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DECLARATION OF
COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS
LAKELINE OAKS

STATE OF TEXAS

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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THAT WHEREAS, Scott Felder Limited Partnership, a Maryland limited partnership ("Declarant") is the owner of all lots in Lakeline Oaks, a subdivision of record in Williamson County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Cabinet K, Slides 368-370, Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to convey the Property subject to certain protective covenants, conditions, restrictions, liens, and charges hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to create and carry out a uniform plan for the improvement, development, and sale of the Property for the benefit of the present and future owners of the Property:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared: (i) that all of the Property shall be held, sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the Property and shall be binding on all parties having any right, title, or interest in or to the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof; and (ii) that each contract or deed which may hereafter be executed with regard to the Property or any portion thereof shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered, and accepted subject to the following covenants, conditions, and restrictions regardless of whether or not the same are set out or referred to in said contract or deed.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise specifies or requires, the following words and phrases when used in this Declaration shall have the meanings hereinafter specified:

- 1.01. <u>Architectural Committee</u>. "Architectural Committee" shall mean the committee created pursuant to these restrictions to review and approve plans for the construction of Improvements upon the Property.
- 1.02. <u>Architectural Committee Rules</u>. "Architectural Committee Rules" shall mean the rules and regulations adopted by the Architectural Committee, as the same are amended from time to time.
- 1.03. Articles. "Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of Lakeline Oaks Owners Association, Inc., which will be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, as the same are from time to time amended.
- 1.04. <u>Assessment</u>. "Assessment" or "Assessments" shall mean assessment(s) levied by the Association under the terms and provisions of this Declaration.
- 1.05. <u>Association</u>. "Association" shall mean and refer to Lakeline Oaks Owners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation created or to be created pursuant to the Articles.

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- 1.06. <u>Association Rules</u>. "Association Rules" shall mean the rules and regulations adopted by the Board as the same may be amended from time to time.
 - 1.07. Board. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.
- 1.08. <u>Bylaws</u>. "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association which may be adopted by the Board, as the same are from time to time amended.
- 1.09. <u>Declarant</u>. "Declarant" shall mean Scott Felder Limited Partnership, its duly authorized representatives or their respective successors or assigns; provided that any assignment of the rights of Scott Felder Limited Partnership as Declarant must be expressly set forth in writing and the mere conveyance of a portion of the Property without written assignment of the rights of Declarant shall not be sufficient to constitute an assignment of the rights of Declarant bereunder.
- 1.10. <u>Declaration</u>. "Declaration" shall mean this instrument as it may be amended from time to time.
- 1.11. Improvement. "Improvement" shall mean every structure and all appurtenances thereto of every type and kind, including but not limited to, buildings, outbuildings, storage sheds, patios, tennis courts, swimming pools, garages, storage buildings, fences, screening walls, retaining walls, stairs, decks, landscaping, poles, signs, exterior air conditioning, water softener fixtures or equipment, and poles, pumps, wells, tanks, reservoirs, pipes, lines, meters, antennas, towers, and other facilities used in connection with water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone, regular or cable television, or other utilities.
- 1.12. <u>Lot</u>. "Lot" or "Lots" shall mean any parcel or parcels of land within the Property shown as a subdivided lot on the Plat of the Subdivision, together with all Improvements located thereon.
- 1.13. $\underline{\text{Member}}$. "Member" or "Members" shall mean any person(s), entity or entities holding membership rights in the Association.
- 1.14. Mortgage. "Mortgage" or "Mortgages" shall mean any mortgage(s) or deed(s) of trust covering any portion of the Property given to secure the payment of a debt.
- 1.15. Mortgagee. "Mortgagee" or "Mortgagees" shall mean the holder or holders of any Mortgage or Mortgages.
- 1.16. Owner. "Owner" or "Owners" shall mean the person(s), entity or entities, including Declarant, holding a fee simple interest in any portion of the Property, but shall not include the Mortgagee of a Mortgage.
- 1.17. <u>Person</u>. "Person" or "Persons" shall mean any individual(s), entity or entities having the legal right to hold title to real property.
- 1.18. Plans and Specifications. "Plans and Specifications" shall mean any and all documents designed to guide or control the construction or erection of any Improvement, including but not limited to, those indicating location, size, shape, configuration, materials, site plans, excavation and grading plans, foundation plans, drainage plans, landscaping and fencing plans, elevation drawings, floor plans, specifications on all building products and construction techniques, samples of exterior colors, plans for utility services, and all other documentation or information relevant to such Improvement.
- 1.19. Plat. "Plat" shall mean the subdivision plat of Lakeline Oaks, a subdivision of record in Cabinet K, Slides 368-370, Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time.

- 1.20. The Restrictions. The "Restrictions" shall mean this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time, together with the Association Rules, the Architectural Committee Rules, and the Articles and Bylaws.
- 1.21. <u>Subdivision</u>. "Subdivision" shall mean Lakeline Oaks, a subdivision in Williamson County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Cabinet K, Slides 368-370, Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas.

