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COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR THE ESTUARY

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THIS COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR THE ESTUARY (this "<u>Declaration</u>") is made this day of <u>March</u>, 2012, by M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (the "<u>Declarant</u>"), joined in by APRILE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("<u>Aprile</u>") and THE ESTUARY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "<u>Association</u>").

RECITALS

- A. Declarant and Aprile are the owners of the real property located in Hillsborough County, Florida, more particularly described on <u>Exhibit 1</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("<u>THE ESTUARY</u>").
- B. Declarant and Aprile hereby desire to subject THE ESTUARY to the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration.
- C. This Declaration is a covenant running with all of the land comprising THE ESTUARY, 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 (as defined below) hereby declares that every portion of THE ESTUARY 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:

"<u>ACC</u>" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee for THE ESTUARY established pursuant to Section 19.1 hereof.

"<u>Articles</u>" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association filed with the Florida Secretary of State in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> 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.

"Association" shall mean THE ESTUARY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., its successors and assigns.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

"THE ESTUARY" 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>Bylaws</u>" shall mean the Bylaws of Association in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 3</u> and made a part hereof as amended from time to time.

"<u>Common Areas</u>" shall mean all real property interests and personalty within THE ESTUARY THE ESTUARY Declaration

designated as Common Areas from time to time by the Declarant, by Plat of by recorded amendment to this Declaration and provided for, owned, leased by, or dedicated to, the common use and enjoyment of the Owners within THE ESTUARY. The Common Areas may include, without limitation, a tot lot, passive park and/or gazebo area, open space areas, internal buffers, entrance features, perimeter buffers, perimeter fences, landscaping areas, improvements, easement areas owned by others, public rights of way, additions, water bodies, irrigation pumps, irrigation lines, sidewalks, street lights, walls, commonly used utility facilities, project signage and parking areas. The Common Areas do not include any portion of NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE a Lot. 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, LEASED BY OR DEDICATED TO ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT AFTER CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OR CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUCH ITEM.

"<u>Community Completion Date</u>" shall mean the date upon which all Homes in THE ESTUARY, as ultimately planned and as fully developed, have been conveyed by Declarant to Owners.

"<u>Community Standards</u>" 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.

"Declaration" shall mean this Declaration, 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.

"<u>Governing Documents</u>" 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.

"Home" shall mean a residential home and appurtenances thereto constructed on a Parcel within THE ESTUARY. The term Home may not reflect the same division of property as reflected on a 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 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.

"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.

"<u>Waterbody Maintenance Standards</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.12 hereof.

"Landscape Maintenance Standards" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.1 hereof.

"Lender" shall mean (i) the institutional and licensed holder of a first mortgage encumbering a Lot or Home of (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 THE ESTUARY.

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

"<u>Master Plan</u>" shall mean collectively any full or partial concept plan for the development of THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 the Association. Operating Expenses may include, without limitation, all costs of ownership; operation; administration; all amounts payable by Association; all community lighting including up-lighting and entrance lighting; all amounts payable in connection with any private street lighting agreement between Association and a public utility provider; utilities; taxes; insurance; bonds; salaries; management fees; professional fees; service costs; supplies; maintenance; repairs; replacements; refurbishments; Common Area maintenance; and any and all costs relating to the discharge of the obligations hereunder, or as determined to be part of the Operating Expenses by Association. By way of example, and not of limitation, Operating Expenses shall include all of Association's legal expenses and costs relating to or arising from the enforcement and/or interpretation of this Declaration. Operating Expenses shall not include Reserves.

"<u>Owner</u>" 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.

"<u>Permit</u>" shall mean Permit No. 44031996.000 issued by SWFWMD, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 4</u>, as amended from time to time.

"<u>Plat</u>" shall mean the plat for "ESTUARY – PHASES 1 AND 4," recorded in Plat Book 119, Pages 91 through 99, in the Public Records. This definition shall be automatically amended to include the plat of each phase of THE ESTUARY, as such phase is added to this Declaration.

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

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

"<u>Rules and Regulations</u>" shall mean the Rules and Regulations governing THE ESTUARY as adopted by the Board from time to lime.

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

"<u>Supplemental Declaration</u>" 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 for the Owners of any additional property made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Section 5.1, 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 described in such instrument.

"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, Wetland Conservation Areas, mitigation areas, lakes, retention areas, water management areas, ditches, culverts, structures, damns, impoundments, reservoirs, drainage maintenance easements and those works defined in Section 373.403 of the Florida Statutes. THE ESTUARY 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.

"Telecommunications Services" 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.

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

"Wetland Conservation Areas" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 26.3 herein. The Wetland Conservation Areas will be part of the Common Areas and will be maintained by Association.

3. Plan of Development.

3.1 <u>Plan</u>. The planning process for THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY and adjacent property owned by the Declarant into residences, comprised of homes, villas, coach homes, townhomes, zero lot line homes, patio homes, single-family homes, estate homes, multi-family homes, condominiums, rental apartments, and other forms of residential dwellings, as well as commercial development, which may include shopping centers, stores, office buildings, showrooms, industrial facilities, technological facilities, and professional offices. 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 THE ESTUARY as finally developed.

3.2 <u>Governing Documents</u>. The Governing Documents create a general plan of development for THE ESTUARY which may be supplemented by additional covenants, restrictions and easements. 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 THE ESTUARY from containing additional restrictions or provisions which 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 as and to the extent provided in the Governing Documents. Any Lease Agreement for a Home within THE ESTUARY 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.

4. <u>Amendment</u>

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 Association have the unfettered right to amend this Declaration and the other Governing Documents except as expressly set forth herein.

4.3 Amendments Prior to the Turnover Date. Prior to the Turnover Date, Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Such amendments may include, without limitation (i) the creation of easements for utility, drainage, ingress and egress and roof overhangs over any portion of THE ESTUARY; (ii) additions or deletions from THE ESTUARY 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 Date, 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 Date. 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 <u>Amendments After the Turnover Date</u>. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, this Declaration may be amended with the approval of (i) a sixty-six and two-thirds percent ($66 \frac{3}{3}$ %) 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 Date 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 <u>Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SWFWMD</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, prior to the Turnover Date, 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 Date, 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. In addition, the Board may amend this Declaration as it deems necessary or appropriate to make the terms of the Declaration 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.

5. Annexation and Withdrawal.

5.1 <u>Annexation by Declarant</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, additional lands may be made part of THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY. 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 THE ESTUARY.

5.2 <u>Annexation by Association</u>. After the Community Completion Date, and subject to applicable governmental approvals (if any), additional lands may be annexed with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent ($66 \ \frac{2}{3}$ %) 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.

5.3 <u>Withdrawal</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any portions of THE ESTUARY (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 THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY.

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.

6. Dissolution.

6.1 <u>Generally</u>. In the event of the dissolution of 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 of such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association. In the event the Association is dissolved, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the SWMS shall be conveyed to SWFWMD or an appropriate agency of local government, and if not accepted by such agency, the SWMS shall be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation. If the Association ceases 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.

6.2 <u>Applicability of Declaration after Dissolution</u>. In the event of dissolution of the Association, THE ESTUARY 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 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 THE ESTUARY which 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 the then owners of eighty percent (80%) of the Lots agreeing to terminate the covenants, conditions and restrictions, at the end of such twenty-five (25) year or ten (10) year period, 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 transfere 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 shall be to elect directors to the Association. 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 within three (3) months of the occurrence of the following events, whichever occurs earliest:

7.3.1.2.1 When ninety percent (90%) of the Lots ultimately planned for THE ESTUARY are conveyed to Owners; or

7.3.1.2.2 When the Declarant makes the election, in its sole and absolute discretion, to give written notice to the Association of its decision to cause the Turnover to occur.

