- Section 6.10 <u>Exempt Property</u>. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempt from the Assessments herein:
- (a) all portions, if any, of the Properties dedicated to and accepted by, the United States, the State of Nevada, the County, or any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any public agency, entity or authority, for so long as such entity or political subdivision is the owner thereof, or for so long as such dedication remains effective; and
 - (b) the Common Elements owned by the Association in fee.
- Section 6.11 <u>Special Assessments</u>. The Association may, subject to the provisions of Article 7, Section 9.3 and Section 11.1 (b) hereof, levy Special Assessments against specific Owners who have caused the Association to incur special expenses due to willful or negligent acts of said Owners, their tenants, families, guests, invitees or agents. Special Assessments also shall include, without limitation, late payment penalties, interest charges, fines, administrative fees, attorneys' fees, amounts expended to enforce Assessment liens against Owners as provided for herein, and other charges of similar nature. Special Assessments, if not paid timely when due, shall constitute unpaid or delinquent Assessments, pursuant to Article 7, below.
- Section 6.12 Subsidies and/or Advances by Declarant. Declarant shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, from time to time during the Declarant Control Period, to: (a) subsidize the Association, by direct payment of any and all Excess Common Expenses ("Declarant Subsidies"); and/or (b) advance funds and/or make loan(s) to the Association, to be used by the Association for the sole purpose of paying Excess Common Expenses ("Declarant Advances"). "Excess Common Expenses" for purposes of this Section 6.12 shall mean such amount, if any, of Common Expenses in excess of Assessments and non-Reserve funds reasonably available at such time to pay Common Expenses. The aggregate amount of any and all Declarant Subsidies and/or Declarant Advances, or portions from time to time respectively thereof, together with interest thereon at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum, shall be repaid by Association to Declarant as soon as non-Reserve funds are reasonably available therefor (or, at Declarant's sole and absolute discretion, may be set off and applied by Declarant from time to time against any and all past, current, or future Assessments and/or contributions to Reserve Funds, to such extent, if any, Declarant is obligated to pay any such amounts under this Declaration or under applicable Nevada law). Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to his or her Unit, shall be conclusively deemed to have acknowledged and agreed to all of the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.12, whether or not so stated in such deed.
- Section 6.13 LMA and Master Association Assessments and Capital Contributions. Additionally, each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Unit (whether or not so expressed in such deed) shall be deemed to agree to pay all required LMA and Master Association capital contributions and assessments, as and to the extent required under applicable provisions of the LMA Association Documents and Master Association Documents respectively, and that the LMA and Master Association each shall have the same rights and remedies against Owners hereunder as the LMA and Master Association have against the "Owners" (as said term is defined in the LMA Declaration and Master Declaration respectively) with respect to the enforcement of the assessments described above. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the terms of this Section 6.13 may not be amended, altered, suspended, or superseded without the express written consent of Declarant, in its sole discretion, which consent shall be acknowledged in a Recorded document.

ARTICLE 7 <u>EFFECT OF NONPAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION</u>

Section 7.1 Nonpayment of Assessments. Any installment of an Annual Assessment, Special Assessment, or Capital Assessment, shall be delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days of the due date as established by the Board. Such delinquent installment shall bear interest from the due date until paid, at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum (or such lower rate as may be approved from time to time by the Board in its business judgment), but in any event not greater than the maximum rate permitted by applicable Nevada law, as well as a reasonable late charge, as determined by the Board, to compensate the Association for increased bookkeeping, billing, administrative costs, and any other appropriate charges. No such late charge or interest on any delinquent installment may exceed the maximum rate or amount allowable by law. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay any delinquent installment or late charge, or foreclose the lien against the Unit. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Elements or by abandonment of his Unit.

Section 7.2 Notice of Delinquent Installment. If any installment of an Assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after its due date, the Board may mail a notice of delinquent Assessment to the Owner and to each first Mortgagee of the Unit. The notice shall specify: (a) the amount of Assessments and other sums due; (b) a description of the Unit against which the lien is imposed; (c) the name of the record Owner of the Unit; (d) the fact that the installment is delinquent; (e) the action required to cure the default, (f) the date, not less than thirty (30) days from the date the notice is mailed to the Owner, by which such default must be cured; and (g) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the balance of the installments of such Assessment for the then-current Fiscal Year and sale of the Unit. The notice shall further inform the Owner of his right to cure after acceleration. If the delinquent installment of Assessments and any charges thereon are not paid in full on or before the date specified in the notice, the Board, at its option, may declare all of the unpaid balance of such Assessments levied against such Owner and his Unit to be immediately due and payable without further demand, and may enforce the collection of the full Assessments and all charges thereon in any manner authorized by law or this Declaration.

Section 7.3 Notice of Default and Election to Sell. No action shall be brought to enforce any Assessment lien herein, unless at least sixty (60) days have expired following the later of: (a) the date a notice of default and election to sell is Recorded; or (b) the date the Recorded notice of default and election to sell is malled in the United States mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, to the Owner of the Unit. Such notice of default and election to sell must recite a good and sufficient legal description of such Unit, the Record Owner or reputed Owner thereof, the amount claimed (which may, at the Association's option, include interest on the unpaid Assessment as described in Section 7.1 above, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of collection in connection with the debt secured by such lien), the name and address of the Association, and the name and address of the Person authorized by the Board to enforce the lien by sale. The notice of default and election to sell shall be signed and acknowledged by an Association Officer, Manager, or other Person designated by the Board for such purpose, and such lien shall be prior to any declaration of homestead Recorded after the date on which this Declaration is Recorded. The lien shall continue until fully paid or otherwise satisfied.

Section 7.4 <u>Foreclosure Sale</u>. Subject to the limitation set forth in Section 7.5 below, any such sale provided for above may be conducted by the Board, its attorneys, or other Person authorized by the Board in accordance with the provisions of NRS §116.31164 and Covenants Nos. 6, 7 and 8 of NRS §107.030 and §107.090, as amended, insofar as they are consistent with the provisions of NRS §116.31164, as amended, or in accordance with any similar statute hereafter enacted applicable to the

exercise of powers of sale in Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, or in any other manner permitted by law. The Association, through its duly authorized agents, shall have the power to bid on the Unit at the foredosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. Notices of default and election to sell shall be provided as required by NRS §116.31163. Notice of time and place of sale shall be provided as required by NRS §116.31535.

Section 7.5 <u>Limitation on Foreclosure</u>. Any other provision in the Governing Documents notwithstanding, the Association may not foreclose a lien by sale for the assessment of a Special Assessment or for a fine for violation of the Governing Documents, unless the violation is of a type that substantially and imminently threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the Owners and Residents of the Community. The foregoing limitation shall not apply to foredosure of a lien for an Annual Assessment, or Capital Assessment, or any portion respectively thereof, pursuant to this Article 7.

Section 7.6 <u>Qure of Default.</u> Upon the timely cure of any default for which a notice of default and election to sell was filed by the Association, the Officers thereof shall Record an appropriate release of lien, upon payment by the defaulting Owner of a reasonable fee to be determined by the Board, to cover the cost of preparing and Recording such release. A certificate, executed and acknowledged by any two (2) Directors or the Manager, stating the indebtedness secured by the lien upon any Unit created hereunder, shall be conclusive upon the Association and, if acknowledged by the Owner, shall be binding on such Owner as to the amount of such indebtedness as of the date of the certificate, in favor of all Persons who rely thereon in good faith. Such certificate shall be furnished to any Owner upon request, at a reasonable fee, to be determined by the Board.

Section 7.7 <u>Cumulative Remedies</u>. The Assessment liens and the rights of foreclosure and sale thereunder shall be in addition to and not in substitution for all other rights and remedies which the Association and its assigns may have hereunder and by law or in equity, including a sult to recover a money judgment for unpaid Assessments, as provided above.