ARTICLE II

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY

- 2.01. <u>Development by Declarant</u>. Declarant may divide or subdivide the Property into several areas, develop some of the Property, and, at Declarant's option, sell any portion of the Property free of these restrictions.
- 2.02. Addition of Land. Declarant may, at any time and from time to time, add land to the Property, and upon such addition, this Declaration and the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and obligations set forth herein shall apply to the added land, and the rights, privileges, duties, and liabilities of the persons subject to this Declaration shall be the same with respect to the added land as with respect to the lands originally covered by this Declaration. In order to add lands to the Property hereunder, Declarant shall be required only to record in the Real Property Records of Williamson County, Texas, a notice of addition of land containing the following provisions:
 - (A) A reference to this Declaration, which reference shall state the book and page numbers of the Williamson County Real Property Records wherein this Declaration is recorded;
 - (B) A statement that the provisions of this Declaration shall apply to the added land; and
 - (C) A legal description of the added land.
- 2.03. Withdrawal of Land. Declarant may, at any time and from time to time, reduce or withdraw areas from the Property, and upon such withdrawal, this Declaration and the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and obligations set forth herein shall no longer apply to those lands withdrawn. In order to withdraw lands from the Property hereunder, Declarant shall be required only to record in the Real Property Records of Williamson County, Texas, a notice of withdrawal of land containing the following provisions:
 - (A) A reference to this Declaration, which reference shall state the book and page numbers of the Williamson County Real Property Records wherein this Declaration is recorded;
 - (B) A statement that the provisions of this Declaration shall no longer apply to the withdrawn land; and
 - (C) A legal description of the withdrawn land.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

All of the Property shall be owned, held, encumbered, leased, used, occupied, and enjoyed subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

3.01. <u>Subdividing</u>. No Lot shall be further divided or subdivided, nor may any easements or other interests therein less than the whole be conveyed by the Owner thereof without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee; provided, however, that when Declarant is the Owner thereof, Declarant may

further divide and subdivide any Lot and convey any easements or other interests less than the whole, all without the approval of the Architectural Committee.

- 3.02. <u>Hazardous Activities</u>. No activities shall be conducted on the Property and no Improvements constructed on the Property which are or might be unsafe or hazardous to any person or property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no firearms or fireworks shall be discharged upon the Property, no open fires shall be lighted or permitted except within safe and well-designed interior fireplaces, or in contained barbecue units while attended and in use for cooking purposes.
- 3.03. <u>Insurance Rates</u>. Nothing shall be done or kept on the Property which would increase the rate of insurance or cause the cancellation of insurance on any Lot or any of the Improvements located thereon.
- 3.04. Mining and Drilling. No portion of the Property shall be used for the purpose of mining, quarrying, drilling, boring, or exploring for or removing oil, gas, or other hydrocarbons, minerals of any kind, rocks, stones, sand, gravel, aggregate, or earth.
- 3.05. <u>Noise</u>. No exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells, or other sound devices (other than security devices used exclusively for security purposes) shall be located, used, or placed on any of the Property. No noise or other nuisance shall be permitted to exist or operate upon any portion of the Property so as to be offensive or detrimental to any other portion of the Property or to its occupants.
- 3.06. Animals Household Pets. No animals, including pigs, hogs, swine, poultry, fowl, wild animals, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, or any other type of animal not considered to be a domestic household pet within the ordinary meaning and interpretation of such words may be kept, maintained, or cared for on the Property. No Owner may keep on such Owner's Lot more than four (4) cats and dogs, in the aggregate. No animal shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise, or to become a nuisance, and no domestic pets will be allowed on the Property other than on the Lot of its Owner unless confined to a leash. No animal may be stabled, maintained, kept, cared for, or boarded for hire or remuneration on the Property, and no kennels or breeding operation will be allowed. No animal shall be allowed to run at large, and all animals shall be kept within enclosed areas which must be clean, sanitary, and reasonably free of refuse, insects, and waste at all times. Such enclosed area shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Architectural Committee, shall be of reasonable design and construction to adequately contain such animals in accordance with the provisions hereof, and shall be screened so as not to be visible from any other portion of the Property.
- 3.07. <u>Rubbish and Debris</u>. No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon the Property, and no odors shall be permitted to arise therefrom so as to render the Property or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to any other property or to its occupants. Refuse, garbage, and trash shall be kept at all times in covered containers, and such containers shall be kept within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view.
- 3.08. Maintenance. Each Owner shall keep all shrubs, trees, grass, and plantings of every kind on such Owner's Lot cultivated, pruned, free of trash, and other unsightly material. All Improvements upon any Lot shall at all times be kept in good condition and repair and adequately painted or otherwise maintained by the Owner of such Lot. Declarant, the Association, and the Architectural Committee shall have the right at any reasonable time to enter upon any Lot to replace, maintain, and cultivate shrubs, trees, grass, or other plantings as deemed necessary; to paint, repair, or otherwise maintain any Improvements in need thereof; and to charge the cost thereof to the Owner of the Lot as provided in Section 5.04(E) hereof.

