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COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES

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RECITALS

- A. Declarant is the record title owner of the real property located in Manatee County, Florida, more particularly described on <u>Exhibit 1</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES").
- B. Declarant hereby desires to subject CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES to the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration.
- C. This Declaration is a covenant running with all of the land comprising CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and each present and future owner of interests therein and their heirs, successors and assigns are hereby subject to this Declaration.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained in this Declaration, the Declarant hereby declares that every portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES is to be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, charges and liens hereinafter set forth.

- 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into and form a part of this Declaration.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Declaration, all initially capitalized terms herein shall have the following meanings:
- "ACC" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES established pursuant to Section 19.1 hereof.
- "<u>Access Control System</u>" shall mean any system intended to control access to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- "Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association filed with the Florida Secretary of State in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.
- "<u>Assessments</u>" shall mean any assessments made in accordance with this Declaration and as further defined in Section 17.1 hereof.
- "<u>Association</u>" shall mean CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC., its successors and assigns.
 - "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.
- "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.
- "Common Areas" shall mean all real property interests and personalty within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES designated as Common Areas from time to time by the Declarant, by the Plat or by

recorded amendment to this Declaration and provided for, owned, leased by, or dedicated to, the common use and enjoyment of the Owners within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. The Common Areas may include, without limitation, the Access Control System, the Recreational Facilities (as defined herein), Wetland Conservation Areas (as defined herein), private roadways, entrance features, buffer or landscaped areas, open space areas, internal buffers, perimeter buffers, perimeter walls and fences, easement areas owned by others, public rights of way, irrigation facilities, sidewalks, street lights, and commonly used utility facilities. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEFINITION OF "COMMON AREAS" AS SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION IS FOR DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND SHALL IN NO WAY BIND, OBLIGATE OR LIMIT DECLARANT TO CONSTRUCT OR SUPPLY ANY SUCH ITEM AS SET FORTH IN SUCH DESCRIPTION, THE CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLYING OF ANY SUCH ITEM BEING IN DECLARANT'S SOLE DISCRETION. FURTHER, NO PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RELY UPON SUCH DESCRIPTION AS A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE COMMON AREAS TO BE OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT AFTER CONSTRUCTION AND CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUCH ITEM TO THE ASSOCIATION.

"Community Completion Date" shall mean the date upon which all Homes in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as ultimately planned and as fully developed, have been conveyed by Declarant to Owners.

"Community Standards" shall mean such standards of conduct, maintenance or other activity, if any, established by the Declarant or the ACC pursuant to Section 19.5 hereof.

"Contractors" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 19.12.2 hereof.

"County" shall mean Manatee County, Florida.

"CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof subject to additions and deletions thereto as permitted pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.

"<u>Declaration</u>" shall mean this COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, together with all amendments and modifications thereof.

"<u>Declarant</u>" shall mean M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or any successor or assign who has or takes title to any portion of the property described in <u>Exhibit 1</u> for development and/or sale and who is designated as Declarant in a recorded instrument which the immediately preceding Declarant executes. Declarant shall have the right to assign all or a portion of any rights granted to the Declarant in this Declarant shall also have the right to assign all or a portion of any obligations of the Declarant in this Declaranton. In the event of a partial assignment of some, but not all, Declarant rights and/or obligations, the assignee shall not be deemed the Declarant, but may exercise those rights or shall be responsible for those obligations of Declarant assigned to it. Additionally any partial assignee that does not assume all of the obligations of Declarant shall not be deemed the Declarant.

"Electronic Transmission" shall mean any form of communication, not directly involving the physical transmission or transfer of paper, which creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by a recipient and which may be directly reproduced in a comprehensible and legible paper form by such recipient through an automated process. Examples of Electronic Transmission include, without limitation, telegrams, facsimile transmissions and text that is sent via electronic mail between computers. Electronic Transmission may be used to communicate with only those members of the Association who consent in writing to receiving notice by Electronic Transmission. Consent by a member to receive notice by Electronic Transmission shall be revocable by the member only by written notice to the Board.

"Governing Documents" shall mean this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, the Community Standards, and any applicable Supplemental Declaration all as amended

from time to time.

"<u>Home</u>" shall mean a residential dwelling and appurtenances thereto constructed on a Lot within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. The term Home may not reflect the same division of property as reflected on the Plat. A Home shall be deemed created and have perpetual existence upon the issuance of a final or temporary Certificate of Occupancy for such residence; provided, however, the subsequent loss of such Certificate of Occupancy (e.g., by casualty or remodeling) shall not affect the status of a Home, or the obligation of an Owner to pay Assessments with respect to such Home. The term "Home" includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Home.

"Immediate Family Members" shall mean the spouse of the Owner and all unmarried children twenty-two (22) years and younger of either the Owner or the Owner's spouse. If an Owner is unmarried, the Owner may designate one (1) other person who is living with such Owner in the Home in addition to children of the Owner as an adult Immediate Family Member. No unmarried child or other person shall qualify as an Immediate Family Member unless such person is living with the Owner within the Home.

"Individual Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.5 hereof.

"Initial Contribution" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.11 hereof.

"Installment Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.1 hereof.

"Lender" shall mean (i) the institutional and licensed holder of a first mortgage encumbering a Lot or Home or (ii) Declarant and its affiliates, to the extent Declarant or its affiliates finances the purchase of a Home or Lot initially or by assignment of an existing mortgage.

"Lessee" shall mean the lessee named in any written lease respecting a Home who is legally entitled to possession of any Home within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.

"<u>Lot</u>" shall mean any platted lot shown on the Plat. The term "Lot" includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Lot, including without limitation, a Home.

"Master Plan" shall mean collectively any full or partial concept plan for the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, regardless of whether such plan is currently on file with one or more governmental agencies. The Master Plan is subject to change as set forth herein. The Master Plan is not a representation by Declarant as to the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as Declarant reserves the right to amend all or part of the Master Plan from time to time.

"Operating Expenses" shall mean all costs and expenses of operating the Association as provided herein. Operating Expenses may include, without limitation, the following: all costs of ownership, maintenance, operation, and administration of the Common Areas, including the private roadways; all amounts payable by the Association under the terms of this Declaration; all amounts payable in connection with the Recreational Facilities; all amounts payable in connection with the Access Control System; all costs of community lighting including up-lighting and entrance lighting; all amounts payable in connection with any private street lighting agreement between the Association and a utility provider; utilities; amounts payable to a Telecommunications Provider for Telecommunications Services furnished to Owners; taxes; insurance; bonds; salaries; management fees; professional fees; service costs; costs of supplies; maintenance, repair, replacement, and refurbishment costs; all amounts payable in connection with Association sponsored social events; and any and all costs relating to the discharge of the Association's obligations hereunder, or as determined to be part of the Operating Expenses by the Association. By way of example, and not of limitation. Operating Expenses shall include all of the Association's legal expenses and costs relating to or arising from the enforcement and/or interpretation of this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Operating Expenses shall not include Reserves.

"Owner" shall mean the record title owner (whether one or more persons or entities) of fee simple title to any Lot. The term "Owner" shall not include Declarant, even after the Turnover Date.

"Parcel" shall mean a platted or unplatted lot, tract, unit or other subdivision of real property upon which a Home has been, or will be, constructed. Once improved, the term Parcel shall include all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The term Parcel, as used herein, may include more than one Lot.

"Party Wall" shall mean any fence or wall built as part of the original construction of two or more Homes that is placed on the dividing line or platted lot line between the Lots of such Homes.

"Permit" shall mean Permit No. 43005641.062 issued by SWFWMD, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**, as amended from time to time.

"Plat" shall mean any plat of any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES filed in the Public Records, from time to time. This definition shall be automatically amended to include the plat of any additional phase of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as such phase is added to this Declaration.

"Public Records" shall mean the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

"Reserves" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.4 hereof.

"Rules and Regulations" shall mean the Rules and Regulations governing CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES as adopted by the Board from time to time. The Rules and Regulations may be incorporated in the Community Standards or may be adopted separately by the Declarant or the Board, as applicable.

"<u>Special Assessments</u>" shall mean those Assessments more particularly described as Special Assessments in Section 17.2.2 hereof

"Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to an instrument filed in the Public Records pursuant to Section 5.1 which subjects additional property to this Declaration, designates neighborhoods, creates additional classes of members, and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described in such instrument. The Declarant may, by Supplemental Declaration, create additional classes of membership with such rights, privileges and obligations as may be specified in such Supplemental Declaration in recognition of the different character and intended use of the property subject to such Supplemental Declaration.

"Surface Water Management System" or "SWMS" shall mean the collection of devices, improvements, or natural systems whereby surface waters are controlled, impounded or obstructed. This term includes exfiltration trenches, mitigation areas, swales, retention and detention areas, water management areas, ditches, culverts, structures, dams, impoundments, reservoirs, drainage maintenance easements and those works defined in Section 373.403, Florida Statutes (2014). The Surface Water Management System includes those works authorized by SWFWMD pursuant to the Permit.

"SWFWMD" shall mean the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

"<u>Telecommunications Provider</u>" shall mean any party contracting with the Association to provide Owners with one or more Telecommunications Services. With respect to any particular Telecommunications Services, there may be one or more Telecommunications Providers.

"<u>Telecommunications Services</u>" shall mean delivered entertainment services; all services that are typically and in the future identified as telecommunication services; cable television services; and data transmission services. Without limiting the foregoing, such Telecommunications Services include

the development, promotion, marketing, advertisement, provision, distribution, maintenance, transmission, and servicing of any of the foregoing services. The term Telecommunications Services is to be construed as broadly as possible.

"Title Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24.8 hereof.

"<u>Turnover Date</u>" shall mean the date on which transition of control of the Association from Declarant to Owners occurs.

"Use Fees" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.3 hereof.

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"<u>Voting Interest</u>" shall mean and refer to the appurtenant vote(s) of each Lot and/or Parcel located within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, which shall include the voting interests of the Declarant.

"<u>Wetland Conservation Areas</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.4 herein. The Wetland Conservation Areas will be part of the Common Areas and will be maintained by the Association.

3. Plan of Development.

- 3.1 <u>Plan.</u> The planning process for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES is an ever-evolving one and must remain flexible in order to be responsible to and accommodate the needs of the community. Subject to the Title Documents, Declarant may and has the right to develop CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and adjacent property owned by the Declarant into residences, comprised of townhomes and other forms of residential dwellings. The existence at any point in time of walls, landscape screens, or berms is not a guaranty or promise that such items will remain or form part of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES as finally developed.
- 3.2 <u>Governing Documents</u>. The Governing Documents create a general plan of development for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES which may be supplemented by additional covenants, restrictions and easements applicable to any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. In the event of a conflict between or among the Governing Documents and the additional covenants or restrictions, and/or the provisions of any other articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules or policies, the Governing Documents shall control. Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration or other recorded covenants applicable to any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES from containing additional restrictions or provisions that are more restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration. All provisions of the Governing Documents shall apply to all Owners and to all occupants of Homes, as well as their respective tenants, guests and invitees. Any Lease Agreement for a Home within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall provide that the Lessee and all occupants of the leased Home shall be bound by the terms of the Governing Documents. Specific requirements for Lessees and tenants are set forth in this Declaration.
- 3.3 <u>Site Plans and Plats</u>. The Plat may identify some of the Common Areas within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Except as otherwise provided herein, the description of the Common Areas on the Plat is subject to change and the notes on the Plat are not a guarantee of what facilities will be constructed on such Common Areas. Site plans used by Declarant in its marketing efforts illustrate the types of facilities which may be constructed on the Common Areas, but such site plans are not a guarantee of what facilities will actually be constructed. Each Owner should not rely on the Plat or any site plans used for illustration purposes as the Declaration governs the rights and obligations of Declarant, Owners with respect to the Common Areas.

Amendment.

4.1 <u>General Restrictions on Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to this Declaration shall affect the rights of Declarant unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Declarant, which consent may be withheld for any reason

whatsoever. No amendment shall alter the provisions of this Declaration benefiting Lenders without the prior approval of the Lender(s) enjoying the benefit of such provisions. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to this Declaration, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. All amendments must comply with Section 25.2 which benefits SWFWMD. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

- 4.2 <u>No Vested Rights</u>. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home irrevocably waives any claim that such Owner has any vested rights pursuant to case law or statute with respect to this Declaration or any of the other Governing Documents. It is expressly intended that Declarant and the Association have the broad right to amend this Declaration and the other Governing Documents, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein.
- Amendments Prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, Declarant shall have the right 4.3 to amend this Declaration as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein. Such amendments may include, without limitation (i) the creation of easements for telecommunications systems, utility, drainage, ingress and egress and roof overhangs over any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES; (ii) additions or deletions from CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and/or the properties comprising the Common Areas; (iii) changes in the Rules and Regulations; (iv) changes in maintenance, repair and replacement obligations; and (v) modifications of the use restrictions for Homes. Declarant's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. By way of example, and not as a limitation, Declarant may create easements over, under and across Lots conveyed to Owners provided that such easements do not prohibit the use of Homes on such Lots as residential dwellings. In the event the Association shall desire to amend this Declaration prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover. Declarant shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to Declarant, and thereafter, the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.
- 4.4 Amendments after the Turnover. After the Turnover, but subject to the general and specific restrictions on amendments set forth herein, this Declaration may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum. A quorum for any meeting of the members for the purpose of adopting amendments after the Turnover shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total Voting Interests.
- 4.5 Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SWFWMD. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SWFWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, the Board shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SWFWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party shall be required or

necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

5. Annexation and Withdrawal.

- Annexation by Declarant. Prior to the Community Completion Date, additional lands may be made part of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by Declarant. Except for applicable governmental approvals (if any), no consent to such annexation shall be required from any other party (including, but not limited to, the Association, Owners or any Lenders). Such annexed lands shall be brought within the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of a Supplemental Declaration to this Declaration in the Public Records. The Supplemental Declaration shall subject the annexed lands to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as fully as though the annexed lands were described herein as a portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Such Supplemental Declaration may contain additions to, modifications of, or omissions from the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as deemed appropriate by Declarant and as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the annexed lands. Except as otherwise provided herein, prior to the Community Completion Date, only Declarant may add additional lands to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 5.2 Annexation by the Association. After the Community Completion Date, and subject to applicable governmental approvals (if any), additional lands may be annexed with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum. A quorum for any meeting of the members for the purpose of approving annexations after the Turnover shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total Voting Interests.
- 5.3 <u>Withdrawal</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (or any additions thereto) may be withdrawn by Declarant from the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of an amendment to this Declaration in the Public Records. The right of Declarant to withdraw portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall not apply to any Lot that has been conveyed to an Owner unless that right is specifically reserved in the instrument of conveyance or the prior written consent of the Owner is obtained. The withdrawal of any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall not require the consent or joinder of any other party (including without limitation, the Association, Owners, or any Lenders). Association shall have no right to withdraw land from CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 5.4 <u>Effect of Filing Supplemental Declaration</u>. Any Supplemental Declaration filed pursuant to this Section 5 shall be effective upon recording in the Public Records, unless otherwise specified in such Supplemental Declaration. On the effective date of the Supplemental Declaration, any additional property subjected to this Declaration shall be assigned voting rights in the Association and Assessment liability in accordance with the provisions of the Supplemental Declaration and this Declaration.

6. Dissolution.

- 6.1 <u>Generally</u>. In the event of the dissolution of the Association without reinstatement within thirty (30) days, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any Owner may petition the Circuit Court of the appropriate Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas in the place and stead of the Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association.
- 6.2 <u>Applicability of Declaration after Dissolution</u>. In the event of dissolution of the Association, CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and each Lot therein shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this Declaration, including without limitation, the provisions respecting Assessments specified in this Declaration. Each Owner shall continue to be personally obligated to the successors or

assigns of the Association for Assessments to the extent that Assessments are required to enable the successors or assigns of the Association to properly maintain, operate and preserve the Common Areas. The provisions of this Section only shall apply with regard to the maintenance, operation, and preservation of those portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES that had been Common Areas and continue to be so used for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

7. Binding Effect and Membership.

- 7.1 Term. Subject to the Declarant's right to amend this Declaration prior to Turnover and the Association's right to amend this Declaration after Turnover, the covenants, conditions and restrictions of 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 land 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 in the Public Records, after which time the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless prior to the end of such twenty-five (25) year period, or each successive ten (10) year period, an instrument signed by eighty percent (80%) of the total Voting Interests agreeing to terminate this Declaration has been recorded in the Public Records. Provided, however, that no such agreement to terminate the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be effective unless made and recorded at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective date of such change.
- 7.2 <u>Transfer.</u> The transfer of the fee simple title to a Home or Lot, whether voluntary or by operation of law, terminating an Owner's title to that Home or Lot, shall terminate the rights to use and enjoy the Common Areas and shall terminate such Owner's membership in the Association. An Owner's rights and privileges under this Declaration are not assignable separately from a Lot. The record title owner of a Lot is entitled to the benefits of, and is burdened with the duties and responsibilities set forth in the provisions of this Declaration. All parties acquiring any right, title and interest in and to any Lot shall be fully bound by the provisions of this Declaration. In no event shall any Owner acquire any rights that are greater than the rights granted to, and limitations placed upon, its predecessor in title pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The transferor of any Lot shall remain jointly and severally liable with the transferee for all obligations pursuant to this Declaration that accrue prior to the date of such transfer, including without limitation, payment of all Assessments accruing prior to the date of transfer.

7.3 Membership and Voting Rights.

- 7.3.1 In addition to the Declarant, upon acceptance of title to a Lot, and as more fully provided in the Articles and Bylaws, each Owner shall be a member of the Association. Membership rights are governed by the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws. Membership shall be an appurtenance to, and may not be separated from, the ownership of a Lot. Declarant rights with respect to membership in the Association are set forth in this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws. The Association shall have the following two (2) classes of voting membership:
 - 7.3.1.1 <u>Class A Members</u>. Class A members shall be all Owners. Each Class A member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot as an "Owner," all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such persons determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
 - 7.3.1.2 <u>Class B Member</u>. Declarant shall be the Class B member and shall be entitled to nine (9) votes for each Lot owned; provided, however, as to land which is annexed or added pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, Declarant shall be entitled to fourteen (14) votes per acre or fraction thereof contained within a Parcel, until such time as the Parcel is platted, whereupon Declarant shall be entitled to nine (9) votes per Lot in lieu of the votes per acre. Notwithstanding the foregoing, from and after the Turnover Date, the Declarant shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

"Turnover" shall mean the transfer of operation of the Association by the Declarant to Owners. The Turnover of the Association by the Declarant shall occur on the Turnover Date at the Turnover meeting. The purpose of the Turnover meeting is to elect a majority of the Association's Board of Directors. No more than sixty (60) days and no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Turnover meeting, the Association shall notify in writing all Class A members of the date, location, and purpose of the Turnover meeting. The Turnover shall take place when the Declarant is no longer permitted under Chapter 720, Florida Statutes (2014), to appoint a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or such earlier date when, in its discretion, the Declarant so determines and declares in a recorded instrument.

- 7.4 Ownership by Entity. In the event that an Owner is other than a natural person, that Owner shall, prior to occupancy of the Home, designate one or more persons who are to be the occupants of the Home and register such persons with the Association. All provisions of this Declaration and other Governing Documents shall apply to both such Owner and the designated occupants.
- 7.5 <u>Voting Interests</u>. Voting Interests in the Association are governed by this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws.
- 7.6 <u>Document Recordation Prohibited</u>. Neither the Association nor any Owner, nor group of Owners, may record any documents that, in any way, affect or restrict the rights of Declarant or conflict with the provisions of this Declaration or the other Governing Documents.
- 7.7 <u>Conflicts.</u> In the event of any conflict among this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws or any of the other Governing Documents, this Declaration shall control.
- 8. Paramount Right of Declarant. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant shall have the paramount right to dedicate, transfer, and/or convey (by absolute conveyance, easement, or otherwise) portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for various public purposes, or to make any portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES part of the Common Areas, or to create and implement a special taxing district which may include all or any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. SALES BROCHURES, SITE PLANS, AND MARKETING MATERIALS ARE CURRENT CONCEPTUAL REPRESENTATIONS AS TO WHAT IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMMON AREAS. DECLARANT SPECIFICALLY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE LAYOUT, COMPOSITION AND DESIGN OF ANY AND ALL COMMON AREAS, AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT NOTICE AND AT ITS DISCRETION.

9. Common Areas.

- 9.1 <u>General</u>. The Common Areas shall be operated, maintained, and administered at the sole cost of the Association for all purposes and uses reasonably intended. Declarant shall have the right to use and access Common Areas without interference from any Owner or any other person or entity whatsoever. Owners shall have no right in or to any Common Areas referred to in this Declaration unless and until same are actually constructed, completed, and conveyed to the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant reserves the absolute right to add to, delete from, or modify any of the Common Areas referred to herein at its discretion without notice.
- 9.2 <u>Construction of Common Areas Improvements</u>. Declarant anticipates it will construct certain improvements for recreational activities as part of the Common Areas as Declarant determines in its sole discretion (collectively, the "Recreational Facilities"). Declarant shall be the sole judge of the composition of any Common Area improvements. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant reserves the absolute right to construct additional Common Area improvements within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, from time to time, in its sole discretion, and to remove, add to, modify and change the boundaries, facilities and improvements now or then part of the Common Areas. Declarant is not obligated to, nor has it represented that it will, construct any Common Area improvements. Declarant is the sole judge of the Common Area improvements, including the plans, specifications, design, location,

completion schedule, materials, size, and contents of the facilities, improvements, appurtenances, personal property, color, textures, finishes or changes or modifications to any of them.

9.3 <u>Use of Common Areas by Declarant</u>. Until the Community Completion Date, Declarant shall have the right to use any portion of the Common Areas, without charge, for any purpose deemed appropriate by Declarant.

9.4 Conveyance.

- Generally. The Common Areas may be designated by the Plat, created in the form of easements, or conveyed to the Association by guitclaim deed, or other instrument of conveyance, as determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion. Association shall pay all costs of the conveyance at the Declarant's request. The designation of Common Areas, creation by easement, or conveyance shall be subject to easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations, and declarations of record, real estate taxes for the year of conveyance, zoning, land use regulations and survey matters. Association shall be deemed to have assumed and agreed to pay all continuing obligations and service and similar contracts relating to the ownership operation, maintenance, and administration of the conveyed portions of Common Areas and other obligations relating to the Common Areas imposed herein. Association shall, and does hereby, indemnify and hold Declarant harmless on account thereof. Association, by its joinder to this Declaration, hereby accepts such dedication(s) or conveyance(s) without setoff, condition, or qualification of any nature. Association shall accept any and all transfer of permits from Declarant, or any other permittee, of any permit required by a governmental agency in connection with the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as modified and/or amended. Association shall cooperate with Declarant, or any other permittee of such permits, as modified and/or amended, with any applications, certifications, documents or consents required to effectuate any such transfer of permits to the Association. THE COMMON AREAS, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO SHALL BE CONVEYED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR BY LAW, AS TO THE CONDITION, FITNESS OR MERCHANTABILITY OF THE COMMON AREAS BEING CONVEYED. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such conveyance or encumbrance of such Common Areas is subject to an irrevocable ingress and egress easement in favor of each Owner granting access to their respective Lots.
- 9.4.2 <u>Common Area Reservations</u>. Each deed of the Common Areas shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - 9.4.2.1 a perpetual nonexclusive easement in favor of governmental agencies for the maintenance and repair of existing road, speed and directional signs, if any;
 - 9.4.2.2 matters reflected on the Plat;
 - 9.4.2.3 perpetual non-exclusive easements in favor of Declarant, its successors, and assigns in, to, upon and over all of the Common Areas for the purposes of vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress, installation of improvements, utilities, landscaping and/or drainage, without charge, including, without limitation, the right to use such roadways for construction vehicles and equipment. These easements shall run in favor of Declarant, and its employees, representatives, agents, licensees, guests, invitees, successors and/or assigns;
 - 9.4.2.4 all restrictions, easements, covenants and other matters of record;
 - 9.4.2.5 in the event the Association believes that Declarant shall have failed in any respect to meet Declarant's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of Declarant's obligations under law, or the Common Areas conveyed

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herein are defective in any respect, the Association shall give written notice to Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. Once the Association has given written notice to Declarant pursuant to this Section, the Association shall be obligated to permit Declarant and their agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by Declarant to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. The Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of Declarant to repair or address, in Declarant's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by Declarant during its inspections of the Common Areas. Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage Declarant; and

- 9.4.2.6 a reservation of right in favor of Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES) to require that the Association re-convey all or a portion of the Common Areas by Quitclaim Deed in favor of Declarant in the event that such property is required to be owned by Declarant for any purpose, including without limitation, the reconfiguration of any adjacent property by replatting or otherwise. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to Declarant, and thereafter the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.
- 9.5 Operation after Conveyance. Subject to the Association's right to grant easements and other interests as provided herein, the Association may not convey, abandon, alienate, encumber, or transfer all or a portion of the Common Areas to a third party without (i) if prior to the Turnover, the approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) the consent of Declarant, or (ii) from and after the Turnover, approval of (x) a majority of the Board; and (y) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members. A quorum for any meeting of the members for the purpose of any action taken under this Section 9.5 shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total Voting Interests.
- 9.6 <u>Paved Common Areas</u>. The Common Areas may contain certain paved areas. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, the Association is responsible for the maintenance, repair and/or resurfacing of all paved surfaces, including but not limited to private roadways, parking areas, pathways, bicycle paths, and sidewalks forming a part of the Common Areas, if any. Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for periodic inspections of all paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas by a licensed paving contractor and/or engineer. The cost of such inspection shall be a part of the Operating Expenses. The Association shall determine periodically the parameters of the inspection to be performed, if any. Any patching, grading, or other maintenance work should be performed by a company licensed to perform the work.
- 9.7 <u>Delegation</u>. Once conveyed to the Association, the Common Areas and improvements located thereon shall at all times be under the complete supervision, operation, control, and management of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may delegate all or a portion of its obligations hereunder to a licensed manager or professional management company. Association specifically shall have the right to pay for management services on any basis approved by the Board (including bonuses or special fee arrangements for meeting financial or other goals). Further, in the event that Common Area is created by easement, the Association's obligations and rights with respect to such Common Area may be limited by the terms of the document creating such easement.
 - 9.8 Use.
 - 9.8.1 <u>Nonexclusive Use</u>. The Common Areas shall be used and enjoyed by the Owners on a non-exclusive basis in common with other persons, entities and corporations (who

may, but are not required to be, members of the Association) entitled to use those portions of the Common Areas. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant, and thereafter, the Association has the right, at any and all times, and from time to time, to further additionally provide and make the Common Areas available to other individuals, persons, firms, or corporations, as it deems appropriate. The granting of such rights shall not invalidate this Declaration, reduce or abate any Owner's obligations pursuant to this Declaration, or give any Owner the right to avoid any of the covenants, agreements or obligations to be performed hereunder.