Section 7.8 <u>Mortgagee Protection.</u> Notwithstanding all other provisions hereof, no lien created under this Article 7, nor the enforcement of any provision of this Declaration shall defeat or render invalid the rights of the Beneficiary under any Recorded First Deed of Trust encumbering a Unit, made in good faith and for value; provided that after such Beneficiary or some other Person obtains title to such Unit by judicial foreclosure, other foredosure, or exercise of power of sale, such Unit shall remain subject to this Declaration and the payment of all installments of Assessments accruing subsequent to the date such Beneficiary or other Person obtains title. The lien of the Assessments, including Interest and costs, shall be subordinate to the lien of any First Mortgage upon the Unit. The release or discharge of any lien for unpaid Assessments by reason of the foreclosure or exercise of power of sale by the First Mortgagee shall not relieve the prior Owner of his or her personal obligation for the payment of such unpaid Assessments.

Section 7.9 <u>Priority of Assessment Lien.</u> Recording of the Declaration constitutes Record notice and perfection of a lien for Assessments. A lien for Assessments, including interest, costs, and attorneys' fees, as provided for herein, shall be prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a Unit, except for: (a) liens and encumbrances Recorded before the Declaration was Recorded, (b) a first Mortgage Recorded before the delinquency of the Assessment sought to be enforced, and (c) liens for real estate taxes and other governmental charges, and is otherwise subject to NRS § 116.3116. The sale or transfer of any Unit shall not affect an Assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Unit pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a First Mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such Assessment as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Unit from lien rights for any Assessments which thereafter become due. Where the Beneficiary of a First Mortgage of Record or other purchaser of a Unit obtains title pursuant to a judicial

or nonjudicial foreclosure or "deed in lieu thereof," the Person who obtains title and his or her successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of the Common Expenses or Assessments by the Association chargeable to such Unit which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Unit by such Person. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses and Assessments shall be deemed to become expenses collectible from all of the Units, including the Unit belonging to such Person and his or her successors and assigns.

ARTICLE 8 ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING CONTROL

Section 8.1 <u>ARC</u>. The Architectural Review Committee, sometimes referred to in this Declaration as the "ARC," shall consist of three (3) committee members; provided, however, that such number may be increased or decreased from time to time by resolution of the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant shall have the sole right and power to appoint and/or remove all of the members to the ARC until such time as Declarant no longer owns any property in, or has any power to annex, the Annexable Area or any portion thereof; provided that Declarant, in its sole discretion, by written instrument, may at any earlier time turn over to the Board the power to appoint the members to the ARC; thereafter, the Board shall appoint all members of the ARC. A member of the ARC may be removed at any time, without cause, by the Person who appointed such member. Unless changed by resolution of the Board, the address of the ARC for all purposes, including the submission of plans for approval, shall be at the principal office of the Association as designated by the Board.

- Section 8.2 Review of Plans and Specifications. The ARC shall consider and act upon any and all proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, and other information or other items (collectively in this Article 8, "plans and specifications") submitted, or required to be submitted, for ARC approval under this Declaration and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the ARC by the Board, including the inspection of construction in progress to assure conformance with plans and specifications approved by the ARC.
- (a) With the exception of any such activity of Declarant, no construction, alteration, grading, addition, excavation, removal, relocation, repainting, demolition, installation, modification, decoration, repair or reconstruction of an Improvement, including Dwelling and landscaping, or removal of any tree, shall be commenced or maintained by any Owner, until the plans and specifications therefor showing the nature, kind, shape, height, width, color, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the ARC. No design or construction activity of Declarant shall be subject to ARC approval. The Owner submitting such plans and specifications ("Applicant") shall obtain a written receipt therefor from an authorized agent of the ARC. The ARC shall approve plans and specifications submitted for its approval only if it deems that: (1) the construction, afterations, or additions contemplated thereby in the locations indicated will not be detrimental to the appearance of the surrounding area or the Properties as a whole; (2) the appearance of any structure affected thereby will be in harmony with other structures in the vicinity; (3) the construction will not detract from the beauty, wholesomeness and attractiveness of the Common Elements or the enjoyment thereof by the Members; (4) the construction will not unreasonably interfere with existing views from other Units; and (5) the upkeep and maintenance will not become a burden on the Association.
- (b) The ARC may condition its review and/or approval of plans and specifications for any Improvement upon any one or more or all of the following conditions: (1) such changes therein as the ARC deems appropriate; (2) agreement by the Applicant to grant appropriate easements to the Association for the maintenance of the Improvement; (3) agreement of the Applicant to reimburse the Association for the costs of maintenance; (4) agreement of the applicant to submit "as-built" record

drawings certified by a licensed architect or engineer which describe the Improvements in detail as actually constructed upon completion of the improvement; (5) payment or reimbursement, by Applicant, of the ARC and/or its members for their actual costs incurred in considering the plans and specifications; and/or (6) agreement by the Applicant to furnish to the ARC a cash deposit or other security acceptable to the ARC in an amount reasonably sufficient to (A) assure the completion of such Improvement or the availability of funds adequate to remedy any nulsance or unsightly conditions occurring as a result of the partial completion of such Improvement, and (B) to protect the Association and the other Owners against mechanic's liens or other encumbrances which may be Recorded against their respective interests in the Properties or damage to the Common Elements as a result of such work; (7) payment, by Applicant, of the professional fees of a licensed architect or engineer to review the plans and specifications on behalf of the ARC, if such review is deemed by the ARC to be necessary or desirable; and/or (8) such other conditions as the ARC may reasonably determine to be prudent and in the best interests of the Association. The ARC may further require submission of additional plans and specifications or other information prior to approving or disapproving materials submitted. The ARC may also issue rules or guidelines setting forth procedures for the submission of plans and specifications, requiring a fee to accompany each application for approval, or stating additional factors which it will take into consideration in reviewing submissions. The ARC may provide that the amount of such fee shall be uniform, or that the fee may be determined in any other reasonable manner, such as based upon the reasonable cost of the construction, alteration or addition contemplated or the cost of architectural or other professional fees incurred by the ARC in reviewing plans and specifications. Also, with respect to plans and specification which may involve or which may have a direct impact on one or more neighbors of the applicant, the ARC in its sole discretion may require a Neighbor Impact Statement (in such form as may be required from time to time by the ARC), with written approval signed by all such involved neighbors, to be submitted by applicant to the ARC together with the relevant plans and specifications.

- (c) The ARC may require such detail in plans and specifications submitted for its review as it deems proper, including without limitation, floor plans, site plans, drainage plans, landscaping plans, elevation drawings and descriptions or samples of exterior materials and colors. Until receipt by the ARC of any required plans and specifications, the ARC may postpone review of any plans and specifications submitted for approval. Any application submitted pursuant to this Section 8.2 shall be deemed disapproved, unless written approval by the ARC shall have been transmitted to the Applicant within forty-five (45) days after the date of receipt by the ARC of all required materials. The ARC will or may condition any approval required in this Article 8 upon, among other things, compliance with Declarant's (a) design criteria, (b) Improvement standards and (c) development standards, as amended from time to time, all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.
- (d) Any Owner aggrieved by a decision of the ARC may appeal the decision to the ARC in accordance with procedures to be established by the ARC. Such procedures would include the requirement that the appellant has modified the requested action or has new information which would in the ARC's opinion warrant reconsideration. If the ARC falls to allow an appeal or if the ARC, after appeal, again rules in a manner aggrieving the appellant, the decision of the ARC is final. The foregoing notwithstanding, after such time as the Board appoints all members of the ARC, all appeals from ARC decisions shall be made to the Board, which shall consider and decide such appeals.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision herein, the ARC's jurisdiction shall extend only to the external appearance or "aesthetics" of any Improvement, and shall not extend to structural matters, method of construction, or compliance with a building code or other applicable legal requirement. ARC approval shall be subject to all applicable requirements of applicable

government authority, drainage, and other similar matters, and shall not be deemed to encompass or extend to possible impact on neighboring Units.