- 3.09. Antennae. No exterior radio or television antenna or aerial shall be erected or maintained without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.
- 3.10. <u>Signs</u>. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee, except one sign of not more than five (5) square feet advertising the Lot for sale or rent, and except for signs which are part of Declarant's overall marketing plan for the Property.
- 3.11. Tanks. The Architectural Committee shall have the right to approve the location of any tank used or proposed in connection with a single family residential structure, including tanks for storage of fuel, water, oil, or LPG, and including swimming pool filter tanks. No elevated tanks of any kind shall be erected, placed or permitted on any Lot. All tanks shall be screened so as not to be visible from any other portion of the Property.
- 3.12. Temporary Structures. No tent, shack, or other temporary building, improvement, or structure shall be placed upon the Property without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee; provided, however, that temporary structures necessary for storage of tools and equipment, and for office space for architects, builders, and foremen during actual construction may be maintained with the prior approval of Declarant, approval to include the nature, size, duration, and location of such structure.
- 3.13. Unsightly Articles; Vehicles. No article deemed to be unsightly by the Architectural Committee shall be permitted to remain on any Lot so as to be visible from adjoining property or from public or private thoroughfares. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, trailers, graders, trucks other than pickups, boats, tractors, campers, wagons, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, and garden maintenance equipment shall be kept at all times except when in actual use, in enclosed structures or screened from view and no repair or maintenance work shall be done on any of the foregoing, or on any automobile (other than minor emergency repairs), except in enclosed garages or other structures. Each single family residential structure constructed within the Property shall have sufficient garage space, as approved by the Architectural Committee, to house all vehicles to be kept on the Lot. Lot Owners shall not keep more than two (2) automobiles in such manner as to be visible from any other portion of the Property for any period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours. No automobiles or other vehicles may be parked overnight on any roadway within the Property. Service areas, storage areas, compost piles and facilities for hanging, drying or airing clothing or household fabrics shall be appropriately screened from view, and no lumber, grass, plant waste, shrub or tree clippings, metals, bulk materials, or scrape or refuse or trash shall be kept, stored, or allowed to accumulate on any portion of the Property except within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view.
- 3.14. Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers and Recreational Vehicles. No mobile homes shall be parked or placed on any Lot or used as a residence, either temporary or permanent, at any time, and no motor homes, travel trailers or recreational vehicles shall be parked on or near any Lot so as to be visible from adjoining property or from public or private thoroughfares at any time.
- 3.15. Compliance with the Restrictions. Each Owner shall comply strictly with the provisions of the Restrictions as the same may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with any of the Restrictions shall constitute a violation of this Declaration, and shall give rise to a cause of action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief or both, maintainable by the Board on behalf of the Association or by an aggrieved Owner.
- 3.16. No Warranty of Enforceability. While Declarant has no reason to believe that any of the restrictive covenants or other terms and provisions contained in this Article or elsewhere in this Declaration are or may be invalid

or unenforceable for any reason or to any extent, Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such restrictive covenants, terms, or provisions. Any Owner acquiring a Lot in reliance on one or more of such restrictive covenants, terms, or provisions shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and, by acquiring the Lot, agrees to hold Declarant harmless therefrom.

ARTICLE IV

USE AND CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS

- 4.01. Approval for Construction. No Improvements shall be constructed upon any Lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.
- 4.02. <u>Residential Use</u>. All Lots shall be improved and used solely for single family residential use, inclusive of a garage, fencing and such other Improvements as are necessary or customarily incident to residential use.
- 4.03. <u>Rentals</u>. Nothing in this Declaration shall prevent the rental of any Lot and the Improvements thereon by the Owner thereof for residential purposes; provided that all rentals must be for terms of at least six (6) months.
- 4.04. <u>Building Height</u>. No Improvement greater than thirty-five feet (35') in height may be constructed on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee. For purposes of his paragraph, height shall be measured from the foundation slab of the proposed Improvement to the ridge line of the roof of the proposed Improvement.
- 4.05. Obstruction of Views. No Improvement may be constructed on any Lot which would unreasonably obstruct the view from other portions of the Property, and the positioning of all Improvements upon Lots within the Property is hereby expressly made subject to Architectural Committee review. The Architectural Committee may, but shall not be required to, prevent or allow the construction of a proposed Improvement based upon the effect it will have upon the view from any particular Lot. Rather, the Architectural Committee may consider the effect the Improvement will have on the Property as a whole, it being expressly understood that neither the Architectural Committee nor the members thereof shall be liable to any Owner in monetary damages or otherwise due to the construction of any Improvement within the Property or the creating thereby of an obstruction to the view from such Owner's Lot or Lots.
- 4.06. <u>Building Materials</u>; <u>Dwelling Size</u>. All single family dwellings shall be of recognized standard construction quality and shall be constructed of at least fifty percent (50%) masonry or other material specifically approved in writing by the Architectural Committee. All single family dwellings shall contain not less than 1,300 square feet of finished heated and air-conditioned living space, exclusive of porches (open or covered), decks, garages, and carports.
- 4.07. <u>Construction in Place</u>. All dwellings constructed on the Property shall be built in place on the Lot and the use of prefabricated materials shall be allowed only with the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.
- 4.08. <u>Alteration or Removal of Improvements</u>. Any construction, other than normal maintenance, which in any way alters the exterior appearance of any Improvement, or the removal of any Improvement shall be performed only with the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.
- 4.09. <u>Roofing Materials</u>. All roofing materials must be approved in advance by the Architectural Committee; provided, however, that the following materials are specifically permitted: gray "weathered wood" fiberglass composition shingle with a weight of no less than 240 lbs. per square.