- 9.8.2 Right to Allow Use. Declarant and/or the Association may enter into easement agreements or other use or possession agreements whereby the Owners, Telecommunications Providers, the Association, and/or others may obtain the use, possession of, or other rights regarding certain property, on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis, for certain specified purposes. Association may agree to maintain and pay the taxes, insurance, administration, upkeep, repair, and replacement of such property, the expenses of which shall be Operating Expenses. Any such agreement by the Association prior to the Community Completion Date shall require the prior written consent of Declarant. Thereafter, any such agreement shall require the approval of the majority of the Board, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE Retention/Detention Areas. ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE WATER LEVELS IN ANY OF THE RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS IN CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES: PROVIDED. FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEMPT TO ADJUST OR MODIFY THE WATER LEVELS SINCE SUCH LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL GROUNDWATER AND RAINFALL FLUCTUATIONS THAT ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR LOT. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE WATER LEVELS OF ALL RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS MAY VARY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY DECLARANT OR THE ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS OR RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME; AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT. DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO GATES, OR WALLS AROUND OR ADJACENT TO ERECT FENCES, RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS WITHIN CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 9.8.4 <u>Obstruction of Common Areas</u>. No portion of the Common Areas may be obstructed, encumbered, or used by Owners for any purpose other than as permitted by the Association.
- Assumption of Risk. Without limiting any other provision herein, each Owner accepts and assumes all risk and responsibility for noise, liability, injury, or damage connected with use or occupancy of any portion of such Common Areas, including, without limitation: (i) noise from maintenance equipment; (ii) use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; (iii) view restrictions and impairment caused by the construction of any structures and/or the maturation of trees and shrubbery; (iv) reduction in privacy caused by the removal or pruning of shrubbery or trees within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES; and (v) design of any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Each such person also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless Declarant, the Association and all employees, directors, representatives, officers, agents, and partners of the foregoing, from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the person's use of the Common Areas, including for attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and costs at trial and upon appeal. Without limiting the foregoing, all persons using the Common Areas, including, without limitation, any retention/detention area, do so at their own risk. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMMON AREAS, AND AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE COMMON AREAS, MAY CONTAIN WILDLIFE SUCH AS INSECTS, ALLIGATORS, COYOTES, RACCOONS, SNAKES,

DUCKS, DEER, SWINE, TURKEYS, AND FOXES. DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING SUCH WILDLIFE OR NOTIFYING OWNERS OR OTHER PERSONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SUCH WILDLIFE. EACH OWNER AND HIS OR HER GUESTS AND INVITEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

9.8.6 Owners' Obligation to Indemnify. Each Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Declarant, the Association, their officers, partners, agents, employees, affiliates, directors and attorneys (collectively, "Indemnified Parties") against all actions, injury, claims, loss, liability, damages, costs and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever ("Losses") incurred by or asserted against any of the Indemnified Parties from and after the date hereof, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, as a result of or in any way related to the Common Areas, including, without limitation, use of retention/detention areas within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by Owners, and their guests, family members, invitees, or agents. Should any Owner bring suit against Declarant, the Association, or any of the Indemnified Parties for any claim or matter and fail to obtain judgment therein against such Indemnified Parties, such Owner shall be liable to such parties for all Losses, costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Parties in the defense of such suit, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at trial and upon appeal.

9.9 Rules and Regulations.

- 9.9.1 <u>Generally</u>. Prior to the Turnover, Declarant, and thereafter Association, shall have the right to adopt Rules and Regulations governing the use of the Common Areas. The Rules and Regulations need not be recorded in the Public Records. The Common Areas shall be used in accordance with this Declaration and Rules and Regulations promulgated hereunder.
- Declarant Not Subject to Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations shall not apply to Declarant or to any property owned by Declarant, and shall not be applied in a manner that would prohibit or restrict the development or operation of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES or adversely affect the interests of Declarant. Without limiting the foregoing. Declarant and its assigns, shall have the right to: (i) develop and construct Lots, Homes, Common Areas and related improvements within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and make any additions, alterations, improvements, or changes thereto; (ii) maintain sales offices (for the sale and re-sale of (a) Lots and Homes and (b) residences and properties located outside of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES), general office and construction operations within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES: (iii) place, erect or construct portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structures within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for sales, construction storage or other purposes; (iv) temporarily deposit, dump or accumulate materials, trash, refuse and rubbish in connection with the development or construction of any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES; (v) post, display, inscribe or affix to the exterior of any portion of the Common Areas or portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, signs and other materials used in developing, constructing, selling or promoting the sale of any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES including, without limitation, Lots, Parcels and Homes; (vi) excavate fill from any lakes or waterways within and/or contiguous to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by dredge or dragline, store fill within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and remove and/or sell excess fill; and grow or store plants and trees within, or contiguous to, CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and use and/or sell excess plants and trees; and (vii) undertake all activities which, in the sole opinion of Declarant, are necessary or convenient for the development and sale of any lands and improvements comprising CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 9.10 <u>Public Facilities</u>. CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES may include one or more public facilities. A lift station dedicated to the County as part of the waste water treatment system shall be located within the boundaries of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 9.11 <u>Default by Owners</u>. No default by any Owner in the performance of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration shall be construed or considered: (i) a breach by Declarant or the

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Association of any of their promises or covenants in this Declaration; (ii) an actual, implied or constructive dispossession of another Owner from the Common Areas; or (iii) an excuse, justification, waiver or indulgence of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration.

- 9.12 <u>Association's Obligation to Indemnify.</u> Association and Owners each covenant and agree jointly and severally to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Declarant, its officers, directors, shareholders, and any related persons or corporations and their employees from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, causes of action or damages arising from any personal injury, loss of life, or damage to property, sustained on or about the Common Areas or other property serving Association, and improvements thereon, or resulting from or arising out of activities or operations of the Association or Owners, and from and against all costs, expenses, court costs, attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees (including, but not limited to, all trial and appellate levels and whether or not suit be instituted), expenses and liabilities incurred or arising from any such claim, the investigation thereof, or the defense of any action or proceedings brought thereon, and from and against any orders judgments or decrees which may be entered relating thereto. The costs and expense of fulfilling this covenant of indemnification shall be Operating Expenses to the extent such matters are not covered by insurance maintained by the Association.
- 9.13 Special Taxing Districts. For as long as Declarant controls the Association, Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to dedicate or transfer or cause the dedication or transfer of all or portions of the Common Areas of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES to a special taxing district, or a public agency or authority under such terms as Declarant deems appropriate in order to create or contract with special taxing districts and community development districts (or others) for lighting, perimeter walls, entrance features, roads, landscaping, irrigation areas, ponds, surface water management systems, wetlands mitigation areas, parks, recreational or other services, security or communications, or other similar purposes deemed appropriate by Declarant, including without limitation, the maintenance and/or operation of any of the foregoing. As hereinafter provided, Declarant may sign any taxing district petition as attorney-in-fact for each Owner. Each Owner's obligation to pay taxes associated with such district shall be in addition to such Owner's obligation to pay Assessments. Any special taxing district shall be created pursuant to all applicable ordinances of County and all other applicable governing entities having jurisdiction with respect to the same.

9.14 Recreational Facilities.

- 9.14.1 <u>General Restrictions</u>. Each Owner, Immediate Family Member and other person entitled to use the Recreational Facilities shall comply with following general restrictions:
 - 9.14.1.1 Minors. Minors are permitted to use the Recreational Facilities; provided, however, parents are responsible for the actions and safety of such minors and any damages caused by such minors. Parents are responsible for the actions and safety of such minors and any damages to the Recreational Facilities caused by such minors. The Association may adopt reasonable rules and regulations from time to time governing minors' use of the Recreational Facilities, including without limitation, requirements that minors be accompanied by adults while using the Recreational Facilities. Children under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult at all times during which such minor child is using the community pool. No children wearing diapers shall be permitted in the community pool.
 - 9.14.1.2 <u>Responsibility for Personal Property and Persons</u>. Each Owner assumes sole responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of such Owner, his or her Immediate Family Members and guests, and the personal property of all of the foregoing, and each Owner shall not allow any damage the Recreational Facilities or interfere with the rights of other Owners hereunder. Neither the Declarant nor the Association shall be responsible for any loss or damage to any private property used, placed or stored on the Recreational Facilities. Further, any person entering the Recreational Facilities assumes all risk of loss with respect to his or her equipment,

jewelry or other possessions, including without limitation, wallets, books and clothing left in the pool and clubhouse area.

- 9.14.1.3 Activities. Any Owner, Immediate Family Member, guest or other person who, in any manner, makes use of the Recreational Facilities, or who engages in any contest, game, function, exercise, competition or other activity operated, organized, arranged or sponsored either on or off the Recreational Facilities, shall do so at their own risk. Every Owner shall be liable for any property damage and/or personal injury at the Recreational Facilities, caused by any Owner, Immediate Family Member or guest. No Owner may use the Recreational Facilities for any society, party, religious, political, charitable, fraternal, civil, fund-raising or other purposes without the prior written consent of the Association, which consent may be withheld for any reason.
- 9.14.2 <u>Recreational Facilities Personal Property</u>. Property or furniture used in connection with the Recreational Facilities shall not be removed from the location in which it is placed or from the Recreational Facilities.
- 9.14.3 <u>Indemnification of Declarant and the Association</u>. By the use of the Recreational Facilities, each Owner, Immediate Family Member and guest agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Declarant and the Association, their officers, partners, agents, employees, affiliates, directors and attorneys (collectively, "<u>Indemnified Parties</u>") against all actions, injury, claims, loss, liability, damages, costs and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever ("<u>Losses</u>") incurred by or asserted against any of the Indemnified Parties from and after the date hereof, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, as a result of or in any way related to use of the Recreational Facilities by Owners, Immediate Family Members and their guests and/or from any act or omission of the any of the Indemnified Parties. Losses shall include the deductible payable under any of the Association's insurance policies.
- 9.14.4 <u>Attorney's Fees</u>. Should any Owner or Immediate Family Member bring suit against the Indemnified Parties for any claim or matter and fail to obtain judgment therein against such Indemnified Parties, the Owner and/or Immediate Family Member shall be liable to such parties for all Losses, costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Parties in the defense of such suit, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at trial and upon appeal.
- 9.14.5 <u>Basis For Suspension</u>. The rights of an Owner to use the Recreational Facilities may be suspended by the Association if, in the sole judgment of the Association:
 - 9.14.5.1 such person is not an Owner or a Lessee;
 - 9.14.5.2 the Owner, an Immediate Family Member, a guest or other person for whom a Owner is responsible violates one or more of the Association's Rules and Regulations;
 - 9.14.5.3 an Owner and/or guest has injured, harmed or threatened to injure or harm any person within the Recreational Facilities, or harmed, destroyed or stolen any personal property within the Recreational Facilities, whether belonging to an Owner, third party or to the Association; or
 - 9.14.5.4 an Owner fails to pay Assessments due.
- 9.14.6 <u>Types of Suspension</u>. The Association may restrict or suspend, for cause or causes described herein, any Owner's privileges to use any or all of the Recreational Facilities. By way of example, and not as a limitation, the Association may suspend a Lessee's privileges to use any or all of the Recreational Facilities if such Lessee's Owner fails to pay Assessments due in connection with a leased Home. In addition, the Association may suspend the rights of a

particular Owner (and/or Immediate Family Member) or prohibit an Owner (and/or Immediate Family Member) from using a portion of the Recreational Facilities. No Owner whose privileges have been fully or partially suspended shall, on account of any such restriction or suspension, be entitled to any refund or abatement of Assessments or any other fees. During the restriction or suspension, Assessments shall continue to accrue and be payable each month. Under no circumstance will an Owner be reinstated until all Assessments and other amounts due to the Association are paid in full. Any suspension of an Owner's or Lessee's rights to use the Recreational Facilities shall be imposed after fourteen (14) days notice to such Owner or Lessee and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of the Board which is comprised of three (3) members who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent child, brother, or sister of an officer, director, or employee of the Association. Such suspension may not be imposed without the approval of a majority of the members of such committee. If the Association imposes a suspension, the Association must provide written notice of such suspension by mail or hand delivery to the Owner or Lessee.

9.15 Access Control System. Declarant may install a controlled access facility at one or more access points to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contract for the installation of additional Access Control System facilities for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. If provided, all costs associated with any Access Control System will be part of the Operating Expenses. Declarant hereby reserves for itself, and its contractors and suppliers, their respective agents and employees, and any prospective purchasers of Homes or Lots from Declarant, an easement for free and unimpeded access through any such Access Control System, subject only to such controls and restrictions as are agreed to in writing by Declarant. If the Association attempts to restrict or control access into CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES through means not approved by the Declarant, the Declarant may take any and all measures necessary to eliminate same, including disabling any entry system during any hours desired by the Declarant, and the Declarant shall have no liability in this regard.

THE ASSOCIATION AND DECLARANT SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS CONTROL OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. EACH AND EVERY OWNER AND THE OCCUPANT OF EACH HOME ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ASSOCIATION AND DECLARANT, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, ARE NOT INSURERS OF OWNERS OR HOMES, OR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HOMES. THE ASSOCIATION AND DECLARANT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM ANY CASUALTY OR INTRUSION INTO A HOME.

10. Maintenance by the Association.

- 10.1 <u>Common Areas</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the Association shall at all times maintain, repair, replace and insure the Common Areas, including all improvements placed thereon.
- 10.2 <u>Landscape Maintenance</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 10.2, the record title owner of a Lot shall be responsible for the repair, replacement and maintenance of the irrigation and all landscaped areas within any portion of such Lot. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the landscaped areas within each Lot in accordance with the following terms:
 - 10.2.1 <u>General</u>. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the landscaped areas within each Lot to the extent provided in this Section 10.2. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance of landscaped areas, including the repair of sod, grass, shrubs, trees, or any other landscaping within a Lot. The Association's landscape maintenance responsibilities include cutting, edging, fertilization, mulching, hedging, tree trimming and landscape-related exterior pest control. In addition, as and when determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion, the Association shall be responsible for replacement of sod and

other landscaping located within Lots necessitated by naturally occurring conditions. In the event of such Owner neglect, the costs associated with any such replacement of sod or other landscaping shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment. The foregoing shall be performed at the Board's discretion and on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion. Except as otherwise provided herein, all costs and expenses pertaining to such landscaping maintenance shall constitute a part of the Operating Expenses for which Assessments shall be levied.

- 10.2.2 <u>Additional Landscape Maintenance</u>. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to their Lot, authorizes the Association to conduct additional landscape maintenance beyond the scope described in this Section 10.2 if, in the discretion of the Board, such additional maintenance is required for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation, naturally occurring deterioration of the landscaped areas. The costs associated with any such additional landscape maintenance shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment.
- 10.2.3 <u>Modification of Landscaping</u>. In the event an Owner modifies the landscaping as initially installed by the Declarant, then such Owner shall be solely responsible for the maintenance of such modified landscaping.
- 10.2.4 <u>Irrigation Facilities</u>. The Association is responsible for irrigation to the landscaped areas, including repair and replacement of damaged sprinkler heads, piping or valves that comprise the irrigation system of the Lots. The cost associated with any such maintenance, repair and replacement of the irrigation facilities shall constitute a part of the Operating Expenses for which Assessments shall be levied. The Association shall have access to control boxes and/or devices used in connection with any irrigation system that may be installed on any Lot and Owners are not permitted to block access to or tamper with the same. The Association reserves the right to place or remove locks on any control boxes and/or devices used in connection with irrigation regardless of their location. Further, Owners shall not place locks or otherwise impede the Association's access to any areas the Association is responsible to maintain. In the event that any Owner locks or otherwise impedes the Association's access to any areas the Association is responsible to maintain, the Association may take any and all measures necessary to eliminate same, including removing or disabling any locks, and the Association shall have no liability for such actions.

EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOME LOTS WITHIN CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES MAY HAVE YARDS THAT ARE LARGER OR SMALLER THAN THE YARDS OF OTHER LOTS WITHIN CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, ALL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE EXPENSES SHALL BE DEEMED PART OF THE OPERATING EXPENSES, AND EACH OWNER OF A LOT SHALL PAY AN EQUAL SHARE OF SUCH COSTS.

- 10.3 <u>Roadways</u>. All of the roadways within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall be private roadways and shall be maintained by the Association. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, the Association is responsible for the maintenance, repair and/or resurfacing of all paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas, including private roadways. Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for periodic inspections of all paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas by a licensed paving contractor and/or engineer. The cost of such inspection shall be a part of the Operating Expenses. The Association shall determine periodically the parameters of the inspection to be performed, if any. Any patching, grading, or other maintenance work should be performed by a company licensed to perform the work.
- 10.4 <u>Adjoining Areas</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Association shall maintain swales, slope and landscape areas within the Common Areas; provided, that, such areas are readily accessible to the Association. Under no circumstances shall the Association be responsible for

maintaining any inaccessible areas within fences or walls that form a part of a Lot.

- 10.5 Negligence. The expense of any maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the Common Areas necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or persons utilizing the Common Areas through or under an Owner, shall be borne solely by such Owner and the Lot owned by such Owner shall be subject to an Individual Assessment for that expense. By way of example, and not of limitation, an Owner shall be responsible for the removal of all landscaping and structures placed within easements or Common Areas without the prior written approval of the Association. Further, an Owner shall be responsible for all costs of maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the drainage facilities located on such Owner's Lot if such repair maintenance or construction is necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or such Owner's guests and invitees.
- 10.6 Right of Entry. Declarant and the Association are granted a perpetual and irrevocable easement over, under and across all of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for the purposes herein expressed, including, without limitation, for inspections to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, and for the performance of any maintenance, alteration or repair which they are entitled to perform. Without limiting the foregoing, Declarant specifically reserves easements for all purposes necessary to comply with any governmental requirement or to satisfy any condition that is a prerequisite for a governmental approval. By way of example, and not of limitation, Declarant may construct, maintain, repair, alter, replace and/or remove improvements; install landscaping; install utilities; and/or remove structures on any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES if Declarant is required to do so in order to obtain the release of any bond posted with any governmental agency.
- 10.7 <u>Maintenance of Property Owned by Others.</u> The Association shall, if designated by Declarant (or by the Association after the Community Completion Date) by amendment to this Declaration or any document of record, maintain vegetation, landscaping, irrigation systems, community identification/features and/or other areas or elements designated by Declarant (or by the Association after the Community Completion Date) upon areas that are within or outside of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Such areas may abut, or be proximate to, CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and may be owned by, or be dedicated to, others including, but not limited to, a utility, governmental or quasi-governmental entity or a property owners association. These areas may include (for example and not limitation) parks, swale areas, landscape buffer areas, berm areas or median areas within the right-of-way of public streets, roads, drainage areas, community identification or entrance features, community signage or other identification. The Association shall have the right to enter into new agreements or arrangements from time to time for improvements and facilities serving the members of the Association or to amend the foregoing if the Board deems the same reasonable and appropriate for the continued use and benefit of any part of the Common Areas.
- 10.8 Retaining Walls. The Declarant may construct retaining walls within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (the "Retaining Walls"). Retaining Walls located within Common Areas shall be maintained by the Association and the costs thereof shall be deemed Operating Expenses of the Association. Structural maintenance and repairs of Retaining Walls located within Lots shall be the responsibility of the Association; however, the Owner of the Lot that includes the Retaining Wall shall be responsible for day-to-day maintenance and cleaning of such Retaining Wall. Failure of the Association to undertake any maintenance, replacement or repair of the Retaining Wall shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary, the Declarant neither commits to, nor shall hereby be obligated to, construct such Retaining Walls. NO STRUCTURES OR LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION FENCES, IRRIGATION PIPES, AND TREES, SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN TWO FEET (2') FROM ANY RETAINING WALL.
- 10.9 <u>Perimeter Walls/Fences</u>. The Declarant may install perimeter walls or fences within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (the "<u>Perimeter Walls/Fences</u>"). The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to maintain, repair, replace any Perimeter Walls/Fences within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including any Perimeter Walls/Fences located on Lots. The Association may perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Perimeter Walls/Fences at the Board's discretion

and the costs of such maintenance, repairs or replacement shall be Operating Expenses. Failure of the Association to undertake any such maintenance, replacement or repair of the Perimeter Walls/Fences shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

- Right-of-Way. The Association shall be responsible for the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with maintenance of the sidewalk, irrigation, trees and landscaping located in the public right-of-way adjacent to any Common Areas and Lots (if any); however, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to such sidewalk in the event that such Owner's negligent or willful acts caused such damage to any sidewalk, irrigation, trees and landscaping located in the public right-of-way. Failure of an Owner to reimburse the Association any costs necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner shall subject the Owner to an Individual Assessment for such costs. The cost associated with any such maintenance of the public right-of-way adjacent to any Common Areas and Lots shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses.
- 10.11 <u>Home Maintenance</u>. The Association shall be responsible for the following to be performed at the Board's discretion and on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion:
 - 10.11.1 Painting. The Association shall paint all exterior painted portions of Homes, including any exterior walls of a garage, garage door, exterior doors, shutters, and fascia. The cost associated with exterior painting and made in accordance with this Section 10.11.1 shall constitute a part of the Operating Expenses for which Assessments shall be levied, and each Owner shall pay an equal share of such costs. The ACC must approve any proposed painting of the exterior of the Home by the Owner unless the paint color is the same or substantially similar to the color originally painted. If the proposed painting is approved by the ACC, the ACC shall have the right to impose such conditions as it deems reasonably appropriate. The conditions shall, at a minimum, include the following:
 - 10.11.1.1 all work and materials shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense;
 - 10.11.1.2 all color selections shall be approved by the ACC and must be the same or substantially similar to the other Homes attached to the Home;
 - 10.11.1.3 the painting project must include an entire elevation of the Home (i.e. the entire side of the Home, etc.); and
 - 10.11.1.4 if the Association thereafter paints the Home and the other Homes attached to the Home in accordance this Section 10.11.1, the Home shall be included as part of the painting project, and the cost associated with such painting project shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses for which Assessments shall be levied, and each Owner shall pay an equal share of such costs.
 - 10.11.2 <u>Roofs</u>. The Association shall repair and replace roofs of Homes, including shingles, and roof decking; however, the Association shall have no obligation to repair or replace roof trusses or other structural components of the roof. The cost associated with any such roof repair and replacement shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses, and each Owner of shall pay an equal share of such costs.
 - 10.11.3 <u>Termite Program</u>. The Association may, in its sole discretion, contract with a licensed termite company to provide a termite warranty program for Homes. The cost associated with any such programs shall be deemed part of Operating Expenses, and each Owner shall pay an equal share of such costs.

10.11.4 <u>Pressure Cleaning</u>. The Association shall pressure clean the fascia of Homes and exterior walls of all Homes, including garages. The cost associated with any such pressure cleaning shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses, and each Owner of shall pay an equal share of such costs.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent insurance coverage required by Section 14.2.1 of this Declaration covers repairs or replacements otherwise performed by the Association under this Section 10.11, or would have covered such repairs or replacements if the Owner had procured such coverage, such repairs or replacements shall be governed by Section 14.2.2 herein, and the Association shall not perform repairs or replacements covered by insurance or any other activities that would negate such coverage or impair the availability of such coverage.

