees and costs at all tribunal and appellate levels (and whether or not suit is instituted), arising out of the approval of any plans regardless of the negligence of the committee members, their representatives, or appointing entity.
- Section 4. <u>Inspection of Work</u>. Inspection of work and correction of defects therein shall proceed as follows:
- (a) Upon the completion of any work for which approved plans are required hereunder the applicant for such approval ("**Applicant**") shall give written notice of completion to the Board of Directors of the Association.
- (b) Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Association (or its duly authorized representative) may inspect such completed work. If the Board of Directors of the Association finds that such work was not affected in substantial compliance with the approved plans, it shall notify the Applicant in writing of such noncompliance within such thirty (30) day period, specifying the particulars of noncompliance, and shall require the Applicant to remedy the same.
- (c) If an Applicant is notified of any noncompliance, the Applicant shall remedy or remove the same within a period of not more than forty-five (45) days from the date of announcement of the Board ruling. If Applicant does not comply with the Board of Directors of the Association ruling within such period, the Board, at its option, may either remove the noncomplying improvement or remedy the noncompliance (an easement therefore being hereby created), and Applicant shall reimburse the Association, upon demand, for all expenses incurred in connection therewith. This amount, together with interest thereon at the rate of eighteen (18%) percent per annum from the date the noncompliance was to have been remedied or removed, the maximum late fee allowed under Florida Statutes for each month that a violation exists if payment is not made within thirty (30) days after announcement, and all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association in collection, enforcement or abatement, as appropriate (including attorneys' fees incurred at all appellate levels and whether or not suit is

instituted) shall be a personal obligation of Owner and shall not pass to the successors in title of Owner unless expressly assumed by such successors. Such amount (including interest, costs, late fees and attorneys' fees as provided above) shall also be a continuing lien and run with the land on the Owner's Property if not paid within thirty (30) days after notice enforceable in the same manner in which mortgages are enforced by foreclosure, or by bringing an action at law or equity against the Owner.

- If for any reason the Board of Directors of the Association fails to notify the Applicant of any noncompliance within forty-five (45) days after receipt of written notice of completion from the Applicant, the improvement shall be deemed to have been made in accordance with the approved plans.
- <u>Variances</u>. The Board of Directors of the Association may authorize Section 5. variances from compliance with any of the architectural provisions of this Declaration when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic or environmental considerations may require. Such variance must be evidenced in writing and must be signed by at least two (2) members of the Board of Directors of the Association. If such variances are granted, no violation of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance was granted. The granting of such a variance shall not operate to waive any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and particular provisions hereof covered by the variance, nor shall it affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental laws and regulations affecting his use of the Lot and Home, including, but not limited to, zoning ordinances and lot setback lines or requirements imposed by any governmental or municipal authority.
- Section 6. Architectural Review Committee. The Board of Directors of the Association may assign all of its responsibilities under Article VIII to an Architectural Review Committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association (the "ARC").
- Section 7. Declarant's Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this Article does not apply to the Declarant.

## **ARTICLE IX**

## USE RESTRICTIONS

- Section 1. No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes. No building shall be erected altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than a Home.
- No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, barn, shed or other out-building shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence or appendage to such residence, either temporary or permanent, except for temporary construction trailer of Declarant.
- No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the

neighborhood within the Plat, or any matter which affects the health, safety or welfare of the owners or occupants of the Property, in the Association's reasonable discretion.

No livestock or poultry shall be kept, maintained, or bred in any Home or elsewhere within the Property, except for fish in an aquarium and birds in cages maintained in the interior of the Home and not more than a total of two (2) domestic dogs (other than pit bull dogs or other dogs which in the reasonable determination of the Board of Directors are determined to be a threat to the safety of the occupants of the Property which shall not be allowed under any circumstances in the Property) or two (2) domestic cats shall be permitted to be kept in a Home or Lot, provided such animals are not kept, bred or raised for commercial purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall specifically have the power to either permit additional domestic dogs or cats to be kept as pets by an Owner if in the determination of the Board such pets shall not cause or be deemed by the Board of Directors to constitute a nuisance to any other Owner in the determination of the Board of Directors. Each person bringing or keeping a pet within the Property shall be absolutely liable to the Association, other Owners and their invitees for any damage to persons or property caused by any pet brought upon or kept upon the Property and it shall be the duty and responsibility of each such Owner to clean up after such animals which have deposited droppings or otherwise used any portion of the Property or public street abutting or visible from the Property. Animals belonging to Owners or invitees of any Owner must be kept within an enclosure or on a leash held by a person capable of controlling the animal. No pets shall be "tied out" in a yard or on a porch or patio and left unattended for any extended period of time. The Association shall have the right to promulgate Rules and Regulations relating to animals and the right to restrict or require removal of any such animals determined by the Board to constitute a nuisance. In addition, all pet owners shall be required to maintain at all times adequate homeowners' insurance coverage for any and all liabilities related to the pet(s) owned and kept on the Lot, which insurance shall name the Association as an additional insured. Proof of such insurance coverage shall be provided by the Owner to the Association upon reasonable request not more than one time per calendar year. If such coverage is not provided as required herein, the Association shall have the right to require the pet to be removed from the Lot until the appropriate insurance coverage is obtained.

Section 5. During the time period Declarant owns any Lot within the Property, no sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot, except one sign not larger than 3" X 5" and placed in one ground floor window or one second story window advertising that property is for sale or rent, except signs used by the Declarant to advertise the Property during the construction and sale of Homes. Once the Declarant has conveyed all Lots it owns within the Property, then the size of the signs can be increased to not more than 18" x 24" to advertise that the property is for sale or rent which sign is to be placed on one ground floor window or one second story window.

Section 6. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. All trash and garbage shall be regularly removed from each Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. Trash, garbage or other waste shall be kept in sanitary, covered containers. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. In no event shall such equipment and/or containers be visible from the Common Area streets, from neighboring Property or within property contained in the Plat, except for a

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reasonable time immediately prior to and after scheduled trash collection, and in all events in compliance with the County Code.

Section 7. No garments, rugs, towels or blankets or any other materials may by hung, exposed or dusted from the windows or from the front facade of any Home. Further, unless otherwise specifically prohibited by applicable local, State or Federal law, no outside clotheslines or other facilities for drying or airing clothes shall be erected in the front yard, side yard or back yard of any Home. All personal property of Owners or other occupants shall be stored inside; provided, however, patio furniture or other personal property which is specifically for the use and enjoyment of designated outdoor areas of the Home shall be permitted.

Section 8. There shall be no parking on any portion of any sidewalk which is not part of a designated driveway, grass or street within the Property. An Owner may park in the Home's garage or in the driveway on the Lot. Car covers are prohibited and license tags on all vehicles must be current. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain in the Community for more than twenty four (24) hours, except in the garage of a Home. No repair or maintenance, except for emergency repairs of vehicles shall be made unless in the garage of a Home. No vehicles shall be stored on blocks. No tarpaulin covers on vehicles shall be permitted anywhere within the public view. Any trailer, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat, rowboat, canoe, jet ski or boat trailer shall not be permitted to be parked outside of an enclosed This restriction shall not be deemed to limit service vehicles whose purpose is to perform maintenance and delivery service to the Lot Owners or the Association during normal working hours or for work performed for the Declarant or the Association which are necessary in the development, maintenance or management of the Association. The term "commercial vehicle" includes trucks and vehicular equipment or other vehicles which are used or which are ordinarily intended to be used for commercial purposes or which contain materials regularly used in trade or business. No vehicles displaying commercial advertising shall be parked within the public view. Automobiles issued by the County or other governmental entity (i.e., police cars), such automobile shall not be deemed to be a commercial vehicle and may be parked in the garage or driveway of the Lot. No vehicle shall be used as a domicile or residence either temporarily or permanently. No all terrain vehicles (ATVs), golf carts, scooters or mini motorcycles are permitted at any time on any paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to construction vehicles utilized in connection with construction, improvement, installation, or repair by Declarant, or its agents. Subject to applicable laws and ordinances, any vehicle parked in violation of these or other restrictions contained herein, the Association is authorized to order the towing of any vehicle (at said vehicle owner's expense) for a violation of this Section if a vehicle remains in violation of this Section for a period of twentyfour (24) hours from the time a notice of violation is placed on the vehicle or if such a vehicle was cited for such violation within the preceding fourteen (14) day period. Each Owner by acceptance of title to a Home irrevocably grants the Association and its designated towing service the right to enter a Lot and tow vehicles in violation of this Declaration. Neither the Association nor the towing company shall be liable to the owner of such vehicle for trespass, conversion or otherwise, nor guilty of any criminal act, by reason of such towing or removal and once the notice is posted, neither its removal, nor failure of the owner to receive it for any other reason, shall be grounds for relief of any kind. By accepting title to a Home, the Owner provides to the Association the irrevocable right to tow or remove vehicles parked on the Owner's Lot and Common Area which are in violation of this Declaration. An affidavit of the person posting the foresaid notice stating that it was properly posted shall be conclusive evidence of proper posting.

- Section 9. No septic tanks or individual wells will be permitted on any Lot.
- Section 10. No garage may be improved for purposes of making same a living area, nor shall garage doors be removed except for replacement (in which case the Owner must obtain approval of any replacement door from the Board of Directors of the Association). No garage may be used for the operation of a business or for any commercial purpose of any kind.
- Section 11. No external window covering, reflective window covering or iron or decorative bars(either interior or exterior) may be placed or permitted to remain on any window of any building without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. Window treatments shall consist of drapery, blinds, decorative panels, or other window covering, and no newspaper, aluminum foil, sheets or other temporary window treatments are permitted, except for periods not exceeding one (1) week after an Owner or tenant first moves into a Home or when permanent window treatments are being cleaned or repaired. No security bars shall be placed on the windows of any Home without prior written approval of the ARC. No awnings, canopies or shutters shall be affixed to the exterior of a Home without the prior written approval of the ARC. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes on windows shall be permitted unless approved by the ARC. Window treatments facing the street shall be of a neutral color, such as white, off-white or wood tones. Window or wall air conditioner units are prohibited.
- Section 12. No flags or banners other than a Flag permitted by Chapter 720.304, Florida Statutes, or other local, state or federal law, which must be displayed in a respectful manner and which is subject to reasonable standards for size, placement and safety as may be adopted by the Association will be permitted. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to the Declarant.
- Section 13. In the event that a Home or other improvement is damaged or destroyed by casualty loss or other loss, then the Owner thereof shall commence to rebuild or repair the damaged Home or improvement in accordance this Declaration. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ARC. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent that insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association covers such casualty destruction, the Owner of such damaged or destroyed Home shall not perform any activities that would negate such coverage or impair the availability of such coverage.
- Section 14. Except for normal construction activity, sale, and re-sale of a Home, sale or re-sale of other property owned by Declarant, administrative offices of Declarant, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted in the Community that disrupts the residents, including without limitation, within any Home. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to applicable statutes and ordinances, an Owner may maintain a home business office within a Home for such Owner's personal use; provided, however, business invitees, customers, and clients shall not disrupt the residential nature of the Community unless the Board provides otherwise in the Rules and Regulations. No Owner may actively engage in any solicitations for

commercial purposes within the Community. No solicitors of a commercial nature shall be allowed within the Community, without the prior written consent of Association. No day care center or facility may be operated out of a Home. No garage sales are permitted, except as permitted by Association.

Section 15. No exterior visible antennae, radio masts, towers, poles, aerials, satellite dishes, or other similar equipment shall be placed on any Home or Lot without the prior written approval thereof being first had and obtained from the ARC as required by this Declaration. The ARC may require, among other things, that all such improvements be screened so that they are not visible from adjacent Homes, or from the Common Areas. No Owner shall operate any equipment or device which will interfere with the radio or television reception of others. All antennas not covered by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules are prohibited. Installation, maintenance, and use of all antennas shall comply with restrictions adopted by the Board and shall be governed by the then current rules of the FCC.

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### **EASEMENTS**

- Section 1. Easements are reserved over each Lot and the Common Area for public service purposes including but not limited to, police protection, fire protection, emergency services, postal service and meter reading.
- Section 2. Easements for ingress and egress and for the installation, access and maintenance of all utilities, surface water management and drainage facilities and landscaping are reserved on and over each Lot and the Common Area in favor of the Association and those entities or agencies requiring such easements. Such easements are reserved for their intended purpose and shall not be removed by subsequent Owners. The right is also reserved to the Declarant and the Association to create additional utility easements by separate instrument as may be required from time to time.
- Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this Declaration, in the event that any Home, as constructed by the Declarant on a Lot, encroaches upon any portion of the Common Area or adjoining Lot, then a perpetual easement appurtenant to such Lot shall exist for the continuance of any such encroachment on the Common Area or adjoining Lot. In the event any fence, roof, overhanging roof, or portion of the Home, as constructed upon any Lot by Declarant, encroaches or overlaps upon any other Lot or the Common Area, then, in such event, a perpetual easement appurtenant to the Lot upon which the fence, roof, overhanging roof, or Home is construction shall exist for the continuation of any such encroachment or overlapping upon the adjoining Lots and Common Area.
- Section 4. The Association shall have the responsibility to maintain all drainage easements, drainage facilities and drainage pipes and equipment within the easements and the expense for same will be a common expense of the Association.

- Section 5. An easement is reserved over the Property, including each Lot, in favor of the Association for maintenance of the Common Area and to allow the Association to fulfill any and all of its maintenance obligations hereunder.
- Section 6. An easement is reserved over the Property, including each Lot, in favor of the Declarant for the purpose of carrying out any obligations of the Declarant under the terms of this Declaration or any governmental permit, order or applicable law in connection with the development of the community and construction of Homes therein. In addition, the Declarant shall also have an easement over, upon, across, and under the Property as may be required in connection with the development of the community and construction of Homes, including the right to use all roads and rights of way for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress for construction and maintenance purposes. Further, the Declarant shall have an easement to use all portions of the Property, including Common Areas, for all types of promotional and sales activity in connection with marketing, sales, and leasing of Homes in the Community. The easements created by this section shall be broadly construed and supplement other rights of the Declarant herein, running with the land until such time as the Declarant no longer owns any Lots in the Community and all of the Declarant's obligations hereunder are satisfied.

#### ARTICLE XI

## **COVENANTS FOR HOME MAINTENANCE**

- Maintenance of Homes. Each Lot Owner shall be responsible for the Section 1. maintaining, repairing, and replacing of the Home and all other improvements situated on his Lot in a clean, sanitary, neat, safe and orderly condition, including without limitation, all obligations for structural maintenance, repair or replacement of walls, windows and roofs, including gutters, downspouts and skylights, and maintenance, repair and replacement of mailboxes. Further, the Lot Owner shall be responsible for maintenance, repair or replacement of each Home and related improvements, including, but not limited to, any stucco repairs, any structural repairs, any windows, window screens, patio screens, screened enclosures, balcony railings, tiles, if any, front doors, side doors, rear doors, and/or the framing or casings of any of the foregoing, any airconditioning or water softening fixtures or equipment, or any equipment, facilities or other items whatsoever installed within or placed upon any Lot by any Owner, including its agents, or other designees, and/or any other maintenance obligations designated as the Owners' responsibilities from time to time in the Declaration or the Rules. The Lot Owner shall obtain the written consent of the Association prior to making any modifications requiring approval under Article VIII hereof. It will also be the duty of each Lot Owner to maintain in good repair any driveway servicing a single Lot. If any Lot Owner breaches these covenants, the Association may enforce these covenants in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.
- Section 2. <u>Lawn Maintenance</u>. It shall be the duty of the Association to maintain and cut the grass located on the Lot Owner's Lot, the cost of such grass maintenance on the Lot Owner's property being assumed by the Association for the benefit of the entire Property as if same were Common Area, and such costs being considered with the budget as part of grounds' maintenance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Association determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the Association shall not maintain and cut the grass located on the Lot Owner's Lot, then it shall be the duty of each Lot Owner to maintain and cut the grass located on

the Lot Owner's Lot, at the Lot Owner's sole cost and expense. The Lot Owner shall not plant any trees or shrubbery on his Lot without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Association, unless the planting is the replacement of existing landscaping that has died or otherwise requires replacement. The Association is hereby granted an easement over and across the Lot Owner's Lot for the purpose of maintaining and cutting the grass, and the Lot Owner shall not place any obstruction, fence, wall, tree or shrubbery on such ground without the consent of the Association, the said consent being conditioned on the Association having free access to the property for the purpose of maintaining and cutting the grass.

Section 3. <u>Irrigation</u>. It shall be the duty of the Association to maintain the irrigation system for the Community, including irrigation of Common Areas and Lots. Said irrigation system will run both on Lots and Common Area. The cost of such maintenance of the irrigation system on a Lot being assumed by the Association for the benefit of the entire Property as if same were Common Area, and such costs being considered with the budget as part of grounds' maintenance. The Association is hereby granted an easement over and across the Lot Owner's Lot for the purpose of installing and maintaining the irrigation system, and the Lot Owner shall not place any obstruction, fence, wall, tree or shrubbery over the irrigation system without the consent of the Association. A Lot Owner shall be responsible for payment of any costs related to the repair and/or replacement necessary as a result of any damage done to the irrigation system, whether on the Owner's Lot or the Common Area, caused by Owner, any member of Owner's family, any guests, invitees, tenants, contractors, workers or agents of Owner.

Section 4. Landscaping. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance of all landscaping within any landscape easement or landscaping originally installed by the Declarant or by the Association. Such maintenance shall include routine trimming, weeding and pruning of the landscaping. Each Owner shall be solely responsible for all maintenance and replacement of any landscaping installed on the Lot by the Owner. The Association is hereby granted an easement over and across an Owner's Lot for the purpose of maintaining the landscaping in accordance herewith. Owners hereby acknowledge the landscape material on the Property and within any landscape easement is intended to fulfill required landscape buffers of adjacent properties. Owners shall not cut or remove any landscape materials on landscape easements, landscape materials installed by the Declarant or the Association or any landscape materials required to remain pursuant to a permit or other governmental regulation. Any Owner violating the restrictions of this section resulting in landscaping needing to be repaired or replaced will be charged the cost of such work. In addition, in the event an Owner fails to replace landscaping as required herein, the Association has the right, after applicable notice to the Owner of the Owner's failure to replace landscaping, to replace the landscaping and charge the Owner the expense thereof as an Individual Assessment.

Section 5. <u>Insurance</u>. Each Owner of a Lot shall obtain insurance coverage upon the Lot insuring the Home and any improvements located thereon in an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value, excluding foundation and excavation costs. Such coverage shall afford protection against (i) loss or damage by fire, hurricane, tornado, windstorm, or other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement, and (ii) such other risks as from time to time shall be customarily covered with respect to similar construction, location and use as the Home including but not limited to vandalism and malicious mischief.

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Such coverage shall name the Association as an additional insured party. The Owner shall furnish proof of insurance to the Association at the time of purchase of a Lot and shall furnish proof of renewal of such insurance on the anniversary date thereof, if requested by the Association.

Section 6. Exterior Painting and Pressure Cleaning. Each Lot Owner shall be responsible for exterior painting and pressure cleaning of the Home and improvements thereon as required by the Association in accordance with this section. It is anticipated that the Association shall require all Homes to be painted every five years. In addition, it is anticipated that the Association shall require the roof, exterior walls, sidewalks, patios and driveways of all Homes to be pressured washed every three years. The Board shall convene a duly noticed meeting to determine when the uniform exterior painting and pressuring washing shall be required for all Homes in the Community and each Owner shall have at least 120 days to commence the work after the Association provides written notification of required painting or cleaning. Each Owner shall have the right to paint or clean more frequently than required by the Association, provided that prior written approval of paint color is obtained from the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, by majority vote of the Members at a duly notice meeting, the Association may enter into a contract for painting or pressuring washing of all Homes in the Community and charge each Owner its equal share of the cost thereof as a Special Assessment. If any Lot Owner fails or refuses to paint or pressure wash its Home or other improvements as required herein, the Association may perform the work and charge the Owner the cost thereof as an Individual Assessment.

## **ARTICLE XII**

## COVENANTS RELATING TO FIRST MORTGAGEES

Section 1. The following actions will require the prior written approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the holders of record of Institutional First Mortgages on Lots within the Property, (based upon one (1) vote for each Institutional First Mortgage holder): the abandonment, partition, subdivision, encumbrance, sale or transfer of the Common Area by the Association, other than the granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Area; a material change in the method of determining the assessments or other charges that may be levied against an Owner; the failure of the Association to maintain fire and extended coverage on any insurable improvements hereafter on the Common Area and any insurable improvements thereon in an amount that shall not be less than one hundred (100%) percent of the insurable value, based on the current replacement costs; the use of the insurance proceeds paid to the Association for any loss to the Common Area, or the improvements thereon, for any purpose other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of the Common Area and the improvements thereon; the amendment of the Declaration in any manner which materially affects or impairs the rights of an Institutional First Mortgagee; the conveyance, encumbrance or hypothecation in any manner of the Common Area.

Section 2. An Institutional First Mortgage encumbering any Lot in the Property may singly or jointly with other Institutional First Mortgagees: pay the taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Area; pay overdue premiums on hazard insurance policies for the Common Area; or secure new hazard insurance

coverage for the Common Area after lapse of the existing coverage. In the event any Institutional First Mortgagee makes any of the aforementioned payments, such Institutional First Mortgagee shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association for the payments advanced, and such Mortgagee shall be subrogated to the assessment and lien rights of the Association against the Owners for the repayment of such advance, and the expense of making such reimbursement to the Institutional First Mortgagee shall be deemed a common expense of the Association.

Section 3. No provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted to give an Owner, or any other party, priority over the rights of any Institutional First Mortgagee pursuant to the terms of its Mortgage on any Lot on the Property in the event of a distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Area.

Any Institutional First Mortgagee of a Lot on the Property who obtains title to a Lot pursuant to the remedies provided in said Mortgagee's Institutional First Mortgage on that Lot, or obtains title by deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall not be jointly and severally liable with the prior owner for unpaid assessment or charges accrued against said Lot prior to the acquisition of title to said Lot by such Mortgagee; however, such Mortgagee, or its successors or assigns as a subsequent holder of the first mortgage, acquiring title to a Lot by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall be liable for the unpaid Assessments that became due before the mortgagee's acquisition of title in the amount equal to the lesser of (i) the Lot's unpaid Assessments and Special Assessments that accrued or came due during the 12 months immediately preceding the acquisition of title and for which payment in full has not been received by the Association; or (ii) one percent of the original mortgage debt on the Lot. The limitations on Assessment liability for Institutional First Mortgagees obtaining title through foreclosure provided by this paragraph apply only if the Institutional First Mortgagee filed suit against the Lot Owner and initially joined the Association as a defendant in the mortgagee foreclosure action. Joinder of the Association is not required if, on the date the complaint is filed, the Association was dissolved or did not maintain an office or agent for service of process at a location that was known to or reasonably discoverable. Institutional First Mortgagees shall be responsible for all Assessments on the Lot as of the date of acquisition, including any Special Assessment assessed or coming due after the date of acquisition of title to the Lot.

Section 5. The Institutional First Mortgagee of any Lot on the Property is entitled, upon request, to written notification from the Association of any default in the performance by the Owner of any of such Owner's obligations pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, which default is not cured after sixty (60) days notice to such Owner.

Section 6. Any Institutional First Mortgagee who acquires title to any portion of the Property by way of foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, or otherwise, shall be entitled to any exemption from the restrictions on sales and leasing of Homes and Lots to the same extent that Declarant would be exempt from such restrictions.

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## ARTICLE XIII

# LEASE AND OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Leases. All leases shall be in writing, be approved by the Association and shall provide that the Association shall have the right to terminate the lease in the name of and as agent for the lessor upon default by tenant in observing any of the provisions of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws of the Association and applicable rules and regulations, if any. Leasing of Lots and Homes shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Association. The Association may require an interview of the prospective tenant. The Owner or lessee requesting the approval shall pay to the Association or its management company a fee of One Hundred and No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars to cover the costs of reviewing the lease, examining records and interviewing the tenant. No lease shall be approved for a term of less than thirty (30) days. No Home may be leased more than three (3) times in any calendar year unless otherwise approved by Association in the case of hardship. The prior written approval of the Association for a lease shall not apply to Lots and/or Homes acquired by an Institutional Mortgagee who has acquired title to the Lot and/or Home through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure. The Owner will be jointly and severally liable with the tenant to the Association for any sum which is required by the Association to affect such repairs or to pay any claim for injury or damage to property caused by the negligence of the tenant. The Board of Directors may by a majority vote establish a requirement that a sum of money not to exceed One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars or one month's rent, whichever is greater, be deposited in escrow with the Association as a security deposit for the purpose of covering the cost of any damage to the Common Area or other portions of the Property resulting from acts or omissions of tenants (as determined in the sole discretion of the Association). The number of occupants must comply with applicable codes regarding the size of the Home. The tenant, as part of the Lease Agreement, shall agree to abide by and adhere to the terms and conditions of this Declaration together with all Rules and Regulations and all policies adopted by Association. By acceptance of a deed to a Home, the Owner hereby agrees to remove, at the Owner's sole expense, by legal means including eviction, his or her tenant should the tenant refuse or fail to abide by and adhere to this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations and any other policies adopted by Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should an Owner fail to perform his or her obligations under this Section, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to evict such tenant and the costs of the same shall be charged to the Owner as an Individual Assessment. During such time as a Home is leased, the Owner of such Home shall not enjoy the use privileges of the Common Areas appurtenant to such Home. If a Lot or Home is occupied by a tenant and the Owner is delinquent in paying any monetary obligation due to the Association, the Association may demand that the tenant pay to the Association all rental payments becoming due and continue to make such payments until all the monetary obligations of the Owner related to the Lot have been paid in full and the Association releases the tenant or until the tenant discontinues tenancy, in accordance with the terms of Florida law.