7.4 <u>Ownership by Entity</u>. 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 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 Association are governed by this Declaration and the Articles and Bylaws.

7.6 <u>Document Recordation Prohibited</u>. Neither 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. <u>Paramount Right of Declarant</u>. 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 THE ESTUARY for various public purposes, or to make any portions of THE ESTUARY part of the Common Areas, or to create and implement a special taxing district which may include all or any portion of THE ESTUARY. In addition, the Common Areas, as applicable, of THE ESTUARY may include decorative improvements, berms, waterfalls, and water bodies. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the water bodies may be dry during certain weather conditions or during certain times of the year. Declarant may remove, modify, eliminate or replace these items from time to time in its sole discretion. 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.

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9. <u>Common Areas</u>.

9.1 Prior to Conveyance. Prior to the conveyance, identification and/or dedication of the Common Areas to the Association as set forth in Section 9.4 herein, any portion of the Common Areas owned by Declarant shall be operated, maintained, and administered at the sole cost of Association for all purposes and uses reasonably intended, as Declarant in its sole discretion deems appropriate. During such period, Declarant shall own, operate, and administer the 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, leased by, dedicated to, and/or maintained by the Association. The current conceptual plans and/or representations, if any, regarding the composition of the Common Areas are not a guarantee of the final composition of the Common Areas. No party should rely upon any statement contained herein as a representation. Declarant, so long as it controls Association, further specifically retains the 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 has constructed or will construct, at its sole cost and expense, certain improvements as part of the Common Areas as Declarant determines in its sole discretion. 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 Area improvements. 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, personalty (e.g., furniture), 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 dedicated by Plats, created in the form 9.4.1 of easements, or conveyed to the Association by Quit Claim Deed, or other instrument of conveyance, as determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion. Association shall The dedication, creation by pay all costs of the conveyance at the Declarant's request. 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 Association. THE COMMON AREAS, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO SHALL BE DEDICATED OR

CONVEYED 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 in the Plat of THE ESTUARY;

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;

in the event that Association believes that Declarant shall have failed in 9.4.2.5 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 herein are defective in any respect, Association shall give written notice to Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. Once Association has given written notice to Declarant pursuant to this Section. 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. 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 THE ESTUARY) to require that Association re-convey all or a portion of the Common Areas by Quit Claim 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 Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

9.5 <u>Operation After Conveyance</u>. 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 Date, 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) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (663%) 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

THIS IS NOT A members. ERTIFIED COPY 9.6 Paved Common Areas. The Common Areas may contain certain paved areas. Without

19.6 Paved Common Areas. 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 forming a part of the Common Areas. Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for an annual inspection 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. Association shall determine annually 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. AT PRESENT, THE ROADWAYS WITHIN, ADJACENT OR IN PROXIMITY TO THE ESTUARY ARE PART OF THE PUBLIC SYSTEM OF ROADWAYS. EACH OWNER BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ASSOCIATION AND DECLARANT HAVE NO CONTROL WITH REGARD TO ACCESS AND USAGE OF SUCH ROADWAYS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

9.7 <u>Delegation</u>. Once conveyed or dedicated to the Association, the Common Areas and improvements located thereon, as applicable, 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). Declarant, its affiliates and/or subsidiaries, shall have the right to manage the Association. Owners and the Association acknowledge that it is fair and reasonable to have Declarant, its affiliates and/or subsidiaries manage the Association. 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 <u>Use</u>.

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 Association) entitled to use those portions of the Common Areas. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant, and thereafter, 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 <u>Right to Allow Use</u>. Declarant and/or the Association may enter into easement agreements or other use or possession agreements whereby the Owners, 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 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.

9.8.3 <u>Waterbodies</u>. NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE WATER LEVELS IN ANY OF THE WATERBODIES IN THE ESTUARY; 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 WATERBODIES MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY DECLARANT OR ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME; AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT. Declarant and Association shall not be obligated to erect fences, gates, or walls around or adjacent to any waterbody or waterfall within THE ESTUARY. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Owner may erect a fence adjacent to the boundary of a waterbody but within the boundary of a Lot with the prior approval of the ACC. No fence or other structure may be placed within any lake maintenance easement.

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 Association.

Assumption of Risk. Without limiting any other provision herein, each Owner 9.8.5 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: (a) noise from maintenance equipment; (b) use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; (c) view restrictions caused by maturation of trees and shrubbery; (d) reduction in privacy caused by the removal or pruning of shrubbery or trees within THE ESTUARY; and (e) design of any portion of THE ESTUARY. Each such person also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless Declarant, 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, all waterbodies, lakes, ponds or areas adjacent to a lake, do so at their own risk. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMMON AREAS MAY CONTAIN WILDLIFE SUCH AS INSECTS, ALLIGATORS, DOGS, RACCOONS, SNAKES, DUCKS, DEER, SWINE, TURKEYS, AND FOXES. DECLARANT AND 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 <u>Owner's Obligation to Indemnify</u>. Each Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Declarant, 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 the Common Areas, including, without limitation, use of the lakes and other waterbodies within THE ESTUARY by Owners, and their guests, family members, invitees, or agents. Should any Owner bring suit against Declarant, 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 Date, 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 9.9.2 shall not apply to Declarant or to any property owned by Declarant, and shall not be applied in a manner which would adversely affect the interests of Declarant. Without limiting the foregoing, Declarant and its assigns, shall have the right to: (i) develop and construct commercial, club uses, and industrial uses, Homes, Common Areas and related improvements within THE ESTUARY, and make any additions, alterations, improvements, or changes thereto; (ii) maintain sales offices (for the sale and re-sale of (a) Homes and (b) residences and properties located outside of THE ESTUARY), general office and construction operations within THE ESTUARY; (iii) place, erect or construct portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structures within THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY; (v) post, display, inscribe or affix to the exterior of any portion of the Common Areas or portions of THE ESTUARY owned by Declarant, signs and other materials used in developing, constructing, selling or promoting the sale of any portion of THE ESTUARY including, without limitation, Lots, Parcels and Homes; (vi) excavate fill from any lakes or waterways within and/or contiguous to THE ESTUARY by dredge or dragline, store fill within THE ESTUARY and remove and/or sell excess fill; and grow or store plants and trees within, or contiguous to, THE ESTUARY and use and/or sell excess plants and trees; and (vii) undertake all activities which, in the sole opinion of Declarant, are necessary for the development and sale of any lands and improvements comprising THE ESTUARY.

9.10 <u>County Facilities</u>. THE ESTUARY includes a lift station located within Tract "F" as of the Plat. Tract "F" and the lift station facilities located therein have been dedicated to the County and shall be maintained by the County and not the Association.

9.11 <u>Default by Another Owner</u>. No default by any Owner in the performance of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration or by any person using the Common Areas or any other act of omission by any of them shall be construed or considered: (a) a breach by Declarant or Association or a non-defaulting Owner of any of their promises or covenants in this Declaration; (b) an actual, implied or constructive dispossession of another Owner from the Common Areas; or (c) an excuse, justification, waiver or indulgence of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration.

9.12 [Intentionally Omitted]

9.13 <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 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 Association.

9.14 <u>Site Plans and Plats</u>. The Plat may identify some of the Common Areas within THE ESTUARY. The description of the Common Areas on a Plat is subject to change and the notes on a 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 and Owners with respect to the Common Areas.



contrary, Association shall at all times maintain, repair, replace and insure the Common Areas, including all improvements placed thereon.