- 10.12 <u>Paved Surfaces</u>. The Association shall be responsible for the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with maintenance and repair of all paved surfaces located within the Common Areas; however, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to such paved surfaces in the event that such Owner's negligent or willful acts caused such damage to any paved surfaces. Failure of an Owner to reimburse the Association any costs necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner shall subject the Owner to an Individual Assessment for such costs.
- 10.13 <u>Master Metered Water Usage</u>. The costs associated with potable water usage shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses, and each Owner of a Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs. Owners will not receive an itemized bill for potable water usage fees and there will be no method for prorating the costs of potable water usage to individual Lots.
- 10.14 <u>Water Body Slopes</u>. The Common Areas and the rear yard of some Lots may contain water body slopes. All such water body slopes will be regulated and maintained by the Association. The Declarant hereby grants the Association an easement of ingress and egress across all Lots adjacent to water body areas for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such water body slopes. The Association may establish from time to time maintenance standards for the water body slope maintenance by Owners who own Homes adjacent to water bodies ("<u>Water Body Maintenance Standards</u>"). Such standards may include requirements respecting compaction and strengthening of lake banks. The Association shall have the right to inspect such water body slopes and banks to insure that each Owner has complied with its obligations hereunder and under the Water Body Slope Maintenance Standards. Each Owner hereby grants Association an easement of ingress and egress across his or her Lot to all adjacent water body areas for the purpose of insuring compliance with the requirements of this provision and the Water Body Slope Maintenance Standards. For the purposes of this Declaration, each day that an Owner fails to comply with the requirements of this paragraph or any Water Body Slope Maintenance Standards shall be deemed a separate and independent violation of this Declaration.
- 11. <u>Maintenance by Owners.</u> All Lots and Homes, including without limitation, all lawns, landscaping, irrigation systems, driveways, walkways and any property, structures, improvements and appurtenances not maintained by the Association shall be well maintained and kept in first class, good, safe, clean, neat and attractive condition consistent with the general appearance of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by the record title owner of the applicable Lot. No tree installed by the Declarant on any Lot shall be felled, removed, or cut down unless such tree represents a hazard to the Home or other improvements on the Lot, or to persons occupying or utilizing CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. If any such tree dies, such tree shall be replaced by the Owner of the Lot upon which the tree was located, at the Owner's expense, by a similar tree of similar size in diameter. No other objects or landscaping may be installed in place of any such trees. In the event Lots and Homes are not maintained by the record title owner of the Lot in accordance with the requirements of this Section 11, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the maintenance obligations on behalf of the Owner.
 - 11.1 Right of the Association to Enforce. Declarant hereby grants the Association an

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easement over each Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section 11. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section 11, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. The Association shall have the right to enforce this Section 11 by all necessary legal action. In the event the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section 11, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal.

- 11.2 <u>Landscaping</u>, <u>Drainage and Irrigation</u>. No sod, topsoil, tree, shrubbery or other landscaping shall be removed from any Lot by any Owner, and no irrigation facilities shall be removed, modified or tampered with by any Owner. Further, there shall be no change in the plant landscaping, elevation, condition of the soil or the level of the land of such areas that results in any change in the flow and drainage of surface water that the ACC, in its sole discretion, considers detrimental or potentially detrimental to person or property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners who install improvements to the Lot (including, without limitation, concrete or brick pavers) that result in any change in the flow and/or drainage of surface water shall be responsible for all of the costs of drainage problems resulting from such improvement. Further, in the event that such Owner fails to pay for such required repairs, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in fixing such drainage problems including, without limitation, removing excess water and/or repairing the SWMS. No landscape lighting shall be installed by an Owner without the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 11.3 <u>Weeds and Refuse</u>. No weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to be grown or remain upon any Lot. No refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or allowed to remain upon any Lot.
- Each Owner is solely responsible for the proper 11.4 Exterior Home Maintenance. maintenance and cleaning of the exterior walls of his or her Home. Exterior walls are improved with a finish material composed of stucco or cementitious coating (collectively, "Stucco/Cementitious Finish"). While Stucco/Cementitious Finish is high in compressive or impact strength, it is not of sufficient tensile strength to resist building movement. It is the nature of Stucco/Cementitious Finish to experience some cracking and it will expand and contract in response to temperature, sometimes creating minor hairline cracks in the outer layer of the stucco application. This is normal behavior and considered a routine maintenance item for the Owner. Each Owner is responsible to inspect the Stucco/Cementitious Finish to the exterior walls for cracking and engage a qualified professional to seal those cracks and repair the affected area. In addition, each Owner is responsible for inspecting the exterior paint and caulk material in the exterior wall system openings (i.e. windows, doors, hose bibs, etc.) for peeling, cracking or separating. If the inspection reveals any such items, the Owner is responsible for engaging a qualified professional to clean, repair, re-caulk and repaint those areas of the Home. Each Owner is responsible for all maintenance and repairs described in this Section 11.4, and they should be completed in a timely fashion to prevent any damage to the Home.
- 11.5 <u>Paved Surfaces</u>. Each Owner shall be responsible to timely repair, maintain and/or replace the driveway, walkways, sidewalks, including without limitation any brick pavers, and other paved surfaces comprising part of a Lot. Further, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to such driveway, walkways, sidewalks and other paved surfaces in the event that such Owner fails to make the required repairs, together with interest at the highest rate allowed by law.
- 11.6 <u>Water Intrusion</u>. Florida experiences heavy rainfall and humidity on a regular basis. Each Owner is responsible for making sure his or her Home remains watertight including, without limitation, checking caulking around windows and seals on doors. Each Owner acknowledges that running air conditioning machinery with windows and/or doors open in humid conditions can result in condensation, mold and/or water intrusion. Declarant and the Association shall not have liability under such circumstances for any damage or loss that an Owner may incur. FURTHER, GIVEN THE CLIMATE AND HUMID CONDITIONS IN FLORIDA, MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND FUNGI MAY EXIST AND/OR DEVELOP WITHIN HOMES. EACH OWNER IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT CERTAIN MOLDS,

MILDEW, TOXINS AND/OR FUNGI MAY BE, OR IF ALLOWED TO REMAIN FOR A SUFFICIENT PERIOD MAY BECOME, TOXIC AND POTENTIALLY POSE A HEALTH RISK. BY ACQUIRING TITLE TO A HOME AND/OR LOT, EACH OWNER, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ASSUMED THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND/OR FUNGI AND TO HAVE RELEASED DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION FROM ANY AND LIABILITY RESULTING FROM SAME.

- 12. <u>Use Restrictions</u>. The following Use Restrictions shall apply to all Lots within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, except for any Lots owned by the Declarant. Each Owner must comply with the following:
- 12.1 <u>Alterations and Additions</u>. No material alteration, addition or modification to a Lot or Home, or material change in the appearance thereof, shall be made without the prior written approval thereof being first had and obtained from the ACC as required by this Declaration.
- Animals. No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for commercial purposes. Other than swine, poultry, or pets that become a nuisance, Owners may keep no more than two (2) domestic pets as permitted by County ordinances and otherwise in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by the Board from time to time. Pets permitted in accordance with this Section 12.2 may be kept or harbored in a Home only so long as such pets or animals do not constitute a nuisance. Owners shall not be permitted to have snakes as pets. A determination by the Board that an animal or pet kept or harbored in a Home is a nuisance shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. All pets shall be walked on a leash. No pet shall be permitted outside a Home unless such pet is kept on a leash or within an enclosed portion of the yard of a Lot. No pet or animal shall be "tied out" on the exterior of the Home or in the Common Areas, or left unattended in a yard or on a balcony, porch, or patio. No dog runs, enclosures, or exterior kennels shall be permitted on any Lot. When notice of removal of any pet is given by the Board, the pet shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the giving of the notice. All pets shall defecate only in the "pet walking" areas within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES designated for such purpose, if any, or on the Owner's Lot. The person walking the pet or the Owner shall clean up all matter created by the pet. Each Owner shall be responsible for the activities of its pet. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, service dogs shall not be governed by the restrictions contained in this Section.
- 12.3 <u>Artificial Vegetation</u>. Except as otherwise permitted by Florida law, no artificial grass, plants or other artificial vegetation, or rocks or other landscape devices, shall be placed or maintained upon the exterior portion of any Lot, unless approved by the ACC.
- 12.4 <u>Vehicles</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the following restrictions shall not apply to construction vehicles utilized in connection with construction, improvement, installation, or repair by Declarant or its agents.
 - 12.4.1 <u>Parking</u>. Owners' automobiles shall be parked in the garage or driveway and shall not block the sidewalk. No vehicles of any nature shall be parked on any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES or a Lot except on the surfaced parking area thereof. Vehicles shall not park on the paved surfaces comprising the Common Area, including the private roadways, except in designated parking areas, if any. To the extent CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES has any guest parking, Owners are prohibited from parking in such guest parking spaces. No vehicles used in business for the purpose of transporting goods, equipment and the like, shall be parked in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES except during the period of a delivery.
 - 12.4.2 <u>Repairs and Maintenance of Vehicles</u>. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain on CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for more than twelve (12) hours, except in the garage of a Home. No repair or maintenance, except emergency repair, of vehicles shall be made within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, except 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.

- 12.4.3 Prohibited Vehicles. No commercial vehicle, limousine, recreational vehicle, all terrain vehicle, boat (or other watercraft), trailer, including without limitation, boat trailers, house trailers, mobile homes, and trailers of every other type, kind or description, or camper, may be kept within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES except in the garage of a Home. "commercial vehicle" shall not be deemed to include law enforcement vehicles or recreational or utility vehicles (i.e., Broncos, Blazers, Explorers, Navigators, etc.) or clean "non-working" vehicles such as pick-up trucks, vans, or cars if they are used by the Owner on a daily basis for normal transportation; provided, however, vehicles with ladders, racks, and hooks or other such equipment attached to such vehicles shall be "commercial vehicles" prohibited by this Section. No vehicles displaying commercial advertising shall be parked within the public view. No vehicles bearing a "for sale" sign shall be parked within the public view anywhere within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. For any Owner who drives an automobile 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. Additionally no ATV or mini motorcycle may be parked or stored within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including any Lot, except in the garage of a Home. 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.
- 12.4.4 Towing. Subject to applicable laws and ordinances, any vehicle parked in violation of these or other restrictions contained herein or in the Rules and Regulations may be towed by the Association at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle if such vehicle remains in violation for a period of twenty-four (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. For purposes of this paragraph, "vehicle" shall also mean campers, boats, watercraft, mobile homes. trailers, etc. 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 that 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.
- 12.5 <u>Casualty Destruction to Improvements</u>. 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 with Section 14.2.2 of this Declaration. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ACC. 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.
- 12.6 <u>Commercial Activity</u>. Except for normal construction activity, sale, and re-sale of a Home, sale or re-sale of other property owned by Declarant, and administrative offices of Declarant, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, 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 be permitted to meet with Owners in Homes unless the Board provides otherwise in the Rules and Regulations. No Owner may actively engage in any solicitations for commercial purposes within CREEKWOOD

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TOWNHOMES. No solicitors of a commercial nature shall be allowed within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, without the prior written consent of the Association. No day care center or facility, group home, assisted living facility or nursing home may be operated out of a Home. No garage sales are permitted, except as permitted by the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Association shall not permit any garage sales without the prior written consent of Declarant.

- 12.7 <u>Completion and Sale of Homes.</u> No person or entity shall interfere with the completion and sale of Homes and/or Lots within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER, BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, AGREES THAT ACTIONS OF OWNERS MAY IMPACT THE VALUE OF HOMES AND/OR LOTS; THEREFORE EACH OWNER IS BENEFITED BY THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS: PICKETING AND POSTING OF NEGATIVE SIGNS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF THE HOMES AND/OR LOTS IN CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES AND THE RESIDENTIAL ATMOSPHERE THEREOF.
- 12.8 <u>Control of Contractors</u>. Except for direct services which may be offered to Owners (and then only according to the Rules and Regulations relating thereto as adopted from time to time), no person other than an Association officer shall direct, supervise, or in any manner attempt to assert any control over any contractor of the Association.
- 12.9 <u>Cooking</u>. No cooking shall be permitted nor shall any goods or beverages be consumed on the Common Areas, except in areas designated for those purposes by the Association. The Board shall have the right to prohibit or restrict the use of grills or barbecue facilities throughout CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 12.10 <u>Decorations</u>. No decorative objects including, but not limited to, birdbaths, light fixtures, sculptures, statues, and weather vanes shall be installed or placed within or upon any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES without the prior written approval of the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holiday lighting and decorations shall be permitted to be placed upon the exterior portions of the Home and upon the Lot in the manner permitted hereunder commencing the week before Thanksgiving and shall be removed not later than January 15th of the following year. The ACC may establish standards for holiday lights. The ACC may require the removal of any lighting that creates a nuisance (e.g., unacceptable spillover to adjacent Home or excessive travel through CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES). Except as otherwise provided in Section 720.304(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), and subject to the requirements of such provision, no flag poles are permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 12.11 <u>Disputes as to Use</u>. If there is any dispute as to whether the use of any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES complies with this Declaration, such dispute shall, prior to the Community Completion Date, be decided by Declarant, and thereafter by the Association. A determination rendered by such party with respect to such dispute shall be final and binding on all persons concerned.
- 12.12 <u>Drainage System.</u> Drainage systems and drainage facilities may be part of the Common Areas and/or Lots. Once drainage systems or drainage facilities are installed by Declarant, the maintenance of such systems and/or facilities thereafter within the boundary of a Lot shall be the responsibility of the Association; however, the Association shall not have responsibility for routine landscape maintenance and the Owner of the Lot shall be required to maintain such Lot in accordance with the provision of Section 11 of this Declaration. In the event that such system or facilities (whether comprised of swales, pipes, pumps, water body slopes, or other improvements) is adversely affected by landscaping, fences, structures (including, without limitation, pavers) or additions, the cost to correct, repair, or maintain such drainage system and/or facilities shall be the responsibility of the record title owner of such Lot containing all or a part of such drainage system and/or facilities. By way of example, and not of limitation, if the Owner of one Lot plants a tree (pursuant to approval) and the roots of such tree subsequently affect pipes or other drainage facilities within another Lot, the Owner that plants the tree shall be solely responsible for the removal of the roots which adversely affects the adjacent Lot. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE ASSOCIATION AND DECLARANT SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEMS OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER.

- 12.13 Extended Vacation and Absences. In the event a Home will be unoccupied for an extended period, the Home must be prepared prior to departure by: (i) removing all removable furniture, plants and other objects from outside the Home; and (ii) designating a responsible firm or individual to care for the Home, should the Home suffer damage or require attention, and providing a key to that firm or individual. Neither Association nor Declarant shall have any responsibility of any nature relating to any unoccupied Home.
- 12.14 <u>Fences and Walls</u>. No walls or fences shall be erected or installed by an Owner within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. This provision shall not apply to walls or fences installed by the Declarant.
- 12.15 <u>Fuel Storage</u>. No fuel storage shall be permitted within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, except as may be necessary or reasonably used for swimming pools, spas, barbecues, fireplaces or similar devices.
- 12.16 <u>Garages</u>. No garage shall be converted into a general living area. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times except when vehicular or pedestrian access is required. Garages may not be screened.
- 12.17 <u>Garbage Cans.</u> Trash collection and disposal procedures established by the Association shall be observed. No outside burning of trash or garbage is permitted. No garbage cans, supplies or other similar articles shall be maintained on any Lot so as to be visible from outside the Home or Lot. Each Owner shall be responsible for properly depositing his or her garbage and trash in garbage cans and trash containers sufficient for pick-up by the appropriate collection agencies in accordance with the requirements of any such agency. All such trash receptacles shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be shielded from the view of adjacent properties and streets. Garbage cans and trash containers shall not be placed outside the Home for pick-up earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the pick-up and shall be removed the day of pick-up.
- 12.18 <u>Hurricane Shutters</u>. Any hurricane shutters or other protective devices visible from outside a Home shall be of a type as approved in writing by the ACC and shall match the color or trim of the Home and be of a neutral color. Panel, accordion and roll-up style hurricane shutters may not be left closed during hurricane season (or at any other time). Any such approved hurricane shutters may be installed or closed up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the expected arrival of a hurricane and must be removed or opened within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of a hurricane watch or warning or as the Board may determine otherwise. Except as the Board may otherwise decide, shutters may not be closed at any time other than a storm event. Any approval by the ACC shall not be deemed an endorsement of the effectiveness of hurricane shutters.
- 12.19 <u>Irrigation</u>. Due to water quality, irrigation systems may cause staining on Homes, other structures or paved areas. It is each Owner's responsibility to treat and remove any such staining within an Owner's Lot. Declarant may utilize a computerized loop system to irrigate the Common Areas. Any computerized loop irrigation system that is not specifically the maintenance obligation of the Association or an Owner, shall be the maintenance obligation of the Association and is deemed part of the Common Areas.
- 12.20 <u>Laundry</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 163.04, Florida Statutes (2014), to the extent applicable, no rugs, mops, or laundry of any kind, or any other similar type article, shall be shaken, hung or exposed so as to be visible outside the Home or Lot. Clotheslines may be installed in the rear of a Lot so long as not visible from the front of the Lot; provided, that, any such clothes line shall be removed when it is not in use as a clothesline.
- 12.21 <u>Lawful Use</u>. No immoral, improper, offensive, unlawful or obnoxious use shall be made in any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. All laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental entities having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. The responsibility of meeting the requirements of governmental entities for maintenance, modification or repair of a portion of

CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall be the same as the responsibility for maintenance and repair of the property concerned.

12.22 Leases. Homes may be leased, licensed or occupied only in their entirety and no fraction or portion may be rented. No bed and breakfast facility may be operated out of a Home. Individual rooms of a Home may not be leased on any basis. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Home. All leases or occupancy agreements of Homes (collectively, "Lease Agreements") are subject to the provisions of this Section 12.22. All Lease Agreements shall be in writing. A copy of all Lease Agreements shall be provided to the Association. No Lease Agreement may be for a term of less than one (1) year, and no Home may be leased more than two (2) times in any calendar year unless otherwise approved by the Association in the case of hardship. 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 the 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 the 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. All Lease Agreements shall require the Home to be used solely as a private single family residence. Each leased Home shall be occupied by tenants, members of the tenant's family, overnight quests and professional caregivers as a residence and for no other purpose. 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.

Each Owner shall collect from their respective tenant and remit to the Association a security deposit in the amount of Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200.00), or such other amount as determined by the Board from time to time, to cover expenses related to the maintenance and repairs of the Home and/or damage caused to the Common Areas by the tenant, members of the tenant's family, or the tenant's guests and invitees. The Association shall be entitled to apply the deposit to any tenant obligations in connection with the Home, Common Area, or otherwise described in this Declaration; provided, that, the tenant does not undertake obligations after notice from the Association. Unless otherwise applied as provided herein, the deposit shall be returned to the Owner upon termination of the lease term after the Association receives notice of such termination. In the event that the Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may charge the deposit to the Owner as an Individual Assessment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the leasing of a Home to a tenant and the collection of the deposit referred to herein from an Owner shall not reduce or abate any Owner's obligations pursuant to this Declaration, or give any Owner the right to avoid any of the covenants, agreements, or obligations to be performed hereunder.

- 12.23 <u>Minor's Use of Commonly Shared Facilities</u>. Adults shall be responsible for all actions of their minor children at all times in and about CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Neither Declarant nor Association shall be responsible for any use of the Common Areas, by anyone, including minors.
- 12.24 <u>Nuisances</u>. No nuisance or any use or practice that is the source of unreasonable annoyance to others or which interferes with the peaceful possession and proper use of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES is permitted. No firearms shall be discharged within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Nothing shall be done or kept within the Common Areas or any other portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including a Home or Lot which will increase the rate of insurance to be paid by the Association.
- 12.25 <u>Oil and Mining Operations</u>. No oil, drilling development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or on any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or on any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted on any Lot.

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12.26 Personal Property. All personal property of Owners or other occupants of Homes shall

be stored within the Homes. No personal property, except usual patio furniture, may be stored on, nor any use made of, the Common Areas, any Lot or Home, or any other portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, which is unsightly or which interferes with the comfort and convenience of others.

- 12.27 Removal of Soil and Additional Landscaping. Without the prior consent of the ACC, no Owner shall remove soil from any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, change the level of the land within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, or plant landscaping which results in any permanent change in the flow and drainage of surface water within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Owners may place additional plants, shrubs, or trees within their respective Lots with the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 12.28 Roofs, Driveways and Pressure Cleaning. Roofs and/or exterior surfaces and/or pavement, including, but not limited to, walks and drives, shall be pressure cleaned within the time period stated in a written notice from the Board to the Owner of the applicable Lot, but in no event, later than thirty (30) days from date of such notice. No surface applications to driveways shall be permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC as to material, color and pattern. Such applications shall not extend beyond the front Lot line or include the sidewalk. All roofs must be in compliance with the Community Standards.
- 12.29 <u>Satellite Dishes and Antennae</u>. 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 ACC as required by this Declaration. The ACC 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. Each Owner agrees that the location of such items must be first approved by the ACC in order to address the safety and welfare of the residents of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. 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 the Community Standards adopted by the Board and shall be governed by the then current rules of the FCC.
- 12.30 <u>Screened Enclosures</u>. All screening and screened enclosures shall have the prior written approval of the ACC. All enclosures of balconies or patios, including addition of vinyl windows, shall be approved by the ACC.
- 12.31 Signs and Flags. No sign, flag, banner, advertisement, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including without limitation, any Home, Lot or vehicle, that is visible from the outside; provided, however, any Owner may display in a respectful manner one (1) portable, removable United States flag or official flag of the State of Florida and one (1) portable, removable official flag of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Any such permitted flags may not exceed four and one-half feet (4 ½') by six feet (6').

Each Owner may erect one (1) freestanding flag pole that is no more than twenty feet (20') high on any portion of such Owner's Lot if the flag pole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon any easement. The flag pole may not be installed any closer than ten feet (10') from the back of curb, or within ten feet (10') of any Lot boundary line. ACC approval is required prior to the installation of any flag pole. Any Owner may further display from the flagpole, one (1) official United States flag, not larger than four and one-half feet (4 ½') by six feet (6'), and may additionally display one (1) official flag of the State of Florida or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. Any flag pole installed in accordance with this Section is subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including without limitation noise and lighting ordinances of the County and all setback and location criteria contained in this Declaration.

Declarant is exempt from this Section; provided, further, the Declarant specifically reserves the right, for itself and its agents, employees, nominees and assigns the right, privilege and easement to

construct, place and maintain upon any property within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES such signs as it deems appropriate in connection with the development, improvement, construction, marketing and sale of any of the Lots. The prohibitions on signs displayed on or within vehicles contained above in this Section shall not apply to commercial vehicles such as for construction use or providing pick-up and delivery services and other commercial services.

- 12.32 <u>Sports Equipment</u>. No recreational, playground or sports equipment shall be installed or placed within or about any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. No basketball backboards, skateboard ramps, trampolines, or play structures will be permitted. Temporary basketball equipment and backboards shall not be permitted. Tree houses or platforms of a similar nature shall not be constructed on any part of a Lot.
- 12.33 <u>Storage</u>. No temporary or permanent utility or storage shed, storage building, tent, or other structure or improvement shall be permitted and no other structure or improvement shall be constructed, erected, altered, modified or maintained, except as authorized by the Community Standards. Water softeners, trash containers, propane tanks, and other similar devices shall be properly screened from the street in a manner approved by the ACC.
- 12.34 <u>Subdivision and Regulation of Land</u>. No portion of any Home or Lot shall be divided or subdivided or its boundaries changed without the prior written approval of the Association. No Owner shall inaugurate or implement any variation from, modification to, or amendment of governmental regulations, land use plans, land development regulations, zoning, or any other development orders or development permits applicable to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, without the prior written approval of Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.
- 12.35 <u>Substances</u>. No flammable, combustible or explosive fuel, fluid, chemical, hazardous waste, or substance shall be kept on any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES or within any Home or Lot, except those which are required for normal household use. All propane tanks and bottled gas for household use (excluding barbecue grill tanks) must be installed underground or in a manner to be screened from view by landscaping or other materials approved by the ACC.
- 12.36 <u>Swimming and Boating</u>. Swimming is prohibited within any of the retention/detention areas within the boundaries of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Boating and personal watercraft (e.g., water skis) are prohibited. No private docks may be erected within any water body.
- 12.37 <u>Swimming Pools and Spas</u>. No above-ground pools or in-ground pools shall be permitted within any Lot. Hot tubs, spas and related appurtenances shall not be permitted.
- 12.38 <u>Use of Homes</u>. Each Home is restricted to residential use as a residence by the Owner or permitted occupant thereof, its Immediate Family Members, guests, tenants and invitees.
- 12.39 <u>Visibility on Corners</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these restrictions, no obstruction to visibility at street intersections shall be permitted and such visibility clearances shall be maintained as required by the Board and governmental agencies. No vehicles, objects, fences, walls, hedges, shrubs or other planting shall be placed or permitted on a corner Lot where such obstruction would create a traffic problem.
- 12.40 <u>Wells and Septic Tanks</u>. No individual wells will be permitted on any Lot and no individual septic tanks will be permitted on any Lot.
- 12.41 <u>Wetlands and Mitigation Areas</u>. It is anticipated that the Common Areas may include one or more preserves, wetlands, and/or mitigation areas. No Owner or other person shall take any action or enter onto such areas so as to adversely affect the same. Such areas are to be maintained by the Association in their natural state.
 - 12.42 <u>Window Treatments</u>. Window treatments that may be viewed from the roadway 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, awnings or canopies shall be placed on the exterior of any Home. No shutters shall be affixed to the exterior of a Home without the prior written approval of the ACC and in accordance with the Community Standards. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes on windows shall be permitted. Window treatments facing the street shall be of a neutral color, such as white, off-white or wood tones.