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## **ARTICLE XIV**

## WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Section 1. <u>Transfer of Surface Water Management System</u>. The Association shall exist in perpetuity; however, should the Association cease to exist, the surface water management system, property containing the surface water management system and water management portions of Common Area shall be conveyed to an agency of local government determined to be acceptable by the WMD. If said agency of local government declines to accept the conveyance, then the surface water management system, property containing the surface water management system and water management portions of the Common Area will be dedicated to a non-profit corporation similar to the Association.

Section 2. <u>Amendments Pertaining to Surface Water Management System.</u> Any Amendment proposed to this Declaration which would affect the surface water management system, conservation areas or water management portions of Common Area shall be submitted to the WMD for review prior to finalization of the Amendment. WMD shall determine if the proposed Amendment will require a modification of the environmental resource or surface water management permit. If a permit modification is necessary, the modification must be approved by WMD prior to the Amendment of the Declaration. In addition to the foregoing, any Amendment proposed to this Declaration which would affect the surface water management system or water management portions of Common Area must have the prior written approval of the Lee County Engineer or his authorized designee.

Section 3. Surface Water Management. No Owner or any other person or entity other than Declarant shall do anything to adversely affect the surface water management and drainage of the Property without the prior written approval of the Association and any controlling governmental authority, including but not limited to the excavation or filling in of any lake or canal, or the changing of the elevation of any portion of the Property, provided the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit or restrict the initial construction of improvements upon the Property by Declarant or by the developer of any portion of the Property in accordance with permits issued by controlling governmental authorities. In particular, no Owner other than Declarant or the Association shall install any landscaping, place any fill on a Lot, remove or cut littoral plantings or native vegetation, spray herbicide or grade portions of the Property which would adversely affect the drainage of any contiguous Lot. No construction activities may be conducted relative to any portion of the surface water management system, including but not limited to digging or excavation; depositing fill, debris or any other material or item; constructing or altering any water control structure; or any other construction to modify the system as permitted. No Owner or other person or entity shall unreasonably deny or prevent access to water management areas for maintenance, repair or landscaping purposes by the Declarant, the Association, the WMD or any appropriate governmental agency that may require access to carry out obligations set forth in the Permit. No person shall fill, dike, rip-rap, block, divert or change the water retention and drainage areas that have been or may be created without the prior written consent of the Association and WMD. If such actions are permitted by the Permit and WMD, the Declarant or Association may draw water for irrigation or other purposes from any water management area. All recreational activities, including without limitation,

boating, swimming, wading or fishing, in water management areas are strictly prohibited. No portions of the surface water management system or water management portions of Common Area shall be altered without the prior written approval of the Lee County Engineer or his authorized designee.

Section 4. Conservation and Preservation Easements. The Property, including the Common Areas and some Lots, may contain conservation tracts, wetland preservation areas and upland buffers (collectively, the "Conservation Areas") and is subject to conversation and preservation easements for same. Conservation and preservation easements on the Property may be established or dedicated on the Plat, in the Preserve Area Management Plan, by the WMD Permit, and/or this Declaration. In addition to any additional restrictions set forth in the foregoing documents, the following activities are prohibited in the Conservation Areas: (1) construction or placing of buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities or other structures on or above the ground; (2) dumping or placing of soil or other substances or materials as landfill, or dumping or placing of trash, waste or unsightly or offensive materials; (3) removal or destruction of trees, shrubs or other vegetation, except for the removal of exotic or nuisance vegetation in accordance with a district approved maintenance plan; (4) excavation, dredging or removal of loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other material substance in such manner as to affect the surface; (5) surface use, except for purposes that permit the land or water easement to remain in its natural condition; (6) activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation, including, but not limited to, ditching, digging and fencing; (7) acts or uses detrimental to aforementioned retention of land or water easement; and (8) acts or uses which are detrimental to the preservation of any features or aspects of the conservation easements having historical or archaeological significance.

Section 5. <u>Rights of WMD</u>. The WMD has the right to take enforcement action, including a civil action for an injunction and penalties, against the Association to compel the Association to correct any outstanding problems with the surface water management system facilities or any mitigation or conservation areas under the responsibility or control of the Association.

Section 6. <u>WMD Permit</u>. The Environmental Resource or Surface Water Management Permit is made a part of this Declaration and attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "D"</u>. Copies of the permit and any future permit actions of the WMD shall be maintained by the Registered Agent of the Association for the benefit of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XV

## INSURANCE AND HAZARD LOSSES

Section 1. <u>Authority</u>. The Association's Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall have the authority to and shall obtain blanket all-risk insurance, if available at commercially reasonable rates, for all insurable improvements on the Common Areas. If blanket all-risk coverage is not available at commercially reasonable rates, then at a minimum an insurance policy providing fire and extended coverage shall be obtained. Insurance that shall be

carried on the Common Areas and the Association Property, to the extent provided in this Article XV, shall be governed by the following provisions:

- Section 2. <u>Named Insured</u>. All insurance policies upon the Common Areas and the Association Property shall be purchased by the Association and shall be placed in a single agency or company, if possible, licensed by the State of Florida. The named insured shall be the Association. The Association has the authority to use its discretion in obtaining the coverage listed hereinafter, as some of the requirements may be or become unobtainable, or may be cost prohibitive.
- Section 3. <u>Coverage</u>. The Association shall use its best efforts to maintain insurance covering the following:
- (a) <u>Casualty</u>. The Common Areas including any structures thereon, and all fixtures, installations or additions comprising that part of the Common Areas to be insured under the Association's policy(ies) and such improvements from time to time, together with all fixtures, building service equipment, personal property and supplies constituting the Common Areas or owned by the Association (collectively the "Insured Property"), shall be insured in an amount not less that 100% of the full insurance replacement value thereof, excluding foundation and excavation costs. Such policies may contain reasonable deductible provisions as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such coverage shall afford protection against:
- (b) <u>Loss or Damage by Fire and Other Hazards</u> covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement; and
- (c) <u>Such Other Risks</u> as from time to time are customarily covered with respect to the Common Areas and improvements similar to the Insured Property in construction, location and use, including, but not limited to, vandalism and malicious mischief.
- (d) <u>Flood Insurance</u>. If any part of the Common Areas or Association Property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area as designated on a Flood Insurance Rate Map, the Association may maintain a master or blanket policy of flood insurance. The amount of flood insurance should be at least equal to the lesser of 100% of the insurable value of the facilities or the maximum coverage available under the appropriate National Flood Insurance Administration program.
- (e) <u>Liability Insurance</u>. If the policy does not include "severability of interest" in its terms, a specific endorsement must be obtained to preclude the insurer's denial of an Owner's claim because of negligent acts of the Association or of other Owners.
- (f) <u>Public Liability Insurance</u>. The Association shall obtain public liability and property damage insurance covering all of the Common Areas and the Association Property and insuring the Association and the Members as their interests appear in such amounts and providing such coverage as the Board of Directors of the Association may determine from time to time. The liability insurance shall include, but not be limited to, hired and non-owned automobile coverage.

- (g) <u>Workmen's Compensation Insurance</u>. The Association shall obtain workmen's compensation insurance in order to meet the requirements of law, as necessary.
- (h) <u>Directors and Officers Liability Insurance</u>. The Association shall obtain directors and officers' liability insurance providing such coverage as the Board of Directors of the Association may determine from time to time.
- (i) Other Insurance. The Board of Directors of the Association shall obtain such other insurance as it shall determine from time to time to be desirable.
- Section 4. <u>Subrogation Waiver</u>. If available, the Association shall obtain policies which provide that the insurer waives its right to subrogation as to any claim against Members, the Association and their respective servants, agents and guests.
- Section 5. <u>Premiums</u>. Premiums upon insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be paid by the Association. The cost of insurance premiums and other incidental expenses incurred by the Association in administering and carrying out any of the provisions of this Section shall be assessed against and collected from Members as part of the Annual Assessments.
- Section 6. <u>Association's Power to Compromise Claims</u>. The Board of Directors of the Association is hereby irrevocably appointed agent for each Member and for each holder of a mortgage or other lien, for the purpose of compromising and settling all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association, and to execute and deliver releases upon payment of claims.

## ARTICLE XVI

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- Section 1. <u>Covenants Run With Land</u>. All covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges contained in this Declaration shall constitute covenants running with the land, and all grantees, devisees, or mortgagees, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all parties claiming by, through or under such persons, agree to be bound by the provisions of (a) this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Conditions and Easements, and (b) the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association. The Association shall be the entity responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Common Area.
- Section 2. <u>Enforcement</u>. The Declarant shall have the right during the Development Period to enforce all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration by proceedings at law or in equity. In addition, the Association or any lot Owner shall have the right to enforce, by proceedings at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. In any such legal or equitable proceedings to enforce any restriction, condition, covenant, reservation, lien or charge now or

hereafter imposed by these covenants, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs including at all appellate levels.

- Section 3. <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall not affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 4. <u>Duration</u>. The covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and charges provided for in this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the Owner of any Lot subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. In the event the Association ceases to exist, except as provided in Article XIV, Section 1 herein, any Owner may petition the Circuit Court for the appointment of a Receiver to manage the affairs of the Association and all Common Area and the corresponding infrastructure will be dedicated or conveyed to a similar non-profit organization or entity to assure continued maintenance and operation.
- Section 5. <u>Amendment</u>. So long as there is a Class B Membership, Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration without the consent of the Lot Owners. Such amendments shall <u>not</u> require the consent of the Institutional First Mortgagee Lenders and shall become effective when executed by Declarant and recorded in the Public Records of the County, Florida. After the Class B Membership terminates, the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by not less than thirty (30%) percent of the Lot Owners. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, any amendment to the Declaration, Articles or By-Laws affecting any aspect of the surface water management system must receive prior written approval of the South Florida Water Management District. Any amendments must be properly recorded in the Public Records of the County, Florida.
- Section 6. <u>Remedies for Violation</u>. In addition to all other remedies, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association, a fine or fines may be imposed upon an Owner for failure of an Owner, his family, guests, invitees or employees, to comply with any covenant, restriction, rule or regulation, provided the following procedures are adhered to:
- (a) <u>Notice</u>: The Association shall notify the Owner of the alleged infraction or infractions. Included in the notice shall be the date and time of a special meeting of a committee of the Association seated for the purpose of hearing such violation matters, at which time the Owner shall present reasons why a fine(s) should not be imposed. At least fourteen (14) days notice of such meeting shall be given.
- (b) <u>Hearing</u>: The alleged non-compliance shall be presented to the committee after which the Compliance Committee shall hear reasons why a fine(s) should not be imposed. A written decision of the committee shall be submitted to the Owner by not later than fifteen (15) days after the committee's meeting. The Owner shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross examine witnesses.

- (c) <u>Amounts</u>: The Board of Directors (if the committee's findings are made against the Owner) may impose special assessments against the Lot owned by the Owner as follows:
- (1) First non-compliance or violation which are of a continuing nature: a fine not in excess of One Hundred and No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars per day not to exceed One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars in the aggregate.
- (2) Second non-compliance or violations which are of a continuing nature: a fine not in excess of One Hundred and No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars per day without a limitation on the aggregate amount of the amount due.
- (d) <u>Payment of Penalties</u>. Fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition or assessment of the penalties.
- (e) <u>Collection of Fines</u>. Fines shall be treated as an assessment subject to the provisions for the collection of assessments as set forth herein.
- (f) <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- (g) <u>Non-Exclusive Remedies</u>. These fines shall not be construed to be exclusive, and shall exist in addition to all other rights and remedies to which the Association may be otherwise legally entitled; provided, however, any penalty paid by the offending Owner shall be deducted from or offset against any damages which the Association may otherwise be entitled to recover by law from such Owner.
- Right of Entry. In addition to the foregoing rights, whenever (a) there shall have been built within the Property any structure which is in violation of this Declaration or in the event of any damage or destruction of any of the Property or portion thereof by an Owner or any of its guests, invitees, lessees or occupants, or (b) any portion of the Property and/or Home owned by an Owner has fallen into disrepair and/or has not been maintained as required by this Declaration and/or any Rules, a duly authorized representative of the Association may enter upon the Property where such violation, damage or destruction exists and summarily abate, remove or correct the same at the expense of the Owner; provided, however, that the Association shall then make the necessary repairs, constructions, etc., to insure that the Property and improvements where such violation occurred is restored to the same condition in which it existed (or should have existed) prior to such violation, and any such entry, abatement, removal or restoration and construction work shall not be deemed a trespass. All amounts expended by the Association, together with interest thereon at the rate of eighteen (18%) percent per annum from thirty (30) days after the date of notification of the violation and all costs and reasonable attorneys fees incurred by the Association shall be treated as an assessment subject to the provisions for the collection of assessments as set forth herein.
- Section 7. <u>Effect of Waiver of Violation</u>. No waiver of a breach of or violation of any of the terms, provisions and covenants in this Declaration, or in the Articles or By-Laws,

shall be construed to be a waiver of any succeeding breach or violation of the same term, provision or covenant of this Declaration, or the Articles or By-Laws.

- Section 8. <u>Instruments Governing Common Area and Owners of Lots.</u> This Declaration and the Articles and By-Laws, and any lawful amendments thereto shall govern the Common Area and the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Owners of Lots.
- Section 9. <u>HUD/FHA, VA, FNMA Approval</u>. If the Property is approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") as a Planned Unit Development, as long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of HUD/FHA or the Veterans Administration or the Federal National Mortgage Association: Annexation of additional properties, mergers and consolidations, mortgaging of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions affecting or modifying rights of Institutional First Mortgagees hereunder.
- Section 10. <u>Agreements for Professional Management</u>. Any agreement for professional management, or any other contract providing for services of the Declarant may not exceed three (3) years. Any such agreement must provide for the termination by either party without cause and payment of a termination fee on sixty (60) days or less written notice.
- Section 11. <u>Declarant's Disclaimer of Representations</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant makes no warranties or representations whatsoever that the plans presently envisioned for the development of the Property or surrounding land can or will be carried out, or that any real property now owned or hereafter acquired by the Declarant is or will be subjected to this Declaration, or that any such real property (whether or not is have been subjected to this Declaration) is or will be committed to or developed for a particular (or any) use, or that if such real property is once used for a particular use, such use will continue in effect. While Declarant has no reason to believe that any of the restrictive covenants and other provisions contained in this Declaration are or may be invalid or unenforceable for any reason or to any extent, Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such restrictive covenant and other provisions. Any Owner acquiring a Lot in reliance on or more of such restrictive covenants and other provisions herein shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and by accepting a deed to the Lot agrees to hold Declarant harmless therefrom.
- Section 12. <u>Notice to Owners</u>. Whenever notices are required to be given hereunder, the same shall be sent to the Owner by United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid, at the address of the Home situated upon the Lot. Such notices shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States Mail. Any Owner may change his mailing address by written notice given to the Declarant or the Association in the official records of the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, or the official address of the Association as it may be designated from time to time.
- Section 13. <u>Grammatical Construction</u>. Wherever the context so requires, the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders, and the use of the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular.

Section 14. <u>Conflicts</u>. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and the By-Laws, the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and the By-Laws shall control in that order.

Section 15. CABLE TELEVISION, INTERNET AND HOME MONITORING SERVICES. THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT OBLIGATED TO BUT MAY ENTER TO AN AGREEMENT WITH A CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY, INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER AND/OR SECURITY MONITORING COMPANY PURSUANT TO WHICH ALL OF THE OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED CABLE TELEVISION AND/OR INTERNET SERVICE AND/OR HOME SECURITY MONITORING SERVICES WHICH WILL BE CHARGED AS ASSESSMENTS. THE ASSOCIATION MAY REFUSE ENTRY INTO THE PROPERTY BY ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY, INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER AND/OR SECURITY MONITORING COMPANIES OTHER THAN THE CABLE TELEVISION, INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER AND/OR SECURITY MONITORING COMPANY WHICH HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION. IN THE EVENT SECURITY MONITORING IS PROVIDED TO THE OWNERS BY THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE NO LIABILITY OF ANY KIND OR NATURE DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE SECURITY MONITORING COMPANY TO DETECT OR REACT TO FIRE, UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY, OR OTHER SECURITY PROBLEM IN ANY HOME.

LIMITATION OF Section 16. LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN OR IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT GOVERNING OR BINDING THE ASSOCIATION (COLLECTIVELY, THE "ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS"), THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER BE A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, INVITEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH PERSONS. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:

- (a) IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENT OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS THAT THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THEREOF WHICH ARE ENFORCEABLE BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF THE PROPERTY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PROPERTY AND THE VALUE THEREOF;
- (b) THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN ENTITY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, STATE OF FLORIDA, THE COUNTY AND/OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION OR THE PREVENTION OF TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES; AND

(c) ANY PROVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH, SAFETY AND/OR WELFARE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS CREATING A DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT OR FURTHER THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY PERSON(S), EVEN IF ASSESSMENT FUNDS ARE CHOSEN TO BE USED FOR ANY SUCH REASON.

EACH OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO HIS HOME) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING USE OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OF MAKING SUCH USES) SHALL BE BOUND BY THIS PROVISION AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH ANY MATTER FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS PROVISION.

AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES), SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL ALSO INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE DECLARANT AND ITS AFFILIATES, WHICH SHALL BE FULLY PROTECTED HEREBY.

[SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

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	15th day of <u>April</u> , 2015.				
	Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:		D.R. Horton a Delaware	n, Inc., corporation	
	Debeca Sorvin Name: REDECCH SARVE	<u>e</u> n	,	a Pentecost President	
C	Name: Pay Pley: A	<u> </u>			
	STATE OF FLORIDA	) ) SS			
	COUNTY OF LEE	)			
	The foregoing instruction was acknowledged before me this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of April, 2015 Jonathon Pentecost, Division President, of D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation, on be of said Corporation. The foregoing person identified himself by producing his driver's lice issued by the State of Florida.				
	My Commission Expires:		<del></del>	ay Ple.in lic, State of Florida at Large	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, D.R. Horton, Inc. has executed this Declaration, this

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## **JOINDER**

Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation, whose mailing address is 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33966, hereby approves and joins in the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Conditions and Easements of Westwood Place and the Exhibits attached thereto, and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof and will comply with and perform the terms and conditions of the Declaration.

In Witness Whereof, Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc. has executed this Joinder on this 15th day of April, 2015.

Signed, sealed and delivered	
in the presence of:	Westwood Place Homeowners' Association,
$\mathcal{P}_0$	Inc.
Debecea Arver	
Name: KEDECCH SARVER	By:
	Name: Nicholas Calamela
	Title: <u>President</u>
Name: Hay Planin	(Corporate Seal)
STATE OF FLORIDA ) )SS	
COUNTY OF LEE )	

The foregoing instruction was acknowledged before me this 15th day of April, 2015, by Nicholas Calamela, as President of Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc., a not-forprofit Florida corporation, on behalf of said Corporation. The foregoing person is well known to me.

Notary Public, State of Florida

at Large

My Commission Expires:

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

## **PROPERTY**

PARCEL IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NORTH ONE-HALF (N1/2) OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (SW1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

#### ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 2653, PAGE 2368, LEE COUNTY RECORDS, LYING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3, RUN S 01°06'12" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW-1/4) OF SAID SECTION FOR 1,319.77 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 2653, PAGE 2368, LEE COUNTY RECORDS AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN N 88°43'00" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS A DISTANCE OF 1,273.81 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WINKLER ROAD EXTENSION (100 FEET WIDE): THENCE RUN S 01°03'10" E ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 330.80 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS; THENCE RUN S 88°45'19" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 1,273.51 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW-1/4); THENCE RUN N 01°06'12" W ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 329.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

## CONTAINING 9.65 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Which property shall be platted as all of Westwood Place, as described on the Plat thereof to be recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

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EXHIBIT "B"

**ARTICLES** 

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May 28, 2014

### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WESTWOOD PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

10541 BEN C. PRATT SIX MILE CYPRESS PKWY
SUITE 100
FORT MYERS, FL 33966

The Articles of Incorporation for WESTWOOD PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. were filed on May 27, 2014, and assigned document number N14000005012. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office.

This document was electronically received and filed under FAX audit number  ${\tt H14000123938}$ .

To maintain "active" status with the Division of Corporations, an annual report must be filed yearly between January 1st and May 1st beginning in the year following the file date or effective date indicated above. It is your responsibility to remember to file your annual report in a timely manner.

A Federal Employer Identification Number (FEI/EIN) will be required when this report is filed. Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-4933 for an SS-4 form or go to www.irs.gov.

Please be aware if the corporate address changes, it is the responsibility of the corporation to notify this office.

Should you have any questions regarding corporations, please contact this office at (850) 245-6052.

Sincerely, Maryanne Dickey Regulatory Specialist II New Filings Section Division of Corporations

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR

Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc.
(a corporation not-for-profit)

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator(s) of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and Chapter 720, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

### **ARTICLE I. - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Westwood Place Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit (the "Association").

## **ARTICLE II. – DEFINITIONS**

Except as otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms defined in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Westwood Place (the "Declaration") recorded, or to be recorded, among the Public Records of Lee County, Florida by D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Developer"), shall have the same meaning or definition as the meaning or definition ascribed thereto in the Declaration when used in these Articles.

# ARTICLE III. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33966.

## ARTICLE IV. - PURPOSE(S)

The corporation is organized as a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 617 of the laws of the State of Florida, subject to the extent applicable, to Chapter 720 of the laws of the State of Florida. The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- 1. To promote the health, safety and social welfare of the Owners of Property within the residential community of Westwood Place as described in the Declaration.
- 2. To own and maintain, repair and replace the Association Property and the Common Areas and other items, including landscaping and other improvements in and/or benefiting said Association Property and Common Areas, for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated and accepted.
- 3. To control the specifications, architecture, design, appearance, elevation and location of, and landscaping around, all buildings and improvements as provided in the Declaration, which may include walls, fences, sewers, drains, disposal systems or other structures constructed, placed or permitted to remain in the Property, as well as the alteration, improvement, addition or change thereto.

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- 4. To operate without profit for the benefit of its Members.
- 5. To perform those functions granted to or reserved by the Association in the Declaration.

## **ARTICLE V. - GENERAL POWERS**

The Association shall have all of the powers necessary or desirable to perform the obligations and duties and to exercise the rights and powers set out in these Articles, the Bylaws or the Declaration including, without limitation, the following:

- 1. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the Members for the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
- 2. To promulgate and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.
  - 3. To delegate power or powers where such is deemed in the interest of the Association.
- 4. To affix assessments to be levied against Lots within the Property and the costs of effectuating the objects and purposes of the Association and to create reasonable reserves for such expenditures, and to authorize its Board of Directors, in its discretion, to enter into agreements with mortgage companies and other organizations for the collection of such assessments.
- 5. To pay taxes and other charges, if any, on or against the Association Property and the Common Area.
- 6. To have all express powers conferred upon the Association by the Declaration, Chapter 617 and Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, except as prohibited herein.
- 7. To engage in activities which will actively foster, promote and advance the common interests of all Owners of any portion of the Property, including contracting for services to be provided to the Association.
- 8. To own, convey, buy or otherwise acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of, mortgage or otherwise encumber, exchange, lease, hold, use, operate and otherwise deal in and with real, personal and mixed property of all kinds and any right or interest therein of the Association for purposes of advancing the common interests of all Owners of any portion of the Property.
  - 9. To borrow money for any purpose subject to all limitations in the Declaration or Bylaws.
  - 10. To sue and be sued.
- 11. To adopt, alter and amend or repeal such Bylaws as may be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association, provided, however, such Bylaws may not be inconsistent with or contrary to any provisions of the Declaration.
- 12. To operate and maintain surface water management system facilities, including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, floodplains compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffers and wetland mitigation areas,

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preserve areas and conservation easements, as applicable and required by the Permit, and to contract for services to provide for such operation and maintenance.

- 13. To contract for services for the operation, maintenance, and management of Common Areas and Association Property and all other property dedicated to or maintained by the Association.
- 14. To mortgage or convey Common Area with the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Class A Membership.

# ARTICLE VI. MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VII. - MEMBERS**

- 1. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to Assessment shall be a Member of the Association and subject to the terms and conditions of the Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to Assessment.
  - 2. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:
  - Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the Developer and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
  - Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Developer. The Class B Member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each of the votes held by all other Members of the Association plus one; provided, however, that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the Developer shall have the right to appoint the entire Board of Directors of the Association until three months after 90% of the Lots have been conveyed to Owners other than the Developer or its designated successor or assigns or to Builders, or at an earlier date at the sole discretion of the Developer or as required by applicable law ("Turnover"). At such time, the Developer shall call a meeting in accordance with the provisions herein for Special Meetings, to provide for the turnover of control of the Board of Directors to the Owners. The Developer shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to appoint one member of the Board of Directors for so long as the Developer owns at least five percent (5%) of the Lots within the Property.