10.2 <u>Landscape Maintenance</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Association shall have no responsibility for the maintenance of landscaped areas within any Lot, including without limitation, sod, irrigation, yards, grass, shrubs, trees, mulch, or any other landscaping. The record title owner of each such Lot shall be responsible for the repair, replacement and maintenance of the irrigation and all landscaped areas and other improvements within any portion of the Lot. Any such repair, replacement and maintenance shall be consistent with the Landscape Maintenance Standards set forth in this Declaration.

10.3 Roadways. All roadways within THE ESTUARY shall be public roadways.

10.4 <u>Adjoining Areas</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, Association shall maintain those drainage areas, swales, lake maintenance easements, driveways, lake slopes and banks, and landscape areas that are within the Common Areas; provided, that, such areas are readily accessible to Association.

10.5 <u>Negligence</u>. The expense of any maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the Common Areas, drainage systems or SWMS necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or persons utilizing the Common Areas, drainage systems or SWMS 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 Association. Further, by way of example, an Owner shall be responsible for the cost to correct any drainage issues caused by any such Owner's negligence.

10.6 <u>Right of Entry</u>. Declarant and Association are granted a perpetual and irrevocable easement over, under and across all of THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY if Declarant is required to do so in order to obtain the release of any bond posted with any governmental agency.

10.7 Maintenance of Property Owned by Others. Association shall, if designated by Declarant (or by Association after the Community Completion Date) by amendment to this Declaration or any document of record, maintain vegetation, landscaping, sprinkler system, community identification/features and/or other areas or elements designated by Declarant (or by Association after the Community Completion Date) upon areas which are within or outside of THE ESTUARY. Such areas may abut, or be proximate to, THE ESTUARY, 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 and/or areas within canal rights-of-ways or other abutting waterways. To the extent there is any agreement between Declarant and Association for the maintenance of any lakes or ponds outside THE ESTUARY, the Association shall maintain the same and the costs thereof shall be paid by Owners as part of the Operating Expenses. 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 Perimeter Fences. The Declarant may install perimeter fences within THE ESTUARY (the "Perimeter Fences"). The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to maintain, repair, replace any Perimeter Fences within THE ESTUARY, including Perimeter Fences located on Lots. The Association may perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Perimeter 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 Fences 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 Perimeter Fences.

10.9 <u>Retention Walls</u>. The Declarant may construct retention walls within THE ESTUARY (the "<u>Retention Walls</u>"). The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to maintain, repair, replace any Retention Walls, including all Retention Walls located on Lots. The Association may perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Retention Walls at the Board's discretion and the costs of such maintenance, repair or replacement shall be Operating Expenses. Failure of the Association to undertake any such maintenance, replacement or repair of the Retention Walls 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 Retention Walls.

In addition to Retention Walls, the Declarant may construct Retention Wall fences ("Retention Wall Fences") on those Lots that abut the rear Lot line of Lots with Retention Walls. Such Retention Wall Fences shall be located at the rear Lot line of certain Lots that abut the rear Lot line of Lots with Retention Walls. The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to repair and replace any Retention Walls Fences; however, the Owner of the Lot that includes the Retention Wall (a "Retention Wall Lot Owner") shall be responsible for day-to-day maintenance and cleaning of such Retention Wall Fence facing such Owner's Lot, and the Owner of the Lot upon which the Retention Wall Fence is located (a "Retention Wall Fence Lot Owner") shall be responsible for day-to-day maintenance and cleaning of such Retention Wall Fence facing such Owner's Lot. The Declarant reserves on behalf of each Retention Wall Lot Owner a two and one-half foot (2 1/2') easement extending over and across the rear Lot line of the abutting Lot that includes a Retention Wall Fence for maintenance of the Retention Wall Fence and any landscaping abutting such Retention Wall Lot Owner's Lot. Furthermore, the Declarant reserves on behalf of each Retention Wall Lot Owner a two and one-half foot (2 1/2') easement extending over and across the rear Lot line of the abutting Lot that includes a Retention Wall Fence for the purpose of permitting the Retention Wall Lot Owner to install a fence and/or landscaping in the area along the rear Lot boundary of the Lot that includes a Retention Wall Fence.

10.10 <u>Mail Kiosks</u>. The Declarant may install mail kiosks within THE ESTUARY (the "<u>Mail</u> <u>Kiosks</u>"). The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to maintain, repair, replace any Mail Kiosks within THE ESTUARY, including Mail Kiosks located on Lots. The Association may perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Mail Kiosks at the Board's discretion and the costs of such maintenance, repair or replacement shall be Operating Expenses. Failure of the Association to undertake any such maintenance, replacement or repair of the Mail Kiosks 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, install such Mail Kiosks.

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 THE ESTUARY by the record title owner of the applicable Lot. Each Owner is specifically responsible for maintaining all grass, landscaping and improvements within any portion of a 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 THE ESTUARY. 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 <u>Right of Association to Enforce</u>. Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Lot for the purpose of insuring 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 noncomplying Owner as an Individual Assessment. The Association shall have the right to enforce this Section 11 by all necessary legal action. In the event that 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>Landscape Maintenance Standards</u>. The following maintenance standards (the "Landscape Maintenance Standards") apply to landscaping within Lots:

11.2.1 <u>Trees</u>. Trees are to be pruned as needed and maintained with the canopy no lower than eight feet (8') from the ground.

11.2.2 Shrubs. All shrubs are to be trimmed as needed.

11.2.3 Grass.

11.2.3.1 <u>Cutting Schedule</u>. Grass shall be maintained in a neat and appropriate manner. In no event shall lawn within any Lot be in excess of five inches (5") in height.

11.2.3.2 Edging. Edging of all streets, curbs, beds and borders shall be performed as needed. Chemical edging shall not be permitted.

11.2.3.3 <u>St. Augustine Grass</u>. Only St. Augustine grass (i.e., Floratam or a similar variety) is permitted in the front yards and side yards, including side yards facing a street.

11.2.4 Mulch. Mulch shall be replenished as needed on a yearly basis.

11.2.5 <u>Insect Control and Disease</u>. Insect control and disease shall be performed on an as needed basis. Failure to do so could result in additional liability if the disease and insect spread to neighboring Lots and Common Areas. Dead grass shall be removed and replaced within thirty (30) days of dying. If the County code or SWFWMD regulations require Bahia grass in the rear yards, it shall remain as Bahia and if it dies, may only be replaced with Bahia.

11.2.6 <u>Fertilization</u>. Fertilization of all turf, trees, shrubs, and palms shall be performed according to Best Management Practices as provided by the Hillsborough County Extension Service or The University of Florida IFAS Extension.

11.2.7 Irrigation. Watering and irrigation will be the sole responsibility of the record title Owner of the respective Lot. Such Owner will be required to water consistently to maintain a green and healthy lawn at all times. Irrigation maintenance will also be the responsibility of the record title Owner of the respective Lot. Sprinkler heads shall be maintained on a monthly basis. Water spray from sprinklers shall not extend beyond any property line of the respective Lot. Automatic sprinkler systems shall not cause water to run onto neighboring Lots, walkways, streets or the like and shall include a timing system to limit hours of operation. All components of the irrigation system, clock, pump stations and valves shall be checked as needed by an independent contractor to assure proper automatic operation. It is the Owner's responsibility to comply with all applicable watering restrictions.

11.2.8 Weeding. All beds are to be weeded upon every cut. Weeds growing in joints in curbs, driveways, and expansion joints shall be removed as needed. Chemical treatment is permitted.

11.2.9 <u>Trash Removal</u>. Dirt, trash, plant and tree cuttings and debris resulting from all operations shall be removed and all areas left in clean condition before the end of the day.

11.3 Landscaping and Irrigation.

11.3.1 Every Owner shall be required to irrigate the grass and landscaping located on their Lot in a routine and ordinary manner, and shall ensure that sufficient irrigation occurs during all periods when the Owner is absent from the Lot.