- 12.43 <u>Windows or Wall Units</u>. No window or wall air conditioning unit may be installed in any window or wall of a Home.
- 13. <u>Easement for Unintentional and Non-Negligent Encroachments</u>. If any other building or improvement on a Lot shall encroach upon another Lot by reason of original construction by Declarant, then an easement for such encroachment shall exist so long as the encroachment exists. Lots may contain improvements that may pass over or underneath an adjacent Lot. A perpetual nonexclusive easement is herein granted to allow such improvement and to permit any natural water runoff from roof overhangs, eaves and other protrusions onto an adjacent Lot.
- 14. Requirement to Maintain Insurance. Association shall maintain the following insurance coverage:

14.1 Insurance.

- 14.1.1 <u>Flood Insurance</u>. If the Common Areas are located within an area which has special flood hazards and for which flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), coverage in appropriate amounts, available under NFIP for all buildings and other insurable property within any portion of the Common Areas located within a designated flood hazard area.
- 14.1.2 <u>Liability Insurance</u>. Commercial general liability insurance coverage providing coverage and limits deemed appropriate. Such policies must provide that they may not be cancelled or substantially modified by any party, without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Declarant (until the Community Completion Date) and the Association.
- 14.1.3 <u>Directors and Officers Liability Insurance</u>. Each member of the Board shall be covered by directors and officers liability insurance in such amounts and with such provisions as approved by the Board.
- 14.1.4 Other Insurance. The Association shall maintain such other insurance coverage as appropriate from time to time. All coverage obtained by the Association shall cover all activities of the Association and all properties maintained by the Association, whether or not Association owns title thereto.
- 14.1.5 <u>Declarant</u>. Prior to the Turnover, Declarant shall have the right, at Association's expense, to provide insurance coverage under its master insurance policy in lieu of any of the foregoing.

14.2 Homes.

14.2.1 Requirement to Maintain Insurance. Each Owner shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate insurance on his or her Home. Such insurance shall be sufficient for necessary repair or reconstruction work, and/or shall cover the costs to demolish a damaged Home as applicable, remove the debris, and to re-sod and landscape land comprising the Lot. Upon the request of the Association, each Owner shall be required to supply the Board with evidence of insurance coverage on its Home which complies with the provisions of this Section.

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Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of the Association, the Association shall specifically have the right to bring an action to require an Owner to comply with his or her obligations hereunder.

- 14.2.2 Requirement to Reconstruct or Demolish. In the event that any Home is destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Owner of such Home shall do one of the following: (i) the Owner shall commence reconstruction and/or repair of the Home ("Required Repair"), or (ii) the Owner shall tear the Home down, remove all the debris, and resod and landscape the property comprising the Home as required by the ACC ("Required Demolition") to the extent permitted under law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such work must be commenced within thirty (30) days of the Owner's receipt of the insurance proceeds respecting such Home and the Required Repair must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Demolition, the Required Demolition must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such reconstruction and/or repair must be completed in a continuous, diligent, and timely manner. Association shall have the right to inspect the progress of all reconstruction and/or repair work. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of the Association, the Association shall have a right to bring an action against an Owner who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements. By way of example, the Association may bring an action against an Owner who fails to either perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition on his or her Home within the time periods and in the manner provided herein. Each Owner acknowledges that the issuance of a building permit or a demolition permit in no way shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements set forth herein, which are independent of, and in addition to, any requirements for completion of work or progress requirements set forth in applicable statutes, zoning codes and/or building codes.
- 14.2.3 <u>Standard of Work.</u> The standard for all demolition, reconstruction, and other work performed as required by this Section 14.2.3 shall be in accordance with the Community Standards and any other standards established by the Association with respect to any casualty that affects all or a portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 14.2.4 Additional Rights of the Association. If an Owner refuses or fails, for any reason, to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition as herein provided, then Association, in its sole and absolute discretion, by and through its Board is hereby irrevocably authorized by such Owner to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition. All Required Repair performed by the Association pursuant to this Section shall be in conformance with the original plans and specifications for the Home. Association shall have the absolute right to perform the Required Demolition to a Home pursuant to this Section if any contractor certifies in writing to the Association that such Home cannot be rebuilt or repaired. The Board may levy an Individual Assessment against the Owner in whatever amount sufficient to adequately pay for Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by the Association, including any costs incurred with the management and oversight of any such Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by the Association.
- 14.2.5 <u>Association Has No Liability.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary this Section, the Association, its directors and officers, shall not be liable to any Owner should an Owner fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage on a Home. Moreover, the Association, its directors and officers, shall not be liable to any person if Association does not enforce the rights given to the Association in this Section.
- 14.3 <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>. If available, a blanket fidelity bond for all officers, directors, trustees and employees of the Association, and all other persons handling or responsible for funds of, or administered by, the Association. In the event Association delegates some or all of the responsibility for the handling

of the funds to a professional management company or licensed manager, such bonds shall be required for its officers, employees and agents, handling or responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of the Association. The amount of the fidelity bond shall be based upon reasonable business judgment.

- 14.4 <u>Association as Agent</u>. Association is irrevocably appointed agent for each Owner of any interest relating to the Common Areas to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association and to execute and deliver releases upon the payment of claims.
- 14.5 <u>Casualty to Common Areas</u>. In the event of damage to the Common Areas, or any portion thereof, the Association shall be responsible for reconstruction after casualty.
- 14.6 <u>Nature of Reconstruction</u>. Any reconstruction of improvements hereunder shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications of the original improvement, or as the improvement was last constructed, subject to modification to conform to the then current governmental regulation(s).
- 14.7 <u>Cost of Payment of Premiums</u>. The costs of all insurance maintained by the Association hereunder, and any other fees or expenses incurred that may be necessary or incidental to carry out the provisions hereof are Operating Expenses.
- 14.8 <u>Declarant has No Liability</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, Declarant, its officers, directors, shareholders, and any related persons or corporations and their employees, attorneys, agents, officers and directors shall not be liable to any Owner or any other person should the Association fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage for their Home.
- 14.9 <u>Additional Insured</u>. Prior to Turnover, Declarant shall be named as additional insured on all policies obtained by the Association, as their interests may appear.

Property Rights.

- 15.1 <u>Owners' Easement of Enjoyment.</u> Every Owner, Immediate Family Member, tenants, guests and invitees, and every owner of an interest in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to those portions of the Common Areas that it is entitled to use for their intended purpose, subject to the following provisions:
 - 15.1.1 Easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations and declarations of record, now or hereafter existing, and the provisions of this Declaration, as amended.
 - 15.1.2 Rules and Regulations adopted governing use and enjoyment of the Common Areas.
 - 15.1.3 The right of the Association to suspend rights hereunder, including without limitation voting rights, or to impose fines in accordance with Section 720.305, Florida Statutes (2014).
 - 15.1.4 The right of the Association to suspend the right to use (except vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and necessary utilities) all or a portion of the Common Areas for any period during which any Assessment levied against that Owner remains unpaid.
 - 15.1.5 The right of Declarant and/or the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective prior to the Community Completion Date without prior written consent of Declarant.
 - 15.1.6 The right of Declarant and/or the Association to modify the Common Areas as set forth in this Declaration.

- 15.1.7 The perpetual right of Declarant to access and enter the Common Areas at any time, even after the Community Completion Date, for the purposes of inspection and testing of the Common Areas. Association and each Owner shall give Declarant unfettered access, ingress and egress to the Common Areas so that Declarant and/or its agents can perform all tests and inspections deemed necessary by Declarant. Declarant shall have the right to make all repairs and replacements deemed necessary by Declarant. At no time shall Association and/or an Owner prevent, prohibit and/or interfere with any testing, repair or replacement deemed necessary by Declarant relative to any portion of the Common Areas.
- 15.1.8 The rights of Declarant and/or Association regarding CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES as reserved in this Declaration, including the right to utilize the same and to grant use rights, etc. to others.
- 15.1.9 An Owner relinquishes use of the Common Areas during the time that a Home is leased to a Lessee.
- 15.2 <u>Ingress and Egress</u>. An easement for ingress and egress is hereby created for pedestrian traffic over, and through and across sidewalks, paths, walks, driveways, passageways, and lanes as the same, from time to time, may exist upon, or be designed as part of the Common Areas and for vehicular traffic over, through and across such portions of the Common Areas, as, from time to time, may be paved and intended for such purposes.
- Development Easement. In addition to the rights reserved elsewhere herein, Declarant reserves an easement for itself or its nominees over, upon, across, and under CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES as may be required in connection with the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and other lands designated by Declarant and to promote or otherwise facilitate the development, construction and sale and/or leasing of Homes or any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and other lands designated by Declarant. Without limiting the foregoing, Declarant specifically reserves the right to use all paved roads and rights of way within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from construction sites. Specifically, each Owner acknowledges that construction vehicles and trucks may use portions of the Common Areas. Declarant shall have no liability or obligation to repave, restore, or repair any portion of the Common Areas as a result of the use of the same by construction traffic, and all maintenance and repair of such Common Areas, shall be deemed ordinary maintenance of the Association payable by all Owners as part of Operating Expenses. Without limiting the foregoing, at no time shall Declarant be obligated to pay any amount to the Association on account of Declarant's use of the Common Areas. Declarant may market other residences and commercial properties located outside of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES from Declarant's sales facilities located within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Declarant has the right to use all portions of the Common Areas in connection with its marketing activities, including, without limitation, allowing members of the general public to inspect model homes, installing signs and displays, holding promotional parties and outings, and using the Common Areas for every other type of promotional or sales activity that may be employed in the marketing of residential homes. The easements created by this Section, and the rights reserved herein in favor of Declarant, shall be construed as broadly as possible and supplement the rights of Declarant set forth in Section 21 of this Declaration. At no time shall Declarant incur any expense whatsoever in connection with its use and enjoyment of such rights and easements.
- 15.4 <u>Public Easements</u>. Fire, police, school transportation, health, sanitation and other public service and utility company personnel and vehicles shall have a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Areas. In addition, Telecommunications Providers shall also have the right to use all paved roadways for ingress and egress to and from telecommunications systems within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 15.5 <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Every Owner shall be deemed to have delegated its right of enjoyment to the Common Areas to occupants or Lessees of that Owner's Home subject to the

provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations, as may be promulgated, from time to time. Any such delegation or lease shall not relieve any Owner from its responsibilities and obligations provided herein.

- 15.6 <u>Easement for Encroachments</u>. In the event that any improvement upon Common Areas as originally constructed, shall encroach upon any other property or improvements thereon, or for any reason, then an easement appurtenant to the encroachment shall exist for so long as the encroachment shall naturally exist.
- 15.7 Permits, Licenses and Easements. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant, and thereafter the Association, shall, in addition to the specific rights reserved to Declarant herein, have the right to grant, modify, amend and terminate permits, licenses and easements over, upon, across, under and through CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (including Lots, Parcels and/or Homes) for utilities, roads and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful as it determines, in its sole discretion. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to Declarant and, thereafter, the Association an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.
- 15.8 <u>Support Easement and Maintenance Easement</u>. An easement is hereby created for the existence and maintenance of supporting structures (and the replacement thereof) in favor of the entity required to maintain the same. An easement is hereby created for maintenance purposes (including access to perform such maintenance) over and across CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance of Common Areas, utilities, cables, wires and other similar facilities.
- Drainage. A non-exclusive easement shall exist in favor of Declarant, the Association, SWFWMD, the County and/or any federal agency having jurisdiction over CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES over, across and upon CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES for drainage, irrigation and water management purposes. Any such drainage easement shall not contain permanent improvements, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, impervious surfaces, patios, decks, pools, air conditioners, structures, utility sheds, poles, fences, irrigation systems, trees, shrubs, hedges or landscaping plants other than grass, except for (i) improvements installed by Declarant, (ii) landscaping of the SWMS, (iii) as required by the County or the Permit, and/or (iv) improvements approved by the ACC. A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and access exists as shown on the Plat for such parties in order to construct, maintain, inspect, record data on, monitor, test, or repair, as necessary, any water management areas, conservation areas, mitigation areas, irrigation systems and facilities thereon and appurtenances thereto. No structure, landscaping, or other material shall be placed or be permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the drainage or irrigation of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and/or installation or maintenance of utilities or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and/or water management areas and facilities or otherwise interfere with any drainage, irrigation and/or easement provided for in this Section or the use rights set forth elsewhere in this Declaration.
- 15.10 <u>Blanket Easement in favor of the Association</u>. Association is hereby granted an easement over all of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including all Lots, for the purposes of: (i) constructing, maintaining, replacing and operating all Common Areas; (ii) performing any obligation that the Association is obligated to perform under this Declaration; and (iii) performing any obligation of an Owner for which the Association intends to impose an Individual Assessment.
- 15.11 <u>Duration</u>. All easements created herein or pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be perpetual unless stated to the contrary.

16. Party Walls.

16.1 <u>General Rules of Law to Apply</u>. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rule of law regarding party walls and liability for personal damage due to negligence

of willful acts or omissions shall apply to all Party Walls within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES that are built as part of the original construction of the Homes and any replacement thereof. In the event any portion of any structure or facility, as originally constructed, including, without limitation, any Party Wall, shall protrude over an adjoining Home, it shall be deemed that such Owners have granted perpetual easements to the adjoining Owner or Owners for continuing maintenance and use of the projection or Party Wall. The foregoing shall also apply to any replacements of any Party Walls. The foregoing conditions shall be perpetual in duration.

- 16.2 <u>Painting</u>. Each Owner shall be responsible for painting the portion of any Party Wall that faces his or her Home.
 - 16.3 Sharing of Repair, Replacement and Maintenance for Party Walls.
 - 16.3.1 <u>Generally</u>. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of Party Walls (other than painting) shall be shared equally by the Owners of the Homes sharing such improvements without prejudice, however, to the right of any Owner to call for a larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
 - 16.3.2 <u>Failure to Contribute</u>. In the event that an Owner shall fail or refuse to pay his pro rata share of costs of repair, maintenance, or replacement of a Party Wall (whether or not through his own fault or the failure of his insurance company to pay any claim), then and in that event, the Owner advancing monies therefor shall have a right to file a claim of lien for such monies advanced in the Public Records and shall have the right to foreclose said lien in accordance with the same procedural requirements as now provided for in Florida Statutes for foreclosure of a construction lien; provided, however, such claim of lien shall be filed within ninety (90) days from date repairs or replacements are made to the Party Wall and suit thereon shall be commenced one (1) year from date such lien is filed.
 - 16.3.3 <u>Alterations</u>. The Owner of a Home sharing a Party Wall with an adjoining Home shall not cut windows or other openings in the Party Wall, nor make any alterations, additions or structural changes in the Party Wall without the joint agreement of all of the Owners sharing the Party Wall.
 - 16.3.4 <u>Weatherproofing</u>. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration, an Owner who by his negligent or willful act causes a Party Wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.
 - 16.3.5 <u>Easements</u>. Each Owner sharing a Party Wall shall have all easement rights reasonably necessary to perform the obligations contained herein over the Homes sharing the Party Wall. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event an electrical meter, electrical apparatus, CATV cable or other utilities apparatus is installed within a Lot and serves more than such Lot, the Owners of the other Lot(s) served thereby shall have an easement for access to inspection and repair of such apparatus, provided that such easement rights shall be exercised in a reasonable manner and the Owner of the Lot encumbered by the easement shall be reimbursed for any significant physical damage to his Lot as a result of such exercise by the Owner(s) making use of such easement(s).

17. Assessments.

17.1 <u>General</u>. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title in any manner (whether or not so expressed in the deed), including any purchaser at a judicial sale, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed to pay to the Association at the time and in the manner required by the Board, assessments or charges as are fixed, established and collected from time to time by the Association (collectively, the "<u>Assessments</u>"). As Vacant Lots and Spec Lots (as defined herein) may not receive certain services, all Lots shall not be assessed uniformly.

- 17.2 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used for, among other things, the purpose of operating and maintaining the Association and CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Assessments shall include the following categories of charges as and when levied and deemed payable by the Board:
 - 17.2.1 Any periodic assessment (on such frequency as determined by the Board) or charge for the purpose of operating the Association and accomplishing any and all of its purposes, as determined in accordance herewith, including without limitation, payment of Operating Expenses and collection of amounts necessary to pay any deficits from prior years' operation ("Installment Assessments");
 - 17.2.2 Any special assessments for capital improvements, major repairs, emergencies, or nonrecurring expenses ("**Special Assessments**");
 - 17.2.3 Any specific fees, dues or charges to be paid for any special services, for any special or personal use of the Common Areas, or to reimburse the Association for the expenses incurred in connection with such service or use ("Use Fees");
 - 17.2.4 Assessments of any kind for the creation of reasonable reserves for any of the aforesaid purposes. The Board may, but shall have no obligation to, include a "Reserve for Replacement" in the Installment Assessments in order to establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement of improvements comprising a portion of the Common Areas (the "Reserves"), including without limitation, Reserves for maintenance, repair and replacement of Recreational Facilities. Reserves shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Association, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Reserves are established; and
 - 17.2.5 Any specific assessment for costs incurred by the Association, or charges, fees or fines levied against a specific Lot or Lots, or the record title owner thereof, which amounts are by their nature applicable only to one or more Lots, but less than all Lots ("Individual Assessments"). By way of example and not limitation, in the event an Owner fails to maintain their Lot or the exterior of their Home 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. The lien for an Individual Assessment may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other Assessment.
- 17.3 <u>Designation</u>. The designation of Assessment type and amount shall be made by the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any such designation must be approved by Declarant. Such designation may be made on the budget prepared by the Association. The designation shall be binding upon all Owners.

17.4 Allocation of Operating Expenses.

17.4.1 Commencing on the first day of the period covered by the annual budget, and until the adoption of the next annual budget, the Assessments for Operating Expenses and Reserves (if any) shall be allocated so that each Owner shall pay Operating Expenses, Special Assessments and Reserves based upon a fraction, the numerator of which is one (1) and the denominator of which is the total number of Lots in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES conveyed to Owners or any greater number determined by Declarant from time to time. Declarant, in its sole and absolute discretion may change such denominator from time to time; provided, however, under no circumstances will the denominator be less than the number of Lots owned by Owners. In addition, any Lot that does not have a Home constructed thereon as evidenced by a Certificate of Occupancy (a "Vacant Lot") and any Lot that has a Home constructed thereon but

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is owned by the Declarant (a "Spec Lot") also shall be assessed at ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessment assessed to Lots with Homes constructed thereon and owned by Owners. The Vacant Lot Assessment and the Spec Lot Assessment shall be additional income to the Association and Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall not be included in the denominator used to determine each Owner's pro rata share of the Operating Expenses and Reserves (if any), unless otherwise determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion. In no event, however, shall Declarant pay Special Assessments.

- 17.4.2 In the event the Operating Expenses as estimated in the budget for a particular fiscal year are, after the actual Operating Expenses for that period is known, less than the actual costs, then the difference shall, at the election of the Association: (i) be added to the calculation of Installment Assessments, as applicable, for the next ensuing fiscal year; or (ii) be immediately collected from the Owners as a Special Assessment. The Association shall have the unequivocal right to specially assess Owners retroactively on January 1st of any year for any shortfall in Installment Assessments, which Special Assessment shall relate back to the date that the Installment Assessments could have been made. After the Turnover Date, no vote of the Owners shall be required for such Special Assessment (or for any other Assessment) except to the extent specifically provided herein. Prior to the Turnover, a Special Assessment may be levied by the Association with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Owners' Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members.
- 17.4.3 Each Owner agrees that so long as it does not pay more than the required amount it shall have no grounds upon which to object to either the method of payment or non-payment by other Owners or the Declarant of any sums due.
- 17.5 <u>General Assessments Allocation</u>. Installment Assessments and Reserves (if any) shall be uniform for all Lots improved with a Home, except as provided herein. Special Assessments and Reserves shall be allocated equally to each Owner. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Governing Documents, but subject to the rights of Declarant pursuant to Section 17.8 of this Declaration, Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall be assessed at ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessments assessed to Lots with Homes constructed thereon and owned by Owners. This lesser Assessment amount reflects that Vacant Lots and Spec Lots will not benefit from maintenance and other services provided by the Association. At such time as a Home is conveyed by the Declarant to an Owner, then the Spec Lot shall be deemed a fully assessed Lot and shall be responsible for one-hundred percent (100%) of Installment Assessments and Special Assessments, except as otherwise provided herein.
- 17.6 <u>Use Fees and Individual Assessment</u>. Except as hereinafter specified to the contrary, Use Fees and Individual Assessments shall be made against the Owners benefiting from, or subject to, the special service or cost as specified by the Association.
- 17.7 <u>Commencement of First Assessment</u>. Assessments shall commence as to each Owner on the day of the conveyance of title of a Home to such Owner. The record title owner of a Lot is jointly and severally liable with the previous record title owner of the Lot for all unpaid Assessments that came due up to the time of transfer of title. A record title owner of a Lot, regardless of how title to the Lot has been acquired, including by purchase at a foreclosure sale or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, is liable for all Assessments that come due while such person or entity was the record title owner of the Lot. An Owner's liability for Assessments may not be avoided by waiver or suspension of the use or enjoyment of any Common Areas or by abandonment of the Lot upon which the Assessments are made.
- 17.8 <u>Shortfalls and Surpluses</u>. Each Owner acknowledges that because Installment Assessments, Special Assessments, and Reserves are allocated based on the formula provided herein, or upon the number of Lots conveyed to Owners in the prior fiscal year, it is possible the Association may collect more or less than the amount budgeted for Operating Expenses. Prior to the Turnover, Declarant shall have the option to (i) pay any Operating Expenses incurred by the Association that

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exceed the Assessments receivable from Owners and other income of the Association (the "Deficit"), or (ii) pay Installment Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by Declarant at the applicable rate of Installment Assessments established for Lots and Homes, including Vacant Lots, owned by Class A members. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant shall never be required to (i) pay Assessments if Declarant has elected to fund the Deficit instead of paying Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by Declarant, (ii) pay Special Assessments, Individual Assessments or Reserves, or (iii) fund deficits due to delinquent Owners. Any surplus Assessments collected by the Association may be allocated towards the next year's Operating Expenses or, in the Association's sole and absolute discretion, to the creation of Reserves, whether or not budgeted. Under no circumstances shall the Association be required to pay surplus Assessments to Owners. The Declarant may at any time give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association terminating its responsibility for funding the Deficit, and waiving its right to exclusion from Assessments. Upon giving such notice, or upon Turnover, whichever is sooner, each Lot owned by Declarant shall thereafter be assessed at the applicable rate of Installment Assessments established for Lots and Homes, including Vacant Lots, owned by Class A members. Declarant shall not be responsible for any Reserves. Individual Assessments or Special Assessments, even after the Turnover. Declarant shall be assessed only for Lots which are subject to the operation of this Declaration. Upon transfer of title of a Lot owned by Declarant, the Lot shall be assessed in the amount established for Lots owned by Owners other than the Declarant, prorated as of and commencing with, the month following the date of transfer of title.

THE DECLARANT DOES NOT PROVIDE A GUARANTEE OF THE LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS. AS SUCH, THERE IS NO MAXIMUM GUARANTEED LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS DUE FROM OWNERS. IN THE EVENT THE DECLARANT ELECTS TO DEFICIT FUND IN LIEU OF PAYING ASSESSMENTS ON THE SAME BASIS AS OTHER OWNERS, THE DECLARANT SHALL SPECIFICALLY ELECT TO FUND THE DEFICIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 720.308(1)(B), FLORIDA STATUTES (2014). AS SUCH, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 720.308(2) THROUGH 720.308(6), FLORIDA STATUTES (2014), ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THE DECLARANT OR THE CALCULATION OF THE DEFICIT OR OTHER AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE DECLARANT.

- 17.9 <u>Budgets</u>. The initial budget prepared by Declarant is adopted as the budget for the period of operation until adoption of the first annual Association budget. Thereafter, annual budgets shall be prepared and adopted by the Association. Assessments shall be payable by each Owner as provided in this Declaration. THE INITIAL BUDGET OF THE ASSOCIATION IS PROJECTED (NOT BASED ON HISTORICAL OPERATING FIGURES). THEREFORE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ACTUAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE LESS OR GREATER THAN PROJECTED.
- 17.10 <u>Establishment of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall be established in accordance with the following procedures:
 - 17.10.1 Installment Assessments shall be established by the adoption of a twelve (12) month operating budget by the Board. The budget shall be in the form required by Section 720.303(6), Florida Statutes (2014). The Board may from time to time determine when the Installment Assessments will be collected by the Association (i.e. monthly, quarterly, or annually). Unless otherwise established by the Board, Installment Assessments for Operating Expenses shall be collected in advance on a monthly basis.
 - 17.10.2 Special Assessments and Individual Assessments may be established by the Association, from time to time, and shall be payable at such time or time(s) as determined by the Board. Until the Community Completion Date, no Special Assessment shall be imposed without the consent of Declarant.
 - 17.10.3 Association may establish, from time to time, by resolution, rule or regulation, or by delegation to an officer or agent, including, a professional management company, Use Fees. The sums established shall be payable by the Owner utilizing the service or facility as determined by the Association.