- Section 8.3 <u>Meetings of the ARC</u>. The ARC shall meet from time to time as necessary to perform its duties hereunder. The ARC may from time to time, by resolution unanimously adopted in writing, designate an ARC representative (who may, but need not, be one of its members) to take any action or perform any duties for and on behalf of the ARC, except the granting of variances pursuant to Section 8.8 below. In the absence of such designation, the vote of a majority of the ARC, or the written consent of a majority of the ARC taken without a meeting, shall constitute an act of the ARC.
- Section 8.4 No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval by the ARC of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of the ARC, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings or matters subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- Section 8.5 <u>Compensation of Members</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.2(b) above, members of the ARC shall not receive compensation from the Association for services rendered as members of the ARC.
- Section 8.6 <u>Correction by Owner of Nonconforming Items</u>. Subject to all applicable requirements of governmental authority, ARC inspection (which shall be limited to inspection of the visible appearance of the size, color, location and materials of work), and Owner correction of visible nonconformance therein, shall proceed as follows:
- The ARC or its duly appointed representative shall have the right to inspect any improvement ("Right of inspection") whether or not the ARC's approval has been requested or given. provided that such inspection shall be limited to the visible appearance of the size, color, location, and materials comprising such improvement (and shall not constitute an inspection of any structural item, method of construction, or compliance with any applicable requirement of governmental authority). Such Right of Inspection shall, however, terminate sixty (60) days after receipt by the ARC of written notice from the Owner of the Unit that the work of improvement has been completed. If, as a result of such inspection, the ARC finds that such improvement was done without obtaining approval of the plans and specifications therefor or was not done in substantial compliance with the plans and specifications approved by the ARC, it shall, within sixty (60) days from the inspection, notify the Owner in writing of the Owner's failure to comply with this Article 8 specifying the particulars of noncompliance. If work has been performed without approval of plans and specifications therefor, the ARC may require the Owner of the Unit in which the Improvement is located, to submit "as-built" record drawings certified by a licensed architect or engineer which describe the improvement in detail as actually constructed. The ARC shall have the authority to require the Owner to take such action as may be necessary to remedy the noncompliance.
- (b) If, upon the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of such notification, the Owner has failed to remedy such noncompliance, the ARC shall notify the Board in writing of such failure. Upon Notice and Hearing, the Board shall determine whether there is a noncompliance (with the visible appearance of the size, color, location, and/or materials thereof) and, if so, the nature thereof and the estimated cost of correcting or removing the same. If a noncompliance exists, the Owner shall remedy or remove the same within a period of not more than forty-five (45) days from the date that notice of the Board ruling is given to the Owner. If the Owner does not comply with the Board ruling within that period, the Board, at its option, may Record a notice of noncompliance and commence a lawsuit for damages or injunctive relief, as appropriate, to remedy the noncompliance, and, in addition,

may peacefully remedy the noncompliance. The Owner shall reimburse the Association, upon demand, for all expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in connection therewith. If such expenses are not promptly repaid by the Owner to the Association, the Board shall levy a Special Assessment against the Owner for reimbursement as provided in this Declaration. The right of the Association to remove a noncomplying improvement or otherwise to remedy the noncompliance shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies which the Association may have at law, in equity, or in this Declaration.

- (c) If for any reason the ARC fails to notify the Owner of any noncompliance with previously submitted and approved plans and specifications within sixty (60) days after receipt of written notice of completion from the Owner, the Improvement shall be deemed to be in compliance with ARC requirements (but of course shall remain subject to all requirements of applicable governmental authority).
- (d) All construction, alteration or other work shall be performed as promptly and as diligently as possible and shall be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date on which the work commenced.

Section 8.7 Scope of Review. The ARC shall review and approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove, all proposals, plans and specifications submitted to it for any proposed improvement, alteration, or addition, solely on the basis of the considerations set forth in Section 8.2 above, and solely with regard to the visible appearance of the size, color, location, and materials thereof. The ARC shall not be responsible for reviewing, nor shall its approval of any plan or design be deemed approval of, any proposal, plan or design from the standpoint of structural safety or conformance with building or other codes. Each Owner shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and for complying with all governmental (including, but not necessarily limited to County) requirements.

Variances. When circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions. hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations may require, the ARC may authorize limited variances from compliance with any of the architectural provisions of this Declaration, including without limitation, restrictions on size (including height and/or floor area) or placement of structures, or similar restrictions. Such variances must be evidenced in writing, must be signed by a majority of the ARC. and shall become effective upon Recordation. If such variances are granted, no violation of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance was granted. The granting of any such variance by the ARC shall not operate to waive any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and particular provision hereof covered by the variance, nor shall it affect in any way the Owner's obligation to comply with all governmental laws, regulations, and requirements affecting the use of his or her Unit, including but not limited to zoning ordinances and Unit set-back lines or requirements imposed by the County, or other public authority with jurisdiction. The granting of a variance by the ARC shall not be deemed to be a variance or approval from the standpoint of compliance with such laws or regulations, nor from the standpoint of structural safety, and the ARC, provided it acts in good faith, shall not be liable for any damage to an Owner as a result of its granting or denying of a variance.

Section 8.9 Non-Liability for Approval of Plans. The ARC's approval of proposals or plans and specifications shall not constitute a representation, warranty or guarantee, whether express or implied, that such proposals or plans and specifications comply with good engineering design or with zoning or building ordinances, or other governmental regulations or restrictions. By approving such proposals or plans and specifications, neither the ARC, the members thereof, the Association, the Board, nor Declarant, assumes any liability or responsibility therefor, or for any defect in the structure

constructed from such proposals or plans or specifications. Neither the ARC, any member thereof, the Association, the Board, nor Declarant, shall be liable to any Member, Owner, occupant, or other Person or entity for any damage, loss, or prejudice suffered or claimed on account of (a) the approval or disapproval of any proposals, plans and specifications and drawings, whether or not defective, or (b) the construction or performance of any work, whether or not pursuant to the approved proposals, plans and specifications and drawings.

- Section 8.10 <u>Architectural Guidelines</u>. The ARC, in its sole discretion, from time to time, may, but is not obligated to, promulgate Architectural and Landscape Standards and Guidelines for the Community.
- Section 8.11 <u>Declarant Exemption</u>. The ARC shall have no authority, power or jurisdiction over Units owned by Declarant, and the provisions of this Article 8 shall not apply to Improvements built by Declarant, or, until such time as Declarant conveys title to the Unit to a Purchaser, to Units owned by Declarant. This Article 8 shall not be amended without Declarant's written consent set forth on the amendment.
- Section 8.12 <u>LMA Declaration</u>; <u>Master Declaration</u>. The foregoing architectural and landscaping control provisions shall be in addition to, and cumulative with, any and all expressly applicable architectural and landscaping control provisions of the LMA Declaration and/or Master Declaration respectively. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict, the provisions of the LMA Declaration and/or Master Declaration shall prevail.