## **ARTICLE VIII. - DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be comprised of at least three (3) directors. The members of the Board of Directors and their street addresses are:

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Nicholas Calamela 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100

Fort Myers, Florida 33966

Frank Reynolds 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100

Fort Myers, Florida 33966

Rebecca Sarver 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100

Fort Myers, Florida 33966

As long as Developer or its designated successor or assigns shall have the right to appoint the entire Board of Directors, Directors need not be Members of the Association and need not be residents of the State of Florida. All Directors appointed by the Developer shall serve at the pleasure of the Developer, and may be removed from office, and a successor Director may be appointed at any time by the Developer.

At the first annual election to the Board of Directors where Directors are elected by the Members, the term of office of the elected Director receiving the highest plurality of votes shall be established at two (2) years, with the other elected Directors to serve for a term of one (1) year. Elections shall be by plurality votes. All Directors shall hold office until the election of new directors at the next annual meeting or resignation of said Director. Each year thereafter, as many Directors shall be elected and appointed, as the case may be, as there are regular terms of office of Directors expiring at such time, and the term of the Director so elected or appointed at each annual election shall be for two (2) years expiring at the second annual election following their election, and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members which elected or appointed them.

### ARTICLE IX. - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, create. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary. Officers shall be elected for one (1) year terms in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws. The names of the Officers who are to manage the affairs of the Association until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

President:

Nicholas Calamela

Vice President:

Frank Reynolds

Secretary and

Treasurer:

Rebecca Sarver

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# ARTICLE X. REGISTERED AGENT, MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS

The street and mailing address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 10541 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33966 and the name of the initial Registered Agent at such address is D.R. Horton, Inc.

## ARTICLE XI.- CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence. If the Association is dissolved, the control or right of access to the property containing the surface water management system facilities and other dedicated property and related infrastructure shall be conveyed or dedicated to an appropriate governmental unit or public unit and that if not accepted, then the surface water management system facilities shall be conveyed to a non-profit corporation similar to the Association.

### **ARTICLE XII. - BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles.

# ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

Amendment of these Articles requires the approval of at least two-thirds of the membership votes. Notwithstanding the foregoing; (a) for so long as the Developer has the right to appoint the entire Board of Directors of the Association, the Developer or its successor or assign shall be permitted to unilaterally amend these Articles; and (b) for so long as Developer owns any portion of the Property, no amendment of these Articles shall make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of, or reserved to, the Developer, unless the Developer joins in the execution of the amendment.

Such amendments shall be subject to the prior approval required by any appropriate governmental agency. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, amendments for correction of scrivener's errors may be made by the Board of Directors of the Association alone without the need of consent of any other person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, matters stated herein to be or which are in fact governed by the Declaration may not be amended except as provided in such Declaration. Additionally, the provisions which are governed by the By-laws of this Association may not be amended except as provided in the By-laws.

Any amendment to these Articles that would alter the surface water management or drainage systems, conservation areas, preserve areas, easements related thereto or any water management areas of the Common Areas must have the prior approval of the SFWMD. Any such proposed amendments must be submitted to the SFWMD for a determination of whether the amendment necessitates a modification to the SFWMD Permit. If the proposed amendment necessitates a modification to the SFWMD Permit, the modification to the SFWMD Permit must be approved by the SFWMD prior to the amendment to these Articles.

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# ARTICLE XIV. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- 1. The Association hereby indemnifies any Director or Officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:
- a. Whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for any act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity of Director or Officer of the Association, or in his capacity as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or Officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.
- b. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, Officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association unless and only to the extent that the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.
- 2. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or Officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or Officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.
- 3. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

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# ARTICLE XV. TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

- 1. With the exception of Directors and Officers appointed by the Class B Members, any financial or familial interest of an Officer or Director in any contract or transaction between the Association and one (1) or more of its Directors or Officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one (1) or more of its Directors or Officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be disclosed, and further shall not be voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or Officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.
- 2. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction, but must abstain from voting on the issue.

## **ARTICLE XVI. - DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved if three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast at a duly held meeting of the Members of the Association vote in favor of dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

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ARTI	CLE XVII - INCORPORATOR
The name and address of the	Incorporator is:
Address: 10541	Horton, Inc. Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers, a 33966
IN WITNESS WH Incorporation as Incorporator	EREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of the the this 27th day of 1 2014.
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>LEE</u>	
	as acknowledged before me this 17 day of 100 , 2014, known to me or who has produced a Florida driver's Ocense as
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	REGISTERED AGENT
The undersigned hereby ac Homeowners' Association, Inc. this	D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation  By:  Name: Jonethon Pentecost  Title: Vice President

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EXHIBIT "C"

**BYLAWS** 

## BYLAWS OF WESTWOOD PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

A corporation not-for-profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida

- 1. <u>Identity</u>. These are the Bylaws of WESTWOOD PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., (the "Association"), a corporation not for profit incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, and organized for the purpose of administering that residential single family home Community known as Westwood Place located in Lee County, Florida (the "Property").
  - 1.1 <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be at 10541 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33966, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Association shall be kept at its principal office.
  - 1.2 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
  - 1.3 <u>Seal</u>. The seal of the Association shall bear the name of the corporation, the word "Florida," the words "Corporation Not for Profit," and the year of incorporation.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. For convenience, these Bylaws shall be referred to as the "Bylaws" and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association as the "Articles." The other terms used in these Bylaws shall have the same definition and meaning as those set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Westwood Place (the "Declaration"), unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.
- 3. <u>Members</u>. The members of the Association ("Members") shall be as specified in the Articles and Declaration.
  - Annual Meeting. The annual Members' meeting shall be held on the date, at the place and at the time determined by the Board from time to time, provided that there shall be an annual meeting every calendar year. To the extent possible, the annual meeting shall be held during October, November or December and no later than thirteen (13) months after the last preceding annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be, except as provided herein to the contrary, to elect Directors and to transact any other business authorized to be transacted by the Members, or as stated in the notice of the meeting sent to Members in advance thereof.
  - 3.2 <u>Special Meeting</u>. Special Members' meetings shall be held at such places as provided herein for annual meetings, and may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board. A special meeting must be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of a written request from a majority of the Members of the Association. The business conducted at a special meeting shall be limited to the

purposes stated in the notice of the meeting.

3.3 Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice. Notice of a meeting of Members stating the time and place and the purpose(s) for which the meeting is called shall be given by the President or Secretary. A copy of the notice shall be posted at a conspicuous place within the Property. The notice of the annual meeting shall be hand delivered or sent by mail to each Owner, unless the Owner waives in writing the right to receive notice of the annual meeting by signing a waiver of notice, in person or by proxy, either before or after the meeting. The delivery or mailing shall be to the address of the Member as it appears on the roster of Members described in Section 10 hereof. The posting and mailing of the notice shall be effected not less than fourteen (14) days, nor more than sixty (60) days, prior to the date of the meeting. Proof of posting or hand delivery may be given by affidavit, and proof of mailing of the notice may be given by retention of post office receipts, or by affidavit. Notice of an annual meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Notice of a special meeting must include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.

Notice of Member annual or special meetings may be waived before or after the meeting. The attendance of any Member (or person authorized to vote for such member) shall constitute such Member's waiver of notice of such meeting, except when his (or his authorized representative's) attendance is for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called.

- Quorum. A quorum at Members' meetings shall be attained by the presence, either in person or by proxy, of persons entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the votes of Members, unless a higher number is specifically provided elsewhere in the Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws. If voting rights of any Member are suspended pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration or these Bylaws, the vote(s) of such Member shall not be counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum and the total number of authorized votes shall be reduced accordingly during the period of such suspension.
- 3.5 Voting.
  - (a) <u>Classes of Voting Membership</u>. The Association shall have two (2) classes of Members, each with voting rights as follows:

<u>Class A.</u> Class A Members shall be all Owners, including Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot they own. <u>Class B.</u> The Class B Member shall be Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each vote Class A Members are entitled to cast at any time, thus giving the Class B Member a three-fourths (3/4ths) majority of votes in the Association. The Class B Membership shall cease upon the first to occur of the following unless

otherwise required by applicable law:

- (i) the date which is ten (10) years from the date upon which the Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of the County; or
- (ii) three (3) months after ninety percent (90%) of the Lots in the Property that will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Members; or
- (iii) termination of the Class B Membership by resignation of all Declarant-appointed directors and delivery to the Secretary of the Association of a certificate in recordable form, signed by Declarant and stating that Declarant elects to terminate the Class B Membership. Upon termination of the Class B Membership, Declarant shall retain any voting rights it may have as a Class A Member.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant shall be entitled to appoint at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors of the Association as long as Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Lots within the Property. After Declarant relinquishes control of the Association, Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant owned voting interest in the same manner as any other Member, except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority of the Members of the Board of Directors.

- (b) Majority Vote. The acts approved by a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum shall have been attained shall be binding upon all Members for all purposes except where otherwise provided by law, the Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws. As used in these Bylaws, the Articles or the Declaration, the terms "majority of the Members" and "majority of the Members" shall mean a majority of the votes of Members and not a majority of the Members themselves and shall further mean more than 50% of the then total authorized votes present in person or by proxy and voting at any meeting of the Members at which a quorum shall have been attained. Similarly, if some greater percentage of Members is required herein or in the Declaration or Articles, it shall mean such greater percentage of the votes of Members and not of the Members themselves.
- (c) <u>Voting Owner</u>. If a Lot is owned by one person, his right to vote shall be established by the roster of Members. If a Lot is owned by more than one person, the person entitled to cast the vote for the Lot shall be designated by a certificate signed by all of the record Owners of the Lot according to the roster of Owners and filed with the Secretary of the Association. Such person need not be a Lot Owner, nor one of the joint owners. Those certificates shall be valid until revoked or until superseded by a

subsequent certificate or until a change in the ownership of the Lot concerned. A certificate designating the person entitled to cast the vote for a Lot may be revoked by any record owner of an undivided interest in the Lot. If a certificate designating the person entitled to cast the vote for a Lot is not on file or has been revoked, the vote of the Member(s) of such Lot shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum is present, nor for any other purpose, and the total number of authorized votes in the Association shall be reduced accordingly until such certificate is filed, except if the Lot is owned jointly by a husband and wife. If a Lot is owned jointly by a husband and wife, they may, without being required to do so, designate a voting Member in the manner provided above. Such designee need not be an Owner. In the event a husband and wife do not designate a voting member, the following provisions shall apply:

- (i) If both are present at a meeting and are unable to concur in their decision upon any subject requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that subject at that meeting, and their vote shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum is present on that subject at the meeting (and the total number of authorized votes in the Association shall be reduced accordingly for such subject only).
- (ii) If only one is present at a meeting, the person present shall be counted for purposes of a quorum and may cast the Lot vote just as though he or she owned the Lot individually, and without establishing the concurrence of the absent person.
- (iii) If both are present at a meeting and concur, either one may cast the vote.
- (d) Corporation. If a Lot is owned by a corporation or other entity, the Chairman of the Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Corporation holding such Membership in the Association, and any like officer of a foreign corporation whether for profit or not for profit, holding a Membership in the Association, shall be deemed by the Association to have the authority to vote on behalf of the Corporation and to execute proxies and written waivers and consents in relation thereto, unless before a vote is taken on a waiver of consent is acted upon it is made to appear by certified copy of the Bylaws or Resolution of the Board of Directors or executive committee of the Corporation that such authority does not exist or is vested in some other officer or person. In absence of such certification, the person executing any such proxies, waivers or consents or presenting himself at a meeting as one of such officers of a Corporation shall be for the purposes of this Section conclusively deemed to be duly elected, qualified and acting as such officer and be fully In the case of conflicting representation, the corporate Member shall be deemed to be represented by its Senior Officer, in the

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order first stated in this subsection.

- Proxies. A proxy may be made by any person entitled to vote, but shall only be valid for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawfully adjourned and reconvened meetings thereof. In no event shall any proxy be valid for a period longer than 90 days after the date of the first meeting for which it was given. Every proxy shall be revocable at any time at the pleasure of the person executing it. A proxy must be dated, must state the date, time, and place of the meeting for which it was given, and signed by the person authorized to cast the vote for the Lot (as above described) and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting, or before the time to which the meeting is adjourned. Holders of proxies need not be Owners. If the proxy form expressly so provided, any proxy holder may appoint, in writing, a substitute to act in his place.
- 3.7 Adjourned Meetings. Adjournment of an Annual or Special meeting to a different date, time, or place must be announced at the meeting before an adjournment is taken, or notice must be given of the new date, time, or place pursuant to the notice provision of the Bylaws. If a new record date for the adjourned meeting is or must be fixed, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given to persons who are entitled to vote and are Members as of the new record date but were not Members as of the previous record date. If any proposed meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not been attained, the Members who are present, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, provided notice of the newly scheduled meeting is given in the manner required for the giving of notice of a meeting. Except as provided by law, proxies given for the adjourned meeting shall be valid for the newly scheduled meeting unless revoked for reasons other than the new date of the meeting.
- 3.8 Order of Business. If a quorum has been attained, the order of business at annual Members' meetings, and, if applicable, at other Members' meetings, shall be:
  - (a) Call to order by President;
  - (b) Appointment by the President of a chairman of the meeting (who need not be a Member or a Director);
  - (c) Proof of notice of the meeting or waiver of notice;
  - (d) Reading of minutes;
  - (e) Reports of officers;
  - (f) Reports of committees;
  - (g) Appointment of inspectors of election;
  - (h) Determination of number of Directors;

- (i) Election of Directors;
- (j) Unfinished business;
- (k) New business;
- (1) Adjournment.

Such order may be waived in whole or in part by direction of the chairman.

- Minutes of Meeting. Minutes of all meetings of the Members of an Association must be maintained in written form or in another form that can be converted into written form within a reasonable time. The minutes of all meetings of Members shall be kept in a book available for inspection by Members or their authorized representatives or board members at any reasonable time. The Association shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than seven years.
- 3.10 <u>Delinquent Members</u>. If any Assessment or portion thereof imposed against a Member remains unpaid for ninety (90) days following its due date, such Member's voting rights in the Association shall be automatically suspended until all past due Assessments and other sums then due are paid, whereupon the voting rights shall be automatically reinstated. Delinquent Members shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.
- 3.11 Action Without A Meeting. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, to the extent lawful, any action herein required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of Members, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of such Members, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by the Members (or persons authorized to cast the vote of any such Member as elsewhere herein set forth) having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting of such Members at which a quorum of such Members (or authorized persons) entitled to vote thereon were present and voted.

Written consent shall not be effective to take the Association action referred to in the consent unless the consent is signed by the Members having the requisite number of votes necessary to authorize the action within sixty (60) days of the date of the earliest dated consent and is delivered in the manner required by this Section.

Any written consent may be revoked prior to the date that the Association receives the required number of consents to authorize the proposed action. A revocation is not effective unless in writing and until received by the Association, or received by the Secretary or other officer or agent of the Association.

A consent signed under this Section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document. Whenever action is taken pursuant to this

Section, the written consent of the Members consenting to such action or the written reports of inspectors appointed to tabulate such consents must be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Members.

Within ten (10) days after obtaining such authorization by written consent, notice must be given to Members who have not consented in writing. The notice shall fairly summarize the material features of the authorized action.

3.12 <u>Recording.</u> Any Member may tape record or videotape meetings of the Membership. The Board of Directors of the Association may adopt reasonable rules governing the taping of meetings of the Membership.

### 4. Directors

- 4.1 <u>Membership</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors (the "Board") of not less than three (3) prior to the Declarant's turnover of control of the Association to Members other than Declarant; of not less than three (3) after the Declarant's turnover of such control; and in no event more than **five** (5) "Directors", the exact number initially to be as set forth in the Articles, and thereafter, except as provided herein, to be determined from time to time upon majority vote of the membership.
- 4.2 <u>Election of Directors</u>. The election of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 720.306, Florida Statutes, and the following manner:
  - (a) Election of Directors shall be held at the annual Members' meeting, except as provided herein to the contrary.
  - (b) Nominations for Directors and additional directorships created at the meeting shall be made from the floor or in advance if absentee ballots are accepted.
  - (c) The election shall be by written ballot (unless dispensed with by majority consent of the Owners represented at the meeting) and decided by a plurality of the votes cast for each candidate.
  - (d) All Members of the Association shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided by Florida law, and a Member may nominate himself as a candidate for the Board at a meeting where the election is to be held.

### 4.3 Vacancies and Removal.

(a) Except as to vacancies resulting from removal of Directors by Members, vacancies on the Board occurring between annual meetings of Members shall be filled by majority action of the remaining Director(s), provided that all vacancies in directorships to which Directors were appointed by the Declarant pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.17 hereof shall be

filled by the Declarant without the necessity of any meeting.

- (b) Any Director elected by the Members may be removed from office with or without cause by the vote or agreement by a majority of all votes of the Membership. The vacancy in the Board so created shall be filled by the Members at the same meeting or at a meeting of the Membership shortly thereafter. The conveyance of all Lots owned by a Director in the Community who owned one or more Lots at the time he was elected or appointed (other than appointees of the Declarant) shall constitute the resignation of such Director.
- (c) Until a majority of the Directors are elected by the Members other than the Declarant, no Directors named by the Declarant shall be subject to removal by Members other than the Declarant. Directors appointed by the Declarant and Directors replacing them may be removed and replaced by the Declarant without the necessity of any meeting.
- (d) If a vacancy on the Board of Directors results in there being no incumbent Directors, any Member may apply to the Circuit Court within whose jurisdiction the Property lies for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the Association. At least thirty (30) days prior to applying to the Circuit Court, the Member shall mail to the Association and post in a conspicuous place in the Property a notice describing the intended action and giving the Association an opportunity to fill the vacancy(ies) in accordance with these Bylaws. If, during such time, the Association fails to fill the vacancy(ies), the Member may proceed with the petition. If a receiver is appointed, the Association shall be responsible for the salary of the receiver, court costs and attorneys' fees. The receiver shall have all powers and duties of a duly constituted Board and shall serve until the Association fills the vacancy(ies) on the Board sufficient to constitute a quorum in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 4.4 <u>Term.</u> Except as provided herein to the contrary, the term of each Director's service shall extend until the next annual meeting of the Members and subsequently until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or until he is removed in the manner elsewhere provided.
- 4.5 <u>Organizational Meeting</u>. The organizational meeting of newly-elected or appointed members of the Board shall be held within ten (10) days of their election or appointment at such place and time as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which they were elected or appointed, and no further notice to or by the Board of the organizational meeting shall be necessary.
  - (a) All meetings of the Board must be open to all Members except for meetings between the Board and its attorney with respect to proposed or pending litigation where the contents of the discussion would otherwise be governed by attorney client privilege. Notices of all Board meetings must

be posted in a conspicuous place in the Property at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting, except in an emergency. In the alternative, if notice is not posted in a conspicuous place in the Property, notice of each Board meeting must be mailed or delivered to each Member at least seven (7) days before the meeting, except in an emergency. An assessment may not be levied at a Board meeting unless the notice of the meeting includes a statement that assessments will be considered and the nature of the assessments. Directors may not vote by proxy or by secret ballot at Board meetings, except that secret ballots may be used in the election of officers. This subsection also applies to the meetings of any committees or other similar body, including anybody vested with the powers to approve or disapprove architectural decisions with respect to a specific parcel of residential property owned by a Member.

- Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Directors. Notice of regular meetings shall be given to each Director, personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph, and shall be transmitted at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Regular meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members and notice of such meetings shall be posted conspicuously in the Community at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance for the attention of the Members of the Association, except in the event of an emergency. Members shall not be permitted to participate, and need not be recognized at any such meeting.
- 4.7 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, and must be called by the President or Secretary at the written request of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Directors. Notice of the meeting shall be given personally by mail, telephone or telegraph to each Director, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting, and shall be transmitted not less than three (3) days prior to the meeting. Special meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members and notice of a special meeting shall be posted conspicuously in the Property at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance for the attention of the Members of the Association, except in the event of an emergency. Members shall not be permitted to participate, and need not be recognized, at any such meeting.
- 4.8 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Any Director may waive notice of a meeting before or after the meeting and that waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the due receipt by said Director of notice. Attendance by any Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when his attendance is for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called.
- 4.9 Quorum. A quorum at Directors' meetings shall consist of a majority of the then incumbent Directors. The acts approved by a majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the Board, except when approval by a greater number of Directors is specifically required by the

Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws.

- 4.10 <u>Adjourned Meetings</u>. If, at any proposed meeting of the Board, there is less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, provided notice of such newly scheduled meeting is given as required hereunder. At any newly scheduled meeting, any business that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- 4.11 <u>Presiding Officer</u>. The presiding officer at the Directors' meetings shall be the President (who may, however, designate any other person to preside).
- 4.12 <u>Order of Business</u>. If a quorum has been attained, the order of business at Directors' meetings shall be:
  - (a) Proof of due notice of meeting;
  - (b) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes;
  - (c) Reports of officers and committees;
  - (d) Election of officers;
  - (e) Unfinished business;
  - (f) New business;
  - (g) Adjournment.

Such order may be waived in whole or in part by direction of the presiding officer.

- 4.13 <u>Minutes of Meetings</u>. Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors must be maintained in written form or in another form that can be converted into written form within a reasonable time. A vote or abstention from voting on each matter voted upon for each Director present at the Board meeting must be recorded in the minutes. The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be kept in a book available for inspection by Members or their authorized representative or board member at any reasonable time. The Association shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than seven (7) years.
- 4.14 Recording. Any Member may tape record or videotape meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Association may adopt reasonable rules governing the taping of meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 4.15 <u>Committees.</u> The Board of Directors by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board of Directors, may designate from among its members an executive committee and one or more other committees each of which, to the extent

provided in such resolution or in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board of Directors, except that no such committee shall have the authority to:

- Approve or recommend to members actions or proposals required by this (a) act to be approved by members;
- Fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or any committee thereof; or (b)
- (c) Adopt, amend, or repeal the Bylaws.

The provisions of the Bylaws governing meetings, notice and waiver of notice, quorum and voting requirements of the Board of Directors shall apply to all committees and their members as well.

Each committee must have two or more members who serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Board, by resolution adopted, may designate one or more director(s) as alternative members of any such committee who may act in the place instead of any absent member at any meeting of such committee.

Neither the designation of any such committee, and delegation thereto of authority, nor action by such committee pursuant to such authority shall alone constitute compliance by any member of the Board of Directors not a member of the committee in question with his responsibility to act in good faith, in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Association, and with such care as an ordinary prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

- 4.16 Architectural Review Committee. As provided in the Declaration, the Board of Directors shall create an Architectural Review Committee ("ARC"), composed of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) persons appointed by the Board, or, in the Board's discretion, the Board from time to time may constitute itself as the ARC. To the extent not inconsistent with the Declaration, the provisions of Section 4.15 shall apply to the ARC.
- 4.17 Declarant Control of Board; Turnover. So long as there shall be a Class B Membership as set forth in the Declaration, vesting voting control of the Association in the Declarant, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint and replace all Directors and Officers.

Declarant shall be entitled to appoint at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors of the Association as long as Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five (5%) percent of the Lots in the Community. After Declarant relinquishes control of the Association, Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant owned voting interest in the same manner as any other Member, except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority of the Members of the Board of Directors.

The Declarant shall turn over control of the Association to Members other than the Declarant upon termination of the Class B Membership by causing all of its appointed Directors to resign, whereupon it shall be the affirmative obligation of Members other than the Declarant to elect Directors and assume control of the Association. Provided at least thirty (30) days' notice of Declarant's decision to cause its appointees to resign is given to Members, neither the Declarant, nor such appointees, shall be liable in any manner in connection with such resignations even if the Members other than the Declarant refuse or fail to assume control. Control of the Association shall be deemed "turned over" upon (i) termination of the Class B Membership and (ii) resignation of all Declarant appointed Directors. Upon such turnover the Declarant shall retain all voting rights incident to its ownership of Lots.

Within a reasonable time after control of the Association is turned over to Members other than the Declarant, (but not more than ninety (90) days after such event) the Declarant shall deliver to the Association all property of the Members and of the Association held by or controlled by the Declarant, including, but not limited to, the following items, if applicable:

- (a) The original or a photocopy of the recorded Declaration, and all amendments thereto. If a photocopy is provided, the Declarant must certify by affidavit that it is a complete copy of the actual recorded Declaration:
- (b) A certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the Association;
- (c) A copy of the Bylaws of the Association;
- (d) The Minute Books, including all minutes, and other books and records of the Association;
- (e) Any rules and regulations which have been adopted;
- (f) Resignations of resigning officers and Board members who were appointed by the Declarant;
- (g) The financial records, including financial statements of the association, and source documents from the incorporation of the Association through the date of the turnover. The records shall be audited for the period from the incorporation of the Association or from the period covered by the last audit, if an audit has been performed for each fiscal year since the incorporation of the Association, by an independent certified public accountant. All financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as prescribed by the Florida Board of Accountancy. The accountant performing the audit shall examine to the extent necessary supporting documents and records, including the cash disbursements and related paid invoices to determine if expenditures were

for Association purposes, and billings, cash receipts and related records to determine that the Developer was charged and paid the proper amounts of Assessments.