- 17.11 <u>Initial Contribution</u>. The first purchaser of each Home from the Declarant, at the time of closing of the conveyance from Declarant to the purchaser, shall pay to the Association an initial contribution in the amount equal to Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) (the "<u>Initial Contribution</u>"). The funds derived from the Initial Contributions are income to the Association and shall be used at the discretion of Board for any purpose, including without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, support costs and start-up costs.
- 17.12 <u>Resale Contribution</u>. After the Home has been conveyed by Declarant, there shall be collected from the purchaser upon every subsequent conveyance of an ownership interest in a Home by an Owner a resale contribution in the amount equal to Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) (the "<u>Resale Contribution</u>"). The Resale Contribution shall not be applicable to conveyances from Declarant. The funds derived from the Resale Contributions are income to the Association and shall be used at the discretion of Board for any purpose, including without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, support costs and start-up costs.
- 17.13 <u>Assessment Estoppel Certificates</u>. No Owner shall sell or convey its interest in a Lot or Home unless all sums due to the Association have been paid in full and an estoppel certificate shall have been received by such Owner. Association shall prepare and maintain a ledger noting Assessments due from each Owner. The ledger shall be kept in the office of the Association, or its designees, and shall be open to inspection by any Owner. Within fourteen (14) days of a written request therefor from an Owner, there shall be furnished to an Owner an estoppel certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments have been paid and/or the amount that is due as of any date. As to parties other than Owners who, without knowledge of error, rely on the certificate, the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of any Assessment therein stated. The Owner requesting the estoppel certificate shall be required to pay the Association a reasonable sum to cover the costs of examining records and preparing such estoppel certificate.
- 17.14 Payment of Home Real Estate Taxes. Each Owner shall pay all taxes and obligations relating to its Lot which, if not paid, could become a lien against the Lot that is superior to the lien for Assessments created by this Declaration.
- 17.15 <u>Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation</u>. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title to a Lot, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed that the Assessments, and/or other charges and fees set forth herein, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceedings including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, shall be a charge and continuing lien in favor of the Association encumbering the Lot and all personal property located thereon owned by the Owner against whom each such Assessment is made. The lien is effective from and after recording a Claim of Lien in the Public Records stating the legal description of the Lot, name of the Owner, and the amounts due as of that date, but shall relate back to the date that this Declaration is recorded. The Claim of Lien shall also cover any additional amounts which accrue thereafter until satisfied. Each Assessment, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, and other costs and expenses provided for herein, shall be the personal obligation of the person or entity that was the record title owner of the Lot at the time when the Assessment became due, as well as the such record title owner's heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns.
- 17.16 <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages</u>. The lien for Assessments shall be subordinate to a bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender on any Home, if the mortgage is recorded in the Public Records prior to the Claim of Lien. The lien for Assessments shall not be affected by any sale or transfer of a Lot, except in the event of a sale or transfer of a Home pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise) of a bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender, in which event, the acquirer of title, its successors and assigns, shall be liable for Assessments which became due prior to such sale or transfer to the extent provided in Section 720.3085, Florida Statutes (2014). Any such unpaid Assessments, however, for which such acquirer of title is not liable may be reallocated and assessed to all Owners (including such acquirer of title) as a part of Operating Expenses. Any sale or transfer

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pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise pursuant to a foreclosure) shall not relieve the record title owner from liability for, nor the Lot from, the lien of any Assessments made thereafter. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as releasing the party liable for any delinquent Assessments from the payment thereof, or the enforcement of collection by means other than foreclosure. A Lender shall give written notice to the Association if the mortgage held by such Lender is in default. Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure such default within the time periods provided in the mortgage held by such Lender. In the event Association makes such payment on behalf of a record title owner, the Association shall, in addition to all other rights reserved herein, be subrogated to all of the rights of the Lender. All amounts advanced on behalf of a record title owner pursuant to this Section shall be added to Assessments payable by such record title owner with appropriate interest.

- 17.17 <u>Acceleration</u>. In the event of a default in the payment of any Assessment, the Association may accelerate the Assessments then due for up to the next ensuing twelve (12) month period.
- 17.18 Non-Payment of Assessments. If any Assessment is not paid within ten (10) days (or such other period of time established by the Board) after the due date, a late fee of Twenty-Five and no/100 Dollars (\$25.00) per month (or such greater amount established by the Board), together with interest in an amount equal to the maximum rate allowable by law (or such lesser rate established by the Board), per annum, beginning from the due date until paid in full, may be levied. The late fee shall compensate the Association for administrative costs, loss of use of money, and accounting expenses. The Association may, at any time thereafter, bring an action at law against the record title owner personally obligated to pay the same, and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, or both. The Association shall not be required to bring such an action if it believes that the best interests of the Association would not be served by doing so. There shall be added to the Assessment all costs expended in preserving the priority of the lien and all costs and expenses of collection, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, collection and bankruptcy. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for Assessments provided for herein by non-use of, or the waiver of the right to use the Common Areas or by abandonment of a Lot or Home. All payments on accounts shall be first applied to fines levied in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, interest accrued by the Association, then to any administrative late fee, then to costs and attorneys' fees, and then to the delinquent Assessment payment first due. The allocation of payment described in the previous sentence shall apply notwithstanding any restrictive endorsement, designation, or instruction placed on or accompanying a payment.
- 17.19 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant shall not be responsible for Special Assessments or Reserves. Declarant, at Declarant's sole option, may pay Assessments on Lots owned by it, or fund the Deficit, if any, as set forth in Section 17.8 herein. In addition, the Board shall have the right to exempt any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES subject to this Declaration from the Assessments, provided that such part of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES exempted is used (and as long as it is used) for any of the following purposes:
 - 17.19.1 Any easement or other interest therein dedicated and accepted by the local public authority and devoted to public use; and
 - 17.19.2 Any of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES exempted from ad valorem taxation by the laws of the State of Florida or exempted from Assessments by other provisions of this Declaration.
- 17.20 <u>Collection by Declarant</u>. If for any reason the Association shall fail or be unable to levy or collect Assessments, then in that event, Declarant shall at all times have the right, but not the obligation: (i) to advance such sums as a loan to the Association to bear interest and to be repaid as hereinafter set forth; and/or (ii) to levy and collect such Assessments by using the remedies available as set forth above, including, but not limited to, recovery of attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy. Such remedies shall be deemed assigned to

Declarant for such purposes. If Declarant advances sums, it shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement, on demand, from Association for such amounts so paid, plus interest thereon at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two percent (2%), plus any costs of collection including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy.

- 17.21 Rights to Pay Assessments and Receive Reimbursement. The Association, Declarant and any Lender shall have the right, but not the obligation, jointly and severally, and at their sole option, to pay any Assessments or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a lien or charge against any Lot or Home. If so paid, the party paying the same shall be subrogated to the enforcement rights of the Association with regard to the amounts due.
- 17.22 Mortgagee Right. Each Lender may request in writing the Association notify such Lender of any default of the Owner of the Home subject to the Lender's mortgage which default is not cured within thirty (30) days after Association learns of such default. A failure by the Association to furnish notice to any Lender shall not result in liability of the Association because such notice is given as a courtesy to a Lender and the furnishing of such notice is not an obligation of the Association to Lender.
- 17.23 <u>Collection from Lessees</u>. 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 must be paid to the Association and shall be credited to the monetary obligations of the Owner to the Association; provided, however, if within fourteen (14) days from the written demand of the Association, the Lessee provides the Association with written evidence of making prepaid rent payments, the Lessee shall receive a credit for the prepaid rent for the applicable period of such prepaid rent.

18. <u>Information to Lenders and Owners</u>.

- 18.1 <u>Availability</u>. There shall be available for inspections upon request, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, to Owners and Lenders current copies of the Governing Documents.
- 18.2 <u>Copying</u>. Any Owner and/or Lender shall be entitled, upon written request, and at its cost, to a copy of the documents referred to above.
- 18.3 <u>Notice</u>. Upon written request by a Lender (identifying the name and address of the Lender and the name and address of the applicable Owner), the Lender will be entitled to timely written notice of:
 - 18.3.1 Any condemnation loss or casualty loss which affects a material portion of a Home to the extent Association is notified of the same;
 - 18.3.2 Any delinquency in the payment of Assessments owed by an Owner of a Home subject to a first mortgage held by the Lender, which remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days;
 - 18.3.3 Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained hereunder; and
 - 18.3.4 Any proposed action that specifically requires the consent of a Lender.

Architectural Control.

19.1 Architectural Control Committee. The ACC shall be a permanent committee of the

Association and shall administer and perform the architectural and landscape review and control functions relating to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. The ACC shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members who shall initially be named by Declarant and who shall hold office at the pleasure of Declarant. Until the Community Completion Date, Declarant shall have the right to change the number of members on the ACC, and to appoint, remove, and replace all members of the ACC. Declarant shall determine which members of the ACC shall serve as its chairman and co-chairman. In the event of the failure, refusal, or inability to act of any of the members appointed by Declarant, Declarant shall have the right to replace any member within ten (10) days of such occurrence. If Declarant fails to replace that member, the remaining members of the ACC shall fill the vacancy by appointment. From and after the Community Completion Date, the Board shall have the same rights as Declarant with respect to the ACC.

- 19.2 <u>Membership</u>. There is no requirement that any member of the ACC be a member of the Association.
- 19.3 <u>General Plan.</u> It is the intent of this Declaration to create a general plan and scheme of development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Accordingly, the ACC shall have the right to approve or disapprove all architectural, landscaping, and improvements within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by Owners. The ACC shall have the right to evaluate all plans and specifications as to harmony of exterior design, landscaping, location of any proposed improvements, relationship to surrounding structures, topography and conformity with such other reasonable requirements as shall be adopted by ACC. The ACC may impose standards for construction and development which may be greater or more stringent than standards prescribed in applicable building, zoning, or other local governmental codes. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any additional standards or modification of existing standards shall require the consent of Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.
- Master Plan. Declarant has established an overall Master Plan. However, notwithstanding the above, or any other document, brochures or plans, Declarant reserves the right to modify the Master Plan or any site plan at any time as it deems desirable in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, DECLARANT MAY PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC OR TO OWNERS RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS RESPECTING CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. SUCH RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS. TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES. SALES BROCHURES. OR OTHER PAPERS ARE NOT A GUARANTEE OF HOW CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES WILL APPEAR UPON COMPLETION AND DECLARANT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING AT ANY TIME AS DECLARANT DEEMS NECESSARY IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION.
- 19.5 <u>Community Standards</u>. Each Owner and its contractors and employees shall observe, and comply with, the Community Standards that now or may hereafter be promulgated by the Declarant or the ACC. The Community Standards shall be effective from the date of adoption; shall be specifically enforceable by injunction or otherwise; and shall have the effect of covenants as if set forth herein verbatim. The Community Standards shall not require any Owner to alter the improvements previously constructed. Until the Community Completion Date, Declarant shall have the right to approve the Community Standards, which approval, may be granted in its sole discretion.
- 19.6 Quorum. A majority of the ACC shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting. The action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the ACC. In lieu of a meeting, the ACC may act in writing.
- 19.7 <u>Power and Duties of the ACC.</u> No improvements shall be constructed on a Lot, no exterior of a Home shall be repainted, no landscaping, sign, or improvements erected, removed, planted, or installed upon a Lot, nor shall any material addition to or any change, replacement, or alteration of the improvements as originally constructed by Declarant (visible from the exterior of the Home) be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, color scheme, and the location of same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC.

- 19.8 <u>Procedure</u>. In order to obtain the approval of the ACC, each Owner shall observe the following:
 - 19.8.1 Each applicant shall submit an application to the ACC with respect to any proposed improvement or material change in an improvement, together with the required application(s) and other fee(s) as established by the ACC. The applications shall include such information as may be required by the application form adopted by the ACC. The ACC may also require submission of samples of building materials and colors proposed to be used. At the time of such submissions, the applicant shall, if requested, submit to the ACC, such site plans, plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, prepared and stamped by a registered Florida architect or residential designer, and landscaping and irrigation plans, prepared by a registered landscape architect or designer showing all existing trees and major vegetation stands and surface water drainage plan showing existing and proposed design grades, contours relating to the predetermined ground floor finish elevation, pool plans and specifications and the times scheduled for completion, all as reasonably specified by the ACC.
 - 19.8.2 In the event the information submitted to the ACC is, in the ACC's opinion, incomplete or insufficient in any manner, the ACC may request and require the submission of additional or supplemental information. The applicant shall, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, comply with the request.
 - 19.8.3 No later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of all information required by the ACC for final review, the ACC shall approve or deny the application in writing. The ACC shall have the right to refuse to approve any plans and specifications which are not suitable or desirable, in the ACC's sole discretion, for aesthetic or any other reasons or to impose qualifications and conditions thereon. In approving or disapproving such plans and specifications, the ACC shall consider the suitability of the proposed improvements, the materials of which the improvements are to be built, the site upon which the improvements are proposed to be erected, the harmony thereof with the surrounding area and the effect thereof on adjacent or neighboring property. In the event the ACC fails to respond within said forty-five (45) day period, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved by the ACC.
 - 19.8.4 Construction of all improvements shall be completed within the time period set forth in the application and approved by the ACC.
 - 19.8.5 In the event that the ACC disapproves any plans and specifications, the applicant may request a rehearing by the ACC for additional review of the disapproved plans and specifications. The meeting shall take place no later than forty-five (45) days after written request for such meeting is received by the ACC, unless applicant waives this time requirement in writing. The ACC shall make a final written decision no later than forty-five (45) days after such meeting. In the event the ACC fails to provide such written decision within said forty-five (45) days, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved.
 - 19.8.6 Upon final disapproval (even if the members of the Board and the ACC are the same), the applicant may appeal the decision of the ACC to the Board within forty-five (45) days of the ACC's written review and disapproval. Review by the Board shall take place no later than forty-five (45) days subsequent to the receipt by the Board of the applicant's request therefor. If the Board fails to hold such a meeting within forty-five (45) days after receipt of request for such meeting, then the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The Board shall make a final decision no later than sixty (60) days after such meeting. In the event the Board fails to provide such written decision within said sixty (60) days after such meeting, such plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The decision of the ACC, or, if appealed, the Board, shall be final and binding upon the applicant, its heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

- 19.9 <u>Alterations</u>. Any and all alterations, deletions, additions and changes of any type or nature whatsoever to then existing improvements or the plans or specifications previously approved by the ACC shall be subject to the approval of the ACC in the same manner as required for approval of original plans and specifications.
- 19.10 <u>Variances</u>. Association or ACC shall have the power to grant variances from any requirements set forth in this Declaration or from the Community Standards, on a case by case basis, provided that the variance sought is reasonable and results from a hardship upon the applicant. The granting of a variance shall not nullify or otherwise affect the right to require strict compliance with the requirements set forth herein or in the Community Standards on any other occasion.
- 19.11 <u>Permits</u>. Each Owner is solely responsible to obtain all required building and other permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction.
- 19.12 <u>Construction Activities</u>. The following provisions govern construction activities by Owners after consent of the ACC has been obtained:
 - 19.12.1 Each Owner shall deliver to the ACC, if requested, copies of all construction and building permits as and when received by the Owner. Each construction site in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition throughout Construction activities shall be performed on a diligent, workmanlike and continuous basis. Roadways, easements, swales, Common Areas and other such areas in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES shall be kept clear of construction vehicles, construction materials and debris at all times. No construction office or trailer shall be kept in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and no construction materials shall be stored in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, subject, however, to such conditions and requirements as may be promulgated by the ACC. All refuse and debris shall be removed or deposited in a dumpster on a daily basis. No materials shall be deposited or permitted to be deposited in any Common Areas or other Lots or be placed anywhere outside of the Lot upon which the construction is taking place. No hazardous waste or toxic materials shall be stored, handled and used, including, without limitation, gasoline and petroleum products, except in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, and shall not be deposited in any manner on, in or within the construction or adjacent property. All construction activities shall comply with the Community Standards. If an Owner (or any of its respective contractors and employees) shall fail to comply in any regard with the requirements of this Section, the ACC may require that such Owner post security with the Association in such form and such amount deemed appropriate by the ACC in its sole discretion.
 - 19.12.2 There shall be provided to the ACC, if requested, a list (name, address, telephone number and identity of contact person), of all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers (collectively, "Contractors") and changes to the list as they occur relating to construction. Contractors and their employees shall utilize those roadways and entrances into CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES as are designated by the ACC for construction activities. The ACC shall have the right to require that Contractor's employees check in at the designated construction entrances and to refuse entrance to persons and parties whose names are not registered with the ACC.
 - 19.12.3 Each Owner is responsible for ensuring compliance with all terms and conditions of these provisions and of the Community Standards by all of its employees and Contractors. In the event of any violation of any such terms or conditions by any employee or Contractor, or, in the opinion of the ACC, the continued refusal of any employee or Contractor to comply with such terms and conditions, after five (5) days' notice and right to cure, the ACC shall have, in addition to the other rights hereunder, the right to prohibit the violating employee or Contractor from performing any further services in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.

- 19.12.4 The ACC may, from time to time, adopt standards governing the performance or conduct of Owners, Contractors and their respective employees within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Each Owner shall comply with such standards and cause its respective employees to also comply with same. The ACC may also promulgate requirements to be inserted in all contracts relating to construction within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and each Owner shall include the same therein.
- 19.13 <u>Inspection</u>. There is specifically reserved to the Association and ACC and to any agent or member of either of them, the right of entry and inspection upon any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES at any time within reasonable daytime hours, for the purpose of determining whether there exists any violation of the terms of any approval or the terms of this Declaration or the Community Standards.
- 19.14 <u>Violation</u>. Without limiting any other provision herein, if any improvement shall be constructed or altered without prior written approval, or in a manner which fails to conform with the approval granted, the Owner, shall, upon demand of the Association or the ACC, cause such improvement to be removed, or restored until approval is obtained or in order to comply with the plans and specifications originally approved. The applicable Owner shall be liable for the payment of all costs of removal or restoration, including all costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred by the Association or ACC. The costs shall be deemed an Individual Assessment and enforceable pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The ACC and/or Association are specifically empowered to enforce the architectural and landscaping provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards, by any legal or equitable remedy.
- 19.15 <u>Court Costs.</u> In the event that it becomes necessary to resort to litigation to determine the propriety of any constructed improvement or to cause the removal of any unapproved improvement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover court costs, expenses and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, in connection therewith.
- 19.16 <u>Certificate</u>. In the event that any Owner fails to comply with the provisions contained herein, the Community Standards, or other rules and regulations promulgated by the ACC, the Association and/or ACC may, in addition to all other remedies contained herein, record a Certificate of Non-Compliance against the Lot stating that the improvements on the Lot fail to meet the requirements of this Declaration and that the Lot is subject to further enforcement remedies.
- 19.17 <u>Certificate of Compliance</u>. If requested by an Owner, prior to the occupancy of any improvement constructed or erected on any Lot by other than Declarant, or its designees, the Owner shall obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the ACC, certifying that the Owner has complied with the requirements set forth herein. The ACC may, from time to time, delegate to a member or members of the ACC the responsibility for issuing the Certificate of Compliance. The issuance of a Certificate of Compliance does not abrogate the ACC's rights set forth in this Section 19.
- 19.18 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or in the Community Standards, any improvements of any nature made or to be made by Declarant, including without limitation, improvements made or to be made to the Common Areas or any Lot, shall not be subject to the review of the ACC, the Association, or the provisions of this Declaration or the Community Standards.
- 19.19 Exculpation. Declarant, the Association, the directors or officers of the Association, the ACC, the members of the ACC, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be liable for any cost or damages incurred by any Owner or any other party whatsoever, due to any mistakes in judgment, negligence, or any action of Declarant, the Association, ACC or their members, officers, or directors, in connection with the approval or disapproval of plans and specifications. Each Owner agrees, individually and on behalf of its heirs, successors and assigns by acquiring title to a Lot, that it shall not bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association or their respective directors or

officers, the ACC or the members of the ACC, or their respective agents, in order to recover any damages caused by the actions of Declarant, the Association, or ACC or their respective members, officers, or directors in connection with the provisions of this Section. Association does hereby indemnify, defend and hold Declarant and the ACC, and each of their members, officers, and directors harmless from all costs, expenses, and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, of all nature resulting by virtue of the acts of the Owners, the Association, ACC or their members, officers and directors. Declarant, the Association, its directors or officers, the ACC or its members, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be responsible for any defects in any plans or specifications or the failure of same to comply with applicable laws or code nor for any defects in any improvements constructed pursuant thereto. Each party submitting plans and specifications for approval shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and for the quality of construction performed pursuant thereto.

20. Enforcement.

- 20.1 Right to Cure. Should any Owner do any of the following:
- 20.1.1 Fail to perform its responsibilities as set forth herein or otherwise breach the provisions of the Declaration including, without limitation, any provision herein benefiting SWFWMD;
 - 20.1.2 Cause any damage to any improvement or Common Areas;
- 20.1.3 Impede Declarant or the Association from exercising its rights or performing its responsibilities hereunder;
- 20.1.4 Undertake unauthorized improvements or modifications to a Lot or Common Areas; or
- 20.1.5 Impede Declarant from proceeding with or completing the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as the case may be; then Declarant and/or the Association, where applicable, after reasonable prior written notice, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to cure the breach, including, but not limited to, the entering upon the Lot and causing the default to be remedied and/or the required repairs or maintenance to be performed, or as the case may be, remove unauthorized improvements or modifications. The cost thereof, plus reasonable overhead costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment.
- 20.2 <u>Non-Monetary Defaults</u>. In the event of a violation by any Owner, other than the nonpayment of any Assessment or other monies, of any of the provisions of this Declaration, Declarant or the Association shall notify the Owner of the violation, by written notice. If such violation is not cured as soon as practicable and in any event within seven (7) days after such written notice, the party entitled to enforce same may, at its option:
 - 20.2.1 Commence an action to enforce the performance on the part of the Owner, or to enjoin the violation or breach or for equitable relief as may be necessary under the circumstances, including injunctive relief; and/or
 - 20.2.2 Commence an action to recover damages; and/or
 - 20.2.3 Take any and all action reasonably necessary to correct the violation or breach.

All expenses incurred in connection with the violation or breach, or the commencement of any action against any Owner, including reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels

including appeals, collections and bankruptcy shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment, and shall be immediately due and payable without further notice.

- 20.3 <u>No Waiver</u>. The failure to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition in this Declaration, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.
- 20.4 <u>Rights Cumulative</u>. All rights, remedies, and privileges granted to Declarant, the Association and/or the ACC pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of this Declaration, or Community Standards, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall neither be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude any of them from pursuing such additional remedies, rights or privileges as may be granted or as it might have by law
- 20.5 <u>Enforcement By or Against Other Persons.</u> In addition to the foregoing, this Declaration or Community Standards may be enforced by Declarant and/or, where applicable, Owners and/or the Association by any procedure at law or in equity against any person violating or attempting to violate any provision herein, to restrain such violation, to require compliance with the provisions contained herein, to recover damages, or to enforce any lien created herein. The Association has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards. The expense of any litigation to enforce this Declaration or Community Standards shall be borne by the person against whom enforcement is sought, provided such proceeding results in a finding that such person was in violation of this Declaration or the Community Standards. SWFWMD shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in the Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of SWMS.
- 20.6 <u>Fines and Suspensions</u>. The Association may suspend, for reasonable periods of time, the rights of an Owner or an Owner's tenants, guests and invitees, or both, to use the Common Areas and may levy reasonable fines, not to exceed the maximum amounts permitted by Section 720.305(2), Florida Statutes (2014), against an Owner, tenant, guest or invitee, for failure to comply with any provision of this Declaration including, without limitation, those provisions benefiting SWFWMD.
 - 20.6.1 A fine may be levied on the basis of each day of a continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing. Fines in the aggregate are not capped to any amount.
 - 20.6.2 A fine or suspension may not be imposed without notice of at least fourteen (14) days to the person sought to be fined or suspended and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three (3) persons (the "Covenants Enforcement Committee") appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, sister of an officer, director or employee. If the Covenants Enforcement Committee does not by a majority vote approve a fine or suspension the same may not be imposed. The written notice of violation shall be in writing to the Owner, tenant, guest or invitee and detail the infraction or infractions. Included in the notice shall be the date and time of the hearing of the Covenants Enforcement Committee. If the Association imposes a fine or suspension, the Association must provide written notice of such suspension by mail or hand delivery to the Owner or Lessee. The notice and hearing requirements under this Section 20.6.2 do not apply to suspensions imposed due to an Owner's failure to pay monetary obligations due to the Association; however, any such suspension must be approved at a properly noticed meeting of the Association's Board of Directors.
 - 20.6.3 The non-compliance shall be presented to the Covenants Enforcement Committee acting as a tribunal, after which the Covenants Enforcement Committee shall hear reasons why a fine should not be imposed. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Covenants Enforcement Committee from time to time. A written decision of the Covenants Enforcement Committee shall be submitted to the Owner, tenant, quest or invitee, as applicable, by not later than twenty-one (21) days after the meeting of the

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Covenant's Enforcement Committee. The Owner, tenant, guest or invitee shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses.

20.6.4 The Covenants Enforcement Committee may impose a fine against the Owner in the amount of One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00) (or any greater amount permitted by law from time to time) for each violation. Each day of noncompliance shall be treated as a separate violation and there is no cap on the aggregate amount the Covenants Enforcement Committee may fine an Owner, tenant, guest or invitee. Fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition of the fine. All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board of Directors. Any fine in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall constitute a lien against the applicable Lot, and a fine shall further be lienable to the extent otherwise permitted under Florida law.