ARTICLE 9 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OBLIGATIONS

- Maintenance and Repair Responsibilities of Association. No Improvement, excavation or work which in any way alters the Common Elements shall be made or done by any Person other than initially by Declarant, or by the Association or its authorized agents after the completion of the construction or installation of the Improvements thereto by Declarant. Subject to this Declaration (including, but not limited to the provisions of Sections 9.3 and 11.1(b) hereof), upon the Assessment Commencement Date, the Association shall provide for the periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Elements. The Common Elements shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and attractive condition, and in good order and repair. The Association shall also provide for any utilities serving the Common Elements, and shall ensure that any landscaping on the Common Elements is regularly and periodically maintained in good order and in a neat and attractive condition. The Association shall not be responsible for the maintenance of any portions of the Common Elements which have been dedicated to and accepted for maintenance by a state, local or municipal governmental agency or entity. All of the foregoing obligations of the Association shall be discharged when and in such manner as the Board shall determine in its business judgment to be appropriate. Without limiting the foregoing, the Association's obligations hereunder shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
- (a) <u>Painting</u>. The Board and/or Manager shall cause all Improvements in the Common Elements to be repaired and/or repainted as necessary to maintain the original appearance thereof (normal wear and fading excepted).
- (b) <u>Utilities</u>. The Board and/or Manager shall cause to be maintained properly and in good condition and repair all utilities and utility systems in the Common Elements. The Board and/or Manager shall cause all water and/or sewer infrastructure, as set forth herein, to be inspected at least

quarterly, and at least one such inspection each year shall be done by a licensed and qualified contractor or architect with expertise in the construction and maintenance of such water/sewer infrastructure, who shall provide a written report to the Board and/or Manager. Common Element sewer lines may be cleaned annually (or on such other periodic frequency as deemed reasonably prudent by the Board), from each Triplex Building to the street. Common Element water lines may be "exercised" once each year (or on such other periodic frequency as deemed reasonably prudent by the Board), by turning each valve off and on several times in succession. The Board and/or Manager shall cause any and all necessary or prudent repairs to be undertaken and completed without delay in a manner and to the extent necessary to prevent avoidable deterioration or property damage.

- (c) <u>Drainage</u>; <u>Landscaping</u>; <u>Irrication</u>. The Board and/or Manager shall cause all drainage systems, landscape installations, and irrigation systems within the Common Elements to be inspected at least monthly. In particular, the Board and/or Manager shall inspect for any misaligned, malfunctioning or nonfunctional sprinklers, or blocked drainage grates, basins, lines, and systems, which could cause damage to improvements on the Properties. At least one such inspection each year shall be done by a licensed and qualified contractor or architect with expertise in the construction and maintenance of such drainage and landscape installations, who shall be required to promptly provide a written report to the Board. The written reports shall identify any items of maintenance or repair which either require current action by the Association, or will need further review and analysis, and shall specifically include a review of all irrigation and drainage systems on the Properties. The Board and/or Manager shall cause any and all necessary or prudent repairs to be promptly undertaken and completed, to prevent avoidable deterioration or property damage. Without limiting the following, all landscaping shall be maintained as per the following minimum maintenance standards:
 - (1) lawn and ground cover shall be kept mowed and/or trimmed regularly;
- (2) plantings shall be kept in a healthy and growing condition; fertilization, cultivation, spraying and tree pruning shall be performed as part of a regular landscaping program;
- (3) stakes, guys and ties on trees shall be checked regularly, to ensure the correct function of each; ties shall be adjusted to avoid creating abrasions or girdling of the trunk or stem;
- (4) damage to plantings shall be amelicrated within thirty (30) days of occurrence; and
- (5) irrigations systems shall be kept in sound working condition; adjustment, replacement of malfunctioning parts, and cleaning of systems, shall be an integral part of the regular landscaping program.
- (d) <u>Hardscape</u>; <u>Private Streets</u>. The Board and/or Manager shall cause all Common Elements hardscape, paved areas, and Private Streets within the Properties to be inspected at least quarterly. At least one such inspection each year shall be done by a licensed and qualified contractor or architect with expertise in the construction and maintenance of such hardscape and paved areas, who shall be required to promptly provide a written report to the Board. The written reports shall identify any items of maintenance or repair which either require current action by the Association, or will need further review and analysis. The Board and/or Manager shall cause any and all necessary or prudent repairs to be promptly undertaken and completed, to prevent avoidable deterioration or property damage. Without limiting the foregoing, the Board and/or Manager shall cause all Common Element asphalt to be sealed and re-striped at least as frequently as may be required per County standards, or more frequently, if so required, using two coats of a guard top or walk top type sealer.

- (e) <u>inspections</u>. After the end of the Declarant Control Period, the Board and Manager shall conduct inspections of the Common Elements as set forth above, and shall provide Declarant with at least ten days' prior written notice of each such inspection. Declarant shall have the option, in its sole discretion, without obligation, to attend each such inspection.
- (f) Reports. Throughout the term of this Declaration, the Board and the Manager shall promptly deliver to Declarant information copies of all written inspections and reports rendered pursuant to the Association's maintenance and repair responsibilities hereunder (without any obligation whatsoever of Declarant to review such documents or to take any action in connection therewith).
- (g) Other Responsibilities. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing, the Association shall also be responsible for:
- (1) replacement of burned-out light bulbs and broken fixtures on "coach lights" located at or near the front door of the Unit, pursuant to Section 9.3, below, in the event that the Owner of the affected Unit does not immediately make such replacement, and to assess such Owner the sum of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each such replacement, as a Special Assessment.
 - (2) removing any trash, garbage, or debris from Common Elements; and
- (3) cleaning and making necessary repairs and replacement to and of the perimeter walls and/or fencing.
- (h) Failure to Maintain. The Association shall be responsible for accomplishing its maintenance and repair obligations fully and timely from time to time, as set forth in this Declaration. Failure of the Association to fully and timely accomplish such maintenance and repair responsibilities may result in deterioration and/or damage to Improvements, and such damage and/or deterioration shall in no event be deemed to constitute a constructional defect.
- Inspection Responsibilities of Association. Within thirty (30) days after the date Section 9.2 which is one (1) year after the first Close of Escrow of a Unit, and annually thereafter, the Board (and, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Properties, a representative of Declarant) shall conduct a thorough walk-through inspection of the Common Elements. If, at the time of such inspection, there are no Directors other than those appointed by Declarant, up to two (2) Owners, other than Declarant, shall be permitted to accompany such inspection. At the Board's option, the inspection may be videotaped. Following the inspection, the Board shall prepare a detailed written description of the thenexisting condition of all such areas, facilities and buildings, including a checklist of all Items requiring repairs or special attention. A similar checklist shall be prepared and signed by the Board and/or Manager within thirty (30) days after the election of the first Board elected following the end of the Declarant Control Period. It shall at all times be an express obligation of the Association to properly inspect (as aforesaid), repair, maintain, and/or replace such items, facilities, structures, landscaping and areas as are required to maintain the Common Elements in as good condition thereof as originally constructed by Declarant (reasonable wear and tear, settling and deterioration excepted). The Board shall report the contents of such written reports to the Members, at the next meeting of the Members following receipt of such written report, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable, and shall include such written reports in the minutes of the meeting. The Board shall promptly cause all matters identified as requiring attention to be maintained, repaired, or otherwise pursued in accordance with prudent business practices, and the recommendations of the inspectors. If requested by Declarant, copies of such reports shall also be delivered to Declarant. The foregoing notwithstanding, neither Declarant nor the Board shall be liable for any failure or omission under this Section 9.2, so long as

Declarant and/or the Board (as may be applicable) has acted in good faith and with reasonable due diligence in carrying out its responsibilities hereunder.