11.3.2 Without the prior consent of the ACC, no sod, topsoil, tree or shrubbery shall be removed from THE ESTUARY and there shall be no change in the plant landscaping, elevation, condition of the soil or the level of the land of such areas which results in any change in the flow and drainage of surface water which 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 Association for all expenses incurred in fixing such drainage problems including, without limitation, removing excess water and/or repairing the Surface Water Management System.

11.3.3 No landscape lighting shall be installed by an Owner without the prior written approval of the ACC or Declarant.

11.4 <u>Waterbody Slopes</u>. The rear yard of some Lots may contain waterbody slopes. Such waterbody slopes will be regulated and maintained by the Association. The Decarant hereby grants the Association an easement of ingress and egress across all Lots adjacent to waterbody areas for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such waterbody slopes.

11.5 <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 suffered to remain upon any Lot.

11.6 Driveway and Sidewalk Repair. Each Owner shall be responsible to timely repair, maintain and/or replace the driveway comprising part of a Lot and the sidewalk within any Lot. In the event the County or any of its subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove any portion of an Owner's driveway or sidewalk for the installation, repair, replacement or maintenance of utilities, then the Owner of the applicable Lot will be responsible to replace or repair the driveway or sidewalk at such Owner's expense. Further, each Owner agrees to reimburse Association, any expense incurred in repairing any damage to such driveway or sidewalk in the event that such Owner fails to make the required repairs, together with interest at the highest rate allowed by law. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the noncomplying Owner as an Individual Assessment.

11.7 <u>Right-of-Way</u>. Each Owner also 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 its Lot. No tree installed by the Declarant in such public right-of-ways 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 THE ESTUARY. If any such tree dies, such tree shall be replaced by the Owner of the Lot directly adjacent to the where the tree was located, at the Owner's expense, by a similar tree.

12. <u>Use Restrictions</u>. The following Use Restrictions shall apply to all Lots within THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY for 12.2 commercial purposes. Other than swine, poultry, vicious breeds and uninsurable pets (i.e. pets that create policy coverage exclusions under insurance policies purchased by the Association or pets that cause increases in insurance policy premiums under insurance policies purchased by the Association). Owners may keep no more than three (3) domestic pets as permitted by Hillsborough 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. 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 or enclosures 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 THE ESTUARY 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 Vehicles.

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 THE ESTUARY or a Lot except on the surfaced parking area thereof. Vehicles shall not park on the paved surfaces comprising the Common Area, including without limitation, any roadways within THE ESTUARY. To the extent THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY except during the period of a delivery. Recreational vehicles, personal street vans, personal trucks of three-quarter (3/4) ton capacity or smaller, and personal vehicles that can be appropriately parked within A standard size garage may be parked in THE ESTUARY.

12.4.2 <u>Repairs and Maintenance of Vehicles</u>. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain on THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 <u>Prohibited Vehicles</u>. No commercial vehicle, limousine, recreational vehicle, boat, trailer, including without limitation, boat trailers, house trailers, and trailers of every other type, kind or description, or camper, may be kept within THE ESTUARY except in the garage of a Home. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a boat and/or boat trailer may be kept within the fenced yard of a Lot so long as the boat and/or boat trailer, when located within a fenced yard, are fully screened from view by such fence. The term "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 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 THE ESTUARY. 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. 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, 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 which are in violation of this Declaration. An affidavit of the person posting the foresaid notice stating that it was properly posted shall be conclusive evidence of proper posting.

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, administrative offices of Declarant, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted within THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY. No solicitors of a commercial nature shall be allowed within THE ESTUARY, without the prior written consent of Association. No day care center or facility may be operated out of a Home. No garage sales are permitted, except as permitted by Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, 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 THE ESTUARY. 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 THE ESTUARY 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 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 Association. The Board shall have the right to prohibit or restrict the use of grills or barbecue facilities throughout THE ESTUARY.

12.10 <u>Decorations</u>. No decorative objects including, but not limited to, birdbaths, light fixtures, sculptures, statutes, and weather vanes shall be installed or placed within or upon any portion of THE ESTUARY 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 on 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). Except as otherwise provided in Section 720.304(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2011), 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 THE ESTUARY complies with this Declaration, such dispute shall, prior to the Community Completion Date, be decided by Declarant, and thereafter by Association. A determination rendered by such party with respect to such dispute shall be final and binding on all persons concerned.

12.12 Drainage System. 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 repair or replacement of such systems and/or facilities thereafter within the boundary of a Lot shall be the responsibility of the Association; however, the Association shall have no responsibility for landscaping maintenance and the Owner of any such Lot shall be required to maintain such Lot in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of this Declaration. In the event that such drainage systems or facilities (whether comprised of swales, pipes, pumps, retention area 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 systems and/or facilities shall be the responsibility of the record title owner of the Lot containing such landscaping, fences, structures or additions that adversely affected the adjacent Lot's drainage systems and/or facilities. By way of example, and not of limitation, if a Lot includes a tree (pursuant to ACC approval) and the roots of such tree subsequently affect pipes or other drainage systems and/or facilities within another Lot, the record title owner of the Lot containing the tree shall be solely responsible for the removal of the roots which adversely affects the adjacent Lot. Likewise, if the roots of a tree located within the Common Areas adversely affect an adjacent Lot, the Association shall be responsible for the removal of the roots and the costs thereof shall be Operating Expenses. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, ASSOCIATION AND DECLARANT SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEMS OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER.

12.13 <u>Extended Vacation and Absences</u>. In the event a Home will be unoccupied for an extended period, the Home must be prepared prior to departure by: (i) notifying Association in writing; (ii) removing all removable furniture, plants and other objects from outside the Home; and (iii) 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. The name of the designee shall be furnished to Association. Neither Association nor Declarant shall have any responsibility of any nature relating to any unoccupied Home.

Fences and Walls. No walls or fences shall be erected or installed without prior written 12.14 consent of the ACC. The ACC may permit Owners of Lots which abut, run along, intersect with or join the perimeter of any pond, lake, water body, or conservation area to install fences up to six feet (6'); however, beginning ten feet (10') from the boundary of any pond, lake, water body, or conservation area, the fence shall drop or graduate to a maximum height of four feet (4') and such fence only shall be made of an open design such as a picket fence in accordance with the Community Standards. No chain link or wooden fencing of any kind shall be allowed and picket style fences may not be made of wood. The ACC may require the last panel of any fence that abuts a perimeter fence or fence located on Common Area match the height of such fence. Fences shall not be installed flush to the ground so that drainage will be blocked in any way. Due to the Association's maintenance requirements and responsibilities the installation of fences within a drainage easement area is not expected to be approved by the ACC. However, in the event a fence is installed within a drainage easement area, with prior written ACC approval, the Owner is solely responsible for fence repair or replacement if the drainage easement area needs to be accessed or as otherwise provided in Section 15.9 hereof. In addition to ACC approval, Owner must obtain, at his or her own expense, an agreement in writing executed by the Association approving such fence, which agreement may be recorded by the Association in its sole and absolute discretion.

12.15 <u>Fuel Storage</u>. No fuel storage shall be permitted within THE ESTUARY, except as may be necessary or reasonably used for swimming pools, spas, barbecues, fireplaces or similar devices.

12.16 <u>Garages</u>. Each Home must at a minimum include a two (2) car garage. 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.

12.17 <u>Garbage Cans</u>. Trash collection and disposal procedures established by 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>General Use Restrictions</u>. Each Home, the Common Areas and any portion of THE ESTUARY shall not be used in any manner contrary to the Governing Documents.

12.19 <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. Panel, accordion and roll-up style hurricane shutters may not be left closed during hurricane season (nor 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.