21. Additional Rights of Declarant.

- 21.1 <u>Sales and Administrative Offices</u>. Declarant shall have the perpetual right to take such action reasonably necessary to transact any business necessary to consummate the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and sales and re-sales of Lots, Homes and/or other properties owned by Declarant or others outside of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. This right shall include, but not be limited to, the right to maintain models, sales offices and parking associated therewith, have signs on any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including Common Areas, employees in the models and offices without the payment of rent or any other fee, maintain offices in models and use of the Common Areas, to show Lots or Homes. The sales office and signs and all items pertaining to development and sales remain the property of Declarant. Declarant shall have all of the foregoing rights without charge or expense. The rights reserved hereunder shall extend beyond the Turnover Date.
- 21.2 <u>Modification</u>. The development and marketing of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES will continue as deemed appropriate in Declarant's sole discretion, and nothing in this Declaration or Community Standards, or otherwise, shall be construed to limit or restrict such development and marketing. It may be necessary or convenient for the development of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES to, as an example and not a limitation, amend a Plat and/or the Master Plan, modify the boundary lines of the Common Areas, grant easements, dedications, agreements, licenses, restrictions, reservations, covenants, rights-of-way, and to take such other actions which Declarant, or its agents, affiliates, or assignees may deem necessary or appropriate. Association and Owners shall, at the request of Declarant, execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments which Declarant deems necessary or convenient, in its sole and absolute discretion, to accomplish the same.
- 21.3 <u>Promotional Events.</u> Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant shall have the right, at any time, to hold marketing, special and/or promotional events within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and/or on the Common Areas without any charge for use. Declarant, its agents, affiliates, or assignees shall have the right to market CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES in advertisements and other media by making reference to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including, but not limited to, pictures or drawings of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, Common Areas, Parcels and Homes constructed in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. All logos, trademarks, and designs used in connection with CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES are the property of Declarant, and the Association shall have no right to use the same after the Community Completion Date except with the express written permission of Declarant.
- 21.4 <u>Use by Prospective Purchasers.</u> Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant shall have the right, without charge, to use the Common Areas for the purpose of entertaining prospective purchasers of Lots, Homes, or other properties owned by Declarant outside of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.
- 21.5 <u>Franchises</u>. Declarant may grant franchises or concessions to commercial concerns on all or part of the Common Areas and shall be entitled to all income derived therefrom.

- 21.6 <u>Management</u>. The Association may also contract with a third party ("<u>Manager</u>") for management of the Association and the Common Areas.
- Easements. Until the Community Completion Date, Declarant reserves the exclusive right to grant, in its sole discretion, easements, permits and/or licenses for ingress and egress, drainage, utilities, maintenance, Telecommunications Services, and other purposes over, under, upon and across CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES so long as any said easements do not materially and adversely interfere with the intended use of Homes previously conveyed to Owners. By way of example, and not of limitation, Declarant may be required to take certain action, or make additions or modifications to the Common Areas in connection with an environmental program. All easements necessary for such purposes are reserved in favor of Declarant, in perpetuity, for such purposes. Without limiting the foregoing, Declarant may relocate any easement affecting a Lot, or grant new easements over a Lot, after conveyance to an Owner, without the joinder or consent of such Owner, so long as the grant of easement or relocation of easement does not materially and adversely affect the Owner's use of the Lot. As an illustration, Declarant may grant an easement telecommunications systems, irrigation, drainage lines or electrical lines over any portion of a Lot so long as such easement is outside the footprint of the foundation of any residential improvement constructed on such Lot. Declarant shall have the sole right to any fees of any nature associated therewith, including, but not limited to, license or similar fees on account thereof. The Association and Owners will, without charge, if requested by Declarant: (i) join in the creation of such easements, etc. and cooperate in the operation thereof; and (ii) collect and remit fees associated therewith, if any, to the appropriate party. The Association will not grant any easements. permits or licenses to any other entity providing the same services as those granted by Declarant, nor will it grant any such easement, permit or license prior to the Community Completion Date without the prior written consent of Declarant which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.
- 21.8 Right to Enforce. Declarant has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards and to recover all costs relating thereto, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy. Such right shall include the right to perform the obligations of the Association and to recover all costs incurred in doing so.
- 21.9 <u>Additional Development</u>. If Declarant withdraws portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES from the operation of this Declaration, Declarant may, but is not required to, subject to governmental approvals, create other forms of residential property ownership or other improvements of any nature on the property not subjected to or withdrawn from the operation of this Declaration. Declarant shall not be liable or responsible to any person or entity on account of its decision to do so or to provide, or fail to provide, the amenities and/or facilities which were originally planned to be included in such areas. If so designated by Declarant, owners or tenants of such other forms of housing or improvements upon their creation may share in the use of all or some of the Common Areas and other facilities and/or roadways that remain subject to this Declaration. The expense of the operation of such facilities shall be allocated to the various users thereof, if at all, as determined by Declarant.
- 21.10 <u>Representations</u>. Declarant makes no representations concerning development both within and outside the boundaries of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES including, but not limited to, the number, design, boundaries, configuration and arrangements, prices of all Parcels or Homes and buildings in all other proposed forms of ownership and/or other improvements on CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES or adjacent to or near CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including, but not limited to, the size, location, configuration, elevations, design, building materials, height, view, airspace, number of Homes, number of buildings, location of easements, parking and landscaped areas, services and amenities offered.
 - 21.11 [Intentionally Omitted]
- 21.12 <u>Non-Liability</u>. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE

HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, LESSEES, LICENSEES, INVITEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:

- 21.12.1 IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS THAT THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THEREOF WHICH ARE ENFORCEABLE BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES AND THE VALUE THEREOF:
- 21.12.2 ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN AGENCY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND/OR MANATEE COUNTY OR PREVENTS TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES:
- 21.12.3 THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE 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; AND
- 21.12.4 EACH OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF ITS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO A HOME) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING A USE OF, ANY PORTION OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH USE) SHALL BE BOUND BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST ASSOCIATION ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH ANY MATTER FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS).
- 21.13 Resolution of Disputes. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER AGREES THAT THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE VERY COMPLEX; THEREFORE, ANY CLAIM, DEMAND ACTION, OR CAUSE OF ACTION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM COUNTERCLAIM, OR CROSS CLAIM, WHETHER IN CONTRACT AND/OR IN TORT (REGARDLESS IF THE TORT ACTION IS PRESENTLY RECOGNIZED OR NOT), BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO, THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, VERBAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT, VALIDATION, PROTECTION, ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR OMISSION OF ANY PARTY, SHOULD BE HEARD IN A COURT PROCEEDING BY A JUDGE AND NOT A JURY IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE JUSTICE. DECLARANT HEREBY SUGGESTS THAT EACH OWNER UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME.
- 21.14 <u>Venue</u>. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES REGARDLESS OF WHERE SUCH OWNER (i) EXECUTED A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, (ii) RESIDES, (iii) OBTAINS FINANCING OR (iv) CLOSED ON A HOME, EACH HOME IS LOCATED IN MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. ACCORDINGLY, AN IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION EXISTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER AND DECLARANT AGREES THAT THE VENUE

FOR RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

- 21.15 Reliance. BEFORE ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER HAS AN OBLIGATION TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THIS DECLARATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED SUCH AN OPINION OR HAS MADE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION NOT TO SEEK SUCH AN OPINION. DECLARANT IS RELYING ON EACH OWNER CONFIRMING IN ADVANCE OF ACQUIRING A HOME THAT THIS DECLARATION IS VALID. FAIR AND ENFORCEABLE. SUCH RELIANCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO DECLARANT ACCORDINGLY. AN ESTOPPEL AND WAIVER EXISTS PROHIBITING EACH OWNER FROM TAKING THE POSITION THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS DECLARATION IS INVALID IN ANY RESPECT. AS A FURTHER MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR DECLARANT TO SUBJECT CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES TO THIS DECLARATION, EACH OWNER DOES HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, ACQUIT, SATISFY AND FOREVER DISCHARGE DECLARANT, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS AND ITS AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, COUNTERCLAIMS, DEFENSES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, CONTROVERSIES, AGREEMENTS, PROMISES AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY WHICH AN OWNER MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE, OR WHICH ANY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SUCCESSOR, HEIR OR ASSIGN OF OWNER HEREAFTER CAN, SHALL OR MAY HAVE AGAINST DECLARANT, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, AND ITS AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS, FOR, UPON OR BY REASON OF ANY MATTER, CAUSE OR THING WHATSOEVER RESPECTING THIS DECLARATION, OR THE EXHIBITS HERETO. THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
- 21.16 <u>Duration of Rights</u>. The rights of Declarant set forth in this Declaration shall, unless specifically provided to the contrary herein, extend for a period of time ending upon the earlier of: (i) the Community Completion Date; or (ii) a relinquishment by Declarant in an amendment to the Declaration recorded in the Public Records.
- 21.17 <u>Additional Covenants</u>. The Declarant may record additional covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements applicable to portions of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and may form condominium associations, sub-associations, or cooperatives governing such property. Any such instrument shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 5, and no person or entity shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or declaration of condominium or similar instrument affecting any portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES without Declarant's prior review and prior written consent. Evidence of Declarant's prior written consent shall be obtained in the form of a joinder executed by the Declarant. Any attempted recordation without such consent shall result in such instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by written consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the Public Records.
- 21.18 Right to Approve Sales Materials. All sales, promotional, and advertising materials for any sale of property in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by any party shall be subject to the prior written approval of Declarant. Declarant shall deliver notice of Declarant's approval or disapproval of all such materials and documents within thirty (30) days of receipt of such materials and documents, and, if disapproved, set forth the specific changes requested. If Declarant fails to do so within such thirty (30) day period, Declarant shall be deemed to have waived any objections to such materials and documents and to have approved the foregoing. Upon disapproval, the foregoing procedure shall be repeated until approval is obtained or deemed to be obtained.
- 21.19 <u>Use Name of "CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES"</u>. No person or entity shall use the name "CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES," its logo, or any derivative of such name or logo in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's prior written approval. Until the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the sole right to approve the use of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES name and logo, and such right shall automatically pass to the Association after the Turnover Date. However, Owners may use the name "CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely

to specify that particular property is located within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES.

- 21.20 <u>Density Transfers</u>. If the record title owner of a Parcel develops the Parcel so that the number of Lots contained in such Parcel is less than the allowable number of Lots allocated by governmental authorities to that particular Parcel, the excess allowable Lots not used by the such party (with respect to that Parcel) shall inure to the benefit of the Declarant.
- 22. <u>Refund of Taxes and Other Charges</u>. Unless otherwise provided herein, the Association agrees that any taxes, fees or other charges paid by Declarant to any governmental authority, utility company or any other entity which at a later date are refunded in whole or in part, shall be returned to Declarant in the event such refund is received by the Association.
- 23. <u>Assignment of Powers</u>. All or any part of the rights, exemptions, powers and reservations of Declarant herein contained may be conveyed or assigned in whole or part to other persons or entities by an instrument in writing duly executed, acknowledged and, at Declarant's option, recorded in the Public Records.

24. General Provisions.

- 24.1 <u>Authority of Board</u>. Except when a vote of the membership of the Association is specifically required, all decisions, duties, and obligations of the Association hereunder may be made by the majority of the Board. The Association and Owners shall be bound thereby.
- 24.2 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any of the provisions of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.
- 24.3 Execution of Documents. Declarant's plan of development for the Property including, without limitation, the creation of one (1) or more special taxing districts may necessitate from time to time the execution of certain documents as required by governmental agencies. To the extent that said documents require the joinder of Owners, Declarant, by its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent or the attorney-in-fact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents (including, without limitation, any consents or other documents required by any governmental agencies in connection with the creation of any special taxing district); and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint Declarant, through its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorneys-in-fact, for such purpose. Said appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot or any other portion of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, to execute or otherwise join in any petition and/or other documents required in connection with the creation of any special taxing district relating to CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES or any portion(s) thereof.
- 24.4 Affirmative Obligation of the Association. In the event the Association believes that Declarant has failed in any respect to meet Declarant's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of Declarant's obligations under law or the Common Areas are defective in any respect, the Association shall give written notice to Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. Association agrees that once Association has given written notice to Declarant pursuant to this Section, the Association shall be obligated to permit Declarant and its agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by Declarant to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of Declarant to repair or address, in Declarant's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by Declarant during its inspections of the Common Areas. Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage Declarant.

- 24.5 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required to be sent to any person, firm, or entity under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address at the time of such mailing, or when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission.
- 24.6 <u>Florida Statutes</u>. Whenever this Declaration refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist and are effective on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records, except to the extent provided otherwise in the Governing Documents as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.
- Construction Activities. ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND USERS OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES ARE HEREBY PLACED ON NOTICE THAT (1) DECLARANT AND/OR ITS AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES AND OTHER DESIGNEES AND/OR (2) ANY OTHER PARTIES WILL BE, FROM TIME TO TIME, CONDUCTING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. BLASTING, EXCAVATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES WHICH MAY CAUSE NOISE, DUST OR OTHER TEMPORARY DISTURBANCE. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE, LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR OTHER INTEREST, AND BY USING ANY PORTION OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, EACH SUCH OWNER, OCCUPANT AND USER AUTOMATICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES. STIPULATES AND AGREES (i) THAT NONE OF THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES SHALL BE DEEMED NUISANCES OR NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES, HEREUNDER OR AT LAW GENERALLY, (ii) NOT TO ENTER UPON, OR ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN OR OTHER PERSONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL OR DIRECTION TO ENTER UPON (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ENTRY IS A TRESPASS OR OTHERWISE) ANY PROPERTY WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES WHERE SUCH ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED (EVEN IF NOT BEING ACTIVELY CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY, SUCH AS AT NIGHT OR OTHERWISE DURING NON-WORKING HOURS), (iii) DECLARANT AND THE OTHER AFORESAID RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES (COMPENSATORY, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR OTHERWISE), INJURIES OR DEATHS ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM DECLARANT'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, AND (iv) ANY PURCHASE OR USE OF ANY PORTION OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES HAS BEEN AND WILL BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREGOING.
- Title Documents. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Lot acknowledges that such Lot is subject to certain land use and title documents recorded in the Public Records (collectively, the "Title Documents"). Declarant's plan of development for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES may necessitate from time to time the further amendment, modification and/or termination of the Title Documents, DECLARANT RESERVES THE UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO SEEK AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE TITLE DOCUMENTS. It is possible that a governmental subdivision or agency may require the execution of one or more documents in connection with an amendment, modification, and/or termination of the Title Documents. To the extent that such documents require the joinder of Owners, Declarant, by any one of its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent and/or the attorney-in-fact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver any documents required by applicable governmental subdivision or agency; and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint Declarant, through any one of its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorney-in-fact for such purpose. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot: (i) to execute or otherwise join in any documents required in connection with the amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents; and (ii) that such Owner has waived its right to object to or comment on the form or substance of any amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, upon the Community Completion Date, the Association shall assume all of the obligations of Declarant under the Title Documents unless otherwise provided by Declarant by amendment to this Declaration recorded by Declarant in the Public Records, from time to time, and in the sole and absolute discretion of Declarant.

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- 24.9 Right to Contract for Telecommunications Services. Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts for the provision of one or more Telecommunications Services for all or any part of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all contracts between a Telecommunications Provider and the Association shall be subject to the prior written approval of Declarant. If any such contract is established, the fees for the Telecommunications Services payable to the Telecommunications Provider shall be Operating Expenses and shall be included within the annual budget of the Association.
- 24.10 <u>Enforcement of Governing Documents</u>. Enforcement of the Governing Documents, including without limitation this Declaration, may be by proceeding at law for damages or in equity to compel compliance with the terms hereof or to prevent violation or breach of any of the covenants or terms herein. The Declarant, the Association, or any Owner may, but shall not be required to, seek enforcement of the Governing Documents.
- 24.11 <u>Electronic or Video Communication</u>. Wherever the Governing Documents require members' attendance at a meeting either "in person or by proxy," members may attend and participate at such meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; provided, however, members may attend and participate in this manner only if a majority of the Board approved use of telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication for participation and attendance at meetings.
- 24.12 <u>Electronic Transmission as Substitute for Writing.</u> Wherever the Governing Documents require action by the Association to be taken in writing, such action may be taken by Electronic Transmission, with the exception of the following: (i) giving notice of a meeting called in whole or in part for the purpose of recalling and removing a member of the Board; and (ii) when levying fines, suspending use rights, requesting dispute resolution, or collecting payments for assessments and providing notice of lien claims.

25. Surface Water Management System.

- 25.1 <u>General</u>. The Association shall be responsible for maintenance of SWMS in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. All SWMS within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, excluding those areas (if any) normally maintained by the County or another governmental agency, will be the ultimate responsibility of the Association, whose agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors may enter any portion of the SWMS and make whatever alterations, improvements or repairs that are deemed necessary to provide or restore property water management.
 - 25.1.1 Except as permitted by the Permit, no construction activities may be conducted relative to any portion of the SWMS without the prior written consent of SWFWMD. Prohibited activities include, but are 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 SWMS. To the extent there exists within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES a wetland mitigation area or any retention/detention ponds, no vegetation in these areas shall be removed, cut, trimmed or sprayed with herbicide without specific written approval from SWFWMD. Construction and maintenance activities which are consistent with the design and permit conditions approved by SWFWMD in the Permit may be conducted without specific written approval from SWFWMD.
 - 25.1.2 No Owner or other person or entity shall unreasonably deny or prevent access to water management areas for maintenance, repair, or landscaping purposes by Declarant, the Association or any appropriate governmental agency that may reasonably require access. Nonexclusive easements therefor are hereby specifically reserved and created.
 - 25.1.3 No Lot, Parcel or Common Area shall be increased in size by filling in any lake, pond or other retention/detention areas which it abuts. No person shall fill, dike, rip-rap, block,

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divert or change the established retention/detention and drainage areas that have been or may be created without the prior written consent of the Association. No person other than the Declarant or the Association may draw water for irrigation or other purposes from any lake, pond or other water management area, nor is any boating, swimming, or wading in such areas allowed.

- 25.1.4 All SWMS, excluding those areas (if any) maintained by the County or another governmental agency, will be the ultimate responsibility of the Association. The Association may enter any Lot, Parcel or Common Area and make whatever alterations, improvements or repairs are deemed necessary to provide, maintain, or restore proper SWMS. The cost shall be part of the Operating Expenses. NO PERSON MAY REMOVE NATIVE VEGETATION THAT MAY BECOME ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREAS. "REMOVAL" INCLUDES DREDGING, APPLICATION OF HERBICIDE, PULLING AND CUTTING.
- 25.1.5 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to allow any person to construct any new water management facility, or to alter any SWMS, without first obtaining the necessary permits from all governmental agencies having jurisdiction, including SWFWMD, the Association and the Declarant, its successors and assigns.
- 25.1.6 SWFWMD has the right to take enforcement measures, including a civil action for injunction and/or penalties, against the Association to compel it to correct any outstanding problems with the SWMS.
- 25.1.7 Any amendment of the Declaration affecting the SWMS or the operation and maintenance of the SWMS shall have the prior written approval of SWFWMD.
- 25.1.8 If the Association shall cease to exist, all Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the SWMS in accordance with the requirements of the Permit, unless and until an alternate entity assumes responsibility as explained in the Permit.
- 25.1.9 No Owner may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, buffer areas, and upland conservation areas described in the approved plan or record Plat unless prior approval is received from SWFWMD pursuant to environmental resource permitting.
- 25.1.10 Each Owner within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES at the time of the construction of a Home or structure shall comply with the construction plans for the SWMS approved and on file with SWFWMD.
- 25.1.11 Owners shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that becomes established within the retention/detention ponds abutting their property. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Owners shall address any questions regarding authorized activities within the retention/detention ponds to SWFWMD, Brooksville Service Office, Surface Water Regulation Manager.
- 25.1.12 No Owner may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity within the 100-year floodplain described in the approved plan and/or record Plat of the subdivision unless prior approval is received from SWFWMD pursuant to environmental resource permitting.
- 25.1.13 No Owner may undertake any roadway improvements within this development unless prior written authorization or notification of exemption is received from SWFWMD pursuant to environmental resource permitting.
- 25.2 <u>Proviso</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration, no amendment of the

Governing Documents by any person, and no termination or amendment of this Declaration, will be effective to change the Association's responsibilities for the SWMS, unless the amendment has been consented to in writing by SWFWMD. Any proposed amendment that would affect the SWMS must be submitted to SWFWMD for a determination of whether the amendment necessitates a modification of the Permit.

- 25.3 <u>Provision for Budget Expense</u>. In the event CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES has on site wetland mitigation (as defined in the regulations) that requires monitoring and maintenance, the Association shall include in its budget an appropriate allocation of funds for monitoring and maintenance of the wetland mitigation area(s) each year until SWFWMD determines that the area(s) is successful in accordance with the Permit.
- Wetland Conservation Areas. Some Lots may abut or contain Wetland Conservation Areas, which are protected under the County Land Development Code (the "Wetland Conservation Areas"). The Wetland Conservation Areas must be permanently retained in a natural state, and may not be altered from their present state, except as may be specifically authorized in writing by the County. Unless authorized in writing by the County, and unless specifically conforming to the Management Plan developed and adopted by the County. Owners of Homes abutting Wetland Conservation Areas shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that become established within the Wetland Conservation Areas abutting their Home. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Owners shall address any questions regarding authorized activities within the Wetland Conservation Areas to the SWFWMD, Surface Water Regulation Manager. NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE WATER LEVELS IN ANY OF THE WATER BODIES IN CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES; PROVIDED, FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT, THE DISTRICT NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEMPT TO ADJUST OR MODIFY THE WATER LEVELS SINCE SUCH LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL GROUNDWATER AND RAINFALL FLUCTUATIONS THAT ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DECLARANT, THE DISTRICT AND THE ASSOCIATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE WATER LEVELS OF ALL WATER BODIES MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY DECLARANT, THE DISTRICT OR ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME; AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT.
- 25.5 <u>Use Restrictions for Wetland Conservation Areas</u>. The Wetland Conservation Areas may in no way be altered from their natural or permitted state. These use restrictions may be defined on the Permit, and the Plats associated with CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. Activities prohibited within the conservation areas include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 25.5.1 No structures or construction of any kind may be erected;
 - 25.5.2 No filling, excavation, dredging, prop-dredging, grading, paving, clearing, timbering, ditching, draining, contamination, or other development shall be permitted;
 - 25.5.3 No activity may be done or performed which would adversely affect or impair (i) endangered or threatened species of special concern as to nesting, reproduction, food source, habitat or cover or affect the vegetation itself; (ii) available habitat for fish and aquatic life or result in emigration from adjacent or associated ecosystems and macro habitats; (iii) existing biosystems or ecosystems; or (iv) recovery of an impaired system;
 - 25.5.4 No organic or inorganic matter or deleterious substances or chemical compounds may be discharged or placed in the Wetland Conservation Areas;
 - 25.5.5 Surface use except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominately in its natural condition;

- 25.5.6 Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation or conservation;
- 25.5.7 Acts or uses detrimental to such aforementioned retention and maintenance of land or water areas:
- 25.5.8 Acts or uses detrimental to the preservation of any features or aspects of the property having historical, archeological or cultural significance;
- 25.5.9 No Owner within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the Wetland Conservation Areas described in the Permit and recorded plat(s) of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, including the wetlands, wetland mitigation area(s), buffer area(s), upland conservation area(s) and drainage easement(s), unless prior approval is received from the SWFWMD: and
- 25.5.10 Each Owner within CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES at the time of construction of a building, residence, or structure shall comply with the construction plans for the Surface Water Management System approved and on file with the SWFWMD.

LOTS MAY CONTAIN OR ABUT CONSERVATION AREAS WHICH ARE PROTECTED UNDER RECORDED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. THESE AREAS MAY NOT BE ALTERED FROM THEIR PRESENT CONDITIONS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTORATION PROGRAM INCLUDED IN THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT, OR TO REMOVE EXOTIC OR NUISANCE VEGETATION, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, MELALEUCA, BRAZILIAN PEPPER, AUSTRALIAN PINE, JAPANESE CLIMBING FERN, CATTAILS, PRIMROSE WILLOW, AND GRAPE VINE. THE ASSOCIATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE OF SIGNAGE REQUIRED BY THE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE SWFWMD, WHICH MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE GREATEST DEGREE LAWFUL BY THE ASSOCIATION.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being Declarant hereunder, has hereunto set its hand and seal this day of March, 2015. WITNESSES: M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company By: Name: Vice President Print Name: Title: {COMPANY SEAL} STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of March, 2015 by Mark Spada, as Vice President of M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, on behalf to me who company, is personally known who or as Identification. My commission expires: NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large LAUREEN DUNN MY COMMISSION # EE 830807 aureen Dung EXPIRES: August 27, 2016
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters **Print Name**

JOINDER

CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Association") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (the "Declaration"), to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. The Association agrees this Joinder is for the purpose of evidencing the Association's acceptance of the rights and obligations provided in the Declaration and does not affect the validity of this Declaration as the Association has no right to approve this Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Joinder on this _ # day of March. 2015.

WITNESSES: CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit Pant Name: By: Name: Betty Valenti President Title: Print Name: {CORPORATE SEAL} STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4 day of March, 2015, by Betty Valenti, as President of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, on behalf of the corporation, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.