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- 4.10. <u>Driveway</u>. The Architectural Committee shall have the right to impose limitations on driveway design, including materials, aprons, location, and point of contact with dedicated roads, streets, or private driveways in the Subdivision. Driveways shall be constructed so that they have a sufficient rise in elevation to allow for the surface water drainage along the curb line of the street to continue without interruption or change in direction of flow.
- 4.11. Mailbox. The mailbox for each single family residential structure constructed within the Property shall be encased or enclosed in a structure which shall be of the same design and constructed of the same materials as (or of design and materials complimentary to) the exterior of the appurtenant single family residential structure.
- 4.12. <u>Garbage Containers</u>. The Architectural Committee shall have the right to require each Owner to specify a specific location for trash service and to require each Owner to construct a permanent facility near the mailbox or at such other approved location for the placement of garbage containers for collection purposes. Such permanent structure shall meet the design and material requirements for the mailbox, as referred to above.
- 4.13. Underground Utility Lines. No utility lines, including but not limited to, wires or other devices for the communication or transmission of telephone or electric current or power, cable television, or other type of line or wire shall be erected, placed, or maintained anywhere in or upon any portion of the Property unless the same shall be contained in conduit or cables installed and maintained underground or concealed in, under, or on buildings or other Improvements as approved in writing by the Architectural Committee; provided, however, that no provision hereof shall be deemed to forbid the erection of temporary power or telephone structures incident to the construction of buildings or other Improvements which have been previously approved in writing by the Architectural Committee. The installation method, including but not limited to, location, type of installation equipment, trenching method, and other aspects of installation, for both temporary and permanent utilities, shall be subject to review and approval by the Architectural Committee.
- 4.14. <u>Drainage</u>. There shall be no interference with the established drainage patterns over any of the Property, except by Declarant, unless adequate provision is made for proper drainage and approved by the Architectural Committee.
- 4.15. Construction Activities. This Declaration shall not be construed so as to unreasonably interfere with or prevent normal construction activities during the construction of Improvements by an Owner (including Declarant) upon any Lot within the Property. Specifically, no such construction activities shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance or a violation of this Declaration by reason of noise, dust, presence of vehicles or construction machinery, posting of signs or similar activities, provided that such construction is pursued to completion with reasonable diligence and conforms to usual construction practices in the area. In the event that construction upon any Lot does not conform to usual practices in the area as determined by the Architectural Committee in its sole good faith judgment, the Architectural Committee shall have the authority to seek an injunction to stop such construction. In addition, if during the course of construction upon any Lot there is excessive accumulation of debris of any kind which would render the Lot or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to it or any other portion of the Property, then the Architectural Committee may contract for or cause such debris to be removed, and the Owner of the Lot shall be liable for all expenses incurred in connection therewith.