- (h) Association funds or the control thereof;
- (i) All tangible personal property that is the property of the Association, and an inventory of such property;
- (j) Insurance policies;
- (k) Copies of any Certificates of Completion which may have been issued for the Common Areas:
- (1) Any other permits issued by governmental bodies applicable to the Common Areas in force or issued within one (1) year prior to the date the Members take control of the Association:
- (m) All written warranties of contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and manufacturers, if any, that are still effective with respect to the Common Areas;
- (n) A roster of Members and their addresses and telephone numbers, if known, as shown on the Association's records;
- (o) Leases to which the Association is a party, if applicable;
- Employment contracts or service contracts in which the Association is one (p) of the contracting parties, or service contracts in which the Association or Members have an obligation or responsibility, directly or indirectly, to pay some or all of the fee or charge of the person or persons performing the service; and,
- (q) All other contracts to which the Association is a party.
- All deeds to the Common Areas owned by the Association. (r)
- (s) A list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all contractors, subcontractors and others in the employ of the Association at the time the control of the Association is turned over to Members other than Declarant.
- 4.18 Official Records. The Association shall maintain each of the following items. when applicable, which constitute the Official Records of the Association:
  - (a) Copies of any plans, specifications, permits, and warranties related to improvements constructed on the Common Areas or other property that

the Association is obligated to maintain, repair, or replace, if any;

- (b) A copy of the Bylaws of the Association and of each Amendment to the Bylaws;
- (c) A copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and of each Amendment thereto;
- (d) A copy of the Declaration of Covenants and a copy of each Amendment thereto;
- (e) A copy of the current Rules of the Association;
- (f) The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Members, which minutes must be retained for at least seven (7) years;
- (g) A current roster of all Members and their mailing addresses and parcel identification;
- (h) All of the Association's insurance policies or a copy thereof, which policies must be retained for at least seven (7) years;
- (i) A current copy of all contracts to which the Association is a party, including, without limitation, any management agreement, lease, or other contract under which the Association has an obligation or responsibility. Bids received by the Association for work to be performed must also be considered Official Records and must be kept for a period of one (1) year;
- (j) The financial and accounting records of the Association, kept according to good accounting practices. All financial and accounting records must be maintained for a period of at least seven (7) years. The financial and accounting records must include:
  - (i) Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all records and expenditures.
  - (ii) A current account and a periodic statement of the account for each Member, designating the name and current address of each Member who is obligated to pay assessments, the due date and the amount of each assessment or other charge against the Member, the date and amount of each payment on the account, and the balance due.
  - (iii) All tax returns, financial statements, and financial reports of the Association.
  - (iv) Any other records that identify, measure, record, or communicate financial information.

- 4.19 <u>Inspection and Copying of Records</u>. The Official Records shall be maintained within the State and must be open to inspection and available for photocopying by Members or their authorized agents at reasonable times and places within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request for access. This subsection may be complied with by having a copy of the Official Records available for inspection or copying in the Property.
  - (a) The failure of the Association to provide access to the records within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request creates a rebuttable presumption that the Association willfully failed to comply with this subsection.
  - (b) A Member who is denied access to the Official Records is entitled to the actual damages or minimum damages for the Association's willful failure to comply with this subsection. The minimum damages are to be \$50.00 per calendar day up to ten (10) days, the calculation to begin on the eleventh (11th) business day after receipt of the written request.
  - (c) The Association may adopt reasonable written rules governing the frequency, time, location, notice, and manner of inspections, and may impose fees to cover the costs of providing copies of the Official Records, including, without limitation, the costs of copying. The Association shall maintain an adequate number of copies of the recorded governing documents, to insure their availability to Members, and prospective members and may charge only its actual costs for reproducing and furnishing these documents to those persons who are entitled to receive them.
- 5. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Board shall have the powers and duties necessary for the management and administration of the affairs of the Association and may take all acts, through the proper officers of the Association, in executing such powers, except such acts which by law, the Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws may not be delegated to the Board by the Members. Such powers and duties of the Board shall include, without limitation (except as limited elsewhere herein), the following:
  - (a) Operating and maintaining the Common Areas and other property owned by the Association.
  - (b) Determining the expenses required for the operation of the Association.
  - (c) Collecting the Assessments for Common Expenses of the Association from all Owners.
  - (d) Employing and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Common Areas and other property owned by the Association.
  - (e) Adopting and amending rules and regulations concerning the details of the

- operation and use of the Property and any Association Property, subject to a right of the Members to overrule the Board as provided in **Section 13** hereof.
- (f) Maintaining bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required therefor.
- (g) Purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring Lots or other property in the name of the Association, or its designee.
- (h) Purchasing Lots at foreclosure or other judicial sales, in the name of the Association, or its designee.
- (i) Selling, leasing, mortgaging or otherwise dealing with Lots acquired by the Association.
- (j) Settling or compromising claims of or against the Association in which all Members have a common interest.
- (k) Obtaining and reviewing insurance for the Common Areas and other property owned by the Association.
- (l) Making repairs, additions and improvements to, or alterations of, the Common Areas in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or as a result of condemnation or eminent domain proceedings or otherwise.
- (m) Enforcing obligations of the Members, allocating profits and expenses and taking such other actions as shall be deemed necessary and proper for the sound management of the Property.
- (n) Levying fines against appropriate Members for violations of the Declaration or rules and regulations established by the Association to govern the conduct of such Members.
- (o) Borrowing money on behalf of the Association when required in connection with the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of the Common Areas or the acquisition of property, and granting mortgages on and/or security interests in Association owned property; provided, however, that the consent of the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of the Membership represented at a meeting of Members at which a quorum has been attained in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws shall be required. If any sum borrowed by the Board on behalf of the Association pursuant to the authority contained in this subsection (o) is not repaid by the Association, any Member who pays to the creditor such portion thereof as his interest in the property owned by the Association bears, to the interest of all the Members in the property owned by the Association, shall be entitled to obtain from the creditor a

release of any judgment or other lien which said creditor shall have filed or shall have the right to file against, or which will affect, such Member's Lot. The Association shall take no action authorized in this subsection without the prior written consent of the Declarant as long as the Declarant owns any Lots.

- (p) Contracting for the management and maintenance of the Common Areas or other property owned by the Association and authorizing a management agent (who may be an affiliate of the Declarant) to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Areas or other Association property with funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Declaration, including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- (q) At its discretion, authorizing Members or other persons to use portions of the Common Areas or other property owned by the Association for private parties and gatherings and imposing reasonable charges for such private use.
- (r) Exercising (i) all powers specifically set forth in the Declaration, the Articles, and these Bylaws, and (ii) all powers incidental thereto, and all other powers of a Florida corporation not for profit.
- (s) Imposing a lawful fee in connection with the approval of the transfer, lease, or sale of Lots, not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by law in any one case.
- (t) Contracting with and creating special taxing districts.
- (u) Adopting and appointing executive committees.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, no general funds of the Association shall be utilized for bringing, supporting, investigating, or otherwise abetting any legal action, claim or extra-judicial action except for (i) imposition, enforcement and collection of assessments, including lien rights, (ii) collecting of debts owned to the Association, (iii) bringing any contest or appeal of tax assessments relating to any property owned by the Association, (iv) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Declaration, and (v) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it, unless such legal action, claim or extra-judicial action shall be specifically approved for such purposes by seventy-five percent (75%) of the vote of the Members of the Association.

### 6. Officers.

- 6.1 Executive Officers. The executive officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected by the Board and who may be peremptorily removed at any meeting at which a quorum of Directors is attained by concurrence of a majority of all of the present Directors. The President and Vice- President shall be Directors. A person may hold more than one office, except that the President may not also be the Secretary. No person shall sign an instrument or perform an act in the capacity of more than one office. The Board from time to time shall elect such other officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall deem necessary or appropriate to manage the affairs of the Association. Officers need not be Members.
- 6.2 <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall have all of the powers and duties that are usually vested in the office of president of an association.
- 6.3 <u>Vice-President</u>. The Vice-President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. He also shall assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are incident to the office of the vice president of an association and as shall otherwise be prescribed by the Directors.
- 6.4 <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Directors and the Members. He shall attend to the giving of all notices to the Members and Directors and other notices required by law. He shall have custody of the seal of the Association and shall affix it to instruments requiring the seal when duly signed. He shall keep the records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the secretary of an association and as may be required by the Directors or the President.
- 6.5 <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall have custody of all property of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. He shall keep books of account for the Association in accordance with good accounting practices, which, together with substantiating papers, shall be made available to the Board of Directors at reasonable intervals and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of treasurer. All monies and other valuable effects shall be kept for the benefit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by a majority of the Board.
- 6.6 <u>Declarant Appointees</u>. No officer appointed by the Declarant may be removed except as provided in **Section 4.17** hereof and by law.
- 7. <u>Compensation</u>. Neither Directors nor officers shall receive compensation for their services as such, but may be compensated for services performed outside the scope of

their service as officers or Directors.

- 8. Resignations. Any Director or officer may resign his post at any time by written resignation, delivered to the President or Secretary, which shall take effect upon its receipt unless a later date is specified in the resignation, in which event the resignation shall be effective from such later date unless withdrawn. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be required to make it effective. The conveyance of all Lots owned by any Director or officer (other than appointees of the Declarant or other Directors or officers who are not Owners when elected or appointed) shall constitute a written resignation of such Director or officer.
- 9. <u>Fiscal Management</u>. The provisions for fiscal management of the Association set forth in the Declaration and Articles shall be supplemented by the following provisions:

## 9.1 Budget.

(a) Adoption By Board; Items. The Board shall from time to time, and at least annually, prepare a budget for the Common Expenses, determine the amount of Assessments payable by the Members to meet the expenses of the Association, and allocate and assess such expenses among the Members, in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.

The budgets must reflect the estimated revenues and expenses for the year and the estimated surplus or deficit as of the end of the current year including all fees and charges for exterior maintenance, landscaping, upkeep and insurance, if applicable, of Common Areas and structures thereon. In addition to the annual operating expenses, and to the extent applicable, the budgets may include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. Reserves, however, may be waived in accordance with the Declaration and applicable Florida law. In the event of such waiver, the budget need not reflect or include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance; provided, however the budget shall contain a disclosure stating reserves have been properly waived.

The adoption of the budgets for the Association by the Board shall comply with the requirements hereinafter set forth. A copy of the proposed budget shall be mailed to each Member not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the Board at which the budget will be considered, together with a notice of that meeting indicating the time and place of such meeting. The Board shall have the power to adopt the budget at the duly noticed meeting by a majority vote.

(b) Adoption by Membership. In the event that the Board shall be unable to adopt a budget in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 9.1(a) above, the Board may call a special meeting of Members for the purpose of considering and adopting such budget, which meeting shall be called and held in the manner provided for such special meetings in said subsection. Alternatively, the Board may propose a budget in writing to all Members of the Association or a specified sub-group of Members, where applicable. If either such budget is adopted by a

- majority of the votes of Members to which the budget applies, present at such meeting, or receiving such written budget, upon ratification by a majority of the Board, it shall become the budget for such year.
- 9.2 <u>Depository</u>. The depository of the Association shall be such bank(s) or savings and loan association(s) in the State of Florida as shall be designated from time to time by the Directors and in which the monies of the Association shall be deposited. Withdrawal of monies from those accounts shall be made only by checks signed by such person or persons as are authorized by the Directors. All sums collected by the Association from Assessments or contributions to working capital or otherwise may be commingled in a single fund or divided into more than one fund, as determined by the Board.
- 9.3 Acceleration of Assessment Installments upon Default. If a Member shall be in default in the payment of an installment upon an Assessment for more than thirty (30) days, the Board or its agent may accelerate the remaining installments of the Annual Assessment upon written notice to such Member, and the then unpaid balance of the Assessment shall be due upon the date stated in the notice, but not less than five (5) days after delivery of the notice or ten (10) days after mailing of the notice, whichever shall first occur.
- 9.4 <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>. Fidelity bonds may be required by the Board for all persons handling or responsible for Association funds in such amount as shall be determined by a majority of the Board, but no less than \$10,000 for each such person so bonded, if any. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the Association as a Common Expense.
- 9.5 Accounting Records and Reports. The Association shall maintain accounting records in the State of Florida, according to accounting practices normally used by similar associations or the manager under any applicable management contract. The records shall be open to inspection by Members or their authorized representatives at reasonable times and written summaries of them shall be supplied at least annually. The records shall include, but not be limited to, (a) a record of all receipts and expenditures, and (b) an account for each Lot designating the name and current mailing address of the Member, the amount of each Assessment, the dates and amounts in which the Assessments come due, the amount paid upon the account and the dates so paid, and the balance due.

Within ninety (90) days following the end of the fiscal year, the Association shall prepare or contract with a third party to prepare and complete a financial report for the previous twelve (12) months. Within 21 days after the final financial report is completed by the association or received from the third party, but not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Association shall provide each Member with a copy of the annual financial report or a written notice that a copy of the annual financial report is available upon request at no charge to the Member. The financial report shall be prepared in accordance with Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, and may consist of either financial statements presented in

conformity with general accepted accounting principals or a financial report of actual receipts and expenditures, cash basis, which report must show the amounts of receipts by accounts and receipt classifications and may show the amounts of expenses by accounts and expense classifications, including, if applicable, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Cost for security;
- (b) Professional and management fees and expenses;
- (c) Taxes;
- (d) Cost for Common Areas;
- (e) Expenses for refuse collection and utility services;
- (f) Expenses for lawn care;
- (g) Cost for building maintenance and repair;
- (h) Insurance costs;
- (i) Administrative and salary expenses;
- (j) General reserves, maintenance reserves and depreciation reserves; and
- (k) Beginning and ending cash balances of the Association.
- 9.6 <u>Application of Payment</u>. All payments made by a Member shall be applied as provided in these Bylaws and in the Declaration or as determined by the Board.
- 9.7 <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Notice of any meeting where Assessments against Members are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a statement that Assessments will be considered and the nature of any such assessments.
- 9.8 <u>Declarant Exemption From Assessments for Lawsuits</u>. The Declarant shall not be liable for the payment of any Assessments applicable to Lots it owns which relate in any way to the payment of legal or other fees to persons or entities engaged for the purpose of suing, or making, preparing or investigating possible claims against the Declarant.
- 10. Roster of Owners. The Association shall maintain current information regarding the title holders of all Owners. Such information shall be obtained by requiring each Member to file with the Association a copy of the deed or other document showing his ownership. The Association may rely upon the accuracy of any such information for all purposes until notified in writing of changes therein.

Only Members of record on the date notice of any meeting requiring their vote is given shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting, unless prior to such meeting

- other Members shall produce adequate evidence, as provided above, of their interest and shall waive in writing notice of such meeting.
- 11. <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Roberts' Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of the Association meetings when not in conflict with the Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws.
- 12. <u>Amendments</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, these Bylaws may be amended in the following manner:
  - 12.1 A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by a majority of the Board or by not less than 1/3 of the votes of Members of the Association. A majority of the Board shall thereupon adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be the annual or a special meeting.
  - 12.2 Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member entitled to vote thereon within the time and in the manner provided in these Bylaws for the giving of notice of a meeting of the Members. If the meeting is an annual meeting, the proposed amendment or such summary may be included in the notice of such annual meeting.
  - 12.3 At such meeting, a vote of the Members entitled to vote thereon shall be taken on the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the Members present in person or by proxy at the meeting (at which a quorum is attained).
  - 12.4 Any number of amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at any one meeting.
  - 12.5 If all of the Directors and all of the Members eligible to vote sign a written statement manifesting their intention that an amendment to these Bylaws be adopted, then the amendment shall thereby be adopted as though the above requirements had been satisfied.
  - 12.6 No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor in the voting rights of Members without approval by all of the Members and the joinder of all Institutional Mortgagees holding Institutional Mortgages upon the Lot(s). No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration or the Articles. Prior to the closing of the sale of all Lots within the Community, no amendment shall make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of, or reserved to, the Declarant, unless the Declarant shall join in the execution of the amendment, including, but not limited to, any right of the Declarant to appoint Directors pursuant to these Bylaws.
  - 12.7 No amendment to these Bylaws shall be made which discriminates against any

- Member(s), or affects less than all of the Members within the Community, without the written approval of all of the Members so discriminated against or affected.
- 12.8 Upon the approval of an amendment to these Bylaws, the certificate of amendment shall be executed and a copy shall be recorded in the public records of the County.
- 12.9 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto any amendments to these Bylaws as long as there is a Class B membership.
- 13. Rules and Regulations. The Board may, from time to time, adopt, modify, amend or add to rules and regulations concerning the use and operation of the Community, except that subsequent to the date control of the Board is turned over by the Declarant to Members other than the Declarant, Members of a majority of the Lots represented at a meeting at which a quorum is present may overrule the Board with respect to the adoption or modification of any rules and regulations. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be furnished by the Board to each affected Member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof. At no time may any rule or regulation be adopted which would prejudice the rights reserved to the Declarant.
- 14. <u>Construction</u>. Wherever the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders. If any portion hereof shall be found by competent judicial authority to be unenforceable, then only that portion shall be deemed deleted and the remainder shall be given its nearest permissible meaning and effect.
- 15. <u>Captions</u>. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define or limit the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision hereof.
- 16. <u>Conflict</u>. In the event there should be found any irreconcilable conflict among or between the Declaration, the Articles and/or these Bylaws and in the absence of any express language indicating which document controls the particular subject matter, then the provisions of the Declaration shall be paramount, the Articles next paramount and these Bylaws subordinate.
- 17. <u>Indemnification of Officers and Directors.</u> Subject to the further provisions of this Section, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless all officers and Directors, (and members of a Committee or Tribunal, as provided in **Section 18.3** hereof) past or incumbent, from and against all costs, claims, damages, expenses and liabilities of any kind whatsoever, including attorneys' fees and costs at all tribunal levels, arising out of the performance of such person's duties hereunder. Such indemnification and hold harmless provision shall (i) exist regardless of whether the Association itself is named as a party defendant or alleged to have any liability, (ii) include the payment of any settlements upon approval by the Board, and (iii) include indemnification of the estate

and heirs of the indemnified party. Such indemnification and hold harmless provision shall not be applicable (i) to the extent the claim or liability is covered by insurance, or (ii) in the event a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines, after all appeals have been exhausted or not timely pursued, that the indemnified party did not act in good faith within what he reasonably believed to be the scope of his duty and/or authority and for purposes which he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association or its Members generally and such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The provision of this Section may not be amended to terminate the effect hereof as to any persons who became officers or Directors while this Section was effective.

- 18. Suspension of Privileges; Fines. In the event of an alleged violation of the Declaration, the Articles, these Bylaws or the rules and regulations adopted hereunder, and after written notice of such alleged failure is given to the Member in the manner herein provided, the Board shall have the right, after the alleged violator has been given an opportunity for an appropriate hearing and upon an affirmative vote of the Board, to suspend or condition said Member's and his family's, guests' and tenants' right to the use of the Common Areas (except for the portions thereof which are necessary as a means of ingress and egress) and to fine such Member. Any such suspension shall be for a period of not more than thirty (30) days for any noncontinuing infraction, but in the case of a continuing infraction (including nonpayment of any Assessment after the same becomes delinquent) the suspension may be imposed for so long as the violation continues. No fine shall exceed the sum of \$100.00 per violation. Repair or replacement costs shall not be deemed fines subject to the foregoing limitation. Any continuing violation shall be a separate violation for each day it continues. The failure of the Board to enforce the rules and regulations, these Bylaws, the Articles or the Declaration shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce the same thereafter. The remedies set forth above and otherwise provided by these Bylaws or by law shall be cumulative and none shall be exclusive. However, any individual must exhaust all available internal remedies of the Association prescribed by these Bylaws, or by any rules and regulations adopted by the Association, before that Member may resort to a court of law for relief from any provision of the Declaration, the Articles, these Bylaws or the rules and regulations. The rights of the Association to suspend voting rights, to impose interest charges, accelerate Assessment payments, or to otherwise enforce the payment of Assessments, as elsewhere provided in the Declaration and these Bylaws, shall not be subject to the provisions of this Section or require the notice and hearing provided for herein.
  - 18.1 Written Complaint. A hearing to determine whether a right or privilege of a Member or any of his family or tenants ("Respondent") under the Declaration or these Bylaws should be suspended or conditioned or a fine imposed shall be initiated by the filing of a written Complaint by any Member or by any officer or Director with the President or Secretary of the Association. The Complaint shall constitute a written statement of charges which shall set forth in ordinary and concise language the acts or omissions with which the Respondent is charged, to the end that the Respondent will be able to prepare his defense. The Complaint shall specify the specific provisions of the Declaration, the Articles, these Bylaws or the rules and regulations which the Respondent is alleged to have violated, but

- shall not consist merely of charges phrased in the language of such provisions without supporting facts.
- Discovery. After initiation of a proceeding in which the Respondent is entitled to 18.2 a hearing, the Respondent and the individual filing the Complaint, upon written request made to the other party, prior to the hearing and within fifteen (15) days after service by the Board of Directors of the Complaint or within ten (10) days after service of any amended or supplemental Complaint, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any statements, writings and investigative reports relevant to the subject matter of the hearing. Nothing in this Section, however, shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as work product.
- 18.3 Tribunal. The Board shall appoint a Tribunal of at least three Members where applicable upon receipt of a written Complaint. No member of the Tribunal shall be a Director, Officers or employee of the Association, nor shall any member of the Tribunal be involved in any prior investigation of the matter on behalf of the Board nor related by blood or marriage to either the complaining party or the Respondent. In appointing the members of the Tribunal, the Board should make a good faith effort to avoid appointing any Members who are witnesses to the alleged violation giving rise to the Complaint or otherwise biased. The decision of the Board shall be final, except that the Respondent may challenge any member of the Tribunal for cause, where a fair and impartial hearing cannot be afforded, at any time prior to the taking of evidence of the hearing. In the event of such a challenge, the Board shall meet to determine the sufficiency of the challenge, without the President voting. If such challenge is sustained, the President shall appoint another Member to replace the challenged member of the Tribunal. All decisions of the Board in this regard shall be final. The Tribunal shall elect a Chairman. The Tribunal shall exercise all other powers relating to the conduct of the hearing. If the Tribunal, by majority vote does not approve a proposed fine or suspension, it may not be imposed.
- 18.4 Notice of Hearing. The Tribunal shall serve a notice of hearing, as provided herein, on all parties at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.

#### 18.5 Hearing.

(a) Whenever the Tribunal has commenced to hear the matter and a member of the Tribunal is forced to withdraw prior to a final determination by the Tribunal, the remaining members shall continue to hear and decide the Oral evidence shall be taken only on oath or affirmation administered by an officer of the Association. The use of affidavits and written interrogatories in lieu of oral testimony shall be encouraged by the Tribunal.

- (b) Each party shall have the right to be represented by counsel; to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues even though that matter was not covered in the direct examination; to impeach any witness regardless of which party first called him to testify; and to rebut the evidence against him. If the Respondent does not testify in his own behalf, he may be called and examined as if under cross-examination.
- (c) The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might make improper the admission of such evidence over objection in civil actions. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding, unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions. The rules of privilege shall be effective to the extent that they are otherwise required by statute to be recognized at the hearing, and irrelevant and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.
- (d) Neither the accusing Member nor the allegedly defaulting Member must be in attendance at the hearing. The hearing shall be open to attendance by all Members where applicable. In rendering a decision, official notice may be taken at any time of any generally accepted matter within the Declaration, the Articles, these Bylaws, the rules and regulations or the workings of the Association.
- Decision. 18.6 The Tribunal will prepare written findings of fact and recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors. The Tribunal shall make its determination only in accordance with the evidence presented to it and in accordance with these Bylaws. After all testimony and documentary evidence has been presented to the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall vote by secret written ballot upon the matter, with a majority of the entire Tribunal controlling. A copy of the findings and recommendations of the Tribunal shall be posted by the Board at a conspicuous place on the Common Areas, and a copy shall be served by the President on each party in the matter and his attorney, if any. Disciplinary action and fines under the Declaration, these Bylaws or the rules and regulations shall be imposed only by the Board, and based upon the findings and recommendations of the Tribunal. The Board may adopt the recommendations of the Tribunal in their entirety, or the Board may reduce the proposed penalty and adopt the balance of the recommendations. In no event shall the Board impose more stringent disciplinary action than recommended by the Tribunal. The decision of the Board shall be in writing and shall be served and posted in the same manner as the findings and recommendations of the Tribunal. The decision of the Board shall become effective ten (10) days after it is served upon the Respondent, unless otherwise ordered in writing by the Board. The Board may order reconsideration

- at any time within fifteen (15) days following service of its decision on the parties on its own motion or upon petition by a party.
- 18.7 <u>Suspension of Privileges for Failure to Pay Assessments.</u> The Association may, without notice of a hearing, or an opportunity for a hearing, impose a suspension upon any Member because of the failure of the Member to pay assessments or other charges when due. However, in no event shall a suspension of common area use rights impair the right of an Owner or tenant of a Lot to have vehicular and/or pedestrian ingress to and egress from the Lot, including, but not limited to the right to park.

The foregoing was adopted as the Bylaws of WESTWOOD PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, at its first meeting of the Board of Directors on the <u>15th</u> day of April, 2015.