My commission expires:

LAUREEN DUNN MY COMMISSION # EE 830807 EXPIRES: August 27, 2016
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

EXHIBIT 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES)

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING ALL OF THOSE CERTAIN LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2248, PAGE 4824 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN SECTIONS 11, 12, 13 AND 14, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT "A-1", CREEKWOOD PHASE TWO SUBPHASE E AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29. PAGE 28 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA: THENCE SOUTH 88°26'54" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT "A-1". AND THE SOUTH LINE OF TRACT "A-2", CREEKWOOD PHASE TWO SUBPHASE G AND SUBPHASE H, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 194 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESPECTIVELY, A DISTANCE OF 935.86 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 93 (INTERSTATE 75) ACCORDING TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY MAP. SECTION 13075-2402 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 977, PAGE 362 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA: THENCE SOUTH 01°03'32" WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY, A DISTANCE OF 420.62 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04°54'56" WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY, A DISTANCE OF 417.32 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CREEKWOOD WEST COMMERCIAL PHASE 2, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGE 16 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) COURSES: (1) NORTH 72°59'05" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 649.77 FEET; (2) NORTH 64°36'15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 392.31 FEET; (3) NORTH 88°26'41" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 772.77 FEET; (4) NORTH 36°38'45" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAME BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CREEKWOOD BOULEVARD, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 168 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CREEKWOOD BOULEVARD THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) COURSES: (1) NORTHEASTERLY 189.68 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 645.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 16°50'57", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 63°11'55" EAST 188.99 FEET TO THE POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT: (2) EASTERLY 316.18 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 555.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 32°38'28", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 71°03'49" EAST 311.92 FEET TO THE POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; (3) NORTHEASTERLY 514.50 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 645.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 45°42'11", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 64°30'19" EAST 500.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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EXHIBIT 2

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC. (A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC. (A CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT)

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida, and for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit, the undersigned does hereby acknowledge:

- 1. <u>Name of Corporation</u>. The name of the corporation is CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME **ASSOCIATION**, **INC.**, a Florida corporation not-for-profit (the "<u>Association</u>").
- 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association is 4343 Anchor Plaza Parkway, Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33634.
- 3. Registered Office Registered Agent. The street address of the Registered Office of the Association is 2701 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 900, Tampa, Florida 33607. The name of the Registered Agent of the Association is:

PENNINGTON, P.A.

- 4. <u>Definitions</u>. The COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (the "<u>Declaration</u>") will be recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, and shall govern all of the operations of a community to be known as CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES. All initially capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.
- 5. <u>Purpose of the Association</u>. The Association is formed to: (a) provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon; (b) perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration, Bylaws and these Articles; and (c) administer the interests of the Association and the Owners.
- 6. <u>Not for Profit</u>. Association is a not for profit Florida corporation and does not contemplate pecuniary gain to, or profit for, its members.
- 7. <u>Powers of the Association</u>. Association shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration, have all the powers, privileges and duties reasonably necessary to discharge its obligations, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 7.1. To perform all the duties and obligations of the Association set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws, as herein provided;
- 7.2. To enforce, by legal action or otherwise, the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws and of all rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions and agreements governing or binding Association and CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES;
- 7.3. To operate and maintain the SWMS. The Association shall operate, maintain and manage the SWMS in a manner consistent with the Permit requirements and applicable SWFWMD rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the provisions of the Declaration that relate to the SWMS. The Association shall levy and collect adequate assessments against members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the SWMS;
- 7.4 To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment, by any lawful means, of all Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, these Articles and Bylaws;
- 7.5. To pay all Operating Expenses, including, but not limited to, all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;

- 7.6. To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), annex, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, grant rights and easements, sell, dedicate, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of real or personal property (including the Common Areas) in connection with the functions of the Association except as limited by the Declaration;
- 7.7 To borrow money, and if prior to the Turnover Date, upon the approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) the consent of Declarant, or (ii) from and after the Turnover Date, approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) fifty-one percent (51%) of the total Voting Interests (in person or by proxy) at a duly called meeting of the members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, including without limitation, the right to collateralize any such indebtedness with the Association's Assessment collection rights. A quorum for any meeting of the members for the purpose of any action taken under this Section 7.7 shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total Voting Interests;
- 7.8. To dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes and subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the Declaration:
- 7.9. To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes;
- 7.10. To adopt, publish, promulgate or enforce rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions or agreements governing Association, CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, the Common Areas, Lots, Parcels and Homes as provided in the Declaration and to effectuate all of the purposes for which the Association is organized;
- 7.11. To have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617 or Chapter 720, Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise;
- 7.12. To employ personnel and retain independent contractors to contract for management of the Association, CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, and the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration and to delegate in such contract all or any part of the powers and duties of the Association;
- 7.13. To contract for services to be provided to, or for the benefit of, the Association, Owners, the Common Areas, and CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES as provided in the Declaration, such as, but not limited to, telecommunications services, maintenance, garbage pick-up, and utility services; and
 - 7.14. To establish committees and delegate certain of its functions to those committees.
- 8. <u>Voting Rights</u>. Owners and Declarant shall have the voting rights set forth in the Declaration.
- 9. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of odd number with not less than three (3) or more than five (5) members. The initial number of Directors shall be three (3). Board members shall be appointed and/or elected as stated in the Bylaws. After the Turnover Date, the election of Directors shall be held at the annual meeting. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, or until removed, are as follows:

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NAME ADDRESS

Betty Valenti 4343 Anchor Plaza Parkway, Suite 200

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10. <u>Dissolution</u>. In the event of the dissolution of the Association other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any member may petition the Circuit Court having jurisdiction of the Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage its affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas, in the place and stead of the Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility of the operation and maintenance of the SWMS must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40C-42.027, F.A.C., and be approved in writing by the SWFWMD prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

11. <u>Duration</u>. Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida. The Association shall exist in perpetuity.

12. <u>Amendment</u>.

- 12.1 <u>General Restrictions on Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall affect the rights of Declarant unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Declarant, which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these Articles, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.
- 12.2 Amendments prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, Declarant shall have the right to amend these Articles as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever, except to the extent limited by applicable law as of the date the Declaration is recorded. Declarant's right to amend under this Section is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event that the Association shall desire to amend these Articles prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. An amendment identical to that approved by Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover. Declarant shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records of Manatee County.
- 12.3 Amendments From and After the Turnover. After the Turnover, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these Articles may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the total Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly called meeting of the members. A quorum for any meeting of the members for the purpose of adopting amendments after the Turnover shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total Voting Interests.
- 12.4 <u>Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SWFWMD</u>. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Articles, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA,

FNMA, GNMA, SWFWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, the Board shall have the right to amend these Articles, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SWFWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. In addition, the Board may amend these Articles as it deems necessary or appropriate to make the terms of these Articles consistent with applicable law in effect from time to time. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

13. Limitations.

- 13.1. <u>Declaration is Paramount</u>. No amendment may be made to these Articles which shall in any manner reduce, amend, affect or modify the terms, conditions, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.
- 13.2. <u>Rights of Declarant</u>. There shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, reduce, amend, effect or modify the rights of Declarant.
 - 13.3. <u>Bylaws</u>. These Articles shall not be amended in a manner that conflicts with the Bylaws.
- 14. Officers. The Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine. The names and addresses of the Officers who shall serve until their successors are elected by the Board are as follows:

President: Betty Valenti
Vice President: Dan Waibel
Secretary: Chloe Firebaugh
Treasurer: Chloe Firebaugh

- 15. <u>Indemnification of Officers and Directors</u>. Association shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every Officer, their heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which such Director or Officer may be made a party by reason of being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association, including reasonable counsel fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding. This indemnification shall not apply to matters wherein the Director or Officer shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such Director or Officers may be entitled.
- 16. <u>Transactions in Which Directors or Officers are Interested.</u> No contract or transaction between Association and one (1) or more of its Directors or Officers or Declarant, or between Association and any other corporation, partnership, the Association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its Officers or Directors are Officers, Directors or employees or otherwise interested shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Officer or Director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the Board thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because said Officers' or Directors' votes are counted for such purpose. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that such Director or Officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction. Interested Directors shall disclose the general nature of their interest and may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorized the contract or transaction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this 6th day of August, 2014.

Christian F. O'Ryan, Esq. Incorporator 2701 N. Rocky Point Drive, Ste. 900 Tampa, Florida 33607

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2014.

PENNINGTON, P.A.

Christian F. O'Ryan, Esq.

Registered Office:

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Principal Corporation Office:

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Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on August 6, 2014.

The document number of this corporation is N14000007383.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2014, and its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

I further certify that this is an electronically transmitted certificate authorized by section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code, 314A00016974-080714-N14000007383-1/1, noted below.

Authentication Code: 314A00016974-080714-N14000007383-1/1



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Seventh day of August, 2014

> Ken Detiner Secretary of State

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Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, filed on August 6, 2014, as shown by the records of this

I further certify the document was electronically received under FAX audit number H14000185900. This certificate is issued in accordance with section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code noted below

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC. 4343 ANCHOR PLAZA PARKWAY, SUITE 200 TAMPA, FL 33634

The Articles of Incorporation for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC. were filed on August 6, 2014, and assigned document number N14000007383. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office.

Enclosed is the certification requested. To be official, the certification for a certified copy must be attached to the original document that was electronically submitted and filed under FAX audit number H14000185900.

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. Apply today with the IRS online at:

https://sa.www4.irs.gov/modiein/individual/index.jsp.

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

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

Thomas Chang Regulatory Specialist II New Filings Section Division of Corporations

Letter Number: 314A00016974

EXHIBIT 3

BYLAWS

OF

CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

(A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

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BYLAWS OF CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

- 1. <u>Name and Location</u>. The name of the corporation is CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "<u>Association</u>"). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 4343 Anchor Plaza Parkway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, or at such other location determined by the Board of Directors (the "Board") from time to time.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. The definitions contained in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (the "<u>Declaration</u>") relating to the residential community known as CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, recorded, or to be recorded, in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. In addition to the terms defined in the Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"<u>Minutes</u>" shall mean the minutes of all member and Board meetings, which shall be in the form required by the Florida Statutes. In the absence of governing Florida Statutes, the Board shall determine the form of the minutes.

"Official Records" shall mean all records required to be maintained by the Association pursuant to Section 720.303(4) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

3. Members.

- 3.1 <u>Voting Interests</u>. Each Owner and the Declarant shall be a member of the Association. No person who holds an interest in a Lot only as security for the performance of an obligation shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Lot. There shall be one (1) vote appurtenant to each Lot. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have Voting Interests equal to nine (9) votes per Lot owned. Thereafter, the Declarant shall have Voting Interest equal to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. For the purposes of determining who may exercise the Voting Interest associated with each Lot, the following rules shall govern:
- 3.1.1 <u>Home Owned By Husband and Wife</u>. Either the husband or wife (but not both) may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to a Lot. In the event the husband and wife cannot agree, neither may exercise the Voting Interest.
- 3.1.2 Trusts. In the event that any trust owns a Lot, the Association shall have no obligation to review the trust agreement with respect to such trust. By way of example, if the Lot is owned by Robert Smith, as Trustee, Robert Smith shall be deemed the Owner of the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by Robert Smith as Trustee for the Laura Jones Trust, then Robert Smith shall be deemed the member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by the Laura Jones Trust, and the deed does not reference a trustee, then Laura Jones shall be deemed the member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by the Jones Family Trust, the Jones Family Trust may not exercise its Voting Interest unless it presents to the Association, in the form of an attorney opinion letter or affidavit reasonably acceptable to the Association, the identification of the person who should be treated as the member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If Robert Smith and Laura Jones, as Trustees, hold title to a Lot, either trustee may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. In the event of a conflict between trustees, the Voting Interest for the Lot in question cannot be exercised. In the event that any other form of trust ownership is presented to the Association, the decision of the Board as to who may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to any Lot shall be final. The Association shall have no obligation to obtain an attorney opinion letter in making its decision, which may be made on any reasonable basis whatsoever.
- 3.1.3 <u>Corporations</u>. If a Lot is owned by a corporation, the corporation shall designate a person, an officer, employee, or agent who shall be treated as the member who can exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot.

- 3.1.4 <u>Partnerships</u>. If a Lot is owned by a limited partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. By way of example, if the general partner of a limited partnership is a corporation, then the provisions hereof governing corporations shall govern which person can act on behalf of the corporation as general partner of such limited partnership. If a Lot is owned by a general partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. In the event of a conflict among general partners entitled to exercise a Voting Interest, the Voting Interest for such Lot cannot be exercised.
- 3.1.5 <u>Multiple Individuals</u>. If a Lot is owned by more than one individual, any one of such individuals may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to such Lot. In the event that there is a conflict among such individuals, the Voting Interest for such Lot cannot be exercised.
- 3.1.6 <u>Liability of the Association</u>. The Association may act in reliance upon any writing or instrument or signature, whether original or by Electronic Transmission, which the Association, in good faith, believes to be genuine, may assume the validity and accuracy of any statement or assertion contained in such a writing or instrument, and may assume that any person purporting to give any writing, notice, advice or instruction in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so. So long as the Association acts in good faith, the Association shall have no liability or obligation with respect to the exercise of Voting Interests, and no election shall be invalidated (in the absence of fraud) on the basis that the Association permitted or denied any person the right to exercise a Voting Interest. In addition, the Board may impose additional requirements respecting the exercise of Voting Interests (e.g., the execution of a Voting Certificate).
- 3.2 <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The annual meeting of the members (the "<u>Annual Members</u> <u>Meeting</u>") shall be held at least once each calendar year on a date, at a time, and at a place to be determined by the Board.
- 3.3 <u>Special Meetings of the Members.</u> Special meetings of the members (a "<u>Special Members Meeting</u>") may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or upon written request of thirty percent (30%) of the Voting Interests of the members. The business to be conducted at a Special Members Meeting shall be limited to the extent required by Florida Statutes.
- 3.4 <u>Notice of Members Meetings</u>. Written notice of each members meeting shall be given by, or at the direction of, any officer of the Board or any management company retained by the Association. A copy of the notice shall be given to each member entitled to vote, not less than ten (10) days before the meeting (provided, however, in the case of an emergency, two (2) days' notice will be deemed sufficient), unless otherwise required by Florida law. Written notice is effective (i) when mailed, if mailed postpaid and correctly addressed to the members' address last appearing on the books; or (ii) when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a Special Members Meeting, the purpose of the meeting. Alternatively, and to the extent not prohibited by the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, the Board may, by majority consent, adopt from time to time, other procedures for giving notice to the members of the Annual Members Meeting or a Special Members Meeting. By way of example, and not of limitation, such notice may be included in a newsletter sent to each member.
- 3.5 Quorum of Members. Until the Turnover, a quorum shall be established by Declarant's presence, in person or by proxy, at any meeting. After the Turnover, a quorum for purposes of conducting business shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total Voting Interests. To the extent permitted by applicable law, as amended from time to time, members may attend members' meetings and vote as if physically present via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. A member's attendance via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication shall count toward the quorum requirements as if such member was physically present. In the event members elect not to be physically present at a members' meeting, a speaker must be used so that the conversation of such members may be heard by the Board or committee members attending

in person as well as by any Owners present at the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these Bylaws to the contrary, members may attend and participate via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication only if a majority of the Board approved such manner of attendance.

- 3.6 Adjournment of Members Meetings. If, however, a quorum shall not be present at any members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned as provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a provision in the Florida Statutes, the members present shall have power to adjourn the meeting and reschedule it on another date.
- 3.7 <u>Action of Members</u>. Decisions that require a vote of the members must be made by a concurrence of a majority of the Voting Interests present in person or by proxy, represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been obtained unless provided otherwise in the Declaration, the Articles, or these Bylaws.
- 3.8 Proxies. At all meetings, members may vote their Voting Interests in person or by proxy. In addition, to the extent permitted by the Board and to extent the Association adopted technology that facilitates voting remotely, members may also cast their votes utilizing such technology and participating via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. All proxies shall comply with the provisions of Section 720.306(8) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, be in writing, and be filed with the Secretary at, or prior to, the meeting. Proxyholders may also attend and/or participate via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication so long as the proxies are delivered to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting and otherwise in compliance with this Section 3.8. Every proxy shall be revocable prior to the meeting for which it is given.

4. Board of Directors.

- 4.1 Number. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of no less than three (3) persons and no more than five (5) persons. Board members appointed by Declarant need not be members of the Association. Board members elected by Owners must be members of the Association. Pursuant to Section 720.307(2), Florida Statutes (2014) Owners are entitled to elect one (1) member of the Board (the "Pre-Turnover Director") when fifty percent (50%) of all the Lots ultimately planned for CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES are conveyed to Owners, provided the Owners exercise such right. In the event the Owners do not exercise the right to elect the Pre-Turnover Director, then a vacancy on the Board shall occur and the remaining members of the Board may fill such vacancy.
- Term of Office. The term of office for the Pre-Turnover Director shall end at the next 4.2 Annual Members Meeting after the Pre-Turnover Director's election, or on the date the Turnover election takes place (the "Turnover Date"), whichever occurs first. In the event that the Pre-Turnover Director's term expires at the Annual Members Meeting, a new Pre-Turnover Director shall be elected by the Owners at the next Annual Members Meeting or on the Turnover Date, whichever occurs first, with the election process repeated thereafter until Turnover. Except with respect to the Pre-Turnover Director, the election of Directors shall take place after Declarant no longer has the authority to appoint a majority Board and shall take place on the Turnover Date. On the Turnover Date the members shall elect three (3) Directors: one (1) Director for a term of one (1) year, one (1) Director for a term two (2) years, and one (1) Director for a term of three (3) years. The candidate receiving the most votes shall serve as the Director for three (3) years, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve as Director for two (2) years; and the candidate receiving the least amount of votes shall serve as Director for one (1) year. At each Annual Members Meeting thereafter, the members shall elect the appropriate number of Directors for a term of three (3) years. Each Director's respective term shall end upon the election of new Directors at the Annual Members Meeting (except that the term of any Director appointed by Declarant shall extend until the date designated by Declarant, or until the Turnover Date).
- 4.3 <u>Removal</u>. Any vacancy created by the resignation or removal of a Board member appointed by Declarant may be replaced by Declarant. Declarant may replace or remove any Board

member appointed by Declarant in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. In the event of death or resignation of a Director elected by the members, the remaining Directors may fill such vacancy. Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of members holding a majority of the Voting Interests.

- 4.4 <u>Compensation</u>. No Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered as a Director to the Association; provided, however, any Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred as a Director.
- 4.5 <u>Action Taken Without a Meeting</u>. Except to the extent prohibited by law, the Board shall have the right to take any action without a meeting by obtaining the written approval of the required number of Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of Directors.
- 4.6 <u>Appointment and Election of Directors</u>. Until the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the unrestricted power to appoint a majority of the Directors of the Association. From and after the Turnover, or such earlier date determined by Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion, the members shall elect all Directors of the Association at or in conjunction with the Annual Members Meeting.
- 4.7 <u>Nomination.</u> Prior to each election at which Owners (other than Declarant) are entitled to elect any of the Directors, the Board shall prescribe (and communicate to the members) the opening date and the closing date of a reasonable filing period ("Candidate Filing Period") in which every eligible person who has an interest in serving as a Director may file as a candidate for such Director position. The Board may also appoint a Nominating Committee to make nominations for election of directors to the Board. A Nominating Committee, if appointed, shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more members of the Association. Any Nominating Committee shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until its successors are appointed. In preparation for each election, the Nominating Committee, if appointed, shall meet and make as many nominations for election to the Board as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of Directors' positions to be filled at such election. Any Member may nominate himself or herself as a candidate by notice to the Nominating Committee (or to the Secretary if there is no Nominating Committee) within the Candidate Filing Period.
- 4.8 <u>Election</u>. Election to the Board shall be by secret written ballot, unless unanimously waived by all members present. Each member may cast as many votes as the member has under the provisions of the Declaration, for each vacancy on which such member is entitled to vote. If the number of candidates nominated is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, then those candidates shall be deemed elected without the necessity of a vote. If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of positions to be filled, an election shall be held, and the person receiving the largest number of votes cast by the members (for each vacancy on which such members are entitled to vote) is elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. So long as required by Section 720.306(9), Florida Statutes, any election dispute between a member and the Association shall be resolved by mandatory binding arbitration with the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Any challenge to the election process must be commenced within sixty (60) days after the election results are announced.

5. Meeting of Directors.

- 5.1 <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a schedule adopted by the Board from time to time. Meetings shall be held at such place and hour as may be fixed, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.
- 5.2 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President, or by any two (2) Directors. Each Director shall be given not less than two (2) days' notice except in the event of an emergency. Notice may be waived. Attendance shall be a waiver of notice. Telephone conference meetings are permitted.

- 5.3 <u>Emergencies</u>. In the event of an emergency involving immediate danger of injury or death to any person or damage to property, if a meeting of the Board cannot be immediately convened to determine a course of action, the President or, in his absence, any other officer or director, shall be authorized to take such action on behalf of the Association as shall be reasonably required to appropriately respond to the emergency situation, including the expenditure of the Association funds in the minimum amount as may be reasonably required under the circumstances. The authority of officers to act in accordance herewith shall remain in effect until the first to occur of the resolution of the emergency situation or a meeting of the Board convened to act in response thereto.
- 5.4 Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting, at which a quorum is present, or in writing in lieu thereof, shall be an action of the Board. Directors may attend meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. A Director's participation in a meeting via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication counts toward a quorum, and such Director may vote as if physically present. A speaker must be used so that the conversation of Directors not physically present may be heard by the Board, as well as by any members present at the meeting. Members may not attend Board meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication.
- 5.5 <u>Open Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Board, and of any Committee of the Board, shall be open to all members.
- 5.6 <u>Voting.</u> Board members shall cast votes in the manner provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a statutory provision, the Board shall establish the manner in which votes shall be cast.
- 5.7 <u>Notice of Board Meetings.</u> Notices of meetings of the Board shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the Common Areas at least 48 hours in advance, except in an event of an emergency. Alternatively, notice may be given to members in any other manner provided by Florida Statute, as amended from time to time. By way of example, and not of limitation, notice may be given in any newsletter distributed to the members. Written notice of Board meetings also may be provided when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission. For the purposes of giving notice, the area for notices to be posted selected by the Board shall be deemed a conspicuous place. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, notice of any meeting of the Board at which an Assessment will be levied must be provided to all members at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting, which notice shall include a statement that Assessments will be considered at the meeting and the nature of the Assessments.
- 5.8 <u>Electronic or Video Attendance</u>. The Board may, by majority consent, permit any directors to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, such as telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the meeting must be held at a location that is accessible to a physically handicapped person if requested by a physically handicapped person who has a right to attend the meeting.

6. Powers and Duties of the Board.

- 6.1 <u>Powers</u>. The Board shall have, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration and Articles, the powers reasonably necessary to manage, operate, maintain and discharge the duties of the Association, including, but not limited to, the power to cause Association to do the following:
- 6.1.1 <u>General</u>. Exercise all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association by law and in these Bylaws, the Articles, and the Declaration, including without limitation,

adopt budgets, levy Assessments, enter into contracts with Telecommunications Providers for Telecommunications Services.

- 6.1.2 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. Adopt, publish, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES by the members, tenants and their guests and invitees, and to establish penalties and/or fines for the infraction thereof subject only to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, if any.
- 6.1.3 <u>Enforcement</u>. Suspend the right of use of the Common Areas (other than for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and for utilities) of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment or charge levied, or collected, by the Association.
- 6.1.4 <u>Declare Vacancies</u>. Declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings.
- 6.1.5 <u>Hire Employees</u>. Employ, on behalf of the Association, managers, independent contractors, or such other employees as it deems necessary, to prescribe their duties and delegate to such manager, contractor, etc., any or all of the duties and functions of the Association and/or its officers.
- 6.1.6 <u>Common Areas</u>. Acquire, sell, operate, lease, manage and otherwise trade and deal with property, real and personal, including the Common Areas, as provided in the Declaration, and with any other matters involving the Association or its members, on behalf of the Association or the discharge of its duties, as may be necessary or convenient for the operation and management of the Association and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration.
- 6.1.7 <u>Granting of Interest</u>. Grant licenses, easements, permits, leases, or privileges to any individual or entity, which affect Common Areas and to alter, add to, relocate or improve the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration.
 - 6.1.8 Financial Reports. Prepare all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes.
- 6.2 <u>Vote.</u> The Board shall exercise all powers so granted, except where the Declaration, Articles or these Bylaws specifically require a vote of the members.
- 6.3 <u>Limitations</u>. Until the Turnover, Declarant shall have and is hereby granted a right to disapprove or veto any such action, policy, or program proposed or authorized by the Association, the Board, the ACC, any committee of the Association, or the vote of the members. This right may be exercised by Declarant at any time within sixty (60) days following a meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. This right to disapprove may be used to veto proposed actions but shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of the Association, the Board, the ACC or any committee of the Association.
- 7. <u>Obligations of the Association</u>. Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, and these Bylaws shall discharge such duties as necessary to operate the Association pursuant to the Declaration, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 7.1 Official Records. Maintain and make available all Official Records;
- 7.2 <u>Supervision</u>. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- 7.3 <u>Assessments and Fines</u>. Fix and collect the amount of the Assessments and fines; take all necessary legal action; and pay, or cause to be paid, all obligations of the Association or where the Association has agreed to do so, of the members; and

7.4 <u>Enforcement</u>. Enforce the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, these Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

8. Officers and Their Duties.

- 8.1 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- 8.2 <u>Election of Officers</u>. After the Turnover, and except as set forth herein, the election of officers shall be by the Board and shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each Annual Members Meeting.
- 8.3 Term. The officers named in the Articles shall serve until their replacement by the Board. The officers of the Association shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected unless such officer shall sooner resign, be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.
- 8.4 <u>Special Appointment</u>. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.
- 8.5 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 8.6 <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the replaced officer.
- 8.7 <u>Multiple Offices</u>. The office of President and Vice-President shall not be held by the same person. All other offices may be held by the same person.
 - 8.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:
- 8.8.1 <u>President</u>. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board, sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The President shall be a member of the Board.
- 8.8.2 <u>Vice President</u>. The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.
- 8.8.3 <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the Minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Association and the Board; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers required to be sealed; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Association; keep appropriate current records showing the names of the members of the Association together with their addresses; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.
- 8.8.4 <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall cause to be received and deposited in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by the Board; sign, or cause to be signed, all checks, and promissory notes of the Association; cause to be kept proper books of account and accounting records required pursuant to the provisions of Section 720.303 of the Florida Statutes cause to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

9. Committees.

- 9.1 <u>General</u>. The Board may appoint such committees as deemed appropriate. The Board may fill any vacancies on all committees.
- 9.2 ACC. Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint the members of the ACC until the Community Completion Date. Upon expiration of the right of Declarant to appoint members of the ACC, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC. As provided under the Declaration, the Association shall have the authority and standing to seek enforcement in courts of competent jurisdiction any decisions of the ACC.
- 10. Records. The official records of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association. Copies may be purchased, by a member, at a reasonable cost. The Association may comply with an official records request by making the records available to a member electronically via the Internet or by allowing the records to be viewed in electronic format on a computer screen and printed upon request. The Association must allow a member to use a portable device, including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an electronic copy of the official records in lieu of the Association providing the member with a copy of such records. The Association may not charge a fee to a member for the use of a portable device.
- 11. <u>Corporate Seal</u>. Association shall have an impression seal in circular form.