ARTICLE V

THE ASSOCIATION

- 5.01. Organization. The Declarant shall, at such time as Declarant deems appropriate, cause the formation and incorporation of the Association. The Association shall be a nonprofit corporation created for the purposes, charged with the duties, and vested with the powers prescribed by law or set forth in its Articles and Bylaws or in this Declaration. Neither the Articles nor Bylaws shall for any reason be amended or otherwise changed or interpreted so as to be inconsistent with this Declaration.
- 5.02. Membership. Any Person upon becoming an Owner shall automatically become a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and shall run with the ownership of the Lot which qualifies the Owner thereof for membership, and membership may not be severed from, or in any way transferred, pledged, mortgaged, or alienated except together with the title to the Lot.
- 5.03. <u>Voting Rights</u>. The right to cast votes, and the number of votes which may be cast, for election of members to the Board and on all other matters to be voted on by the Members shall be calculated as follows:
 - (A) The Owner (including Declarant) of each Lot within the Property shall have one vote for each Lot owned.
 - (B) In addition to the votes to which it is entitled by reason of Subparagraph (A) of this Section, for every one vote outstanding in favor of any other person or entity, Declarant shall have four (4) votes until the votes described in Subparagraph (A) of this Section which are owned by Persons other than Declarant total, in the aggregate, eighty percent (80%) of the total number of votes. Thereafter, Declarant shall have only the votes, if any, to which it is entitled under said Subparagraph (A) of this Section.
- 5.04. Powers and Authority of the Association. The Association shall have the powers of a Texas nonprofit corporation, subject only to such limitations upon the exercise of such power as are expressly set forth in this Declaration. It shall further have the power to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for or incidental to the exercise of any of the express powers granted to it by the laws of Texas or by this Declaration. Without in any way limiting the generality of the two preceding sentences, the Association and the Board, acting on behalf of the Association, shall have the power and authority at all times as follows:
 - (A) Rules and Bylaws. To make, establish and promulgate, and in its discretion to amend or repeal and re-enact the Association Rules and Bylaws. The content of the Association Rules and Association Bylaws may be established by the Board, provided the same are not in conflict with this Declaration.
 - (B) <u>Insurance</u>. To obtain and maintain in effect policies of insurance which, in the opinion of the Board, are reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the Association functions.
 - (C) Records. To keep books and records of the Association's affairs.
 - (D) <u>Assessments</u>. To levy assessments as provided in Article VII below. An assessment is defined as that sum which must be levied in the manner and against the property set forth in Article VII hereof in order to raise the total amount for which the levy in question is being made.

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- Right Of Entry and Enforcement. To enter at any time in an (E) emergency or in a non-emergency, after twenty-four (24) hours written notice, without being liable to any Owner, upon any Lot and into any Improvement thereon, for the purpose of enforcing the Restrictions or for the purpose of maintaining or repairing any area, Improvement, or other facility to conform to the Restrictions, and the expense incurred by the Association in connection with the entry upon any Lot and the maintenance and repair work conducted thereon shall be a personal obligation of the Owner of the Lot entered upon, shall be a lien upon the Lot entered upon and the Improvements thereon, and shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as provided in Article VII hereof for regular and special assessments. The Association shall have the power and authority from time to time, in its own name and on its own behalf, or in the name of and on behalf of any Owner who consents thereto, to commence and maintain actions and suits to enforce, by mandatory injunction or otherwise, or to restrain and enjoin, any breach or threatened breach of the Restrictions. The Association is also authorized to settle claims, enforce liens, and take all such action as it may deem necessary or expedient to enforce the Restrictions; provided, however, that the Board shall never be authorized to expend any Association funds for the purpose of bringing suit against Declarant, its successors, or assigns.
- (F) <u>Legal and Accounting Services</u>. To retain and pay for legal and accounting services necessary or proper in the operation of the Association.
- 5.05. Roadway Maintenance. The Association shall be required to maintain all streets and roadways within the Property which have been completed but not accepted by the appropriate governmental entity for maintenance. In addition, the Association shall be authorized to landscape, maintain, and repair easements, access easements, rights-of-way, median strips, sidewalks, paths, trails, detention ponds, lakes, and other areas of the Property, as appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

- 6.01. Membership of Architectural Committee. The Architectural Committee shall consist of not more than three (3) voting members ("Voting Members"), and such additional nonvoting members serving in an advisory capacity ("Advisory Members") as the Voting Members deem appropriate. The following persons are hereby designated as the initial Voting Members of the Architectural Committee: David L. McCracken, Peter Hazeloop, and David A. Singleton.
- 6.02. Action by Architectural Committee. Items presented to the Architectural Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of the Voting Members.
- 6.03. <u>Advisory Members</u>. The Voting Members may from time to time designate Advisory Members.
- 6.04. Term. Each Voting Member of the Architectural Committee shall hold office until such time as he has resigned or has been removed or his successor has been appointed, as provided herein. In the event of death or resignation of any Voting Member, the remaining Voting Member or Voting Members shall have full authority to act until a replacement Voting Member or Voting Members have been designated.
- 6.05. <u>Declarant's Rights of Appointment</u>. Declarant, its successors or assigns shall have the right to appoint and remove all Voting Members of the Architectural Committee. Declarant may delegate this right to the Board by

written instrument. Thereafter, the Board shall have the right to appoint and remove all Voting Members of the Architectural Committee.