12.20 Irrigation. 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. Declarant is not providing any irrigation to the Lots. 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 Association or an Owner, shall be the maintenance obligation of Association and shall be deemed part of the Common Areas.

12.21 <u>Waterbody Slopes</u>. The rear yard of some Lots may border water bodies forming part of the Common Areas. The Association will maintain waterbody slopes and banks contiguous to the rear Lot

to prevent or restore erosion of slopes and banks due to drainage or roof culvert outfalls. The Øwner of each Lot bordering on the waterbody shall ensure that waterbody banks and slopes remain free of any structural or landscape encroachments so as to permit vehicular access for maintenance when needed. Each Owner by the acceptance of a deed to their Lot hereby grants Association an easement of ingress and egress across his or her Lot to all adjacent waterbody areas for the purpose of insuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.

12.22 Laundry. Subject to the provisions of Section 163.04 of the Florida Statutes, 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 clothes line.

12.23 <u>Lawful Use</u>. No immoral, improper, offensive, unlawful or obnoxious use shall be made in any portion of THE ESTUARY. 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 THE ESTUARY shall be the same as the responsibility for maintenance and repair of the property concerned.

12.24 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 12.24. All Lease Agreements shall be in writing. A copy of all Lease Agreements shall be provided to 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 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 Association. By acceptance of a deed to a Home, the Owner hereby agrees to remove, at the Owner's sole expense, by legal means including eviction, his or her tenant should the tenant refuse or fail to abide by and adhere to this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations and any other policies adopted by Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should an Owner fail to perform his or her obligations under this Section, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to evict such tenant and the costs of the same shall be charged to the Owner as an Individual Assessment. 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.

12.25 Minor's Use of Commonly Shared Facilities. Adults shall be responsible for all actions of

their minor children at all times in and about THE ESTUARY. Neither Declarant nor Association shall be responsible for any use of the Common Areas, by anyone, including minors.

12.26 <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 THE ESTUARY is permitted. No firearms shall be discharged within THE ESTUARY. Nothing shall be done or kept within the Common Areas or any other portion of THE ESTUARY, including a Home or Lot which will increase the rate of insurance to be paid by Association.

12.27 <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.

12.28 Paint. Homes shall be repainted within forty-five (45) days of notice by the ACC.

12.29 <u>Personal Property</u>. 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 THE ESTUARY, which is unsightly or which interferes with the comfort and convenience of others.

12.30 <u>Removal of Soil and Additional Landscaping</u>. Without the prior consent of the ACC, no Owner shall remove soil from any portion of THE ESTUARY, change the level of the land within THE ESTUARY, or plant landscaping which results in any permanent change in the flow and drainage of surface water within THE ESTUARY. Owners may place additional plants, shrubs, or trees within any portion of THE ESTUARY with the prior approval of the ACC.

12.31. <u>Roofs</u>, <u>Driveways</u> and <u>Pressure Treatment</u>. Roofs and/or exterior surfaces and/or pavement, including, but not limited to, walks and drives, shall be pressure cleaned within thirty (30) days of notice by the ACC. 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 shall be dimensional with a thirty (30) year life.

12.32 <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 THE ESTUARY. No Owner shall operate any equipment or device which will interfere with the radio or television reception of others. All antennas not covered by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules are prohibited. Installation, maintenance, and use of all antennas shall comply with restrictions adopted by the Board and shall be governed by the then current rules of the FCC.

12.33 <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.

12.34 <u>Servants</u>. Servants and domestic help of any Owner may not gather or lounge in or about the Common Areas.

12.35 <u>Signs and Flags</u>. No sign (including brokerage or for sale/lease signs), flag, banner, advertisement, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of THE ESTUARY that is visible from the outside without the prior written approval thereof being first had and obtained from the ACC as required by this Declaration. The ACC will adopt a standard "For Sale" sign that contains no other wording than the name, address and telephone number of

one (1) registered real estate broker, or a telephone number of an Owner or its agent. No other "For Sale" or "For Lease" signs may be used. In no event shall more than one (1) sign ever be placed on a Lot at any one (1) time. No sign may be placed in the window of a Home. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with Florida Statutes 720.304 (2011), any Owner may display one (1) portable, removable official flag not larger than 4 ½ feet by 6 feet, United States flag or one official flag of the State of Florida in a respectful manner, and one portable removable official flag not larger than 4½ feet by 6 feet, which represents the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard or a POW-MIA flag.

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 THE ESTUARY 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.

12.36 <u>Sports Equipment</u>. No recreational, playground or sports equipment shall be installed or placed within or about any portion of THE ESTUARY without prior written consent of the ACC. No basketball backboards, skateboard ramps, trampolines, or play structures will be permitted without the prior written approval by the ACC. Temporary basketball equipment and backboards shall not be approved by the ACC. Such approved equipment shall be located at the rear of the Lots or on the inside portion of corner Lots within the setback lines, except basketball equipment shall be located in the front of the Lot and installed in accordance with the applicable requirements as provided in the Community Standards. Tree houses or platforms of a similar nature shall not be constructed on any part of a Lot. Rules and Regulations governing basketball hoops may be adopted by the Association from time to time.

12.37 <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 without the prior approval of the ACC, which approval shall conform to the requirements of this Declaration. Water softeners, trash containers, propane tanks, and other similar devices shall be properly screened from the street in a manner approved by the ACC.

12.38 <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 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 THE ESTUARY, without the prior written approval of Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

12.39 <u>Substances</u>. No flammable, combustible or explosive fuel, fluid, chemical, hazardous waste, or substance shall be kept on any portion of THE ESTUARY or within any Home or Lot, except those which are required for normal household use. All propane tanks and bottled gas for household and/or pool purposes (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.

12.40 <u>Swimming, Boating and Docks</u>. Swimming is prohibited within any of the lakes or waterbodies within or adjacent to THE ESTUARY. Boating and personal watercraft (e.g., water skis) are prohibited. No private docks may be erected within any waterbody.

12.41 <u>Swimming Pools</u>. No above-ground pools shall be permitted. All in-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and appurtenances installed shall require the prior written approval of the ACC as set forth in this Declaration. The design must incorporate, at a minimum, the following: (i) the composition of the material must be thoroughly tested and accepted by the industry for such construction; (ii) any swimming pool constructed on any Lot shall have an elevation at the top of the pool of not over two feet (2') above the natural grade unless approved by the ACC; (iii) pool cages must be of a design, color and material

approved by the ACC; and (iv) pool cages shall in no event be higher than the roof line of the Home. Pool cages shall not extend beyond the sides of the Home without express approval by the ACC. All pools shall be adequately maintained and chlorinated (or cleaned with similar treatment). Unless installed by Declarant, no diving boards, slides, or platforms shall be permitted without ACC approval.

12.42 <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, guests, tenants and invitees.

12.43 <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.

12.44 <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.

12.45 <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 Association in their natural state.

12.46 <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 shall be placed on the windows of any Home without prior written approval of the ACC. No awnings, canopies or shutters shall be affixed to the exterior of a Home without the prior written approval of the ACC. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes on windows shall be permitted unless approved by the ACC. Window treatments facing the street shall be of a neutral color, such as white, off-white or wood tones.

12.47 <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 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 <u>Other Insurance</u>. Such other insurance coverage as appropriate from time to time. All coverage obtained by Association shall cover all activities of Association and all properties maintained by Association, whether or not Association owns title thereto.

14.1.5 <u>Declarant</u>. Prior to the Turnover Date, 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 <u>Homes</u>.

14.2.1 <u>Requirement to Maintain Insurance</u>. 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 resod and landscape land comprising the Home. Upon the request of 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. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of Association, 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: the Owner shall commence reconstruction and/or repair of the Home ("Required Repair") or 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 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 Association, Association shall have a right to bring an action against an Owner who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements. By way of example, 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 Association with respect to any casualty that affects all or a portion of THE ESTUARY.