12. Amendments.

- 12.1 <u>General Restrictions on Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Bylaws shall affect the rights of Declarant unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Declarant which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these Bylaws, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.
- Amendments Prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, Declarant shall have the right to amend these Bylaws as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date the Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein. Declarant's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event the Association shall desire to amend these Bylaws prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. An amendment identical to that approved by Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover. Thereafter, Declarant shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.
- Amendments From and After the Turnover. After the Turnover, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these Bylaws may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly called meeting of the members. A quorum for any meeting of the members for the purpose of adopting amendments after the Turnover shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total Voting Interests. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these Bylaws may be amended after the Turnover by a majority of the Board acting alone to change the number of Directors on the Board and their respective terms. Such change shall not require the approval of the members. Any change in the number of Directors shall not take effect until the next Annual Members Meeting.
- 12.4 <u>Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SWFWMD</u>. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Bylaws, from time to time, to make such changes,

modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SWFWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, the Board shall have the right to amend these Bylaws, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SWFWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party, shall be required or necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

- 13. <u>Conflict</u>. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.
- 14. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation and end on December 31 of that year. Thereafter, the fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year.

15. Miscellaneous.

- 15.1 <u>Florida Statutes</u>. Whenever these Bylaws refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist on the date these Bylaws are recorded in the Public Records except to the extent provided otherwise as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.
- 15.2 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any of the provisions of these Bylaws by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of these Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

CERTIFICATION

I, Chloe Firebaugh, do hereby certify that:

I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit; and,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 42 day of March, 2015.

Chloe Firebaugh, Secretary

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899 (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only) SUNCOM 628-4150 TDD only 1-800-231-6103 (FL only) On the Internet at: WaterMatters.org

EXHIBIT 4

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Bartow Service Office 170 Century Boulevard Bartow, Florida 33830-7700 (863) 534-1448 or 1-800-492-7862 (FL only)

Sarasota Service Office 6750 Fruitville Road Sarasota, Florida 34240-9711 (941) 377-3722 or 1-800-320-3503 (FL only) Tampa Service Office 7601 Highway 301 North Tampa, Florida 33637-6759 (813) 985-7481 or 1-800-836-0797 (FL only)

December 20, 2013

Wells Fargo Bank National Association Attn: Ian Mckeown 3563 Philips Highway, Suite 601E Jacksonville, FL 32207

Subject: Notice of Intended Agency Action

ERP Minor Modification

Project Name: Creekwood Townhomes App ID/Permit No: 689335 / 43005641.062

County: MANATEE

Letter Received: December 02, 2013 Expiration Date: December 20, 2018

Sec/Twp/Rge: S13/T35S/R18E, S12/T35S/R18E, S11/T35S/R18E

Dear Permittee(s):

Your request to modify Permit No. 44005641.028 by Minor Modification has been approved. This modification authorizes:

- 1. The previously permitted commercial project is redesigned as a residential development consisting of 112 townhomes and an amenity center.
- 2. Future operation and maintenance (O&M) responsibility is assigned to the Muirfield Village of Honore Townhome Association, Inc. consistent with Subsection 12.3.3 of the Applicant's Handbook Vol. 1 (A.H.V.I) for Environmental Resource Permits.
- 3. Water quality treatment and attenuation for 9.30 acres of the project area will be provided by wet detention Ponds 1 and 2. Wet detention Ponds 1 and 2 were constructed under ERP 44005641.028 but have not yet been transferred to operation phase. No modifications are proposed or required to Ponds 1 or 2 or to the existing pond control structures.
- 4. Water quality treatment and attenuation for 6.79 acres of the project area are provided by the existing offsite surface water management system constructed under ERP 44017210.003.
- 5. The construction approved in this Short Form Modification shall be included in the as-builts drawings required under Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) No. 44005641.028.
- 6. All other terms and conditions of Permit No. 44005641.028, entitled Creekwood West Commons, issued January 26, 2005, apply.

Your Environmental Resource Permit modification has been approved contingent upon no objection to the District's action being received by the District within the time frames described in the enclosed Notice of Rights.

If approved construction plans are part of the permit, construction must be in accordance with these plans. These drawings are available for viewing or downloading through the District's Application and Permit

December 20, 2013

Search Tools located at www.WaterMatters.org/permits.

The District's action in this matter only becomes closed to future legal challenges from members of the public if such persons have been properly notified of the District's action and no person objects to the District's action within the prescribed period of time following the notification. The District does not publish notices of intended agency action. If you wish to limit the time within which a person who does not receive actual written notice from the District may request an administrative hearing regarding this action, you are strongly encouraged to publish, at your own expense, a notice of intended agency action in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the activity will occur. Publishing notice of intended agency action will close the window for filing a petition for hearing. Legal requirements and instructions for publishing notice of intended agency action, as well as a noticing form that can be used is available from the District's website at www.WaterMatters.org/permits/noticing. If you publish notice of intended agency action, a copy of the affidavit of publishing provided by the newspaper should be sent to the District's Tampa Service Office, for retention in the File of Record for this agency action.

If you have questions regarding this modification, please contact Steven Lopes, at the Tampa Service Office, extension 6506. For assistance with environmental concerns, please contact Jeff Glas, extension 2148.

Sincerely,

Michelle K. Hopkins, P.E. Bureau Chief Environmental Resource Permit Bureau Regulation Division

Enclosures: Notice of Rights

cc: M/I Homes

O. Denise Greer, P.E., King Engineering Associates, Inc.

Notice of Rights

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

- 1. You or any person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the District's intended or proposed action may request an administrative hearing on that action by filing a written petition in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Uniform Rules of Procedure Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and District Rule 40D-1.1010, F.A.C. Unless otherwise provided by law, a petition for administrative hearing must be filed with (received by) the District within 21 days of receipt of written notice of agency action. "Written notice" means either actual written notice, or newspaper publication of notice, that the District has taken or intends to take agency action. "Receipt of written notice" is deemed to be the fifth day after the date on which actual notice is deposited in the United States mail, if notice is mailed to you, or the date that actual notice is issued, if sent to you by electronic mail or delivered to you, or the date that notice is published in a newspaper, for those persons to whom the District does not provide actual notice.
- 2. Pursuant to Subsection 373.427(2)(c), F.S., for notices of intended or proposed agency action on a consolidated application for an environmental resource permit and use of state-owned submerged lands concurrently reviewed by the District, a petition for administrative hearing must be filed with (received by) the District within 14 days of receipt of written notice.
- 3. Pursuant to Rule 62-532.430, F.A.C., for notices of intent to deny a well construction permit, a petition for administrative hearing must be filed with (received by) the District within 30 days of receipt of written notice of intent to deny.
- 4. Any person who receives written notice of an agency decision and who fails to file a written request for a hearing within 21 days of receipt or other period as required by law waives the right to request a hearing on such matters.
- 5. Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., to settle an administrative dispute regarding District intended or proposed action is not available prior to the filing of a petition for hearing.
- 6. A request or petition for administrative hearing must comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. A request or petition for a hearing must: (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's intended action or proposed action, (2) state all material facts disputed by the person requesting the hearing or state that there are no material facts in dispute, and (3) otherwise comply with Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C. Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. can be viewed at www.flrules.org or at the District's website at www.WaterMatters.org/permits/rules.
- 7. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Agency Clerk at the District's Tampa Service Office during normal business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding District holidays. Filings with the District Agency Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile transfer (fax). The District does not accept petitions for administrative hearing by electronic mail. Mailed filings must be addressed to, and hand-delivered filings must be delivered to, the Agency Clerk, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759. Faxed filings must be transmitted to the District Agency Clerk at (813) 987-6746. Any petition not received during normal business hours shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next business day. The District's acceptance of faxed petitions for filing is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, available for viewing at www.WaterMatters.org/about.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

- 1. Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, F.S., a party who is adversely affected by District action may seek judicial review of the District's action. Judicial review shall be sought in the Fifth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides or as otherwise provided by law.
- 2. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing an original notice of appeal with the District Agency Clerk within 30 days after the rendition of the order being appealed, and a copy of the notice of appeal, accompanied by any filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the court, in accordance with Rules 9. 110 and 9.190 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure (Fla. R. App. P.). Pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.020(h), an order is rendered when a signed written order is filed with the clerk of the lower tribunal.

FISCAL PROGRAM

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Management Contract	\$12,100	\$12,282	\$12,466	\$12,653	\$12,842	\$13,035	\$13,231	\$13,429	\$13,631	\$13,835
Insurance - Liability & Property, D&O, Bond	\$5,500	\$5,583	\$5,666	\$5,751	\$5,837	\$5,925	\$6,014	\$6,104	\$6,196	\$6,289
Legal and Professional Services	\$2,420	\$2,456	\$2,493	\$2,531	\$2,568	\$2,607	\$2,646	\$2,686	\$2,726	\$2,767
Annual Corporate Report/Pool License	\$230	\$233	\$237	\$241	\$244	\$248	\$251	\$255	\$259	\$263
Misc. Administrative Expense	\$1,200	\$1,218	\$1,236	\$1,255	\$1,274	\$1,293	\$1,312	\$1,332	\$1,352	\$1,372
Electric - General	\$2,800	\$2,842	\$2,885	\$2,928	\$2,972	\$3,016	\$3,062	\$3,108	\$3,154	\$3,201
Electric - Streetlights	\$3,500	\$3,553	\$3,606	\$3,660	\$3,715	\$3,770	\$3,827	\$3,884	\$3,943	\$4,002
Water/Sewer	\$50,000	\$50,750	\$51,511	\$52,284	\$53,068	\$53,864	\$54,672	\$55,492	\$56,325	\$57,169
Gate Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,523	\$1,545	\$1,569	\$1,592	\$1,616	\$1,640	\$1,665	\$1,690	\$1,715
Landscape Maintenance Contract	\$62,000	\$62,930	\$63,874	\$64,832	\$65,805	\$66,792	\$67,793	\$68,810	\$69,843	\$70,890
Landscape Other	\$8,500	\$8,628	\$8,757	\$8,88	\$9,022	\$9,157	\$9,294	\$9,434	\$9,575	\$9,719
Irrigation Repairs	\$2,000	\$2,030	\$2,060	\$2,091	\$2,123	\$2,155	\$2,187	\$2,220	\$2,253	\$2,287
Pond Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,090	\$6,181	\$6,274	\$6,368	\$6,464	\$6,561	\$6,659	\$6,759	\$6,860
Gate Maintenance	\$1,200	\$1,218	\$1,236	\$1,255	\$1,274	\$1,293	\$1,312	\$1,332	\$1,352	\$1,372
Cabana Maintenance/Janitorial	\$5,500	\$5,583	\$5,666	\$5,751	\$5,837	\$5,925	\$6,014	\$6,104	\$6,196	\$6,289
Pool Maintenance	\$7,500	\$7,613	\$7,727	\$7,843	\$7,960	\$8,080	\$8,201	\$8,324	\$8,449	\$8,575
Pest Control - in wall system	\$12,000	\$12,180	\$12,363	\$12,548	\$12,736	\$12,927	\$13,121	\$13,318	\$13,518	\$13,721
Termite Warranty Program	\$5,600	\$5,684	\$5,769	\$5,856	\$5,944	\$6,033	\$6,123	\$6,215	\$6,308	\$6,403
Unapplied Expenses	006'6\$	\$10,049	\$10,199	\$10,352	\$10,507	\$10,665	\$10,825	\$10,987	\$11,152	\$11,320
Total Operating Expenses	\$199,450	\$202,442	\$205,478	\$208,561	\$211,689	\$214,864	\$218,087	\$221,359	\$224,679	\$228,049
Reserves **	\$150,000	\$152,250	\$154,534	\$156,852	\$159,205	\$161,593	\$164,016	\$166,477	\$168,974	\$171,508
Total: Expenses & Reserve	\$349,450	\$354,692	\$360,012	\$365,412	\$370,893	\$376,457	\$382,104	\$387,835	\$393,653	\$399,558

*At the time of recording this Declaration, there are no contracts in place and all budgeted amounts are projected based upon other communities similar in size and personality. Assessments may be higher or lower based upon the needs of the community. The initial budget of the association is projected (not based upon historical operating figures). Therefore, it is possible that actual assessments may be less or greater than projected.

^{**} This amount is a place holder pending construction cost data or Reserve Study. A reserve account will be created for deferred maintenance and/or replacement of association property. Reserve items include painting of buildings, re-roofing of buildings, paving of streets and parking areas, cabana, pool and equipment, furnishings, irrigation system, landscaping, gate access system, sound wall, fencing, sidewalks, stormwater system, well, signage and any other association related responsibilities. A professional reserve study will be prepared prior to community completion and the amount for the General Reserve may be adjusted to the study recommendations.

CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES A SUBDIVISION

LIST OF HOLDINGS/COMMON AREAS

The following is a list of proposed holdings of the Creekwood Townhome Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association"), consisting of lands within Creekwood Townhomes, a subdivision and improvements thereon which are presently under construction and are to be completed by the developer, M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company:

Tracts "1," "2", "3", "4" and "5" of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in the Plat Book of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

Tract 1: Amenity Center, Open Space, Drainage and Utility Easement

Tract 2: Landscape Buffer, Drainage, Lake, Utility and Utility Easement

Tract 3: Private Access and Drainage Easement and Manatee County Utility Easement

Tract 4: Conservation Easement

Tract 5: Landscape Buffer, Emergency Access, Drainage, Lake, Utility and Manatee County

Utility Easement

It is contemplated that the Association will take title to the above Tracts and the improvements thereon and use and maintain the same pursuant to the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES and the Land Development Code of Manatee County, Florida.

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance of the open space areas as depicted on the plat and for maintenance of all landscape and turf areas on all lots within Creekwood. The association will contract with professional maintenance companies to maintain all ponds, turf, landscaping and trees within the open space areas. Landscape and pond maintenance programs will be established in accordance with established Industry Best Practices and in a manner to assure compliance with the requirements of the regulatory bodies of Manatee County and specifically it's Land Development Code.

Maintenance of the well and irrigation system that will be used to irrigate the open space areas and lots within the community and a chemical and pest control program will be a part of the landscape maintenance contract. A professional pond maintenance company will be used to maintain the stormwater pond and fountain that will be installed in the pond as a focal point.

Southwest Florida Water Management District Permit 43005641.062 will be transferred to the Creekwood Townhome Association for operation and maintenance of the stormwater management system. The Association shall maintain the stormwater system in accordance with the conditions set forth in the permit and shall submit inspection reports in the form required by the District.

NOTICE TO BUYERS

All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES, as amended from time to time (the "<u>Declaration</u>") to which this Notice to Buyers is attached. The following notice is provided to purchasers of Lots in CREEKWOOD TOWNHOMES (the "<u>Subdivision</u>"), located in Manatee County, Florida:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the purchase of your Lot is subject to:

- 1. The Declaration, a copy of which shall be provided upon execution of your contract to purchase.
- 2. Ownership of a Lot in said Subdivision automatically makes you a member of CREEKWOOD TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association"), and you are subject to its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Community Standards and Rules and Regulations. The Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Community Standards and Rules and Regulations, together with the Declaration are referred to herein as the "Governing Documents." Each Lot entitles its Owner to one (1) vote in the affairs of the Association.
- 3. The Association has the right and power to assess and collect, as provided in the Governing Documents, the costs of maintenance of the landscaped common open space area, which you have a right to enjoy, in accordance with the Governing Documents. A proposed budget for the first ten (10) years is attached as **Exhibit 5** to the Declaration but is subject to adoption, amendment and/or modification by the Board of Directors.
- 4. The proposed Installment Assessment for the first year of operation of the Association is \$260.00 monthly for each Lot. You are hereby notified that the Association may increase that amount as may be required to maintain the Common Areas of the Subdivision.
- 5. DECLARANT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT, WITHOUT FURTHER CONSENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE OWNERS, OR ANY OTHER PARTY TO BRING WITHIN THE PLAN AND OPERATION OF THE DECLARATION ANY PROPERTY WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS OR NEARLY CONTIGUOUS TO THE SUBDIVISION, AND NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION NOR ANY OWNER SHALL OBJECT TO ANY SUCH ADDITION(S) AT ANY HEARING OR PROCEEDING, OR OTHERWISE TAKE ANY ACTION IN OPPOSITION TO OR OTHERWISE TO INTERFERE WITH SUCH ADDITION(S). SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY MAY BE SUBJECTED TO THE DECLARATION AS ONE PARCEL OR AS SEVERAL SMALLER PARCELS AT DIFFERENT TIMES. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION NOR ANY OWNER SHALL OBJECT TO ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT(S) AT ANY HEARING OR PROCEEDING, OR OTHERWISE TAKE ANY ACTION IN OPPOSITION TO, OR OTHERWISE TO INTERFERE WITH SUCH DEVELOPMENT(S).
- 6. The Owner of each Lot shall be responsible for maintenance of trees required by Manatee County pursuant to Final Site Plan approval for the Subdivision and in accordance with the following requirements:
 - a. Canopy trees within 10' of a public sidewalk shall meet Manatee County Public Works Standard Section 301.0 and Exhibit 301.1 entitled "Sidewalk Location Close to Trees". All sidewalks in the right of way within 10' of an existing or proposed tree that will exceed 6" in diameter at maturity shall be 5" thick and contain 2-#3 rebar centered vertically and spaced 3' on center. Palms are not considered trees.
 - b. If within 10' of the tree trunk, potable water service line shall have 48 inches of cover from top of pipe from the meter to the home connection; or, as an alternative, the water line may be installed at 18 inches with a polyethylene service pipe conforming to AWWA C-901.

c. Where within 10' of the tree trunk, irrigation service lines from the street shall have 48 inches of cover from top of pipe to the valve, or, as an alternative, the irrigation line may be installed at 18 inches with a polyethylene service pipe conforming to AWWA C-901. Irrigation valve shall be located as far as possible from the regulated street tree location to minimize impacts to this infrastructure.

The maintenance of the street trees shall be the responsibility of the Owner, including without limitation, proper root pruning to avoid interference of the tree's roots with sidewalks, utilities, foundations of other improvements constructed on the Lots due to the natural growth of street trees.

- 7. Landscape plantings and irrigation shall be provided at various Common Areas and landscape buffer locations within the Subdivision, as shown in the Final Site Plan for the Subdivision. Final Site Plan number Z-84-76/13-S-39(P)/FSP-113-66 may be found in the Records Division of the Planning Department. Purchasers are hereby notified that such plantings are a code requirement, constituting an obligation on the part of the Association to Manatee County for Subdivision approval, and as such, plantings and irrigation may not be removed, altered, or destroyed. Maintenance and replacement of such irrigation and planting shall be part of the Association's Operating Expenses.
- 8. THE FIRST PURCHASER OF EACH LOT FROM THE DECLARANT, AT THE TIME OF CLOSING OF THE CONVEYANCE FROM DECLARANT TO THE PURCHASER, SHALL PAY TO THE ASSOCIATION AN INITIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) (THE "INITIAL CONTRIBUTION"). THE FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE INITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INCOME TO THE ASSOCIATION AND SHALL BE USED AT THE DISCRETION OF ASSOCIATION FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, FUTURE AND EXISTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, SUPPORT COSTS AND START-UP COSTS. IN ADDITION, OWNERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY RESALE CONTRIBUTIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.
 - 9. Purchasers are hereby notified of the following:
 - a. There are planned thoroughfares adjacent to the Subdivision. Specifically, the following planned thoroughfares are planned: (i) I-75, which is an existing 6-lane highway, (ii) Creekwood Boulevard, which is planned to be a 4-lane road);
 - b. There are potential noises associated with the planned and existing roadways;
 - c. There is an existing large commercial development (384,523 square feet) adjacent to the south boundary of the Subdivision;
 - d. The roads within the Subdivision will be privately maintained and are not designed to Manatee County Transportation Standards (i.e. sidewalk placement, right-of-way widths, etc.). In order for the private streets to be accepted into the County maintained system, approval is required from the Manatee County Public Works Department and Board of County Commissioners. There are no assurances of acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners, even if the roadways have been brought up to current Manatee County Standards. Should homeowners wish to proceed at a later date with the process for acceptance of maintenance, be advised that all costs associated with the upgrades to current Manatee County Standards shall be borne entirely by the homeowners.
 - e. The project site lies in Zones X and A with no base flood elevation determined per FIRM Panel 12081C0329E, effective 3/17/14. THE BUYER IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEIR MORTGAGE LENDER'S FLOOD DETERMINATION MAY DIFFER FROM THE DETERMINATION MADE BY THE MANATEE COUNTY BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FLOODPLAIN DIVISION

- 10. The Wetland Conservation Areas may in no way be altered from their natural or permitted state. The Association shall maintain the native habitat located in the Wetland Conservation Area in its existing or restored condition in accordance with the approved resource management plan and the County's Land Development Regulations. Activities prohibited within the Wetland Conservation Areas include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Construction or placing of buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, or other structures on or above the ground;
 - b. Construction or placing of utilities on, below or above the ground without appropriate local, state and federal permits or other authorization;
 - c. Dumping or placing of soil or other substances or material as landfill or dumping or placing trash, waste, unsightly or offensive materials;
 - d. Removal, mowing, or trimming of trees, shrubs or other vegetation; and
 - e. Application of herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers;
 - f. Excavation, dredging or removal of loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other material substances in such manner as to affect the surface;
 - g. Surface use except for purposes that permit the land or water areas to remain in its natural condition;
 - h. Any activity detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation or fish and wildlife habitat preservation; and
 - i. Acts or uses detrimental to such retention of land or water areas.

LOTS MAY CONTAIN OR ABUT CONSERVATION AREAS THAT ARE PROTECTED UNDER RECORDED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. THESE AREAS MAY NOT BE ALTERED FROM THEIR PRESENT CONDITIONS, EXCEPT (I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTORATION PROGRAM INCLUDED IN THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT, OR (II) TO REMOVE EXOTIC OR NUISANCE VEGETATION, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, MELALEUCA, BRAZILIAN PEPPER, AUSTRALIAN PINE, JAPANESE CLIMBING FERN, CATTAILS, PRIMROSE WILLOW, AND GRAPE VINE. THE ASSOCIATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE OF SIGNAGE REQUIRED BY THE PERMIT ISSUED BY SWFWMD AND/OR THE COUNTY, WHICH MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE GREATEST DEGREE LAWFUL BY THE ASSOCIATION.

- 11. In order to provide a clear view of intersecting streets and travel lanes to the motorist, on every corner Lot, at every driveway intersection with streets, and in parking areas, there shall be a clear visibility triangle in accordance with Section 713 of the Manatee County Land Development Code.
- 12. Each Owner is hereby placed on notice that it shall be required to install and construct sidewalks adjacent to such Owner's Lot prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Home.
- 13. The Grading and Drainage Plan for the Subdivision was recorded in Drainage Plan Book ______, Page3/--40, Manatee County, Florida.
- 14. The foregoing statements are only summary in nature and shall not be deemed to supersede or modify the provisions of the Declaration, or any lot sales contract between a buyer and the Declarant.

RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Manatee County Land Development Code, Ordinance 90-01, adopted on July 25, 1990 by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida requires adequate ownership and management measures be provided in residential developments to protect and perpetually maintain all common improvements and open space. The following provisions are stipulated in Chapter Nine of the Land Development Code (Subdivision Procedures and Standards, Section 909.5, and are hereby incorporated as part of the Community Declaration for Creekwood Townhomes (the "Declaration").

- 1. Right of Entry by County. Manatee County law enforcement officers, health and pollution control personnel, emergency medical service personnel, and fire fighters, while in pursuit of their duties, are hereby granted authority to enter upon any and all portions of the Community Common Areas as may be necessary to perform those duties.
- 2. Ownership of the Community Common Areas. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, the Community Association shall not dispose of any Common Area, by sale or otherwise, except to an organization conceived and organized to own and maintain such Common Areas, without first offering to dedicate the same to Manatee County or other appropriate governmental agency.
- 3. **Disturbance of Common Areas**. No lands in the Common Open Space shall be denuded, defaced, or otherwise disturbed in any manner at any time, except for maintenance or repair, without the prior written approval of the Manatee County Planning Director.
- 4. **Maintenance and Care**. In the event the Association, or its successors, fails to maintain the Common Area in reasonable order and condition, the provisions of the Manatee County Land Development Code allow for Manatee County, upon notice and hearing, to enter said Common Area for the purpose of maintaining same. The cost of such maintenance by the County shall be assessed pro-ratably and such charges will be made payable by property owners within sixty (60) days after receipt of a statement therefore, and shall become a lien on the property if unpaid at the end of such period.
- 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, no violation of federal, state, or local law shall be permitted.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration relating to amendments, neither this **Exhibit 9**, nor any provision of the Declaration relating to this **Exhibit 9** may be amended without the written consent of Manatee County.