- Section 9.3 Maintenance and Repair Obligations of Owners. It shall be the duty of each Owner, at his or her sole cost and expense, subject to the provisions of this Declaration requiring ARC approval, to maintain, repair, replace and restore all Improvements located on his or her Unit, the Unit itself, and any Exclusive Use Area pertaining to his or her Unit, in a neat, sanitary and attractive condition, except for any areas expressly required to be maintained by the Association under this Declaration. If any Owner shall permit any Improvement, the maintenance of which is the responsibility of such Owner, to fall into disrepair or to become unsafe, or unsightly, or otherwise to violate this Declaration, the Board shall have the right to seek any remedies at law or in equity which the Association may have. In addition, the Board shall have the right, but not the duty, after Notice and Hearing as provided in the Bylaws, to enter upon such Unit and/or Exclusive Use Area to make such repairs or to perform such maintenance and to charge the cost thereof to the Owner. Said cost shall be a Special Assessment, enforceable as set forth in this Declaration. Without limiting the foregoing, each Owner shall be responsible for the following:
- (a) maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of all exterior walls, and all roof area of the Triplex Building (including the exteriors of exterior walls of Yard Components) in which the Owner's Unit is located, respectively appurtenant to said Unit, (provided that the portions of ground floor exterior wall immediately above and adjacent to the Garage Components of Units 2 and 3 shall be the responsibility of the Owners of Units 2 and 3 respectively, who shall have an easement to maintain, repair, and paint such portions) in conformity with the original construction thereof; without limiting the foregoing, exterior painting of Triplex Buildings shall be the responsibility of the Owners of the Units in each Triplex Building, and if two (2) of the three (3) such Owners agree that such exterior painting is required, they shall have the right, following reasonable notice to the third such Owners, to proceed with such painting and to require such third Owner to equally or equitably share the cost of such painting. All such painting shall match as closely as possible the original color of the Triplex Building (subject to variation only if approved in advance in writing by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion), and shall be accomplished by a duly licensed contractor.
- (b) periodic painting, maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the front doors to the Owner's Units, and Garage sectional roll-up doors;
- (c) annual inspection and repair or replacement of heat sensors, as originally installed in certain (but not necessarily all) of the Owner's Unit;
- (d) cleaning, maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of any and all plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, and/or appliances (whether "built-in" or free-standing, including, by way of example and not of limitation: water heaters (and associated pans), furnaces, plumbing fixtures, lighting fixtures, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposals, microwave ovens, washers, dryers, and ranges), within the Owner's Unit:
- (e) cleaning, maintenance, painting and repair of the interior of the front door of the Owner's Unit; cleaning and maintenance of the exterior of said front door, subject to the requirement that the exterior appearance of such door shall not deviate from its external appearance as originally installed by Declarant;
- (f) cleaning, maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of all windows and window glass within or exclusively associated with, the Owner's Unit, including the metal frames, tracks, and

exterior screens thereof, subject to the requirement that the exterior appearance of such items shall not deviate from its external appearance as originally installed by Declarant;

- (g) cleaning, and immediate, like-kind replacement of burned-out light bulbs, and broken light fixtures, with respect to the "coach lights" at or near the front door of the Owner's Unit, in the event that the Owner does not immediately accomplish his or her duties under this subsection (g), the Association shall have the rights set forth in Section 9.1(h), above.
- (h) deaning, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the HVAC, located on an easement within the Common Elements, serving such Owner's Unit exclusively (but not the concrete pad underneath such HVAC), subject to the requirement that the appearance of such items shall not deviate from their appearance as originally installed by Declarant:
- (i) maintenance, repair, and replacement of Garage remote openers, subject to the requirement that any replacement therefor be purchased by the Owner from the Association; and
- (j) without limiting any of the foregoing: cleaning, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the door opener and opening mechanism located in the Owner's Garage (provided that any replacement door opener shall be a "quiet drive" unit, at least as quiet as the unit originally installed by Declarant), so as to reasonably minimize noise related to or caused by an unserviced or improperly functioning Garage door opener and/or opening mechanism.

Section 9.4 Restrictions on Alterations.

- (a) No Owner shall make any alterations or additions to any portion of the exterior of the Triplex Building in which such Owner's Unit (including Garage) is located, or to the Yard Component. Without limiting the foregoing, no Owner shall add concrete to a Yard Component, or install a patio or cover on the Yard Component. Notwithstanding the foregoing, flower pots and/or "planters" (in which the roots of plants does not extend past the planter into the ground or below ground level) may be permitted in Yard Components, subject to prior approval by the ARC, provided that no automated irrigation or sprinkler system shall be permitted in connection with such flower pots and/or planters, which must be watered by hand.
- (b) Nothing shall be done in or to any part of the Properties which will impair the structural integrity of any part of the Properties except in connection with the alterations or repairs specifically permitted or required hereunder.
- (c) Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, there shall be no alteration or impairment of, the structural integrity of, or any plumbing or electrical work within, any common wall without the prior written consent of the Board and all Owners of affected Units, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Each Owner shall have the right to paint, wallpaper, or otherwise furnish the interior surfaces of his Unit as he sees fit.
- (d) No improvement or alteration of any portion of the Common Elements shall be permitted without the prior written consent of the Board.
- (e) No Owner shall change or modify the condition or appearance of any exterior window or door or any portion thereof, as viewed from any portion of the Properties, without the prior written consent of the Board.

- Section 1.14 "Baicony" shall mean a baicony on a Residential Unit, as constructed by Declarant on certain, but not necessarily all, Units in High Noon. No Owner or Person other than Declarant, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have any right to construct or shall construct, a Balcony. No item whatsoever shall or may be stored on a Balcony.
- Electronically Filed Section 1.15 "Beneficiary" shall mean a Mortgagee under a Mortgage oga he og 2012 09:22 a.m. a Deed of Trust, as the case may be, and the assignees of such mortgagee or beneficiary. Lindeman
- Section 1.16 "Board or Board of Directors" shall mean the Board Clerke Supreme Court Association, elected or appointed in accordance with the Bylaws and this Declaration. The Board is an "Executive Board" as defined by NRS § 116.045.
- "Budget" shall mean a written, itemized estimate of the expenses to be incurred Section 1.17 by the Association in performing its functions under this Declaration, prepared, and approved pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, Section 6.4 below.
- "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association, which have or will be adopted Section 1.18 by the Board, as such Bylaws may be amended from time to time.
- Section 1.19 "Close of Escrow" shall mean the date on which a deed is Recorded conveying a Unit from Declarant to a Purchaser.
- Section 1.20 "Common Elemenis" shall mean all portions of the Properties conveyed to and owned by the Association, and all Improvements thereon. Subject to the foregoing, Common Elements may include, without limitation: private main entryway gates for Properties; private entryway monumentation and entry landscaping areas for the Properties; Private Streets; sidewalks; perimeter walls, fences; common landscape and greenbelt areas; hardscape and parking areas (other than Garages); all water and sewer systems, lines and connections, from the boundaries of the Properties, to the boundaries of Units (but not including such internal lines and connections located inside Units); pipes, ducts, flues, chutes, conduits, wires, and other utility systems and installations (other than those located within a Unit, which outlets shall be a part of the Unit), and heating, ventilation and air conditioning, as installed by Declarant or the Association for common use (but not including HVAC which serves a single Unit exclusively). Common Elements shall constitute "Common Elements" with respect to this Community, as set forth in NRS § 116,017.
- "Common Expenses" shall mean expenditures made by, or financial liabilities Section 1.21 of, the Association, together with any allocations to reserves, including the actual and estimated costs of: maintenance, insurance, management, operation, repair and replacement of the Common Elements; painting over or removing graffiti on Exterior Walls/Fences, pursuant to Section 9.15 below; unpaid Special Assessments, and/or Capital Assessments; the costs of any commonly metered utilities and any other commonly metered charges for the Units, and Common Elements (including, but not necessarily limited to, the reasonably allocated costs of master water supply and master sewage disposal, if any, and costs of master trash pickup and disposal, if any); costs of management and administration of the Association, including, but not limited to, compensation paid by the Association to the Manager, accountants, attorneys, consultants, and employees; costs of all utilities, landscaping, and other services benefiting the Properties; costs of fire, casualty and liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and any other insurance covering the Association, Common Elements, or Properties, or deemed prudent and necessary by the Board; costs of bonding the Board. Officers, Manager, or any other Person handling the funds of the Association; any statutorily required ombudsman fees; taxes paid by the Association (including, but not limited to, any and all unsegregated