14.2.4 <u>Additional Rights of Association</u>. 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 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 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 Association.

14.2.5 <u>Association Has No Liability</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary this Section, 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, Association, its directors and officers, shall not be liable to any person if Association does not enforce the rights given to Association in this Section.

14.3 <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>. If available, a blanket fidelity bond for all officers, directors, trustees and employees of Association, and all other persons handling or responsible for funds of, or administered by, 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 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 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, Association shall be responsible for reconstruction after casualty. In the event of damage to a Home, or any portion thereof, the Owner 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 with the current governmental regulation(s).

14.7 <u>Cost of Payment of Premiums</u>. The costs of all insurance maintained by 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 the Common Areas or should the Owner fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage for their Home.

14.9 <u>Additional Insured</u>. Declarant and its Lender(s) shall be named as additional insured on all policies obtained by Association, as their interests may appear.

15. Property Rights.

15.1 <u>Owners' Easement of Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner, tenants, guests and invitees, and every owner of an interest in THE ESTUARY 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



15.1.2 Rules and Regulations adopted governing use and enjoyment of the Common Areas.

15.1.3 The right of Association to suspend rights hereunder or to impose fines in accordance with Section 720.305, Florida Statutes (2011).

15.1.4 The right of the Association to suspend use rights (except vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and necessary utilities) of all or a portion of the Common Areas for any period during which any Assessment remains unpaid.

15.1.5 The right of Declarant and/or 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 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 THE ESTUARY as reserved in this Declaration, including the right to utilize the same and to grant use rights, etc. to others.

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 15.3 reserves an easement for itself or its nominees over, upon, across, and under THE ESTUARY as may be required in connection with the development of THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY 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 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 Association on account of Declarant's use of the Common Areas for construction purposes. Declarant may market other residences and commercial properties located outside of THE ESTUARY from Declarant's sales facilities located within THE ESTUARY. 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.

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.

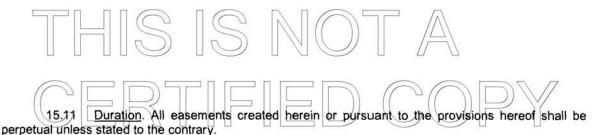
15.6 <u>Easement for Encroachments</u>. In the event that any improvement upon Common Areas as originally constructed, shall encroach upon any other property or improvements thereon, or for any reason, then an easement appurtenant to the encroachment shall exist for so long as the encroachment shall naturally exist.

15.7 <u>Permits, Licenses and Easements</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Declarant, and thereafter 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 THE ESTUARY (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, 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 THE ESTUARY (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance of Common Areas, utilities, cables, wires and other similar facilities.

15.9 Drainage. A non-exclusive easement shall exist in favor of Declarant, Association, and their designees, and any applicable water management district, state agency, county agency and/or federal agency having jurisdiction over THE ESTUARY over, across and upon THE ESTUARY 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, sprinkler systems, trees, shrubs, hedges or landscaping plants other than grass, except for (i) improvements installed by Declarant, (ii) landscaping of the Surface Water Management System, (iii) as required by the County Land Development Code 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 and any other recorded easements for such parties in order to construct, maintain, inspect, record data on, monitor, test, or repair, as necessary, any water management areas, mitigation areas, swales, 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 THE ESTUARY and/or installation or maintenance of utilities or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through THE ESTUARY 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 Association</u>. Association is hereby granted an easement over all of THE ESTUARY, including all Lots, for the purposes of: (a) constructing, maintaining, replacing and operating all Common Areas, including, but not limited to, lakes, perimeter walls and fences; and (b) performing any obligation of an Owner for which Association intends to impose an Individual Assessment.



16. [Intentionally Omitted]

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 and improved Lots owned by the Declarant may not receive certain services, the Declarant and Owners shall not be assessed uniformly.

17.2 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The Assessments levied by Association shall be used for, among other things, the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of THE ESTUARY, and in particular, without limitation, for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Areas. 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, the repair or replacement of the Surface Water Management System, 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 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**"). 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, which costs 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 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 Designation. The designation of Assessment type shall be made by 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 Installment Assessments shall be allocated so that each Owner shall pay its pro rata portion of 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 THE ESTUARY 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. Under no circumstances will the denominator be less than the number of Lots owned by Owners.

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 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 Date, a Special Assessment may be levied by the Association with the approval of (i) a sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 ²/₃%) 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.

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 Owners of any sums due.

17.5 <u>General Assessments Allocation</u>. Installment Assessments shall be uniform for all Owner-owned Lots. Special Assessments and Reserves shall be allocated equally to each Owner.

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 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 Lot or Home to such Owner.

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 on or prior to September 30th of the prior fiscal year, it is possible that Association may collect more or less than the amount budgeted for Operating Expenses. Prior to the Turnover Date, Declarant shall have the option to (i) pay any Operating Expenses incurred by the Association that 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 rate of ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessments if Declarant has elected to fund the Deficit instead of paying Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by Declarant, (ii) pay Special Assessments or Reserves, or (iii) fund deficits due to delinquent Owners. Any surplus Assessments collected by Association may be allocated towards the next year's Operating Expenses or, in Association's sole and absolute discretion, to the creation of Reserves, whether or not budgeted. Under

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no circumstances shall 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 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 ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessment established for Lots owned by Class A members.. Declarant shall not be responsible for any Reserves or Special Assessments. 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. THE DECLARANT SPECIFICALLY ELECTS TO FUND THE DEFICIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 720.308(1)(B), FLORIDA STATUTES (2011). AS SUCH, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 720.308(2) THROUGH 720.308(6), FLORIDA STATUTES (2011), 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 Association. Assessments shall be payable by each Owner as provided in this Declaration. THE INITIAL BUDGET OF 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) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Written notice of the amount and date of commencement thereof shall be given to each Owner not less than ten (10) days in advance of the due date of the first installment thereof. 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 on a quarterly basis.

17.10.2 Special Assessments and Individual Assessments may be established by 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 Association.

17.11 <u>Initial Contribution</u>. The first purchaser of each Lot at the time of closing shall pay to the Association an initial contribution in the amount equal to Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$300.00) (the "<u>Initial Contribution</u>"). The funds derived from the Initial Contributions shall be used at the discretion of the Board for any purpose, including but not limited to, 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 a recurring assessment payable to the Association upon all succeeding conveyances of a Home. There shall be collected upon every conveyance of an ownership interest in a Home by an Owner a resale

contribution in the amount equal to Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$300.00) (the "<u>Resale</u> <u>Contribution</u>"). The Resale Contribution shall not be applicable to conveyances from Declarant. The amount of the Resale Contribution and the manner of payment shall be determined by resolution of the Board from time to time; provided, however, all Homes shall be assessed a uniform amount.

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 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 Association, or its designees, and shall be open to inspection by any Owner. Within ten (10) days of a written request therefor, there shall be furnished to an Owner an estoppel certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments have been paid and/or the amount which 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 Association a reasonable sum to cover the costs of examining records and preparing such estoppel certificate.

17.14 <u>Payment of Home Real Estate Taxes</u>. Each Owner shall pay all taxes and obligations relating to its Lot which, if not paid, could become a lien against the Lot which 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 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 Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien for Assessments shall be subordinate to bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender on any Lot, 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 Lot 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 (2011). However, any such unpaid Assessments 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 pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise pursuant to a foreclosure) shall not relieve the 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 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 applicable to Owner. In the event Association makes such payment on behalf of an Owner, 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 an Owner pursuant to this Section shall be added to Assessments payable by such Owner with appropriate interest.