Approved:

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# EXHIBIT "D"

Environmental Resource or Surface Water Management Permit

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# **Exhibit J**

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# DOS2010-00019 Lee County ePlan



Regulation **No.:** 141124-12

January 16, 2015

D R HORTON INC 10541 BEN C PRATT SIX MILE CYPRESS PKWY FORT MYERS, FL 33966

Dear Permittee:

SUBJECT: Permit No.: 36-06983-P

Project: WESTWOOD PLACE (F K A FREEDOM SUBDIVISION)

Location: Lee County, S3/T46S/R24E

District staff has reviewed the information submitted November 24, 2014, for the originally permitted (Permit No. 36-06983-P, Application No. 070306-9) project known as Freedom Subdivision. This modification, known as Westwood Place authorizes site plan modifications including the construction of a gated entry with turnaround, and construction of additional retaining walls within the lots to facilitate lot fill and grading. In addition, this modification utilizes NAVD 88 datum, while the previously permitted application utilized NGVD 1929. No modifications to the previously permitted storm water management system are proposed with this project. All information is depicted in the plan set attached as Exhibit No. 1.0

Based on that information, District staff has determined that the proposed activities are in compliance with the original environmental resource permit and appropriate provisions of paragraph 40E-4.331(2)(b) or 62-330.315(2)(g), Florida Administrative Code. Therefore, these changes have been recorded in our files.

Your permit remains subject to the General Conditions and all other Special Conditions not modified and as originally issued.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely.

Daniel F. Waters, P.E. Regulatory Administrator Lower West Coast Service Center

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#### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., the following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

#### RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a SFWMD decision which does or may affect their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits <u>and</u> use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, electronic mail, or posting that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

# **FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Petition must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery, or e-mail. Filings by facsimile will not be accepted after October 1, 2014. A petition for administrative hearing or other document is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the District Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the District Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the District Clerk. Delivery of a petition
  to the SFWMD's security desk does <u>not</u> constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be
  necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An
  employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by e-mail must be transmitted to the District Clerk's Office at <a href="clerk@sfwmd.gov">clerk@sfwmd.gov</a>. The filing date for a document transmitted by electronic mail shall be the date the District Clerk receives the complete document. A party who files a document by e-mail shall (1) represent that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of the proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause and that the party shall produce it upon the request of other parties; and (2) be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed.

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# INITIATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

- 1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, SFWMD file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
- 2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
- 3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency decision.
- 4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
- 5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
- 6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
- 7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
- 8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
- 9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filling a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the SFWMD takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

## **MEDIATION**

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-.405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

# RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the District Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.

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# SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT NO. 36-06983-P

DATE ISSUED: MARCH 8, 2010

PERMITTEE: FREEDOM BOAT COMPANY

(FREEDOM SUBDIVISION)

1813 SEA FAN CIRCLE.

NORTH FORT MYERS, FL 33903

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SERVING A 9.66

ACRE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS FREEDOM SUBDIVISION WITH DISCHARGE TO THE

EXISTING ROADSIDE SWALE, VIA THE SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

PROJECT LOCATION:

LEE COUNTY.

SECTION 3 TWP 46S RGE 24E

PERMIT DURATION:

See Special Condition No:1. See attached Rule 40E-4.321, Florida Administrative Code.

This Permit is issued pursuant to Application No. 070306-9, dated February 12, 2007. Permittee agrees to hold and save the South Florida Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims or liabilities which may arise by reason of the construction, operation, maintenance or use of activities authorized by this Permit. This Permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 373, Part IV, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and the Operating Agreement Concerning Regulation Under Part IV, Chapter 373 F.S., between South Florida Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Protection. Issuance of this Permit constitutes certification of compliance with state water quality standards where necessary pursuant to Section 401, Public Law 92-500, 33 USC Section 1341, unless this Permit is issued pursuant to the net improvement provisions of Subsections 373.414(1)(b), F.S., or as otherwise stated herein.

This Permit may be transferred pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, F.S., and Sections 40E-1.6107(1) and (2), and 40E-4.351(1), (2), and (4), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). This Permit may be revoked, suspended, or modified at any time pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, F.S. and Sections 40E-4.351(1), (2), and (4), F.A.C.

This Permit shall be subject to the General Conditions set forth in Rule 40E-4.381, F.A.C.. The Application, and the Individual Environmental Resource Permit Staff Report, including all conditions, and all plans and specifications incorporated by reference, are a part of this Permit. All activities authorized by this Permit shall be implemented as set forth in the plans, specifications, and performance criteria as set forth and incorporated in the Individual Environmental Resource Permit Staff Report. Within 30 days after completion of construction of the permitted activity, the Permittee shall submit a written statement of completion and certification by a registered professional engineer or other appropriate individual, pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, F.S. and Sections 40E-4.361 and 40E-4.381, F.A.C.

In the event the property is sold or otherwise conveyed, the Permittee will remain liable for compliance with this Permit until transfer is approved by the District pursuant to Rule 40E-1.6107, F.A.C.

#### SPECIAL AND GENERAL CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SEE PAGES 2 - 4 OF 7 (29 SPECIAL CONDITIONS). SEE PAGES 5 - 7 OF 7 (19 GENERAL CONDITIONS).

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

By <u>ELIZABETH VEGUILLA</u>
DEPUTY CLERK
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The construction phase of this permit shall expire on March 8, 2015.
- Operation of the surface water management system shall be the responsibility of PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION. Within one year of permit issuance or concurrent with the engineering certification of construction completion, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit a copy of the recorded deed restrictions (or declaration of condominium, if applicable), a copy of the filed articles of incorporation, and a copy of the certificate of incorporation for the association.
- 3. Discharge Facilities:

Structure: CS-1

1-6" W X 2" H RECTANGULAR ORIFICE with invert at elev. 4.75' NGVD 29.

1-3.33' W X 4.33' L drop inlet with crest at elev. 7.8' NGVD 29.

Receiving body: Winkler Road roadside swale

Control elev: 3.25 feet NGVD 29.

- 4. The permittee shall be responsible for the correction of any erosion, shoaling or water quality problems that result from the construction or operation of the surface water management system.
- 5. Measures shall be taken during construction to insure that sedimentation and/or turbidity violations do not occur in the receiving water.
- The District reserves the right to require that additional water quality treatment methods be incorporated into the drainage system if such measures are shown to be necessary.
- 7. Facilities other than those stated herein shall not be constructed without an approved modification of this permit.
- 8. A stable, permanent and accessible elevation reference shall be established on or within one hundred (100) feet of all permitted discharge structures no later than the submission of the certification report. The location of the elevation reference must be noted on or with the certification report.
- 9. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all of the components of the surface water management system in order to remove all trapped sediments/debris. All materials shall be properly disposed of as required by law. Failure to properly maintain the system may result in adverse flooding conditions.
- 10. This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information which reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. Should any adverse impacts caused by the completed surface water management system occur, the District will require the permittee to provide appropriate mitigation to the District or other impacted party. The District will require the permittee to modify the surface water management system, if necessary, to eliminate the cause of the adverse impacts.
- 11. The permittee acknowledges, that pursuant to Rule 40E-4.101(2), F.A.C., a notice of Environmental Resource or Surface Water Management Permit may be recorded in the county public records. Pursuant to the specific language of the rule, this notice shall not be considered an encumbrance upon the property.
- 12. Minimum building floor elevation: BASIN: Basin 1 10.00 feet NGVD 29.
- 13. Minimum road crown elevation: Basin: Basin 1 7.10 feet NGVD 29.
- 14. Minimum parking lot elevation: Basin: Basin 1 7.10 feet NGVD 29.
- 15. The Permitee shall utilize the criteria contained in the Construction Pollution Prevention Plan (Exhibit No. 4.0) and on the applicable approved construction drawings for the duration of the projects construction activities.
- 16. The Permitee shall utilize the criteria contained in the Urban Stormwater Management Program (Exhibit No. 5.0) for post

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construction activities.

17. Prior to the commencement of construction and in accordance with the work schedule in Exhibit No. 3.4, the permittee shall submit two certified copies of the recorded conservation easement for the mitigation area and associated buffers. The data shall be supplied in a digital ESRI Geodatabase (mdb), ESRI Shapefile (shp) or AutoCAD Drawing Interchange (dxf) file format using Florida State Plane coordinate system, East Zone (3601), Datum NAD83, HARN with the map units in feet. This data shall be submitted as a paper map depicting the Conservation Easement over the best available satellite or aerial imagery. This data shall also reside on a CD or floppy disk and be submitted to the District's Environmental Resource Compliance Division in the service area office where the application was submitted.

The recorded easement shall utilize the form attached as Exhibit 3.2. Any proposed modifications to the approved form must receive prior written consent from the District. The easement must be free of encumbrances or interests in the easement which the District determines are contrary to the intent of the easement. In the event it is later determined that there are encumbrances or interests in the easement which the District determines are contrary to the intent of the easement, the permittee shall be required to provide release or subordination of such encumbrances or interests.

- 18. Prior to the commencement of construction, the permittee shall conduct a pre-construction meeting with field representatives, contractors and District staff. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss construction methods and sequencing, including type and location of turbidity and erosion controls to be implemented during construction, mobilization and staging of contractor equipment, phasing of construction, methods of vegetation clearing, construction dewatering if required, wetland/buffer protection methods, endangered species protection with the permittee and contractors. The permittee shall contact District Environmental Resource Compliance staff from the Lower West Coast Service Center at 239-338-2929 to schedule the pre-construction meeting.
- 19. All contractors must be provided with a copy of the staff report and permit conditions prior to the commencement of construction. The permittee is responsible for ensuring that all contractors adhere to the project construction details and methods indicated on the attached permit Exhibits and described herein.
- Permanent physical markers designating the preserve status of the wetland preservation areas and buffer zones shall be placed as shown on Exhibit No. 3.1. The markers shall be maintained in perpetuity.
- 21. Prior to the commencement of construction, the perimeter of protected wetland/buffer zones/upland preservation areas shall be staked/roped/fenced to prevent encroachment into the protected areas. Using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, the perimeter of the preserve area(s) shall be identified for future reference. The data shall be differentially corrected and accurate to less than a meter (+/- one meter or better). Electronic copies of the GPS data shall be provided to the District's Environmental Resource Compliance staff in accordance with Exhibit 3.4. The permittee shall notify the District's Environmental Resource Compliance staff in writing upon completion of staking/roping/fencing and schedule an inspection of this work. The staking/roping/fencing shall be subject to District staff approval. The permittee shall modify the staking/roping/fencing if District staff determines that it is insufficient or is not in conformance with the intent of this permit. Staking/roping/fencing shall remain in place until all adjacent construction activities are complete.
- 22. A monitoring program shall be implemented in accordance with Exhibit Nos. 3.1 & 3.4. The monitoring program shall extend for a period of 5 years with annual reports submitted to District staff. At the end of the first monitoring period the mitigation area shall contain an 80% survival of planted vegetation. The 80% survival rate shall be maintained throughout the remainder of the monitoring program, with replanting as necessary. If native wetland, transitional, and upland species do not achieve an 80% coverage within the initial two years of the monitoring program, native species shall be planted in accordance with the maintenance program. At the end of the 5 year monitoring program the entire mitigation area shall contain an 80% survival of planted vegetation and an 80% coverage of desirable obligate and facultative wetland species.
- 23. A maintenance program shall be implemented in accordance with Exhibit Nos. 3.1 & 3.4 for the preserved/enhanced wetland/upland areas on a regular basis to ensure the integrity and viability of those areas as permitted. Maintenance shall be conducted in perpetuity to ensure that the conservation area is maintained free from Category 1 exotic vegetation (as defined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council at the time of permit issuance) immediately following a

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maintenance activity. Coverage of exotic and nuisance plant species shall not exceed 5% of total cover between maintenance activities. In addition, the permittee shall manage the conservation areas such that exotic/nuisance plant species do not dominate any one section of those areas.

- 24. The permittee shall be responsible for the successful completion of the mitigation work, including the monitoring and maintenance of the mitigation areas for the duration of the plan. The mitigation area shall not be turned over to the operation entity until the mitigation work is accomplished as permitted and District Environmental Resource Compliance staff has concurred.
- 25. Activities associated with the implementation of the mitigation, monitoring and maintenance plan(s) shall be completed in accordance with the work schedule attached as Exhibit No. 3.4. Any deviation from these time frames will require prior approval from the District's Environmental Resource Compliance staff. Such requests must be made in writing and shall include (1) reason for the change, (2) proposed start/finish and/or completion dates; and (3) progress report on the status of the project development or mitigation effort.
- 26. The following exhibits for the permit are incorporated by reference herein and are located in the permit file. In addition, these exhibits can be viewed on the District's ePermitting website under this application number.

Exhibit No. 4.0 Construction Pollution Prevention Plan Exhibit No. 5.0 Urban Stormwater Management Program Exhibit No. 6.0 Property Owners Association Documents

Exhibit No. 6.0 Property Owners Association Documents

- Prior to commencement of construction and in accordance with the work schedule in Exhibit No. 3.4, the permittee shall submit documentation from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that 1.40 forested freshwater credits have been deducted from the ledger for Corkscrew Mitigation Bank/ Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permit #198035-001.
- 28. Endangered species, threatened species and/or species of special concern have been observed onsite and/or the project contains suitable habitat for these species. It shall be the permittee's responsibility to coordinate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for appropriate guidance, recommendations and/or necessary permits to avoid impacts to listed species.
- 29. A mitigation program for Freedom Subdivision shall be implemented in accordance with Exhibit No. 3.1 (Mitigation/Monitoring/Maintenance Plan). The permittee shall enhance and preserve 1.72 acres of wetlands/ upland compensation areas consisting of 0.84 acres of wetlands, 0.21 acres of OSW, 0.54 acres of upland compensation and 0.12 acres of upland buffer.

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#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 1. All activities authorized by this permit shall be implemented as set forth in the plans, specifications and performance criteria as approved by this permit. Any deviation from the permitted activity and the conditions for undertaking that activity shall constitute a violation of this permit and Part IV, Chapter 373. F.S.
- 2. This permit or a copy thereof, complete with all conditions, attachments, exhibits, and modifications shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity. The complete permit shall be available for review at the work site upon request by District staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to commencement of the activity authorized by this permit.
- 3. Activities approved by this permit shall be conducted in a manner which does not cause violations of State water quality standards. The permittee shall implement best management practices for erosion and pollution control to prevent violation of State water quality standards. Temporary erosion control shall be implemented prior to and during construction, and permanent control measures shall be completed within 7 days of any construction activity. Turbidity barriers shall be installed and maintained at all locations where the possibility of transferring suspended solids into the receiving waterbody exists due to the permitted work. Turbidity barriers shall remain in place at all locations until construction is completed and soils are stabilized and vegetation has been established. All practices shall be in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in Chapter 6 of the Florida Land Development Manual; A Guide to Sound Land and Water Management (Department of Environmental Regulation, 1988), incorporated by reference in Rule 40E-4.091, F.A.C. unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved as part of the permit. Thereafter the permittee shall be responsible for the removal of the barriers. The permittee shall correct any erosion or shoaling that causes adverse impacts to the water resources.
- 4. The permittee shall notify the District of the anticipated construction start date within 30 days of the date that this permit is issued. At least 48 hours prior to commencement of activity authorized by this permit, the permittee shall submit to the District an Environmental Resource Permit Construction Commencement Notice Form Number 0960 indicating the actual start date and the expected construction completion date.
- 5. When the duration of construction will exceed one year, the permittee shall submit construction status reports to the District on an annual basis utilizing an annual status report form. Status report forms shall be submitted the following June of each year.
- 6. Within 30 days after completion of construction of the permitted activity, the permittee shall submit a written statement of completion and certification by a professional engineer or other individual authorized by law, utilizing the supplied Environmental Resource/Surface Water Management Permit Construction Completion/Certification Form Number 0881A, or Environmental Resource/Surface Water Management Permit Construction Completion Certification For Projects Permitted prior to October 3, 1995 Form No. 0881B, incorporated by reference in Rule 40E-1.659, F.A.C. The statement of completion and certification shall be based on onsite observation of construction or review of as-built drawings for the purpose of determining if the work was completed in compliance with permitted plans and specifications. This submittal shall serve to notify the District that the system is ready for inspection. Additionally, if deviation from the approved drawings are discovered during the certification process, the certification must be accompanied by a copy of the approved permit drawings with deviations noted. Both the original and revised specifications must be clearly shown. The plans must be clearly labeled as "as-built" or "record" drawings. All surveyed dimensions and elevations shall be certified by a registered surveyor.
- 7. The operation phase of this permit shall not become effective: until the permittee has complied with the requirements of condition (6) above, and submitted a request for conversion of Environmental Resource Permit from Construction Phase to Operation Phase, Form No. 0920; the District determines the system to be in compliance with the permitted plans and specifications; and the entity approved by the District in accordance with Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District, accepts responsibility for operation and maintenance of the system. The permit shall not be transferred to such approved operation and maintenance entity until the operation phase of the permit becomes effective. Following inspection and approval of the permitted system by the District, the permittee shall initiate transfer of the permit to the approved.

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responsible operating entity if different from the permittee. Until the permit is transferred pursuant to Section 40E-1.6107, F.A.C., the permittee shall be liable for compliance with the terms of the permit.

- 8. Each phase or independent portion of the permitted system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to the initiation of the permitted use of site infrastructure located within the area served by that portion or phase of the system. Each phase or independent portion of the system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the phase or portion of the system to a local government or other responsible entity.
- 9. For those systems that will be operated or maintained by an entity that will require an easement or deed restriction in order to enable that entity to operate or maintain the system in conformance with this permit, such easement or deed restriction must be recorded in the public records and submitted to the District along with any other final operation and maintenance documents required by Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit applications within the South Florida Water Management District, prior to lot or units sales or prior to the completion of the system, whichever comes first. Other documents concerning the establishment and authority of the operating entity must be filed with the Secretary of State, county or municipal entities. Final operation and maintenance documents must be received by the District when maintenance and operation of the system is accepted by the local government entity. Failure to submit the appropriate final documents will result in the permittee remaining liable for carrying out maintenance and operation of the permitted system and any other permit conditions.
- 10. Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the permitted system, the permittee shall notify the District in writing of the changes prior to implementation so that a determination can be made whether a permit modification is required.
- 11. This permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special district authorizations prior to the start of any activity approved by this permit. This permit does not convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the permit and Chapter 40E-4 or Chapter 40E-40, F.A.C..
- 12. The permittee is hereby advised that Section 253.77, F.S. states that a person may not commence any excavation, construction, or other activity involving the use of sovereign or other lands of the State, the title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund without obtaining the required lease, license, easement, or other form of consent authorizing the proposed use. Therefore, the permittee is responsible for obtaining any necessary authorizations from the Board of Trustees prior to commencing activity on sovereignty lands or other state-owned lands.
- 13. The permittee must obtain a Water Use permit prior to construction dewatering, unless the work qualifies for a general permit pursuant to Subsection 40E-20.302(3), F.A.C., also known as the "No Notice" Rule.
- 14. The permittee shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any system authorized by the permit.
- 15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding, unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Section 373.421(2), F.S., provides otherwise.
- 16. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, conveyance, or other transfer of ownership or control of a permitted system or the real property on which the permitted system is located. All transfers of ownership or transfers of a permit are subject to the requirements of Rules 40E-1.6105 and 40E-1.6107, F.A.C.. The permittee transferring the permit shall remain liable for corrective actions that may be required as a result of any violations prior to the sale, conveyance or other transfer of the system.
- 17. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, District authorized staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the system to insure conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the permit.

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18. If historical or archaeological artifacts are discovered at any time on the project site, the permittee shall immediately notify the appropriate District service center.

19. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate. INSTR # 2015000086243 Page Number: 89 of 138

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMITS CHAPTER 40E-4**

#### 40E-4.321 Duration of Permits

- (1) Unless revoked or otherwise modified the duration of an environmental resource permit issued under this chapter or Chapter 40E-40, F.A.C., is as follows:
- (a) For a conceptual approval, two years from the date of issuance or the date Environmental Resource Permits-Chapter 40E-4 Effect: November 11, 200926 (40E-4) specified as a condition of the permit, unless within that period an application for an individual or standard general permit is filed for any portion of the project. If an application for an environmental resource permit is filed, then the conceptual approval remains valid until final action is taken on the environmental resource permit application. If the application is granted, then the conceptual approval is valid for an additional two years from the date of issuance of the permit. Conceptual approvals which have no individual or standard general environmental resource permit applications filed for a period of two years shall expire automatically at the end of the two year period.
- (b) For a conceptual approval filed concurrently with a development of regional impact (DRI) application for development approval (ADA) and a local government comprehensive plan amendment, the duration of the conceptual approval shall be two years from whichever one of the following occurs at the latest date:
  - 1. The effective date of the local government's comprehensive plan amendment,
  - 2. The effective date of the local government development order,
  - 3. The date on which the District issues the conceptual approval, or
  - 4. The date on which the District issues a final order pertaining to the resolution of any Section 120.57, F.S., administrative proceeding or other legal appeals.
- (c) For an individual or standard general environmental resource permit, the construction phase authorizing construction, removal, alteration or abandonment of a system shall expire five years from the date of issuance or such amount of time as made a condition of the permit.
- (d) For an individual or standard general environmental resource permit, the operational phase of the permit is perpetual for operation and maintenance.
- (e) For a noticed general permit issued pursuant to Chapter 40E-400, F.A.C., five years from the date the notice of intent to use the permit is provided to the District.
- (2)(a) Unless prescribed by special permit condition, permits expire automatically according to the timeframes indicated in this rule. If application for extension is made by electronic mail at the District's ePermitting website or in writing pursuant to subsection
  - (3), the permit shall remain in full force and effect until:
  - 1. The Governing Board takes action on an application for extension of an individual permit, or
  - 2. Staff takes action on an application for extension of a standard general permit.
  - (b) Installation of the project outfall structure shall not constitute a vesting of the permit.
- (3) The permit extension shall be issued provided that a permittee files a written request with the District showing good cause prior to the expiration of the permit. For the purpose of this rule, good cause shall mean a set of extenuating circumstances outside of the control of the permittee. Requests for extensions, which shall include documentation of the extenuating circumstances and how they have delayed this project, will not be accepted more than 180 days prior to the expiration date.
- (4) Substantial modifications to Conceptual Approvals will extend the duration of the Conceptual Approval for two years from the date of issuance of the modification. For the purposes of this section, the term "substantial modification" shall mean a modification which is reasonably expected to lead to substantially different water resource or environmental impacts which require a detailed review.
- (5) Substantial modifications to individual or standard general environmental Environmental Resource Permits Chapter 40E-4 Effect: November 11, 2009 27 (40E-4) resource permits issued pursuant to a permit application extend the duration of the permit for three years from the date of issuance of the modification. Individual or standard general environmental resource permit modifications do not extend the duration of a conceptual approval.
- (6) Permit modifications issued pursuant to paragraph 40E-4.331(2)(b), F.A.C. (letter modifications) do not extend the duration of the permit.
- (7) Failure to complete construction or alteration of the surface water management system and obtain operation phase approval from the District within the permit duration shall require a new permit authorization in order to continue construction unless a permit extension is granted.

Specific Authority 373 044, 373.113, 668.003, 668.004, 668.50 FS. Law Implemented 373.413, 373.416, 373.419, 373.426, 668.003, 668.004, 668.50 FS. History-New 9-3-81, Amended 1-31-82, 12-1-82, Formerly 16K-4.07(4), Amended 7-1-86, 4-20-94, 10-3-95, 5-28-00, 10-1-06.

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Last Date For Agency Action: March 17, 2010

## INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT STAFF REPORT

Project Name:

Freedom Subdivision

Permit No.:

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Application No.: 070306-9

Application Type: Environmental Resource (New Construction/Operation)

Location:

Lee County, S3/T46S/R24E

Permittee:

Freedom Boat Company

Operating Entity: Property Owners Association

FINAL APPROVED BY **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** MARCH 8, 2010

Project Area: 9.66 acres

Project Land Use: Residential

Drainage Basin:

**ESTERO BAY** 

Sub Basin: COW SLOUGH

Receiving Body: Winkler Road roadside swale via SWMS

Class: CLASS III

Special Drainage District: NA

**Total Acres Wetland Onsite:** 

5.80

Total Acres Wetland Preserved Onsite:

.81

**Total Acres Impacted Onsite:** 

4.99

Total Acres Presv/Mit Compensation Onsite:

1.70

Offsite Mitigation Credits-Mit.Bank:

1.40

Corkscrew Regional Mitigation Bank

Conservation Easement To District:

Yes

Sovereign Submerged Lands: No

#### PROJECT PURPOSE:

This application is a request for an Environmental Resource Permit authorizing Construction and Operation of a surface water management system serving a 9.66 acre residential development known as Freedom Subdivision with discharge to the existing roadside swale, via the surface water management system.

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#### **PROJECT EVALUATION:**

#### PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:

The 9.66 acre site is located on the west side of Winkler Road Extension, south of the intersection with Summerlin Road. The site is bordered on the north by an existing development known as Avalon Preserve aka Winkler 38 and on the south by an existing development known as Fernwalk Subdivision, in Fort Myers. A location map is attached as Exhibit 1.0.

There are no permitted surface water management facilities within the project area. The project site includes both wetlands and uplands and will be discussed in further detail in the wetland and mitigation/monitoring section of the staff report. Please see FLUCCs/Soil/impact Map Exhibit 3.0.

#### PROPOSED PROJECT:

The applicant proposes the construction of a 9.66-acre residential development known as Freedom Subdivision. The proposed project consists of single family lots containing a total building area of 2.63 acres with associated impervious surface, pervious areas, a surface water management system, and a wetland and upland preserve. Site drainage plans and section sheets are attached as Exhibit 2.0.