- or "blanket" real property taxes for all or any portions of the Properties); amounts paid by the Association for discharge of any lien or encumbrance levied against the Common Elements or Properties, or deemed prudent and necessary by the Board; costs of any other item or items incurred by the Association for any reason whatsoever in connection with the Properties, for the benefit of the Owners; prudent reserves; and any other expenses for which the Association is responsible pursuant to this Declaration or pursuant to any applicable provision of NRS Chapter 116.
- Section 1.22 "Community" shall mean a Common-Interest Community, as defined in NRS § 116.021, and a Planned Community, as defined in NRS § 116.075.
 - Section 1.23 "County" shall mean Clark County, Nevada.
- Section 1.24 "Declarant" shall mean D. R. HORTON, INC., a Delaware corporation, and its successors and any Person(s) to which it shall have assigned any rights hereunder by express written and Recorded assignment (but specifically excluding Purchasers, as defined in NRS §116.079).
 - Section 1.25 "Declarant Control Period" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.7 below.
- Section 1.26 "<u>Declaration</u>" shall mean this instrument as it may be amended from time to time. This Declaration is a "Supplemental Declaration" as such is defined in the Master Declaration.
 - Section 1.27 "Deed of Trust" shall mean a mortgage or deed of trust, as the case may be.
- Section 1.28 "<u>Director</u>" shall mean a duly appointed or elected and current member of the Board of Directors.
- Section 1.29 "<u>Dwelling</u>" shall mean a Residential Unit, designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single Family.
- Section 1.30 "Eligible Holder," shall mean each Beneficiary, insurer and/or guarantor of a first Mortgage encumbering a Unit, which has filed with the Board a written request for notification as to relevant matters as specified in this Dedaration.
- Section 1.31 "Exclusive Use Areas" shall mean the entryways, and/or parking space(s), if any, other than Garages, shown as exclusive use areas on the Plat, and allocated exclusively to individual Units, together with such HVAC designed to serve a single Unit, but located outside of the Unit's boundaries. Use, maintenance, repair and replacement of Exclusive Use Areas shall be as set forth in this Declaration. Parking in designated areas shall be limited and governed pursuant to this Declaration, including, but not limited to, Sections 2.2, 2.17, and 10.18 below.
- Section 1.32 <u>"Exterior Wall(s)/Fence(s)"</u> shall mean the exterior only face of Perimeter Walls/Fences (visible from public streets outside of and generally abutting the exterior boundary of the Properties).
- Section 1.33 "Farnity" shall mean (a) a group of natural persons related to each other by blood or legally related to each other by marriage or adoption, or (b) a group of natural persons not all so related, but who maintain a common household in a Dwelling, all as subject to and in compliance with all applicable federal and Nevada laws and local health codes and other applicable Ordinances.
 - Section 1.34 "FHA" shall mean the Federal Housing Administration.

- Section 1.35 "<u>FHLMC</u>" shall mean the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (also known as The Mortgage Corporation) created by Title II of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, and any successors to such corporations.
- Section 1.36 "Fiscal Year" shall mean the twelve (12) month fiscal accounting and reporting period of the Association selected from time to time by the Board.
- Section 1.37 "FNMA" or "GNMA". FNMA shall mean the Federal National Mortgage Association, a government-sponsored private corporation established pursuant to Title VIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and any successors to such corporation. GNMA shall mean the Government National Mortgage Association administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and any successors to such association.
- Section 1.38 "Garage Component" or "Garage" shall mean a garage, as shown on the Plat and/or expressly designated by Declarant as a Garage, which is part of a designated Unit. Subject to Section 2.15 and other provisions of this Declaration and the Plat, the Garage Component shall mean a 3-dimensional figure (associated with a designated Unit), the horizontal and vertical dimensions of which are delineated on the Plat. A Garage Component shall not be deemed independently to constitute a Unit, but shall be a part of and appurtenant to a Unit as designated by Declarant pursuant to this Declaration.
- Section 1.39 "Governing Documents" shall mean the Declaration, Articles, Bylaws, Plat, and the Rules and Regulations, (and, where applicable or required within the context, the Master Association Documents and/or LMA Association Documents) Any irreconcilable inconsistency among the Governing Documents shall be governed pursuant to Section 17.8 and 17.9, below.
- Section 1.40 "<u>HVAC</u>" shall mean heating, ventilation, and/or air conditioning equipment and systems. HVAC, located on easements in Common Elements, which serve one Unit exclusively, shall constitute Exclusive Use Areas as to such Unit, pursuant to Sections 2.13 and 2.14, below.
- Section 1.41 "Identifying Number", pursuant to NRS § 116.053, shall mean the number which identifies a Unit on the Plat.
- Section 1.42 "improvement" shall mean any structure or appurtenance thereto of every type and kind, whether above or below the land surface, located in the Properties, including but not limited to Triplex Buildings and other structures, walkways, sprinkler pipes, entry way, parking areas, walls, parking areas perimeter walls, hardscape, Private Streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, fences, screening walls, block walls, retaining walls, stairs, landscaping, hardscape features, hedges, windbreaks, plantings, planted trees and shrubs, poles, signs, and so on.
- Section 1.43 "<u>Living Component</u>" shall mean the portion of a Unit other than: (a) Garage Component, and (b) (if applicable) the Yard Component.
- Section 1.44 "LMA Association" shall mean ARLINGTON RANCH LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit corporation, its successors or assigns. The rights and duties of the LMA Association are as set forth in the LMA Declaration.
- Section 1.45 "LMA Association Documents" (sometimes "LMA Governing Documents") shall mean the LMA Declaration, the LMA Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and the LMA Association Rules (if any).

- Section 1.46 "LMA Property" shall mean the common elements, if any, owned by the LMA Association. LMA Property shall be subject to and governed by the LMA Association Documents.
 - Section 1.47 "LMA Declarant" shall mean the declarant under the LMA Declaration.
- Section 1.48 "LMA Declaration" shall mean the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for ARLINGTON RANCH Landscape Maintenance Association, Recorded by LMA Declarant, as the same from time to time may be amended and/or restated.
- Section 1.49 "Manager" shall mean the Person, if any, whether an employee or independent contractor, hired as such by the Association, acting through the Board, and delegated the authority to implement certain duties, powers or functions of the Association as provided in this Declaration.
- Section 1.50 "Master Association" shall mean the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH MASTER ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit corporation, and its successors or assigns. The rights and duties of the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Association are as set forth in the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Declaration.
- Section 1.51 "Master Association Documents" (sometimes "Master Governing Documents") shall mean the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Declaration, the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Association Rules (if any).
- Section 1.52 "Master Association Property" shall mean the common elements, if any, owned by the Master Association. Master Association Property shall be subject to and governed by the Master Association Documents.
- Section 1.53 "Master Community" shall mean the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Community, subject to the Master Declaration and other Master Association Documents.
- Section 1.54 "Master Declarant" shall mean the declarant under the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Declaration.
- Section 1.55 "Master Declaration" shall mean the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Association, Recorded by Master Declarant, as said instrument from time to time may be amended and/or restated.
- Section 1.56 "Member," "Membership." "Member' shall mean any Person holding a membership in the Association, as provided in this Declaration. "Membership" shall mean the property, voting and other rights and privileges of Members as provided herein, together with the correlative duties and obligations, including liability for Assessments, contained in this Declaration and the Articles and Bylaws.
- Section 1.57 "Module" shall mean and refer to each Module as designated as such on the Plat. The Module includes all land and improvements (whether now or hereafter associated within its boundaries). Each Module typically includes one each of the Residential Units numbered 1, 2, and 3, as shown on the Plat, including associated Garage Components, and (with respect to Units 2 and 3) Yard Components associated therewith.