17.17 Acceleration. In the event of a default in the payment of any Assessment, 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 Association for administrative costs, loss of use of money, and accounting expenses. 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. Association shall not be required to bring such an action if it believes that the best interests of 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 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 <u>Exemption</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant shall not be responsible for any Assessments of any nature or any portion of the Operating Expenses. 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 THE ESTUARY subject to this Declaration from the Assessments, provided that such part of THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY 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 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 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, which remedies; 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 <u>Rights to Pay Assessments and Receive Reimbursement</u>. Association, Declarant and any Lender of a Home 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 Association with regard to the amounts due.

17.22 <u>Mortgagee Right</u>. Each Lender may request in writing that 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 Association to furnish notice to any Lender shall not result in liability of Association because such notice is given as a courtesy to a Lender and the furnishing of such notice is not an obligation of 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. Information to Lenders and Owners.

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 (if any) which would require the consent of a specific mortgage holder.

19. Architectural Control.

19.1 <u>Architectural Control Committee</u>. The ACC shall be a permanent committee of Association and shall administer and perform the architectural and landscape review and control functions relating to THE ESTUARY. 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. The ACC shall oversee such subcommittees and shall take precedence over any decision made by such subcommittees. 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 thirty (30) 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 fill have the same rights as Declarant with respect to the ACC.

19.2 Membership. There is no requirement that any member of the ACC be a member of

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development of THE ESTUARY. Accordingly, the ACC shall have the right to approve or disapprove all architectural, landscaping, and improvements within THE ESTUARY 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.

19.4 <u>Master Plan</u>. 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 THE ESTUARY. SUCH RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS RESPECTING THE ESTUARY. SUCH RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS ARE NOT A GUARANTEE OF HOW THE ESTUARY 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 respective contractors and employees shall observe, and comply with, the Community Standards which 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 <u>Quorum</u>. 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 maintained on 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 Board fails to plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The Board fails to and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. 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.

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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 THE ESTUARY shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition throughout construction. Construction activities shall be performed on a diligent, workmanlike and continuous basis. Roadways, easements, swales, Common Areas and other such areas in THE ESTUARY shall be kept clear of construction vehicles, construction materials and debris at all times. No construction office or trailer shall be kept in THE ESTUARY and no construction materials shall be stored in THE ESTUARY, 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, "<u>Contractors</u>") and changes to the list as they occur relating to construction. Contractors and their employees shall utilize those roadways and entrances into THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY.

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 THE ESTUARY. 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 THE ESTUARY and each Owner shall include the same therein.

19.13 <u>Inspection</u>. There is specifically reserved to Association and ACC and to any agent or member of either of them, the right of entry and inspection upon any portion of THE ESTUARY at any time within reasonable daytime hours, for the purpose of determination 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 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 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 Section 19.13 herein.

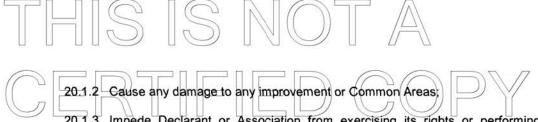
19.18 <u>Exemption</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or in the Community Standards, any improvements of any nature made or to be made by Declarant, including without limitation, improvements made or to be made to the Common Areas or any Lot, shall not be subject to the review of the ACC, the Association, or the provisions of the Community Standards.

19.19 Exculpation. Declarant, Association, the directors or officers of 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, 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, 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, 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, Association, ACC or their members, officers and directors. Declarant, 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 <u>Right to Cure</u>. 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;



20.1.3 Impede Declarant or 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 THE ESTUARY, as the case may be; then Declarant and/or 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 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, 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 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.

20.6 Fines and Suspensions. 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 (2011), 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 "<u>Covenants Enforcement Committee</u>") appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors or employees of 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, guest or invitee, as applicable, by not later than twenty-one (21) days after the meeting of the 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 THE ESTUARY and sales and re-sales of Lots, Homes and/or other properties owned by Declarant or others outside of THE ESTUARY. 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 Community Completion Date.

21.2 Modification. The development and marketing of THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY and/or on the Common Areas without any charge for use. Declarant, its agents, affiliates, or assignees shall have the right to market THE ESTUARY in advertisements and other media by making reference to THE ESTUARY, including, but not limited to, pictures or drawings of THE ESTUARY, Common Areas, Parcels and Homes constructed in THE ESTUARY. All logos, trademarks, and designs used in connection with THE ESTUARY are the property of Declarant, and 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 THE ESTUARY.

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>. Declarant may manage the Common Areas by contract with Association. Declarant may also contract with a third party ("<u>Manager</u>") for management of Association and the Common Areas.

Easements. Until the Community Completion Date, Declarant reserves the exclusive right 21.7 to grant, in its sole discretion, easements, permits and/or licenses for ingress and egress, drainage, utilities service, maintenance, and other purposes over, under, upon and across THE ESTUARY 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 as easement for irrigation, drainage lines or electrical lines over any portion of a Parcel 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. Association and Owners will, without charge, if requested by Declarant: (a) join in the creation of such easements, etc. and cooperate in the operation thereof; and (b) collect and remit fees associated therewith, if any, to the appropriate party. 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 <u>Right to Enforce</u>. 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 Association and to recover all costs incurred in doing so.

21.9 Additional Development. If Declarant withdraws portions of THE ESTUARY 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 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 THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY or adjacent to or near THE ESTUARY, 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, ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT 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 THE ESTUARY 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 ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF THE ESTUARY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF THE ESTUARY 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 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY OR PREVENTS TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES;

21.12.3 THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE SHALL BE APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS CREATING A DUTY OF 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 THE ESTUARY (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH USE) 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 ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS

MEANING ALL OF ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES AGENTS, CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS).

21.13 <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. 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 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 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA. ACCORDINGLY, AN IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION EXISTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER AND DECLARANT AGREES THAT THE VENUE FOR RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN HILLSBOROUGH 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 THE ESTUARY 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 placed in the Public Records.

21.17 <u>Additional Covenants</u>. The Declarant may record additional covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements applicable to portions of THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY 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 <u>Right to Approve Sales Materials</u>. All sales, promotional, and advertising materials, and all forms for deeds, contracts for sale and other closing documents for any subdivision and sale of property in THE ESTUARY by any party shall be subject to the prior 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 "THE ESTUARY"</u>. No person or entity shall use the name "THE ESTUARY," its logo, or any derivative of such name or logo in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's approval. Until the Turnover Date, the Declarant shall have the sole right to approve the use of THE ESTUARY name and logo, and such right shall automatically pass to the Association after the Turnover Date. However, Owners may use the name "THE ESTUARY" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within THE ESTUARY.

21.20 <u>Density Transfers</u>. If any party shall develop any portion of THE ESTUARY so that the number of Lots contained in such portion of THE ESTUARY 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 Declarant.

22. <u>Refund of Taxes and Other Charges</u>. Unless otherwise provided herein, 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 Association.

23. <u>Assignment of Powers</u>. All or any part of the rights, exemptions and powers and reservations of Declarant, as the case may be, 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 Association is specifically required, all decisions, duties, and obligations of Association hereunder may be made by the majority of the Board. 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 <u>Execution of Documents</u>. 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 THE ESTUARY, 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 THE ESTUARY or any portion(s) thereof.

24.4 <u>Affirmative Obligation of Association</u>. In the event that 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, 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, 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.

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 on the date this Declaration is recorded except to the extent provided otherwise in this Declaration as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

Construction Activities. ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND USERS OF THE ESTUARY 24.7 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 THE ESTUARY. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE, LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR OTHER INTEREST, AND BY USING ANY PORTION OF THE ESTUARY. 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 THE ESTUARY 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 THE ESTUARY HAS BEEN AND WILL BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREGOING.