- 6.06. Adoption of Rules. The Architectural Committee may adopt such procedural and substantive rules, not in conflict with this Declaration, as it may deem necessary or proper for the performance of its duties, including but not limited to, a building code, a fire code, a housing code, and other similar codes as it may deem necessary and desirable.
- 6.07. Review of Proposed Construction. Whenever in this Declaration the approval of the Architectural Committee is required, it shall have the right to consider all of the Plans and Specifications for the Improvement or proposal in question and all other facts which, in its sole discretion, are relevant. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, prior to the commencement of any construction of any Improvement on the Property or any portion thereof, the Plans and Specifications therefor shall be submitted to the Architectural Committee, and construction thereof may not commence unless and until the Architectural Committee has approved such Plans and Specifications in writing. The Architectural Committee shall consider and act upon any and all Plans and Specifications submitted for is approval pursuant to this Declaration, and perform such other duties assigned to it by this Declaration or as from time to time shall be assigned to it by the Board, including the inspection of construction in progress to assure its conformance with Plans and Specifications approved by the Architectural Committee. The Architectural Committee may review Plans and Specifications submitted for its review and such other information as it deems proper. Until receipt by the Architectural Committee of any information or documents deemed necessary by the Architectural Committee, it may postpone review of any Plans and Specifications submitted for approval. No Improvement shall be allowed upon any Lot which would unreasonably obstruct the view from any other portion of the Property, and no Improvement shall be allowed on any Lot which is of such size or architectural design or involves the use of such landscaping, color schemes, exterior finishes, and materials and similar features as to be incompatible with development within the Property and the surrounding area. The Architectural Committee shall have the authority to disapprove any proposed Improvement based upon the restrictions set forth in the preceding sentence and the decision of the Architectural Committee shall be final and binding so long as it is made in good faith. The Architectural Committee shall not be responsible for reviewing any proposed Improvement, nor shall its approval of any Plans or Specifications be deemed approval thereof from the standpoint of structural safety, engineering soundness, or conformance with building or other
- 6.08. Actions of the Architectural Committee. The Architectural Committee may, by resolution, unanimously adopted in writing, designate one or two of its members or an agent acting on its behalf to take any action or perform any duties for and on behalf of the Architectural Committee. In the absence of such designation, the vote of the majority of all of the members of the Architectural Committee taken without a meeting shall constitute an act of the Architectural Committee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event the Architectural Committee fails to respond to a request for approval of Plans and Specifications within ten (10) days of receipt of all required information, the Architectural Committee shall be deemed to have approved such Plans and Specifications.
- 6.09. No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval or consent of the Architectural Committee to any Plans or Specifications for any work done or proposed or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval or consent of the Architectural Committee shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any Plans and Specifications, or other matter whatever, subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent by the same or a different person.

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- 6.10. <u>Work in Progress</u>. The Architectural Committee, at its option, may inspect all work in progress to insure compliance with approved Plans and Specifications.
- 6.11. Address. Plans and Specifications shall be submitted to the Architectural Committee at 5316 Highway 290 West, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78735, or such other address as may be designated from time to time.
- 6.12. <u>Fees</u>. The Architectural Committee shall have the right to require a reasonable submission fee for each set of Plans and Specifications submitted for its review.
- 6.13. Certificate of Compliance. Upon completion of any Improvement approved by the Architectural Committee and upon written request by the Owner of the Lot, the Architectural Committee shall issue a Certificate of Compliance in a form suitable for recordation. The Certificate shall identify the Lot and the Improvements, the use or uses to be conducted thereon, and the Plans and Specifications on file with the Architectural Committee pursuant to which the Improvements were made and shall specify that the Improvements comply with the approved Plans and Specifications. The Certificate shall not be construed to certify the acceptability, sufficiency, or approval by the Architectural Committee of the actual construction of the Improvements or the workmanship or materials thereof. The Owner is hereby notified that the Certificate in no way warrants, except as set forth above, the sufficiency, acceptability, or approval by the Architectural Committee of the construction, workmanship, materials, or equipment of the Improvements. Preparation and recordation of such a Certificate shall be at the expense of the Owner of the improved Lot.

ARTICLE VII

FUNDS AND ASSESSMENTS

7.01. Assessments.

- (A) The Association may from time to time levy Assessments against each Lot whether or not improved. The level of Assessments shall be equal and uniform between all Lots, except that no Assessments hereunder shall be levied against Declarant.
- (B) Where the obligation to pay an Assessment first arises after the commencement of the year or other period for which the Assessment was levied, the Assessment shall be prorated as of the date when said obligation first arose in proportion to the amount of the Assessment year or other period remaining after said date.
- (C) Each unpaid Assessment, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of the Lot against which the Assessment fell due, and shall become a vendor's lien against each such Lot and all Improvements thereon. The Association may enforce payment of such Assessments in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- 7.02. Maintenance Fund. The Board shall establish a maintenance fund into which shall be deposited all monies paid to the Association and from which disbursements shall be made in performing the functions of the Association under this Declaration. The funds of the Association must be used solely for purposes authorized by this Declaration, as it may from time to time be amended.
- 7.03. Regular Annual Assessments. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall estimate the expenses to be incurred by the Association during such year in performing its functions under the Restrictions, including but not limited to the cost of all roadway and right-of-way maintenance, the cost

of enforcing the Restrictions, and a reasonable provision for contingencies and appropriate replacement reserves, less any expected income and any surplus from the prior year's fund. Assessments sufficient to pay such estimated net expenses shall then be levied as herein provided, and the level of Assessments set by the Board shall be final and binding so long as it is made in good faith. If the sums collected prove inadequate for any reason, including nonpayment of any individual Assessment, the Association may at any time and from time to time levy further Assessments in the same manner as aforesaid. All such regular Assessments shall be due and payable to the Association at the beginning of the fiscal year or during the fiscal year in equal monthly installments on or before the first day of each month, or in such other manner as the Board may designate in its sole and absolute discretion.