- Section 1.58 "Mortgage," "Mortgagee," "Mortgage" shall mean any unreleased mortgage or deed of trust or other similar instrument of Record, given voluntarily by an Owner, encumbering his or her Unit to secure the performance of an obligation or the payment of a debt, which will be released and reconveyed upon the completion of such performance or payment of such debt. The term "Deed of Trust" or "Trust Deed" when used herein shall be synonymous with the term "Mortgage." "Mortgage" shall not include any judgment lien, mechanic's lien, tax lien, or other similarly involuntary lien on or encumbrance of a Unit. The term "Mortgagee" shall mean a Person to whom a Mortgage is made and shall include the beneficiary of a Deed of Trust. "Mortgagor" shall mean a Person who mortgages his or her Unit to another (i.e., the maker of a Mortgage), and shall include the trustor of a Deed of Trust. "Trustor" shall be synonymous with the term "Mortgager"; and "Beneficiary" shall be synonymous with "Mortgagee." For purposes of this Declaration, "first Mortgage" or "first Deed of Trust" shall mean a Mortgage or Deed of Trust with first priority over other mortgages or deeds of trust on a Unit in the Properties and "first Mortgagee" or "first Beneficiary" shall mean the holder of a first Mortgage or Beneficiary under a first Deed of Trust.
- Section 1.59 "Notice and Hearing" shall mean written notice and a hearing before the Board, at which the Owner concerned shall have an opportunity to be heard in person, or by counsel at Owner's expense, in the manner further provided in the Bylaws.
- Section 1.60 "Officer" shall mean a duly elected or appointed and current officer of the Association.
- Section 1.61 "Ordinance(s)" shall mean all applicable ordinances and rules of the County, and/or other applicable government with jurisdiction.
- Section 1.62 "Original Property" shall mean that real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by this reference herein, which shall be the initial real property made subject to this Declaration, immediately upon the Recordation of this Declaration.
- Section 1.63 "Owner" shall mean the Person or Persons, including Declarant, holding fee simple interest of Record to any Unit. The term "Owner" shall include sellers under executory contracts of sale, but shall exclude Mortgagees. Pursuant to Article 3 hereof, a vendee under an installment land sale contract shall be deemed an "Owner" hereunder, provided the Board has received written notification thereof, executed by both vendor and vendee thereunder.
- Section 1.64 "Patio" shall mean a covered patio within a Yard Component. No Owner or Person other than Declarant (in its sole and absolute discretion) shall have any right to construct, or shall construct, a Patio.
- Section 1.65 "Perimeter Wall(s)/Fence(s)" shall mean the walls and/or fences located generally around the exterior boundary of the Properties, constructed or to be constructed by or with the approval of Dedarant.
- Section 1.66 "Person" shall mean a natural individual, a corporation, or any other entity with the legal right to hold title to real property.
- Section 1.67 "Plat" shall mean the final plat map of HIGH NOON AT ARLINGTON RANCH, on file in Book 115 of Plats, Page 21, in the Office of the County Recorder, Clark County, Nevada, and any and all other plat maps of the Community Recorded by Declarant, as said plat maps from time to time may be amended or supplemented of Record by Declarant.

- Section 1.68 "Private Streets" shall mean all private streets, rights of way, street scapes, and vehicular ingress and egress easements in the Properties, shown as such on the Plat, which Private Streets shall be Common Elements.
- Section 1.69 "Properties" shall mean all of the Original Property described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, together with such portions of the Annexable Area, described in Exhibit "B" hereto, as may hereafter be annexed from time to time thereto pursuant to Article 15 of this Declaration.
 - Section 1.70 "Purchaser" shall have that meaning as provided in NRS § 116.079.
- Section 1.71 "Record," "Recorded," "Filed," or "Recordation" shall mean, with respect to any document, the recordation of such document in the official records of the County Recorder of Clark County, Nevada.
- Section 1.72 "<u>Resident</u>" shall mean any Owner, tenant or other person, who is physically residing in a Unit.
 - Section 1.73 "Residential Unit" shall mean a Unit, as set forth in Section 1.79, below.
- Section 1.74 "<u>Rules and Regulations</u>" shall mean the rules and regulations, if any, adopted by the Board pursuant to the Declaration and Bylaws, as such Rules and Regulations from time to time may be amended.
- Section 1.75 "Sight Visibility Restriction Areas" shall mean those areas, if any, which are or may be located on portions of Common Elements and/or Units, identified on the Plat as "Sight Visibility Restriction Easements," in which the height of landscaping and other sight restricting Improvements (other than official traffic control devices) shall be limited to the maximum permitted height as may be set forth on the Plat.
- Section 1.76 "Triplex Building" shall mean each residential triplex building, housing the Living Components and Garage Components of three attached Residential Units within the Properties, as shown on the Plat.
- "Unit" or "Residential Unit" shall mean that residential portion of this Community to be separately owned by each Owner (as shown and separately identified as such on the Plat), and shall include all Improvements thereon. As set forth in the Plat, a Unit shall mean a 3-dimensional figure: (a) the horizontal boundaries of which are delineated on the Plat and are intended to terminate at the extreme outer limits of the Triplex Building envelope and include all roof areas, eaves and overhangs; and (b) the vertical boundaries of which are delineated on the Plat and are intended to extend from an indefinite distance below the ground floor finished flooring elevation to 50,00 feet above said ground floor finished flooring, except in those areas designated as Garage Components, which are detailed on the Plat. Each Residential Unit shall be a separate freehold estate (not owned in common with the other Owners of Units in the Module or Properties), as separately shown, numbered and designated in the Plat. Units shall include appurtenant Garage Components, and certain (presently, Units 2 and 3 in each Module), but not all Units shall include Yard Components. Declarant discloses that Declarant has no present intention for any Unit 1 in a Module to have any Yard Component. The boundaries of each Unit are set forth in the Plat, and include the above-described area and all applicable improvements within such area, which may include, without limitation, bearing walls. columns, floors, roofs, foundations, footings, windows, central heating and other central services, pipes. ducts, flues, conduits, wires and other utility installations.

- Section 1.78 "Units That May Be Created" shall mean the total "not to exceed" maximum number of aggregate Units within the Original Property and the Annexable Area (which Declarant has reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to create) (i.e., 342 Units), subject to Section 14.1(h) below. Such number shall not be increased without written consent of the Master Declarant.
 - Section 1.79 "VA" shall mean the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Section 1.80 "Yard Component" shall mean (typically with respect to Units 2 and 3 in each Module) a 3-dimensional figure lying outside of and contiguous to the Triplex Building in a Module, the vertical boundaries of each are identical to the Module, and the horizontal boundaries of which are as set forth on the Plat. Declarant does not presently intend to construct any Yard Component with respect to Unit 1 in any Module.

Any capitalized term not separately defined in this Declaration shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in applicable provision of NRS Chapter 116.