24.8 <u>Title Documents</u>. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Lot acknowledges that such Lot is subject to certain land use and title documents and all amendments thereto set forth in this Declaration, and set forth in the title documents recorded in the Public Records (collectively, the "<u>Title</u> <u>Documents</u>"). Declarant's plan of development for THE ESTUARY 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 the form or substance of any amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, upon the Community Completion Date 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.

24.9 <u>Right to Contract for Telecommunications Services</u>. 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 THE ESTUARY. 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.

25. Surface Water Management System.

25.1 <u>Surface Water Management Systems, Lakes and Wet Retention Ponds</u>. The Association shall be responsible for maintenance of SWMS, ditches, canals, lakes, and water retention ponds in THE ESTUARY. All SWMS within THE ESTUARY which are accepted by or constructed by the Association or the Declarant, 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 facilities and make whatever alterations, improvements or repairs that are deemed necessary to provide or restore property water management.

25.1.1 No construction activities may be conducted relative to any portion of the SWMS. 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 THE ESTUARY a wetland mitigation area or a wet detention pond, 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 water retention or drainage areas which it abuts. No person shall fill, dike, rip-rap, block, divert or change the established water retention 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 and conservation areas, 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 Assessments. 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 or conservation areas, 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 of property within the subdivision may construct or maintain any building, residence or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland conservation areas and drainage easements described in the approved permit and recorded plat of the subdivision, unless prior approval is received from the SWFWMD Regulation Department.

25.1.10 Each property owner within THE ESTUARY at the time of the construction of a building, residence, 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 wet 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 wet detention ponds to SWFWMD, Brooksville Service Office, Surface Water Regulation Manager.

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 or any conservation areas, unless the amendment has been consented to in writing by SWFWMD. Any proposed amendment which would affect the SWMS or any conservation areas must be submitted to SWFWMD for a determination of whether the amendment necessitates a modification of the surface water management permit.

25.3 <u>Provision for Budget Expense</u>. In the event THE ESTUARY 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

THIS IS NOT A the Permit. ERTIFIED COPY 25.4 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 becomes 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 WATERBODIES IN THE ESTUARY; 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 WATERBODIES MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY DECLARANT 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 THE ESTUARY. 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; and

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 THE ESTUARY may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the Wetland Conservation Areas

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described in the Permit and recorded plat(s) of THE ESTUARY, 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 Southwest Florida Water Management District's Brooksville Office.
25.5.10 Each Owner within THE ESTUARY 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.
[Signatures Appear on the Following Page] IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being Declarant hereunder, has hereunto set its hand and seal this day of, 2012.
WITNESSES: M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company
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Print Name: Chie Finbal Print Name: DETTY VALENTT Print Name: DETTY VALENTT Print Name: DETTY VALENTT Print Name: DETTY VALENTT File: Vice President (COMPANY SEAL)
) (COMPANY SEAL)
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>4</u> day of <u>Moven</u> , 2012 by Mark Spada, as Vice President of M/I HOMES OF TAMPA, LLC , a Florida limited liability company, on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.
My commission expires: NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large
KARLA M. HAMPTON MY COMMISSION # DD 879931 EXPIRES: May 2, 2013 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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THE ESTUARY Declaration



THE ESTUARY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE ESTUARY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Association") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR THE ESTUARY (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. Association agrees that this joinder is for convenience only and not to the effectiveness of this Declaration as Association has no right to approve this Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Joinder on this and day of larch___, 2012.

WITNESSES:

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THE ESTUARY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit

D. Walence By: Name: Betty D. Valenti

Title: President

{CORPORATE SEAL}

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>b</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2012, by Betty D. Valenti, as President of THE ESTUARY HOMEOWNERS 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:

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large

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Print Name:



APRILE, LLC

APRILE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("<u>Aprile</u>") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR THE ESTUARY (the "<u>Declaration</u>"), to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. Aprile agrees that this joinder is for the purpose of subjecting any lands owned by Aprile within THE ESTUARY (as defined in the Declaration) to the terms of this Declaration.

WITNESSES:

APRILE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large

By: bac Name: Michael V. Galvin Title: Managing Member rint e ALENTI Nar

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{COMPANY SEAL}

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of <u>Marcun</u>, 2012, by Michael Galvin, as <u>Managing Member</u> of APRILLE, LLC, a <u>Hurua</u> limited liability company, on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.

My commission expires:



Print Name:



LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33, S 00°00'03" W A DISTANCE OF 1676.43 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST BOUNDARY, S 89°42'42" W A DISTANCE OF 872.55 FEET TO A POINT COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF BALM-RIVERVIEW ROAD, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, S 31°34'17" E A DISTANCE OF 151.34 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, S 58°25'43" W A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET TO A LINE 130.00 FEET WEST OF AND PARALLEL WITH AFORESAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID PARALLEL LINE, S 31°34'17" E A DISTANCE OF 285.32 FEET: THENCE DEPARTING SAID PARALLEL LINE, S 58°25'43" W A DISTANCE OF 110.80 FEET TO A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST; SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 205.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°14'23", SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING S 13°23'57 E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 93.07 FEET; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID CURVE 93.88 FEET; THENCE S 00°16'46" E A DISTANCE OF 29.51 FEET TO A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST; SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 10.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00", SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING S 45°16'46" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 14.14 FEET; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID CURVE 15.71 FEET; THENCE N 89°43'14" E A DISTANCE OF 96.87 FEET TO A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 199.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31°16'25", SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING N 74°05'02" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 107.28 FEET: THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID CURVE 108.62 FEET: THENCE N 58°26'49" E A DISTANCE OF 95.72 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF BALM-RIVERVIEW ROAD; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, S 31°34'17" E A DISTANCE OF 501.57 FEET TO A POINT COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF AFORESAID SECTION 33; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY AND CONTINUING COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF BALM-RIVERVIEW ROAD, S 31°31'15" E A DISTANCE OF 684.27 FEET TO A POINT COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 9, MASSARO II SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 80, PAGE 77, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY COINCIDENT WITH SAID

SOUTH-BOUNDARY, S 89°43'53" W A DISTANCE OF 1080.87 FEET TO A POINT COINCIDENT WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID MASSARO II SUBDIVISION; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY COINCIDENT WITH SAID WEST BOUNDARY, N 00°00'03" W A DISTANCE OF 584.85 FEET TO A POINT COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF AFORESAID SECTION 33; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST BOUNDARY COINCIDENT WITH SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, S 89°43'14" W A DISTANCE OF 1650.73 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 33, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE DEPARTING THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4, S 89°58'25" W A DISTANCE OF 661.04 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, N 00°08'52" E A DISTANCE OF 658.55 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF RIVERCREST PHASE 2 PARCEL "K" AND "P" SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 102, PAGE 293 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE COINCIDENT WITH SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, N 89°41'48" E A DISTANCE OF 660.95 FEET TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID RIVERCREST PHASE 2 PARCEL "K" AND "P" SUBDIVISION; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, COINCIDENT WITH SAID EAST BOUNDARY, N 00°06'46" E A DISTANCE OF 453.77 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST BOUNDARY, N 89°40'37" E A DISTANCE OF 1320.35 FEET TO A POINT COINCIDENT WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST BOUNDARY, N 89°51'46" E A DISTANCE OF 96.35 FEET; THENCE S 00°10'34" W A DISTANCE OF 137.97 FEET; THENCE N 89°42'42" E A DISTANCE OF 355.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 3099925.48 SQUARE FEET, 71.164 ACRES MORE OR LESS.