- 7.04. Special Assessments. In addition to the regular annual Assessments provided for above, the Board may levy special Assessments whenever in the Board's opinion such special Assessments are necessary to enable the Board to carry out the mandatory functions of the Association under the Restrictions. The amount of any special Assessments shall be at the reasonable discretion of the Board.
- 7.05. Owner's Personal Obligation for Payment of Assessments. The regular and special Assessments provided for herein shall be the personal and individual debt of the Owner of the Lot covered by such Assessments. No Owner may exempt himself from liability for such Assessments. In the event of default in the payment of any such Assessment, the Owner of the Lot shall be obligated to pay interest at the highest rate allowed by applicable usury laws then in effect on the amount of the Assessment from the due date thereof (or if there is no such highest rate, then at the rate of two percent (2%) per month), together with all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- 7.06. Assessment Lien and Foreclosure. All sums assessed in the manner provided in this Article but unpaid shall, together with interest as provided in Section 7.05 hereof and the cost of collection, including attorneys' fees as herein provided, thereupon become a continuing lien and charge on the Lot covered by such Assessment, which shall bind such Lot in the hands of the Owner, and such Owner's heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns. The aforesaid lien shall be superior to all other liens and charges against the said Lot, except only for tax liens and all sums unpaid on a first Mortgage lien of record, securing in either instance sums borrowed for the improvement of the Lot in question. The Association shall have the power to subordinate the aforesaid Assessment lien to any other lien. Such power shall be entirely discretionary with the Board and such subordination must be signed by a duly authorized officer of the Association. To evidence the aforesaid Assessment lien, the Association may prepare a written notice of Assessment lien setting forth the amount of the unpaid indebtedness, the name of the Owner of the Lot covered by such lien and a description of the Lot. Such notice shall be signed by one of the officers of the Association and shall be recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Williamson County, Texas. Such lien for payment of Assessments shall attach with the priority above set forth from the date that such payment becomes delinquent and may be enforced by the foreclosure on the defaulting Owner's Lot by the Association in like manner as a mortgage on real property subsequent to the recording of a notice of Assessment lien as provided above, or the Association may institute suit against the Owner personally obligated to pay the Assessment and/or for foreclosure of the aforesaid lien judicially. In any foreclosure proceeding, whether judicial or not judicial, the Owner shall be required to pay the costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred. The Association shall have the power to bid on the property at foreclosure or other legal sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey, or otherwise deal with the same. Upon the written request of any Mortgagee, the Association shall report to said Mortgagee any unpaid Assessments remaining unpaid for longer than thirty (30) days after the same are due.

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ARTICLE VIII

EASEMENTS

- 8.01. Reserved Easements. All dedications, limitations, restrictions, and reservations shown on the Plat and all grants and dedications of easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, and related rights, made prior to the Property becoming subject to this Declaration are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Declaration for all purposes as if fully set forth herein and shall be construed as being adopted in each and every contract, deed, or conveyance executed or to be executed by or on behalf of Declarant conveying any part of the Property. Declarant reserves the right to make changes in and additions to the said easements and rights-of-way for the purpose of most efficiently and economically developing the Property. Further, Declarant reserves the right, without the necessity of the joinder of any Owner or other Person, to grant, dedicate, reserve or otherwise create, at any time or from time to time, rights-of-way and easements for public utility purposes (including without limitation, gas, water, electricity, telephone and drainage) in favor of any Person along any front, rear, or side boundary line of any Lot, which said easements shall have a maximum width of 7.5 feet.
- 8.02. <u>Installation and Maintenance</u>. There is hereby created an easement upon, across, over, and under all of the Property for ingress and egress in connection with installing, replacing, repairing, and maintaining all utilities, including but not limited to, water, gas, telephones, and electricity lines and appurtenances thereto. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible for the utility companies and other entities supplying service to install and maintain pipes, wires, conduits, service line, or other utility facilities or appurtenances thereto, on, above, across and under the Property, within the public utility easements from time to time existing and from service lines situated within such easements to the point of service on or in any Improvement. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this section, no electrical lines, water lines, or other utilities or appurtenances thereto may be relocated on the Property until approved by Declarant or the Architectural Committee. The utility companies furnishing service shall have the right to remove all trees situated within the utility easements shown on the Plat, and to trim overhanging trees and shrubs located on portions of the Property abutting such easements.
- 8.03. <u>Drainage Easements</u>. Each Owner covenants to provide easements for drainage and water flow, as contours of land and the arrangement of Improvements approved by the Architectural Committee thereon, require. Each Owner further covenants not to disturb or displace any trees or other vegetation within the drainage easements as defined in this Declaration and shown on the Plat. There shall be no construction of Improvements, temporary or permanent, in any drainage easement, except as approved in writing by the Architectural Committee.
- 8.04. <u>Surface Areas</u>. The surface of easement areas for underground utility services may be used for planting of shrubbery, trees, lawns, or flowers However, neither the Declarant nor any supplier of any utility service using any easement area shall be liable to any Owner or to the Association for any damage done by them or either of them, or their respective agents, employees, servants, or assigns, to any of the aforesaid vegetation as a result of any activity relating to the construction, maintenance, operation, or repair of any facility in any such easement area.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