Surface water within the 7.94 acre controlled basin is conveyed by sheet flow and interconnected inlets to one (1) dry retention area located on the south side of the site. The dry retention area discharges through a control structure located on the southeast corner of the site to the existing Winkler Road Extension roadside swale. Offsite flow from the northwest of the proposed site flows through the 1.72 acre preserve area located outside of the controlled basin on the west side and along the southern boundary of the development. The area along the southern border includes a 5-feet wide swale that directs storm water to the Winkler Road Extension swale.

# LAND USE:

Other refers to the 1.72 acre upland and wetland preserve area located outside the controlled basin area.

#### Construction:

Project:

	This Phase	Total Project	
Building Coverage	2.63	2.63	acres
Dry Retention Areas	1.14	1.14	acres
Other	1.72	1.72	acres
Pavement	.66	.66	acres
Pervious	3.51	3.51	acres
Total:	9.66	9.66	

Basin: Basin 1

	This Phase	Total Basi	n
Building Coverage	2.63	2.63	acres
Dry Retention Areas	1.14	1.14	acres

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Basin: Basin 1

	This Phase	Total Basi	in
Pavement	.66	.66	acres
Pervious	3.51	3.51	acres
Total:	7.94	7.94	

#### **WATER QUANTITY:**

# Discharge Rate:

The project lies within Lee County. The proposed surface water management system for the 7.94 acre controlled basin meets the allowable discharge rate for the Estero Bay Watershed, Cow Slough subbasin as shown in the table below based on 46 CSM. The surface water management system provides attenuation for the project prior to discharge to the Winkler Road roadside drainage ditch, via the surface water management system.

Discharge Storm Frequency: 25 YEAR-3 DAY

Design Rainfall: 10.6 inches

Basin	Allow Disch	Method Of	Peak Disch	Peak Stage
	(cfs)	Determination	(cfs)	(ft, NGVD 29)
Basin 1	.71	Conveyance Limitation	.68	7.79

#### Finished Floors:

Building Storm Frequency: 100 YEAR-3 DAY

Design Rainfall: 12.91 inches

Basin	Peak Stage	Proposed Min. Finished Floors	FEMA Elevation
	( ft, NGVD 29)	( ft, NGVD 29)	( ft, NGVD 29)
Basin 1	8.61	10	N/A

#### Road Design:

Road Storm Frequency: 5 YEAR-1 DAY Design Rainfall: 5.5 inches

Basin	Peak Stage ( ft, NGVD 29)	Proposed Min. Road Crown (ft, NGVD 29)
Basin 1	7.06	7.1

#### Parking Lot Design:

Basin 1	Peak Stage ( ft, NGVD 29)	Proposed Min.Parking Elev. ( ft, NGVD 29)
	7.06	7.1

#### Control Elevation:

Basin	Area	Ctrl Elev	WSWT Ctrl Elev	Method Of
	(Acres)	( ft, NGVD 29)	( ft, NGVD 29)	Determination
Basin 1	7.94	3.25		etland Indicator Elevation

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#### Receiving Body:

Basin			Str.#	Re	ceiving Body					
Basin 1			CS-1	W	inkler Road roa	dside swale				
Water Quali	ty Structi	ures: N	ote: The units	for all t	the elevation va	lues of struc	ctures are	( ft,	NGVD	29)
Bleeders: Basin	Str#	Count	Туре		Width	Height	Length D	ia.	Invert Angle	Invert Elev.
Basin 1	CS-1	1	Rectangular	Orifice	6"	2"		Water Total State of		4.75
Inlets: Basin		Str#	Count		Туре	Widti	n Length	Dia	. (	Crest Elev.
Basin 1	na eta partira de la composito	CS-1	1	Fdot M	lod E Drop Inlet	3.33'	4.33'			7.8

# WATER QUALITY:

The surface water management system provides the required 0.4 acre-feet of water quality treatment based on 1-inch over the total area with an additional 50% treatment volume prior to discharging into the existing roadside swale, via the surface water management system.

Pollutant loading calculations demonstrate the surface water management system reduces the postdevelopment loadings of storm water nutrients to levels less than the loadings generated under predevelopment conditions. An Urban Stormwater Management Program and Construction Pollution Prevention Plan specifications and guidelines are part of the required water quality. In addition, the proposed surface water management system includes a nutrient separating baffle box in the outfall pipe of the control structure. Construction and daily operation of the project shall be conducted in accordance with Special Condition Nos. 15-16 and Exhibits Nos. 4.0 and 5.0 which shall be retained in the permit file. No adverse water quality impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

Basin		Treatment Method	Vol Req.d (ac-ft)	Vol Prov'd
Basin 1	Treatment	Dry Retention	.4	.4

# WETLANDS:

District staff conducted an informal wetland determination on July 26, 2004 and July 29, 2005 of the 9.66 acre site. The District sent a letter on February 3, 2006 to Passarella and Associates, Inc. stating that the 9.66 acre property had jurisdictional wetlands and other surface waters (OSW); this letter is in the permit file. In May of 2007, District staff conducted a site visit along with consultants from Passarella and Associates, Inc. of the project area and performed the quantification/qualitative survey of the assessment area for wetland impacts and mitigation on the property using the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM), Chapter 62.345 F.A.C. UMAM scores were finalized in the field.

The project area contains 5.83 acres of low quality disturbed wetlands containing 75%-100% coverage by nuisance and exotic vegetation and 0.50 acres of other surface waters (OSW/ditch) in the southwest portion of the property. The offsite areas consist of the Fernwalk Subdivision which is directly south of the Freedom property and contains a small mitigation wetland preserve that is on the east side of the Fernwalk Subdivision next to Winkler Road. On the west side of the Freedom Subdivision 9.66 acre parcel is another subdivision. North of the Freedom Subdivision is the Avalon Subdivision, in which the Avalon Mitigation Preserve is northwest of the Freedom Subdivision. Directly to the east of the Freedom 9.66 acre parcel is Winkler Road, which has a ditch in the right of way (ROW).

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The majority of wetland habitat is on the east side of the property with a ditch located on the southwest side of the property. The hydrological indicators included standing water, rafted vegetation and water stains on melaleuca, hydric cabbage palm and hydric pine as well as obligate wetland vegetation present in these wetland areas. In the willow wetland, hydric pine and hydric cabbage palm wetlands the vegetation consisted of saw grass, maidencane and swamp fern, which are obligate vegetative species. However, the predominant exotic vegetation is melaleuca and Brazilian pepper and is scattered throughout the entire 9.66 acre site. The eastern wetland is mainly melaleuca. The wetland habitats include 3.32 acres of hydric melaleuca, 0.37 acres of disturbed hydric cabbage palm/cabbage palm savannah, 0.13 acres of freshwater cattail marsh, 0.60 disturbed willow marsh, 0.03 acres of hydric Brazilian pepper and 1.38 acres of disturbed hydric pine flatwoods. Upland habitats include pine flatwoods, 0.62 acres of berm and 0.03 acres of disturbed land, etc. The western half of the property is mainly disturbed upland pine flatwoods infested with melaleuca and Brazilian pepper. The 0.62 acre berm is directly above the 0.50 acre ditch. The freshwater cattail marsh habitat is located on the northwest section of the site with 0.60 acres of willow marsh surrounding the cattail marsh. The willow habitat is bordered with hydric cabbage palm with 75 to 100% exotics. The western portion of the wetland will be preserved and enhanced and placed under a conservation easement. FLUCCs/Soils/Impact Map is attached as Exhibit No. 3.0.

#### Wetland impacts:

The project will directly impact 4.99 acres of low quality disturbed wetlands containing 75%-100% coverage by nuisance and exotic vegetation and 0.29 acres of surface waters. The project site is also surrounded by development and will involve minor secondary impacts. Reduction and elimination of direct and secondary impacts on the project site were evaluated using Section 4.2.1 of the Basis of Review. The applicant has implemented practicable design modifications to reduce impacts onsite and meets the provisions of Section 4.2.1 of the Basis of Review due to these design modifications, the low quality and isolated nature of wetlands to be impacted onsite, and the greater long-term ecological value of the offsite mitigation provided. To prevent secondary impacts, an upland buffer of approximately 15 feet wide is provided for the lower half of the preserve area and is located on the southwest side of the development. In addition to on-site mitigation for direct and secondary impacts (where a sufficient upland buffer is not provided), freshwater forested credits (1.40 credits) will be purchased at Corkscrew Mitigation Bank which is located in the Estero Bay Drainage Basin to further offset wetland functional loss units.

#### Mitigation Proposal:

The applicant proposes both on-site mitigation and off-site mitigation. The total wetland functional loss on-site was 1.65 functional units and the functional gain for wetland preservation was 0.25 functional units. The loss of wetland function was addressed by providing 1.72 acres of on-site mitigation via the enhancement and preservation of the western wetland and also by providing off-site mitigation for the 1.40 functional loss units within the same drainage basin. The on-site mitigation consists of 1.72 total acres of enhancing and preserving 0.84 acres of wetlands, 0.21 acres of other surface waters (OSW), 0.54 acres of uplands and 0.12 acres of buffer. The wetland/upland preserve site is located on the western side of the property. The majority of exotic vegetation (50 to 100% coverage) in the wetland/upland preserve area is Brazilian pepper and melaleuca. The vegetative habitats in the wetland preserve include 0.11 acres of hydric melaleuca, 0.16 acres of disturbed hydric cabbage palm, 0.13 acres of freshwater cattail marsh, and 0.03 acres of disturbed land. The upland preserve portion consists of 0.03 acres of Brazilian pepper, 0.25 acres of cabbage palm disturbed with 25 to 49% exotics and 0.26 acres of berm. Enhancement will consist of the removal of exotic and nuisance vegetation and the planting of native wetland and upland vegetation. The exotics to be eradicated include melaleuca. Brazilian pepper, downy rose myrtle and Australian pine. The exotic species will be removed by hand. Please refer to Exhibit 3.1 for the Mitigation/Monitoring Plan for the details of the hand removal methods of exotic and nuisance species in the preserve and for the planting list and planting instructions (i.e.,

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heights, container sizes, spacing). Since the mitigation costs are under \$25,000.00, no financial assurances are necessary pursuant to 4.3.7.1(b), Volume 4, Basis of Review (B.O.R.). The preserve will also be placed under a conservation easement and will include the 0.12 acre buffer. Please see Conservation Easement Exhibit 3.2. Additionally, preserve signs will be placed on the perimeter of the preserve and on the buffer. Please refer to the Mitigation/Monitoring Plan Exhibit 3.1 regarding signage.

Off-site mitigation will involve purchasing 1.40 freshwater forested credits from the Corkscrew mitigation bank. Please see Mitigation Bank Credit Letter Exhibit 3.3.

#### **Cumulative Impact Assessment:**

No adverse cumulative impacts are anticipated. The functional loss is 1.65 units and is offset by both the proposed on-site and off-site mitigation. Proposed on-site mitigation consists of 0.25 functional units gained from the enhancement and preservation of wetland and upland preserve. Proposed off-site mitigation consists of the purchase of 1.40 credits at the Corkscrew Mitigation Bank which is located within Estero Bay Drainage Basin. All impacts have been adequately offset.

#### Monitoring/Maintenance:

The proposed monitoring of the preserved and enhanced upland and wetland areas will occur for five years. Annual monitoring reports documenting success and/or failure of the preserve area will be submitted to the District. The District will determine the type of remedial actions necessary if the preserve area does not meet success criteria pursuant to the Basis of Review, Volume 4, Section 4.3.6. The reports shall include vegetative monitoring, wildlife monitoring, photographic documentation and fixed point transects and rainfall and staff gauge recordings. Please refer to the Mitigation/Monitoring Exhibit 3.1 and Work Schedule exhibit 3.4.

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# Wetland Inventory:

CONSTRUCTION NEW -Freedom Subdivision-Impact

Site Id		Site Type Pre-Development				Post-Development						
1990 - 100-01		Pre Fluc cs	AA Type	Acreage (Acres)	Current Wo Pres	With Project	Time Lag (Yrs)	Risk Factor	Pres. Adj. Factor	Post	Adj Delta	Functional Gain / Loss
1-1	ON	625	Direct	1,13	.33	.00	mer an interess of the				330	373
1-2	ON	619	Direct	3.13	.30	.00					300	939
1-3	ON	625	Direct	.10	.40	.00					400	040
1-4	ON	625	Direct	.15	.33	.00					330	050
1-5	ON	619	Direct	.07	.30	.00					~.300	021
1-6	ON	619	Direct	.01	.30	.00					300	003
1-7	ON	618	Direct	.21	.47	.00					470	099
1-8	ON	641	Direct	.19	.67	.00					670	127
			Total:	4.99					100 M. 17 P. Thomas and 1995	40.0		-1.65

# Wetland Inventory:

CONSTRUCTION NEW -Mitigation-Upland

Site Id	Site Type	Pre-Development					Post-Development						
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UM-1	ON	422	Enhancement	.03	.25	.78	2	1.50			.343	.010	
UM-2	ON	744	Enhancement	.17	.30	.70	2	1.50			.259	.044	
UM-3	ON	744	Enhancement	.09	.30	.65	2	1.50			.227	.020	
UM-4	ON	428	Enhancement	.24	.30	.70	2	1.50			.259	.062	
UM-5	ON	428	Enhancement	.08	.30	.73	2	1.50			.278	.022	
UM-6	ON	428	Enhancement	.03	.30	.67	2	1.50			.239	.007	
UM-7	ON	411	Enhancement	.01	.30	.73	2	1.50			278	.003	
			Total:	.65								.17	

# Wetland Inventory:

CONSTRUCTION NEW -Mitigation-Wetland

Site Id						Post-Development						
		Pre Fluc cs	AA Type	Acreage (Acres)	Current Wo Pres	With	Time Lag (Yrs)	Risk	Pres. Adj.	Post Fluccs	Adj	Functional Gain / Loss
M1-1			Enhancement	.02	.53	.80	6 - 10	1.50		610	.144	.003
M1-2	ON	619	Enhancement	.11	.30	.80	6 - 10	1.50		610	.267	.029
M1-3	ON	619	Enhancement	.41	.67	.80	6 - 10	1.50		610	.069	.028
M1-4	ON	641	Enhancement	.13	.70	.70	2	1.50		641	.000	.000
M1-5	ON	619	Enhancement	.14	.57	.80	6 - 10	1.50		610	.123	.017

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CONSTRUCTION	NEW	-Mitigation-Wetland

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# Wetland Inventory:

# CONSTRUCTION NEW -OSW

Site Id	Site Type	Pre-Development				Post-Development						
	amen die 183 inn der gegebnisten	Pre Fluc cs	AA Type	Acreage (Acres)	Current Wo Pres	With	Time	Risk Factor	Pres. Adj. Factor	Post Fluccs	Adj	Functional Gain / Loss
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2	ON	500	Enhancement	.21		The Confidence of the Confiden				500		
			Total:	.50								.00

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Fluccs Code	Description
411	Pine Flatwoods
411	Pine Flatwoods - Hydric
411	Pine Flatwoods -
	Upland
422	Brazilian Pepper-
	Upland
422	Brazilian Pepper-
	Wetland (Ff)
422	Brazilian Pepper-
	Wetland (Fh)
422	Brazilian Pepper-
	Wetland (Sf)
428	Cabbage Palm
428	Cabbage Palm-Hydric
500	Water
610	Wetland Hardwood
	Forests
618	Cabbage Palm
	Savannahs
619	Melaleuca - Brazilian
	Pepper - Exotics
	Hardwoods
625	Hydric Pine Flatwoods
640	Vegetated Non-
	Forested Wetlands
641	Freshwater Marshes
740	Disturbed Lands
744	Fill Areas

MITBANK	CORRSCREW REGIONAL MITIGATION BANK					
Type Of Credits	Number Of Credits					
Fresh Water Forested	Mitigation Bank Cr Used 1.40					
Total:	1.40					

# Wildlife Issues:

No wetland-dependent endangered/threatened species or species of special concern were observed onsite, and submitted information indicates that potential use of the site by such species is minimal. Passarella & Associates, Inc. conducted wildlife surveys of the project area in May and June of 2004 and in January of 2007. The results of the survey indentified the great horned owl, gray squirrel, black racer snake, and ringed-neck water snake on the project site. District staff inspected the property during a site visit in May of 2007 and did not observe any wetland dependent, endangered/threatened or species of special concern on the project site. This permit does not relieve the applicant from complying with all applicable rules and any other agencies' requirements if, in the future, endangered/threatened species or species of special concern are discovered on the site.

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#### **LEGAL ISSUES:**

The conservation easement for the on-site mitgation area will encompass approximately 1.72 acres. The draft Standard Deed of Conservation Easement is attached as Exhibit No. 3.2.

#### CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

It is suggested that the permittee retain the services of a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida for periodic observation of construction of the surface water management (SWM) system. This will facilitate the completion of construction completion certification Form #0881 which is required pursuant to Section 10 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District, and Rule 40E-4.361(2), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Pursuant to Chapter 40E-4 F.A.C., this permit may not be converted from the construction phase to the operation phase until certification of the SWM system is submitted to and accepted by this District. Rule 40E-4.321(7) F.A.C. states that failure to complete construction of the SWM system and obtain operation phase approval from the District within the permit duration shall require a new permit authorization unless a permit extension is granted.

For SWM systems permitted with an operating entity who is different from the permittee, it should be noted that until the permit is transferred to the operating entity pursuant to Rule 40E-1.6107, F.A.C., the permittee is liable for compliance with the terms of this permit.

The permittee is advised that the efficiency of a SWM system will normally decrease over time unless the system is periodically maintained. A significant reduction in flow capacity can usually be attributed to partial blockages of the conveyance system. Once flow capacity is compromised, flooding of the project may result. Maintenance of the SWM system is required to protect the public health, safety and the natural resources of the state. Therefore, the permittee must have periodic inspections of the SWM system performed to ensure performance for flood protection and water quality purposes. If deficiencies are found, it is the responsibility of the permittee to correct these deficiencies in a timely manner.

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#### **RELATED CONCERNS:**

#### Water Use Permit Status:

The applicant has indicated that public water supply will be used as a source for irrigation water for the project and that dewatering is not required for construction of this project.

This permit does not release the permittee from obtaining all necessary Water Use authorization(s) prior to the commencement of activities which will require such authorization, including construction dewatering and irrigation, unless the work qualifies for a No-Notice Short-Term Dewatering permit pursuant to Chapter 40E-20.302(3) or is exempt pursuant to Section 40E-2.051, FAC.

#### CERP:

The proposed project is not located within or adjacent to a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project component.

#### Potable Water Supplier:

Lee County Utilities

#### Waste Water System/Supplier:

Lee County Utilities

#### Right-Of-Way Permit Status:

A District Right-of-Way Permit is not required for this project.

#### **DRI Status:**

This project is not a DRI.

# Historical/Archeological Resources:

The District has received correspondence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources indicating that the agency has no objections to the issuance of this permit. This permit does not release the permittee from compliance with any other agencies' requirements in the event that historical and/or archaeological resources are found on the site.

#### DCA/CZM Consistency Review:

The District has not received a finding of inconsistency from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or other commenting agencies regarding the provisions of the federal Coastal Zone Management Plan.

#### Third Party Interest:

A resident of the development to the south (Fernwalk Subdivision) contact District staff expressing concern the proposed project will impede surface water flow, thereby adversely affecting their property. In addition, they also identified a concern the proposed project would create an adverse impact on the water quality within the area, also adversely affecting their property.

The site plans and calculations submitted with this application demonstrate the proposed project meets District criteria for water quality and quantity, as identified previously in this staff report. In addition, the site design provides a conveyance system to direct surface water flows from northwest of the site to the

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roadside swale along Winkler Road Extension to ensure no adverse impact would occur to the Fernwalk Development.

The concerned entity has been included in the distribution of correspondence from the District and will receive a copy of this staff report.

# **Enforcement:**

There has been no enforcement activity associated with this application.

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# STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Staff recommends that the following be issued:

This application is a request for an Environmental Resource Permit authorizing Construction and Operation of a surface water management system serving a 9.66 acre residential development known as Freedom Subdivision with discharge to the existing roadside swale, via the surface water management system.

Based on the information provided, District rules have been adhered to.

Staff recommendation is for approval subject to the attached General and Special Conditions.

STAFF REVIEW:	
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- All activities authorized by this permit shall be implemented as set forth in the plans, specifications
  and performance criteria as approved by this permit. Any deviation from the permitted activity and
  the conditions for undertaking that activity shall constitute a violation of this permit and Part IV,
  Chapter 373. F.S.
- 2. This permit or a copy thereof, complete with all conditions, attachments, exhibits, and modifications shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity. The complete permit shall be available for review at the work site upon request by District staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to commencement of the activity authorized by this permit.
- 3. Activities approved by this permit shall be conducted in a manner which does not cause violations of State water quality standards. The permittee shall implement best management practices for erosion and pollution control to prevent violation of State water quality standards. Temporary erosion control shall be implemented prior to and during construction, and permanent control measures shall be completed within 7 days of any construction activity. Turbidity barriers shall be installed and maintained at all locations where the possibility of transferring suspended solids into the receiving waterbody exists due to the permitted work. Turbidity barriers shall remain in place at all locations until construction is completed and soils are stabilized and vegetation has been established. All practices shall be in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in Chapter 6 of the Florida Land Development Manual; A Guide to Sound Land and Water Management (Department of Environmental Regulation, 1988), incorporated by reference in Rule 40E-4.091, F.A.C. unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved as part of the permit. Thereafter the permittee shall be responsible for the removal of the barriers. The permittee shall correct any erosion or shoaling that causes adverse impacts to the water resources.
- 4. The permittee shall notify the District of the anticipated construction start date within 30 days of the date that this permit is issued. At least 48 hours prior to commencement of activity authorized by this permit, the permittee shall submit to the District an Environmental Resource Permit Construction Commencement Notice Form Number 0960 indicating the actual start date and the expected construction completion date.
- 5. When the duration of construction will exceed one year, the permittee shall submit construction status reports to the District on an annual basis utilizing an annual status report form. Status report forms shall be submitted the following June of each year.
- Within 30 days after completion of construction of the permitted activity, the permitee shall submit a written statement of completion and certification by a professional engineer or other individual authorized by law, utilizing the supplied Environmental Resource/Surface Water Management Permit Construction Completion/Certification Form Number 0881A, or Environmental Resource/Surface Water Management Permit Construction Completion Certification For Projects Permitted prior to October 3, 1995 Form No. 0881B, incorporated by reference in Rule 40E-1.659, F.A.C. The statement of completion and certification shall be based on onsite observation of construction or review of as-built drawings for the purpose of determining if the work was completed in compliance with permitted plans and specifications. This submittal shall serve to notify the District that the system is ready for inspection. Additionally, if deviation from the approved drawings are discovered during the certification process, the certification must be accompanied by a copy of the approved permit drawings with deviations noted. Both the original and revised specifications must be clearly shown. The plans must be clearly labeled as "as-built" or "record" drawings. All surveyed dimensions and elevations shall be certified by a registered surveyor.
- 7. The operation phase of this permit shall not become effective: until the permittee has complied with the requirements of condition (6) above, and submitted a request for conversion of Environmental Resource Permit from Construction Phase to Operation Phase, Form No. 0920; the District determines the system to be in compliance with the permitted plans and specifications; and the entity

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approved by the District in accordance with Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District, accepts responsibility for operation and maintenance of the system. The permit shall not be transferred to such approved operation and maintenance entity until the operation phase of the permit becomes effective. Following inspection and approval of the permitted system by the District, the permittee shall initiate transfer of the permit to the approved responsible operating entity if different from the permittee. Until the permit is transferred pursuant to Section 40E-1.6107, F.A.C., the permittee shall be liable for compliance with the terms of the permit.

- 8. Each phase or independent portion of the permitted system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to the initiation of the permitted use of site infrastructure located within the area served by that portion or phase of the system. Each phase or independent portion of the system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the phase or portion of the system to a local government or other responsible entity.
- 9. For those systems that will be operated or maintained by an entity that will require an easement or deed restriction in order to enable that entity to operate or maintain the system in conformance with this permit, such easement or deed restriction must be recorded in the public records and submitted to the District along with any other final operation and maintenance documents required by Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit applications within the South Florida Water Management District, prior to lot or units sales or prior to the completion of the system, whichever comes first. Other documents concerning the establishment and authority of the operating entity must be filed with the Secretary of State, county or municipal entities. Final operation and maintenance documents must be received by the District when maintenance and operation of the system is accepted by the local government entity. Failure to submit the appropriate final documents will result in the permittee remaining liable for carrying out maintenance and operation of the permitted system and any other permit conditions.
- 10. Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the permitted system, the permittee shall notify the District in writing of the changes prior to implementation so that a determination can be made whether a permit modification is required.
- 11. This permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special district authorizations prior to the start of any activity approved by this permit. This permit does not convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the permit and Chapter 40E-4 or Chapter 40E-40, F.A.C..
- 12. The permittee is hereby advised that Section 253.77, F.S. states that a person may not commence any excavation, construction, or other activity involving the use of sovereign or other lands of the State, the title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund without obtaining the required lease, license, easement, or other form of consent authorizing the proposed use. Therefore, the permittee is responsible for obtaining any necessary authorizations from the Board of Trustees prior to commencing activity on sovereignty lands or other state-owned lands.
- The permittee must obtain a Water Use permit prior to construction dewatering, unless the work qualifies for a general permit pursuant to Subsection 40E-20.302(3), F.A.C., also known as the "No Notice" Rule.
- 14. The permittee shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal,

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abandonment or use of any system authorized by the permit.

- 15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding, unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Section 373.421(2), F.S., provides otherwise.
- 16. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, conveyance, or other transfer of ownership or control of a permitted system or the real property on which the permitted system is located. All transfers of ownership or transfers of a permit are subject to the requirements of Rules 40E-1.6105 and 40E-1.6107, F.A.C.. The permittee transferring the permit shall remain liable for corrective actions that may be required as a result of any violations prior to the sale, conveyance or other transfer of the system.
- 17. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, District authorized staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the system to insure conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the permit.
- 18. If historical or archaeological artifacts are discovered at any time on the project site, the permittee shall immediately notify the appropriate District service center.
- 19. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.

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1. The construction phase of this permit shall expire on March 8, 2015.

- 2. Operation of the surface water management system shall be the responsibility of PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION. Within one year of permit issuance or concurrent with the engineering certification of construction completion, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit a copy of the recorded deed restrictions (or declaration of condominium, if applicable), a copy of the filed articles of incorporation, and a copy of the certificate of incorporation for the association.
- 3. Discharge Facilities:

Structure: CS-1

1-6" W X 2" H RECTANGULAR ORIFICE with invert at elev. 4.75' NGVD 29.

1-3.33' W X 4.33' L drop inlet with crest at elev. 7.8' NGVD 29.

Receiving body: Winkler Road roadside swale

Control elev: 3.25 feet NGVD 29.

- 4. The permittee shall be responsible for the correction of any erosion, shoaling or water quality problems that result from the construction or operation of the surface water management system.
- Measures shall be taken during construction to insure that sedimentation and/or turbidity violations do not occur in the receiving water.
- 6. The District reserves the right to require that additional water quality treatment methods be incorporated into the drainage system if such measures are shown to be necessary.
- Facilities other than those stated herein shall not be constructed without an approved modification of this permit.
- 8. A stable, permanent and accessible elevation reference shall be established on or within one hundred (100) feet of all permitted discharge structures no later than the submission of the certification report. The location of the elevation reference must be noted on or with the certification report.
- 9. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all of the components of the surface water management system in order to remove all trapped sediments/debris. All materials shall be properly disposed of as required by law. Failure to properly maintain the system may result in adverse flooding conditions.
- 10. This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information which reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. Should any adverse impacts caused by the completed surface water management system occur, the District will require the permittee to provide appropriate mitigation to the District or other impacted party. The District will require the permittee to modify the surface water management system, if necessary, to eliminate the cause of the adverse impacts.
- 11. The permittee acknowledges, that pursuant to Rule 40E-4.101(2), F.A.C., a notice of Environmental Resource or Surface Water Management Permit may be recorded in the county public records. Pursuant to the specific language of the rule, this notice shall not be considered an encumbrance upon the property.
- 12. Minimum building floor elevation: BASIN: Basin 1 10.00 feet NGVD 29.
- 13. Minimum road crown elevation; Basin: Basin 1 7.10 feet NGVD 29.
- 14. Minimum parking lot elevation: Basin: Basin 1 7.10 feet NGVD 29.
- 15. The Permitee shall utilize the criteria contained in the Construction Pollution Prevention Plan (Exhibit No. 4.0) and on the applicable approved construction drawings for the duration of the projects construction activities.

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- 16. The Permitee shall utilize the criteria contained in the Urban Stormwater Management Program (Exhibit No. 5.0) for post construction activities.
- 17. Prior to the commencement of construction and in accordance with the work schedule in Exhibit No. 3.4, the permittee shall submit two certified copies of the recorded conservation easement for the mitigation area and associated buffers. The data shall be supplied in a digital ESRI Geodatabase (mdb), ESRI Shapefile (shp) or AutoCAD Drawing Interchange (dxf) file format using Florida State Plane coordinate system, East Zone (3601), Datum NAD83, HARN with the map units in feet. This data shall be submitted as a paper map depicting the Conservation Easement over the best available satellite or aerial imagery. This data shall also reside on a CD or floppy disk and be submitted to the District's Environmental Resource Compliance Division in the service area office where the application was submitted.

The recorded easement shall utilize the form attached as Exhibit 3.2. Any proposed modifications to the approved form must receive prior written consent from the District. The easement must be free of encumbrances or interests in the easement which the District determines are contrary to the intent of the easement. In the event it is later determined that there are encumbrances or interests in the easement which the District determines are contrary to the intent of the easement, the permittee shall be required to provide release or subordination of such encumbrances or interests.

- 18. Prior to the commencement of construction, the permittee shall conduct a pre-construction meeting with field representatives, contractors and District staff. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss construction methods and sequencing, including type and location of turbidity and erosion controls to be implemented during construction, mobilization and staging of contractor equipment, phasing of construction, methods of vegetation clearing, construction dewatering if required, wetland/buffer protection methods, endangered species protection with the permittee and contractors. The permittee shall contact District Environmental Resource Compliance staff from the Lower West Coast Service Center at 239-338-2929 to schedule the pre-construction meeting.
- 19. All contractors must be provided with a copy of the staff report and permit conditions prior to the commencement of construction. The permittee is responsible for ensuring that all contractors adhere to the project construction details and methods indicated on the attached permit Exhibits and described herein.
- 20. Permanent physical markers designating the preserve status of the wetland preservation areas and buffer zones shall be placed as shown on Exhibit No. 3.1. The markers shall be maintained in perpetuity.
- 21. Prior to the commencement of construction, the perimeter of protected wetland/buffer zones/upland preservation areas shall be staked/roped/fenced to prevent encroachment into the protected areas. Using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, the perimeter of the preserve area(s) shall be identified for future reference. The data shall be differentially corrected and accurate to less than a meter (+/- one meter or better). Electronic copies of the GPS data shall be provided to the District's Environmental Resource Compliance staff in accordance with Exhibit 3.4. The permittee shall notify the District's Environmental Resource Compliance staff in writing upon completion of staking/roping/fencing and schedule an inspection of this work. The staking/roping/fencing shall be subject to District staff approval. The permittee shall modify the staking/roping/fencing if District staff determines that it is insufficient or is not in conformance with the intent of this permit. Staking/roping/fencing shall remain in place until all adjacent construction activities are complete.
- 22. A monitoring program shall be implemented in accordance with Exhibit Nos. 3.1 & 3.4. The monitoring program shall extend for a period of 5 years with annual reports submitted to District staff. At the end of the first monitoring period the mitigation area shall contain an 80% survival of planted vegetation. The 80% survival rate shall be maintained throughout the remainder of the monitoring program, with replanting as necessary. If native wetland, transitional, and upland species do not achieve an 80% coverage within the initial two years of the monitoring program, native species shall

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be planted in accordance with the maintenance program. At the end of the 5 year monitoring program the entire mitigation area shall contain an 80% survival of planted vegetation and an 80% coverage of desirable obligate and facultative wetland species.

- 23. A maintenance program shall be implemented in accordance with Exhibit Nos. 3.1 & 3.4 for the preserved/enhanced wetland/upland areas on a regular basis to ensure the integrity and viability of those areas as permitted. Maintenance shall be conducted in perpetuity to ensure that the conservation area is maintained free from Category 1 exotic vegetation (as defined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council at the time of permit issuance) immediately following a maintenance activity. Coverage of exotic and nuisance plant species shall not exceed 5% of total cover between maintenance activities. In addition, the permittee shall manage the conservation areas such that exotic/nuisance plant species do not dominate any one section of those areas.
- 24. The permittee shall be responsible for the successful completion of the mitigation work, including the monitoring and maintenance of the mitigation areas for the duration of the plan. The mitigation area shall not be turned over to the operation entity until the mitigation work is accomplished as permitted and District Environmental Resource Compliance staff has concurred.
- 25. Activities associated with the implementation of the mitigation, monitoring and maintenance plan(s) shall be completed in accordance with the work schedule attached as Exhibit No. 3.4. Any deviation from these time frames will require prior approval from the District's Environmental Resource Compliance staff. Such requests must be made in writing and shall include (1) reason for the change, (2) proposed start/finish and/or completion dates; and (3) progress report on the status of the project development or mitigation effort.
- 26. The following exhibits for the permit are incorporated by reference herein and are located in the permit file. In addition, these exhibits can be viewed on the District's ePermitting website under this application number.

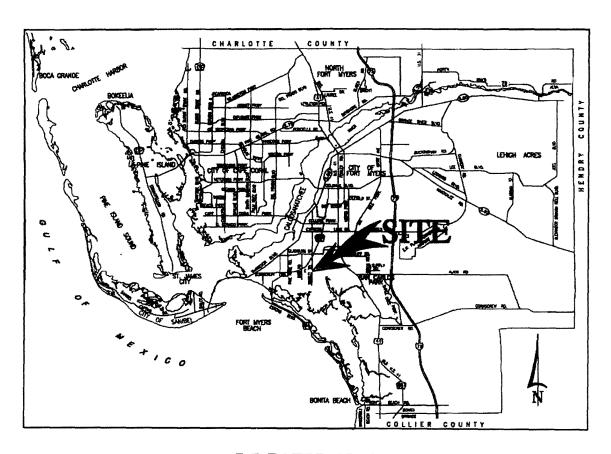
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Exhibit No. 5.0 Urban Stormwater Management Program

Exhibit No. 6.0 Property Owners Association Documents

- 27. Prior to commencement of construction and in accordance with the work schedule in Exhibit No. 3.4, the permittee shall submit documentation from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that 1.40 forested freshwater credits have been deducted from the ledger for Corkscrew Mitigation Bank/ Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permit #198035-001.
- 28. Endangered species, threatened species and/or species of special concern have been observed onsite and/or the project contains suitable habitat for these species. It shall be the permittee's responsibility to coordinate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for appropriate guidance, recommendations and/or necessary permits to avoid impacts to listed species.
- 29. A mitigation program for Freedom Subdivision shall be implemented in accordance with Exhibit No. 3.1 (Mitigation/Monitoring/Maintenance Plan). The permittee shall enhance and preserve 1.72 acres of wetlands/ upland compensation areas consisting of 0.84 acres of wetlands, 0.21 acres of OSW, 0.54 acres of upland compensation and 0.12 acres of upland buffer.

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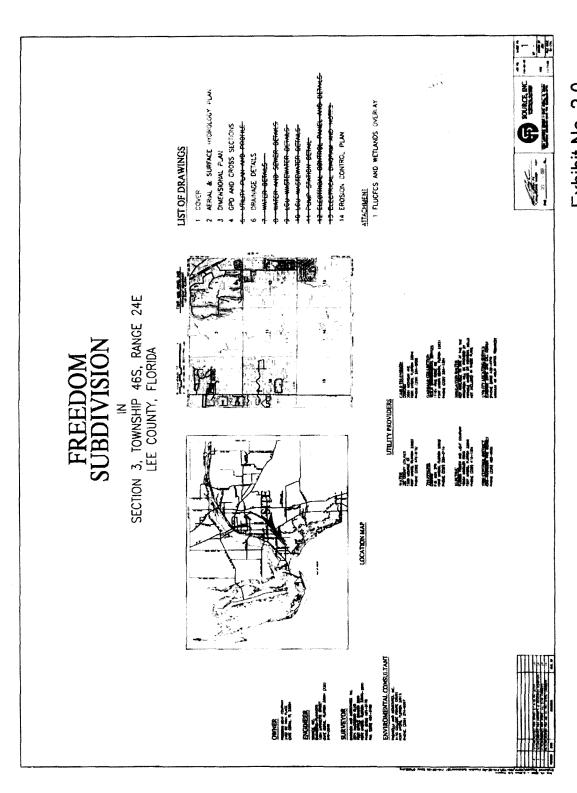
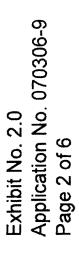
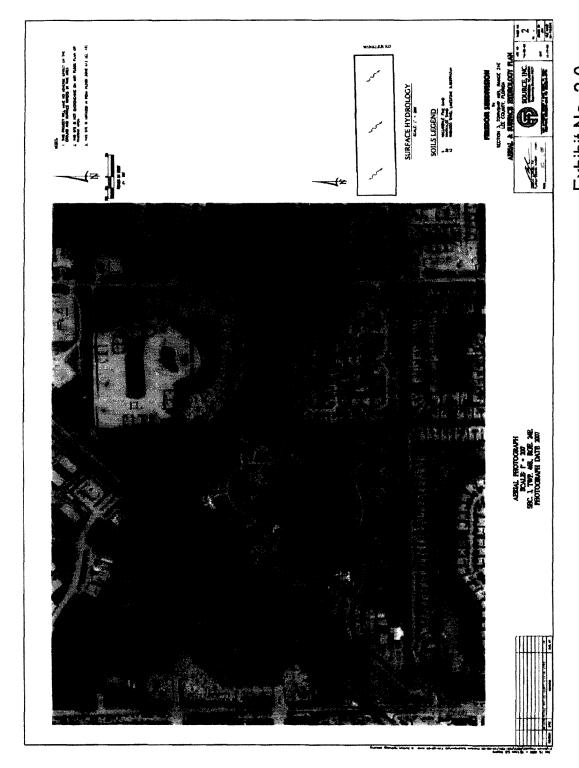
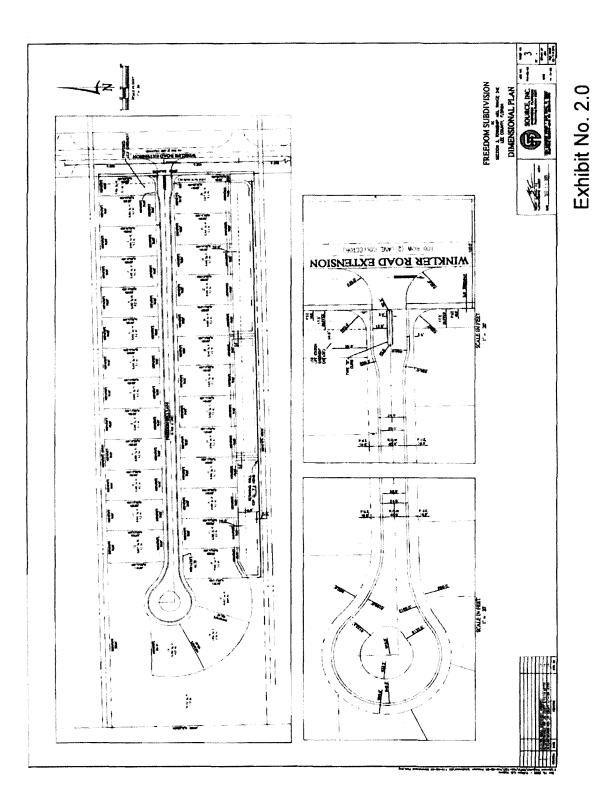


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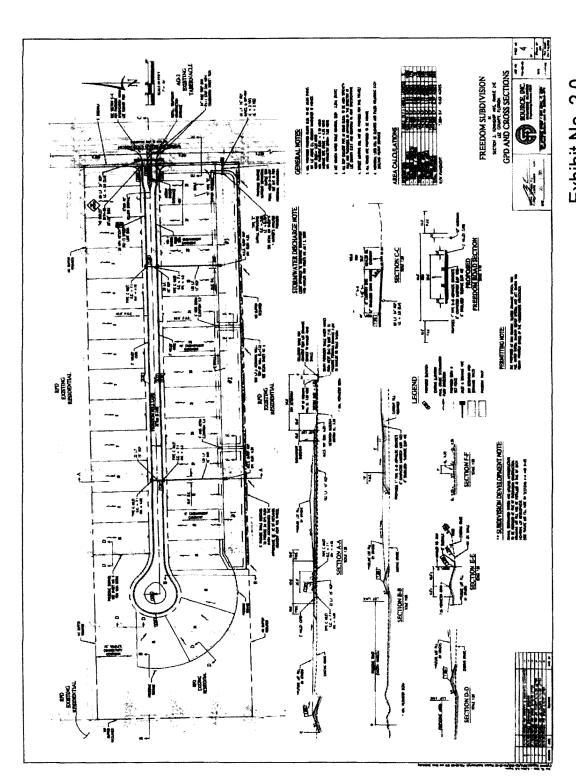
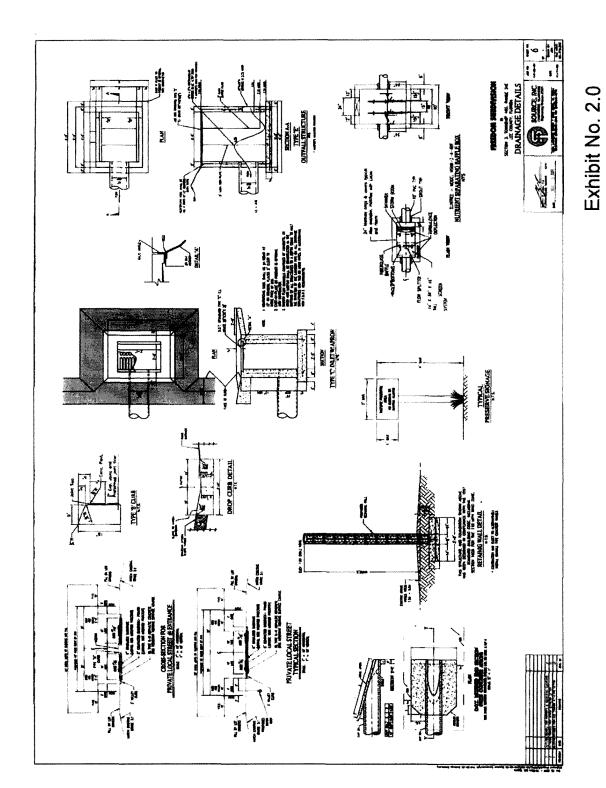


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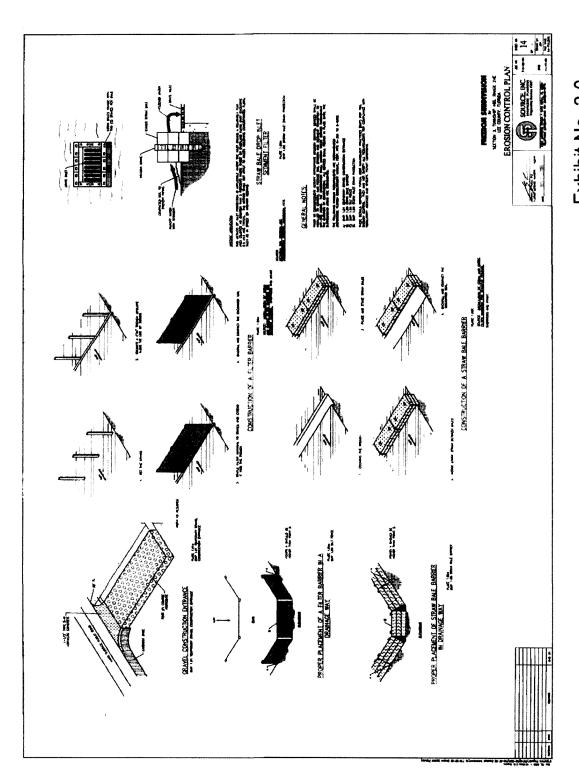


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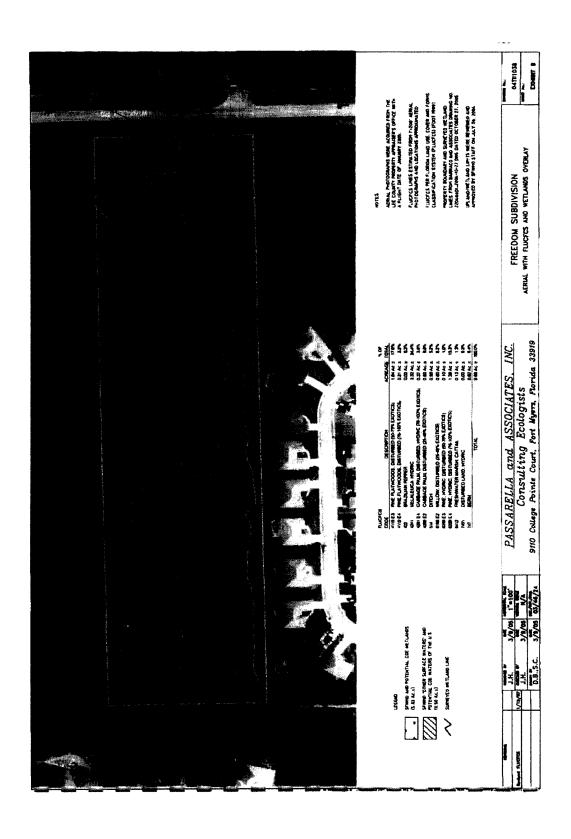


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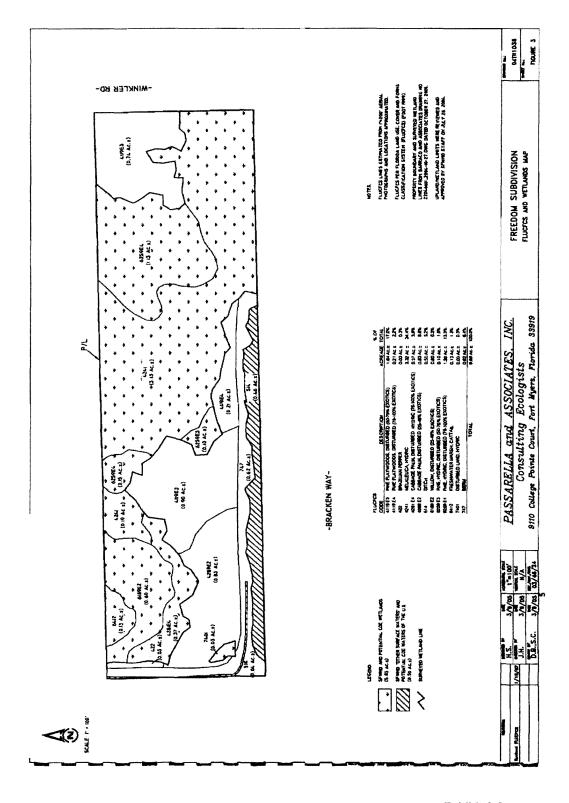


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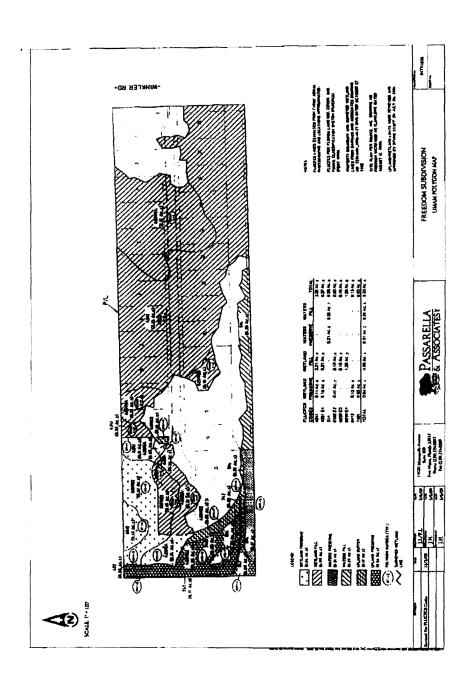


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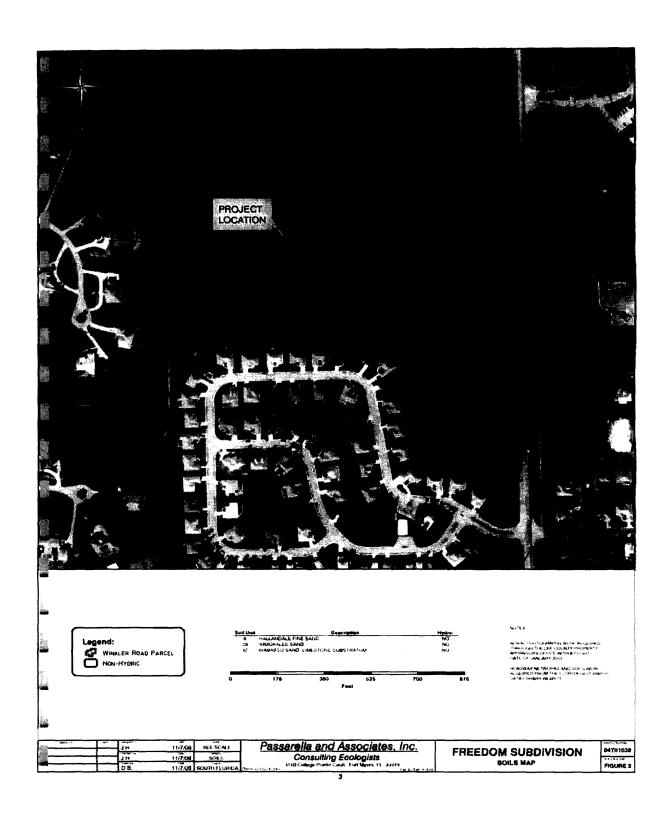


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### INTRODUCTION

The following outlines the wetland mitigation plan for Freedom Subdivision (Project) located in Section 3, Township 46 South, Range 24 East, Lee County. The development of the Project will result in unavoidable impacts to South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) jurisdictional wetlands. In order to offset the loss of wetland functions due to the proposed construction activities, a total of 0.84± acre of wetlands, 0.21± acre of SFWMD "other surface waters" (OSW) and COE waters of the U.S., 0.54± acre of uplands, and 0.12± acre of upland buffer will be enhanced and preserved on-site.