9.01. <u>Term</u>. This Declaration, including all of the covenants, conditions and restrictions hereof, shall run until December 31, 2024, unless amended as herein provided. After December 31, 2024, this Declaration, including all such

covenants, conditions, and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless amended or extinguished by a written instrument executed by the Owners of at least eighty percent (80%) of the Lots within the Property then subject to this Declaration.

9.02. Amendment.

- (A) By Declarant. This Declaration may be amended by the Declarant so long as Declarant holds a majority of the votes of the Association. No amendment by Declarant shall be effective until there has been recorded in the Real Property Records of Williamson County, Texas, an instrument executed and acknowledged by Declarant and setting forth the amendment.
- (B) By Owners. In addition to the method in Section 9.02 (A), this Declaration may be amended by the recording in the Williamson County Real Property Records of an instrument executed and acknowledged by the President and Secretary of the Association, setting forth the amendment and certifying that such amendment has been approved by Owners entitled to cast at least eighty percent (80%) of the number of votes entitled to be cast pursuant to Section 5.03 hereof.
- 9.03. Notices. Any notice permitted or required to be given by this Declaration shall be in writing and may be delivered either personally or by mail. If delivery is made by mail, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the third (3rd) day (other than a Sunday or legal holiday) after a copy of the same has been deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the person at the address given by such person to the Association for the purpose of service of notices. Such address may be changed from time to time by notice in writing given by such person to the Association.
- 9.04. <u>Interpretation</u>. The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes of creating a uniform plan for the development and operation of the Property and of promoting and effectuating the fundamental concepts of the Property set forth in this Declaration. This Declaration shall be construed and governed under the laws of the State of Texas.
- 9.05. Exemption of Declarant. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, neither Declarant nor any of Declarant's activities shall in any way be subject to the control of or under the jurisdiction of the Architectural Committee. Without in any way limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, this Declaration shall not prevent or limit the right of Declarant to excavate and grade, to construct any and alter drainage patterns and facilities, to construct any and all other types of improvements, sales and leasing offices and similar facilities, and to post signs incidental to construction, sales, and leasing anywhere within the Property.
- 9.06. Nonliability of Architectural Committee and Board Members. Neither the Architectural Committee, nor any member thereof, nor the Board, nor any member thereof, shall be liable to the Association or to any Owner or to any other person for any loss, damage, or injury arising out of their being in any way connected with the performance of the Architectural Committee's or the Board's respective duties under this Declaration unless due to the willful misconduct or bad faith of the Architectural Committee or its member or the Board or its member, as the case may be.
- 9.07. <u>Assignment of Declarant</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant may assign, in whole or in part, any of its privileges, exemptions, rights, and duties under this Declaration to any other Person and may permit the participation, in whole or in part, by any other Person in any of its privileges, exemptions, rights, and duties hereunder.

9.08. Enforcement and Nonwaiver. Except as otherwise provided herein, any Owner at his own expense, Declarant, and/or the Board shall have the right to enforce all of the provisions of the Restrictions. Such right of enforcement shall include both damages for, and injunctive relief against, the breach of any such provision. The failure to enforce any provision of the Restrictions at any time shall not constitute a waiver of the right thereafter to enforce any such provision or any other provision of said Restrictions. The Association shall have the right, when appropriate in its judgment, to claim or impose a lien upon any Lot or Improvement constructed thereon in order to enforce any right or effect compliance with this Declaration.

9.09. <u>Construction</u>. The provisions of the Restrictions shall be deemed independent and severable, and the invalidity or partial invalidity of any provision or portion thereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision or portion thereof. Unless the context requires a contrary construction, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular; and the masculine, feminine or neuter shall each include the masculine, feminine and neuter. All captions and titles used in this Declaration are intended solely for convenience of reference and shall not enlarge, limit or otherwise effect that which is set forth in any of the paragraphs, sections or articles hereof.

IN WITNESS WHÉREOF, Declarant has executed this Declaration on this the day of April , 1994.

DECLARANT:

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SCOTT FELDER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Maryland limited partnership

Printed Name: <u>leter Hardoop</u>
Title: <u>Vice President</u>

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