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The on-site mitigation work will be done concurrently with the construction of the infrastructure and stormwater management system for the Project. As part of the mitigation plan, the mitigation areas will be placed in a conservation easement granted to the SFWMD.

#### MITIGATION PLAN

The mitigation plan consists of enhancing and preserving 0.84± acre of wetlands, 0.21± acre of SFWMD OSWs and COE waters of the U.S., 0.54± acre of uplands, and 0.12± acre of upland buffer. The location of the mitigation area is shown on the attached mitigation and monitoring plan (Figure 1).

## Mitigation Area

The mitigation area encompasses the western portion of the Project. Most of the habitats contain various degrees of coverage by melaleuca (Melaleuca quinquenervia) and Brazilian pepper (Schimus terebinthifolius). The wetland preserve area consists of 0.11± acre of Melaleuca, Hydric (FLUCFCS Code 4241); 0.16± acre of Cabbage Palm, Disturbed, Hydric (76-100% Exotics) (FLUCFCS Code 4281 E4); 0.41± acre of Willow, Disturbed (25-49% Exotic) (FLUCFCS Code 6189 E2); 0.13± acre of Freshwater Marsh, Cattail (FLUCFCS Code 6412); and 0.03± acre of Disturbed Land, Hydric (FLUCFCS Code 7401). The upland area includes 0.03± acre of Brazilian pepper (FLUCFCS Code 422); 0.25± acre of Cabbage Palm, Disturbed (25-49% Exotics) (FLUCFCS Code 4289 E2); and 0.26± acre of Berm (FLUCFCS Code 747). Additionally, approximately 0.21 acre of SFWMD OSWs and COE waters of the U.S. will be in the mitigation area.

## Wetland and Upland Enhancement

Enhancement will include the removal of exotic and nuisance vegetation from the above described wetland and upland habitats. The exotics to be eradicated include, but are not limited to, melaleuca, Brazilian pepper, downy rose-myrtle (Rhodomyrtus tomentosus), and Australian pine (Casuarina equisettfolia).

Exotic species located in the preserve area are to be hand removed from the site. The hand removal of exotics will include one or more of the following methods: (1) cut exotics within 12 inches of ground elevation, hand remove cut vegetation, and treat remaining stump with approved herbicide; (2) foliar application of approved herbicide to melaleuca saplings, Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, and caesarweed (*Urena lobata*); and (3) foliar application of approved herbicide or hand pulling of exotic seedlings.

Within the enhancement areas, wetland and upland plantings will be conducted in areas that exhibit greater than 50 percent coverage by exotic species. According to exotic coverage mapping, approximately 0.40 acre of wetlands and 0.33 acre of uplands will require supplemental planting. Wetland tree plantings will include all three of the species, shrub plantings will include a minimum of three of the four species, and ground cover plantings will include all of the three of the species, shrub plantings will include a minimum of three of the four species, and ground cover plantings will include a minimum of three of the four species, and ground cover plantings will include a minimum of three of the four species, and ground cover plantings will include a minimum of three of the seven species listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Wetland Planting List

Common Name	Scientific Name	Minimum Height	Minimum Container Size	Planting Instruction (On Center)	
	Tree				
Slash Pine	Pinus elliottii	5 ft.	3 gal.	8 ft.	
Laurel Oak	Quercus laurifolia	5 ft.	3 gal.	8 ft.	
Dahoon Holly	Ilex cassine				
	Shrub	)			
Green Buttonwood	Conocarpus erectus	3 ft.	l g <b>a</b> l.	8 ft.	
Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	3 ft.	l gal.	8 ft.	
Gallberry	Illex glabra	3 ft.	l gal.	8 ft.	
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	3 ft.	1 gal.	8 ft.	
	Ground C	over			
Cordgrass	Spartina bakeri	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Wiregrass	Aristida stricta	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Gulfdune Paspalum	Paspalum monostachyum	12 in.	4 in.	3 A.	
Sawgrass	Cladium jamaicense	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Maidencane	Panicum hemitomon	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
	Ground C	over			
Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Duck Potato	Sagittaria lancifolia	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	

Table 2. Upland Planting List

Common Name	Scientific Name	Minimum Height	Minimum Container Size	Planting Instruction (On Center)	
	Tree				
Slash Pine	Pinus elliottii	5 ft.	3 gal.	8 ft.	
Cabbage Palm	Sabal palmetto	5 ft.	3 gal.	8 ft.	
Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	5 ft.	3 gal.	8 ft.	
	Shru	b			
Coco plum	Chrysobalanus icaco	2 ft.	l gal.	8 ft.	
Myrsine	Rapanea punctata	2 ft.	l gal.	8 ft.	
Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	2 ft.	l gal.	8 ft.	
	Ground	Cover			
Muhly Grass	Muhlenbergia capillaris	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Sand Cordgrass	Spartina bakeri	12 in.	4 in.	3 A.	
Fakahatcheegrass	Tripsacum dactyloides	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Wiregrass	Aristida stricta	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Saw Palmetto	Serenoa repens	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	
Wild Coffee	Psychotria spp.	12 in.	4 in.	3 ft.	

The proposed plan for 0.21± acre of SFWMD OSWs and COE waters of the U.S. located within the preserve area includes the hand removal of exotic and nuisance species.

## MITIGATION SUCCESS CRITERIA

The following are the success criteria for the mitigation areas: 1) conservation easement will be recorded for the mitigation areas; 2) initial eradication of exotic and nuisance vegetation will be completed; 3) wetland mitigation areas will contain at least 80 percent cover by desirable obligate and facultative wetland plant species; 4) wetland and upland mitigation areas shall be free from exotic and nuisance vegetation immediately following a maintenance activity; and 5) wetland and upland mitigation areas will consist of no more than five percent cover by exotic and nuisance species. Exotic and nuisance vegetation species are identified as those species listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (EPPC) at the time of permit issuance.

#### MONITORING

### Monitoring Methodology

The proposed monitoring of the preserved and enhanced upland and wetland areas will occur for five years or until the SFWMD and the COE determine that the mitigation area meets the success criteria. Monitoring reports will be submitted to the SFWMD and the COE and will consist of a baseline, time-zero, and five annual monitoring reports. Vegetation, wildlife, rainfall, and wetland water level observations will be recorded. Baseline monitoring will document conditions in the Project site as they currently exist. The time-zero report will document the conditions

immediately following wetland construction. The annual monitoring reports will document the extent of success of the Project and, if needed, identify specific actions to be taken to improve the conditions within the Project area. Sampling transects and methodology for the time-zero and five annual monitoring reports will utilize identical methods of data collection from established sampling stations as outlined below.

#### Vegetation Monitoring

Wetlands will be monitored prior to and following enhancement activities. Sampling in the wetland mitigation areas will involve a quantitative analysis of tree/shrub and herbaceous strata. To facilitate an intensive, accurate, and repeatable sampling program at the herbaceous level within the wetland enhancement areas, the point frame method will be utilized (Bonham 1989). Along each sampling transect, five point quadrats will be sampled. Each point quadrat consists of a one meter square wire grid with 25 cross points. Any plant species directly below a cross point will be recorded, including bare ground. The species identified will be listed and percent cover computed and discussed. Each cross point represents four percent of the square meter. Water depths will also be recorded at each quadrat.

The percent of coverage by the canopy and sub-canopy plant species and percent survivorship of the planted trees and shrubs within the mitigation area will be determined by the establishment of one 20 x 50 foot tree-shrub study plot. Within the plot, percent of coverage will be determined by species for each strata. Woody vegetation with a DBH greater than or equal to four inches is classified as a tree, while shrubs include everything less than four inches in DBH and greater than 3.2 feet in height. The number of planted tree seedlings within the plots will also be recorded and used to determine future survivorship percentages.

## Wildlife Monitoring

Regular observations of fish and wildlife will be made during all monitoring events by qualified ecologists. This will consist of recording evidence and signs of wildlife (i.e., direct sightings, vocalizations, burrows, nests, tracks, droppings, etc.).

## Photographic Documentation

Permanent fixed-point photograph stations will be established in each of the monitored areas providing physical documentation of the condition and appearance of an area, as well as any changes taking place within it. Monitoring photographs will accompany vegetation data in each report. Locations of photograph stations will remain the same throughout the duration of the monitoring program.

## Rainfall and Staff Gauge Recordings

One staff gauge will be installed in the wetland preserve. The staff gauge will be a continuous recording gauge which will record water level data daily. Data will be collected and presented in the reports along with available rainfall data for the area.

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#### Signage

"Conservation Area" signs will be installed on the development side of the preserve perimeter.

#### Monitoring Reports

The permittee will submit monitoring reports to the SFWMD and the COE documenting the success of the mitigation program and general condition of the preservation area for five years or until success criteria are met. Within 60 days of permit issuance, the baseline wetland monitoring for the mitigation areas will be submitted to the SFWMD and the COE. The time-zero monitoring report will be submitted within 60 days of completion of plantings and exotic eradication. Annual monitoring reports will include the following information:

- Brief description of mitigation and maintenance work performed since the previous report along with a discussion of any modifications to the mitigation or maintenance program.
- Brief description of anticipated mitigation and maintenance work to be conducted over the next year.
- A summary of staff gauge and rainfall data collected within the wetland preserves on the Project site.
- · Results of quantitative vegetation monitoring conducted in the enhanced wetlands
- A list of observed wildlife species.
- Monitoring photographs taken at photograph stations within the enhanced wetlands.

#### CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Within six months of permit issuance, the permittee will have a legally sufficient conservation easement prepared. The conservation easement will be granted to the SFWMD following the SFWMD's standard easement format. The conservation easement will ensure that the on-site mitigation area will remain in a natural state in perpetuity. This preserved mitigation area will not be disturbed by dredging, filling, land clearing, agriculture activities, or other construction work whatsoever except for those activities described in this mitigation plan.

## MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

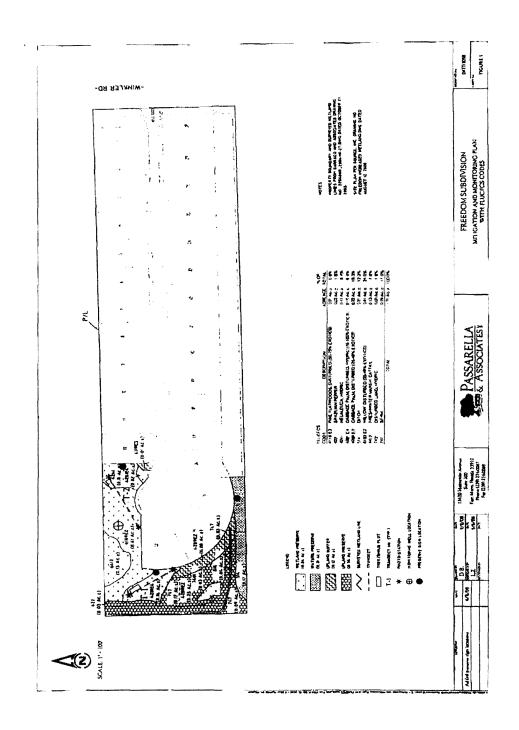
Following the completion of the initial exotic removal effort, semi-annual inspections of the preserve area will occur for two years. During these inspections, the mitigation areas will be traversed by qualified ecologists. Locations of nuisance and/or exotic species will be identified for immediate treatment with an appropriate herbicide. Any additional potential problems will also be noted and corrective actions taken. Once exotic/nuisance species levels have been

reduced to acceptable limits (i.e., less than five percent cover), inspections of the mitigation areas will be conducted annually. Table 3 provides the anticipated work schedule for the mitigation efforts.

Table 3. Mitigation Work Schedule

Proposed Completion Date	Activity	Date Submitted
November 1, 2008	Baseline Monitoring Report	
February 1, 2010	Exotic Vegetation Removal	
March 1, 2010	Submit Recorded Conservation Easement	
March 15, 2010	Time-Zero Monitoring Report	
June 1, 2010	Exotic Vegetation Removal	
September 1, 2010	First Monitoring Report	
June 1, 2011	Exotic Vegetation Removal	
September 1, 2011	Second Monitoring Report	
June 1, 2012	Exotic Vegetation Removal	
September 1, 2012	Third Monitoring Report	
June 1, 2013	Exotic Vegetation Removal	
September 1, 2013	Fourth Monitoring Report	
June 1, 2014	Exotic Vegetation Removal	
September 1, 2014	Fifth Monitoring Report	

Maintenance will be conducted in perpetuity to ensure that the enhanced, restored, and created wetlands and upland preserve/buffers are free of exotic vegetation (as currently defined by the EPPC) immediately following maintenance and that exotic and nuisance species will constitute no more than five percent of total combined cover.



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## DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

# CONSERVATION EASEMENT NOT TO BE RECORDED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF PERMIT FOR APPLICATION 070306-9

Return recorded document to: South Florida Water Management District 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 4210 West Palm Beach, FL 33406

THIS DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT is given this \_\_\_\_ day of \_ . 2009, by Freedom Boat Company ("Grantor")

whose mailing address is 1813 Seafan Circle North Ft. Myers 33903

to the South Florida Water Management District ("Grantee"). As used herein, the term "Grantor" shall include any and all heirs, successors or assigns of the Grantor, and all subsequent owners of the "Property" (as hereinafter defined) and the term "Grantee" shall include any successor or assignee of Grantee.

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Grantor is the owner of certain lands situated in Lee
County, Florida, and more specifically described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein ("Property"); and
WHEREAS, the Grantor desires to construct <u>Freedom Subdivision</u> ("Project") at a site in <u>Lee</u> County, which is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of South Florida Water Management District ("District"); and
WHEREAS, District Permit No("Permit") authorizes certain activities which affect waters in or of the State of Florida; and
WHEREAS, this Permit requires that the Grantor preserve, enhance, restore and/or mitigate wetlands and/or uplands under the District's jurisdiction; and
WHEREAS, the Grantor, in consideration of the consent granted by the Permit, is agreeable to granting and securing to the Grantee a perpetual Conservation Easement as defined in Section 704.06, Florida Statutes, over the area described on Exhibit "B" ("Conservation Easement").

Form 1190 (01/2007) Deed of Conservation Easement - Standard

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the issuance of the Permit to construct and operate the permitted activity, and as an inducement to Grantee in issuing the Permit, together with other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby grants, creates, and establishes a perpetual Conservation Easement for and in favor of the Grantee upon the property described on Exhibit "B" which shall run with the land and be binding upon the Grantor, and shall remain in full force and effect forever.

The scope, nature, and character of this Conservation Easement shall be as follows:

- 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The recitals hereinabove set forth are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Conservation Easement.
- 2. <u>Purpose</u>. It is the purpose of this Conservation Easement to retain land or water areas in their natural, vegetative, hydrologic, scenic, open, agricultural or wooded condition and to retain such areas as sultable habitat for fish, plants or wildlife. Those wetland and/or upland areas included in this Conservation Easement which are to be enhanced or created pursuant to the Permit shall be retained and maintained in the enhanced or created conditions required by the Permit.

To carry out this purpose, the following rights are conveyed to Grantee by this easement:

- a. To enter upon the Property at reasonable times with any necessary equipment or vehicles to enforce the rights herein granted in a manner that will not unreasonably interfere with the use and quiet enjoyment of the Property by Grantor at the time of such entry; and
- b. To enjoin any activity on or use of the Property that is inconsistent with this Conservation Easement and to enforce the restoration of such areas or features of the Conservation Easement that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use.
- 3. <u>Prohibited Uses</u>. Except for restoration, creation, enhancement, maintenance and monitoring activities, or surface water management improvements, or other activities described herein that are permitted or required by the Permit, the following activities are prohibited in or on the Conservation Easement:
- a. Construction or placing of buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities, or other structures on or above the ground;
- b. Dumping or placing of soil or other substance or material as landfill, or dumping or placing of trash, waste, or unsightly or offensive materials;
- c. Removal or destruction of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation, except for the removal of exotic or nuisance vegetation in accordance with a District approved maintenance plan;

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- d. Excavation, dredging, or removal of loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock, or other material substance in such manner as to affect the surface;
- e. Surface use except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain in its natural or enhanced condition;
- f. Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation including, but not limited to, ditching, diking and fencing;
- g. Acts or uses detrimental to such aforementioned retention of land or water areas;
- h. Acts or uses which are detrimental to the preservation of the structural integrity or physical appearance of sites or properties having historical, archaeological, or cultural significance.
- 4. <u>Grantor's Reserved Rights</u>. Grantor reserves all rights as owner of the Property, including the right to engage in uses of the Property that are not prohibited herein and which are not inconsistent with any District rule, criteria, permit and the intent and purposes of this Conservation Easement.
- 5. <u>No Dedication</u>. No right of access by the general public to any portion of the Property is conveyed by this Conservation Easement.
- 6. <u>Grantee's Liability</u>. Grantee shall not be responsible for any costs or liabilities related to the operation, upkeep or maintenance of the Property.
- 7. Property Taxes. Grantor shall keep the payment of taxes and assessments on the Easement Parcel current and shall not allow any lien on the Easement Parcel superior to this Easement. In the event Grantor fails to extinguish or obtain a subordination of such lien, in addition to any other remedy, the Grantee may, but shall not be obligated to, elect to pay the lien on behalf of the Grantor and Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for the amount paid by the Grantee, together with Grantee's reasonable attorney's fees and costs, with interest at the maximum rate allowed by law, no later than thirty days after such payment. In the event the Grantor does not so reimburse the Grantee, the debt owed to Grantee shall constitute a lien against the Easement Parcel which shall automatically relate back to the recording date of this Easement. Grantee may foreclose this lien on the Easement Parcel in the manner provided for mortgages on real property.
- 8. <u>Enforcement</u>. Enforcement of the terms, provisions and restrictions of this Conservation Easement shall be at the reasonable discretion of Grantee, and any forbearance on behalf of Grantee to exercise its rights hereunder in the event of any breach hereof by Grantor, shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of Grantee's rights hereunder.

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- 9. <u>Assignment.</u> Grantee will hold this Conservation Easement exclusively for conservation purposes. Grantee will not assign its rights and obligations under this Conservation Easement except to another organization or entity qualified to hold such interests under the applicable state laws.
- 10. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Conservation Easement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Conservation Easement shall not be affected thereby, as long as the purpose of the Conservation Easement is preserved.
- 11. <u>Terms and Restrictions</u>. Grantor shall insert the terms and restrictions of this Conservation Easement in any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which Grantor divests itself of any interest in the Conservation Easement.
- 12. <u>Written Notice</u>. All notices, consents, approvals or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly given if sent by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the appropriate party or successor-in-interest.
- 13. <u>Modifications</u>. This Conservation Easement may be amended, altered, released or revoked only by written agreement between the parties hereto or their heirs, assigns or successors-in-interest, which shall be filed in the public records in <u>Lee</u> County.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Grantee forever. The covenants, terms, conditions, restrictions and purposes imposed with this Conservation Easement shall be binding upon Grantor, and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.

Grantor hereby covenants with said Grantee that Grantor is lawfully seized of said Property in fee simple; that the Conservation Easement is free and clear of all encumbrances that are inconsistent with the terms of this Conservation Easement; and all mortgages and liens on the Conservation Easement area, if any, have been subordinated to this Conservation Easement; and that Grantor has good right and lawful authority to convey this Conservation Easement; and that it hereby fully warrants and defends the title to the Conservation Easement hereby conveyed against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Freedom Boat Company	(Grantor) has
hereunto set its authorized hand thisday of, 2	009.
Freedom Boat Company	
a Florida corporation	
By: X Means (Signature)	
Name: Hans Olbermann	
(Print)	
Title: Owner	
Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence as witnesses:	
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STATE OF FLORIDA	
) ss:	
COUNTY OF Lee	
On this day of, 20 _ before me, the	undersigned notary
public, personally appeared Hans Olbermann, the perso	n who subscribed to
the foregoing instrument, as the <u>owner</u> (title), of <u>Company</u> (corporation), a Florida corporation, and acknowledged ti	the Freedom Boat
Company (corporation), a Florida corporation, and acknowledged to	hat he executed the
same on behalf of said corporation and he was duly authorized	d to do so. He is
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identification.	
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# AFFIDAVIT OF NO MORTGAGE OR LIEN

This Affidavit of No Mortgage or Lien is made this day of
, 20, by {property owner(s)} {Name(s)
should be listed the same way as the deed identifying the property owner(s))
(hereinafter referred to as "Owner" or collectively as "Owner"; and
Owner owns the property located in Lee County, Florida,
which is more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part
hereof (attach as Exhibit "A" the legal description for the Conservation
Easement); and
Owner hereby swears and affirms that the property described in Exhibit
A is not encumbered by a mortgage, lien, or other encumbrance which would
interfere with the purposes or intent of the Conservation Easement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner herein has caused these presents to be
executed in Owner's name(s) on the day and year first above written.
(Remainder of page left intentionally blank)

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Note: If a corporation, use the Corporate Notary Page. If an individual(s), use the Individual Notary Page.

## CORPORATE NOTARY PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant has hereunto set its authorized hand the day and year first above written.
Freedom Boat Company (a Florida corporation)
By: X land
Print Name: Hans Olbermann
Title: owner
(Add or modify signature lines as necessary to represent all Declarants)
Signed sealed and delivered in our presence as witnesses:
By: I Mis-lesse By: Per
Print Name: Hondanus Essen Print Name: Petry
STATE OF GERHANY COUNTY OF (degne)
On this day of, 20, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, the person who subscribed to the foregoing instrument, as the (title), of (corporation),
a Florida corporation, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same on behalf of said corporation and the he/she was duly authorized to do so. He/She
is personally known to me or has produced a (state)
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA GWMAN Sparkasse Signature of Notary Public Signature of Notary Public
Print Name of Notary Public  Sekret friat des Vorsitzenden des Verstandes
Commission Expires: (Modify notary block as necessary to represent all Declarants)

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#### DESCRIPTION

Parcel in Section 3, Township 46 South, Range 24 East Lee County, Florida

A tract or parcel of land lying in Section 3, Township 46 South, Range 24 East, Lee County, Florida, said tract or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 3 run So1°06'12"E along West line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 3 for 1,319.77 feet to the Northwest corner of Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 3 and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

From said Point of Beginning run N88°43'00"E along the North line of said Fraction for 383.81 feet; thence run So1°17'00"E for 119.39 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve; thence run Northwesterly along an arc of a curve to the right of radius 90.00 feet (delta 39°43'22") (chord bearing N64°44'51"W) (chord 61.15 feet) for 62.40 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence run Westerly along an arc of a curve to the left of radius 55.00 feet (delta 87°00'07") (chord bearing N88°23'13"W) (chord 75.72 feet) for 83.52 feet; thence run S88°43'00"W along a non-tangent line for 134.15 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve; thence run Southeasterly along an arc of a curve to the left of radius 175.00 feet (delta 121°48'40") (chord bearing S48°23'03"E) (chord 305.84 feet) for 372.05 feet; thence run So1°17'00"E along a non-tangent line for 33.74 feet to an intersection with the South line of the North Half (N 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 3; thence run S88°45'19"W along said South line for 344.40 feet to an intersection with the West line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 3; thence run No1°06'12"W along said West line for 329.94 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.72 acres, more or less.

Bearings hereinabove mentioned are based on the West line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 3 to bear So1°06'12"E.

> Scott A. Wheeler (For The Firm) Professional Surveyor and Mapper

Florida Certificate No. 5949

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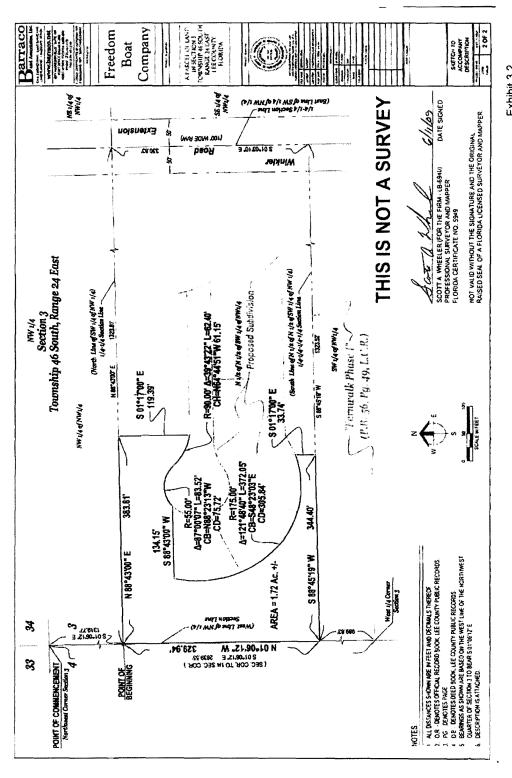


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Providing Mitigation Solutions Throughout Florida

December 11, 2009

Holly Bauer-Windhorst South Florida Water Management District 2301 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: Letter of Reservation for Freedom Subdivision SFWMD Permit Application: 070306-9

Dear Ms. Bauer-Windhorst:

Freedom Boat Sales has entered into an agreement to reserve 1.40 Freshwater Forested Wetland Mitigation Credits from the Corkscrew Regional Mitigation Bank.

Please do not besitate to contact me for any questions or concerns at (239) 623-8775.

Singerely,

Lynn Zenbezik

Director of Sales and Development

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