ARTICLE 2 OWNERS' PROPERTY RIGHTS; EASEMENTS

- Section 2.1 Ownership of Unit: Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Title to each Unit in the Properties shall be conveyed in fee to an Owner. Ownership of each Unit within the Properties shall include (a) a Residential Unit, (b) one Membership in the Association, and (c) any easements appurtenant to such Unit over the Common Elements as described in this Declaration, the Plat, and/or in the deed to the Unit. Each Owner shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of ingress and egress and of use and enjoyment in, to and over the Common Elements, including, but not limited to, Private Streets, which easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with title to the Owner's Unit, subject to the following:
- (a) the right of the Association to reasonably limit the number of guests and tenants an Owner or his or her tenant may authorize to use the Common Elements;
- (b) the right of the Association to establish uniform Rules and Regulations regarding use, maintenance and/or upkeep of the Common Elements and to amend same from time to time (such Rules and Regulations may be amended upon a majority vote of the Board), provided that such Rules and Regulations shall not irreconcilably conflict with this Declaration or the other Governing Documents;
- (c) the right of the Association in accordance with the Declaration, Articles and Bylaws, with the vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of the Association and a majority of the voting power of the Board, to borrow money for the purpose of improving or adding to the Common Elements, and, in aid thereof, and subject further to the Mortgagee protection provisions of Article 13 of this Declaration, to mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, provided that the rights of such Mortgagee shall be subordinated to the rights of the Owners;
- (d) subject to any and all applicable provisions of the Master Declaration, and subject further to the voting and approval requirements set forth in Subsection 2.1(c) above, and the provisions of Article 13 of this Declaration, the right of the Association to dedicate, release, alienate, transfer or grant easements, licenses, permits and rights of way in all or any portion of the Common Elements to any public agency, authority, utility or other Person for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members;

- (e) subject to the provisions of Article 14 hereof, the right of Declarant and its sales agents, representatives and prospective Purchasers, to the non-exclusive use of the Common Elements, without cost, for access, ingress, egress, use and enjoyment, in order to show and dispose of the Properties and/or any other development(s), until the last Close of Escrow for the marketing and/or sale of a Unit in the Properties or such other development(s); provided, however, that such use shall not unreasonably interfere with the rights of enjoyment of the other Owners as provided herein;
- (f) the other easements, and rights and reservations of Declarant as set forth in Article 14 and elsewhere in this Declaration;
- (g) the right of the Association (by action of the Board) to reconstruct, replace or refinish any improvement or portion thereof upon the Common Elements in accordance with the original design, finish or standard of construction of such improvement, or of the general improvements within the Properties, as the case may be; and if not materially in accordance with such original design, finish or standard of construction, only with the vote or written consent of Owners holding seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting power of the Association, and the vote or written consent of a majority of the voting power of the Board, and the approval of a majority of the Eligible Holders;
- (h) the right of the Association, acting through the Board, to replace destroyed trees
 or other vegetation and to plant trees, shrubs and other ground cover upon any portion of the Common
 Elements;
- (i) the right of the Association, acting through the Board, to place and maintain upon the Common Elements such signs as the Board reasonably may deem appropriate for the identification, marketing, advertisement, sale, use and/or regulation of the Properties or any other project of Declarant;
- (j) the right of the Association, acting through the Board, to reasonably restrict access to and use of portions of the Common Elements;
- (k) the right of the Association, acting through the Board, to reasonably suspend voting rights and to impose fines as Special Assessments, and to suspend the right of an Owner and/or Resident to use Common Elements, for nonpayment of any Assessment levied by the Association against the Owner's Unit, or if an Owner or Resident is otherwise in breach of obligations imposed under the Governing Documents;
- (I) the obligation of all Owners to observe "quiet hours" in the Common Elements, during the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. (or such other hours as shall be reasonably established from time to time by the Board in advance) during which "quiet hours," loud music, loud talking, shouting, and other loud noises shall not be permitted (whether inside or outside a Living Component, Garage Component, and/or Yard Component, or on Common Elements);
- (m) the right of all Owners to similarly use and enjoy the Common Elements, subject to the Governing Documents;
- (n) the exclusive rights of individual Units (and the Owners thereof) with regard to Limited Common Elements, as set forth in this Declaration;
- (o) the obligations and covenants of Owners as set forth in Article 9 and elsewhere in this Declaration;

- (p) the use restrictions set forth in Article 10 and elsewhere in this Declaration;
- (q) the easements reserved in this Declaration, including, but not necessarily limited to, the easements reserved in various sections of this Article 2, and/or any other provision of this Declaration; and
- (r) the restrictions, prohibitions, limitations, and/or reservations set forth in this Declaration.
- Section 2.2 <u>Easements for Parkind</u>. Subject to the use restrictions set forth in Article 10, below, the Association, through the Board, is hereby empowered to establish "parking" and/or "no parking" areas within the Common Elements, to accommodate ordinary and reasonable guest parking, and to establish Rules and Regulations governing such parking and to reasonably enforce such parking limitations and rules (by all means which would be lawful for such enforcement on public streets), including the removal of any violating vehicle by those so empowered, at the expense of the Owner of the violating vehicle. If any temporary guest or recreational parking is permitted within the Common Elements, such parking shall be permitted only within any spaces and areas clearly marked for such purpose. Without limiting the foregoing, no vehicle may be parked in the same Association parking space for more than two consecutive days, and no Association parking space may be used for any storage purpose whatsoever.
- Section 2.3 <u>Easements for Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic.</u> In addition to the general easements for use of the Common Elements reserved herein, there are hereby reserved to Declarant and all future Owners, and each of their respective agents, employees, guests, invitees and successors, non-exclusive, appurtenant easements for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the private main entry gate area and all Private Streets and common walkways within the Properties, subject to the parking provisions set forth in Section 2.2, above, and the use restrictions set forth in Article 10, below.
- Easement Right of Declarant Incident to Construction, Marketing and/or Sales Activities. An easement is hereby reserved by and granted to Declarant, its successors and assigns, and their respective officers, managers, employees, agents, contractors, sales representatives, prospective purchasers of Units, guests, and other invitees, for access, ingress, and egress over, in, upon, under, and across the Properties, including Common Elements, including but not limited to the right to store materials thereon and to make such other use thereof as may be reasonably necessary or incidental to Declarant's use development, advertising, marketing and/or sales related to the Properties, or any portions thereof, or any other project of Declarant; provided, however, that no such rights or easements shall be exercised by Declarant in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with the occupancy, use, enjoyment, or access by any Owner, his Family, guests, or invitees, to or of that Owner's Unit, or the Common Elements. The easement created pursuant to this Section 2.4 is subject to the time limit set forth in Section 14.1(a) hereof. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, until such time as the Close of Escrow of the last Unit in the Properties, Declarant reserves the right to control any and all entry gate(s) to the Properties, and neither the Association nor any one or more of the Owners shall at any time or in any way, without the prior written approval of Declarant in its discretion, cause any entry gate in the Properties to be closed during Declarant's marketing or sales hours (including on weekends and holidays), or shall in any other way impede, hinder, obstruct, or interfere with Declarant's marketing, sales, and/or construction activities.
- Section 2.5 <u>Easements for Public Service Use</u>. In addition to the foregoing easements over the Common Elements, there shall be and Declarant hereby reserves and covenants for itself and all future Owners within the Properties, easements for: (a) placement, use, maintenance and/or

replacement of any fire hydrants on portions of Common Elements, and other purposes regularly or normally related thereto; and (b) local governmental, state, and federal public services, including but not limited to, the right of postal, law enforcement, and fire protection services and their respective employees and agents, to enter upon any part of the Common Elements or any Unit, for the purpose of carrying out their official duties.

Section 2.6 Easements for Water, Sewage, Utility and Impation Purposes. In addition to the foregoing easements, there shall be and Declarant hereby reserves and covenants for itself, the Association, and all future Owners within the Properties, easements reasonably upon, over and across Common Elements and portion of Units, for installation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of public and private utilities, electric power, telephone, cable television, water, sewer, and gas lines and appurtenances (including but not limited to, the right of any public or private utility or mutual water and/or sewage district, of ingress or egress over the Common Elements and portions of Units; and easements for purposes of reading and maintaining meters, and using and maintaining any fire hydrants located on the Properties). There is hereby created a blanket easement in favor of Declarant and the Association upon, across, over, and under all Units and the Common Elements, for the installation, replacement, repair, and maintenance of utilities (including, but not limited to, water, sewer, gas, telephone, electricity, "smart" data cabling, if any, and master and cable television systems, if any), provided that said easement shall not extend beyond, across, over, or under any structure located on any Unit. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible to erect and maintain the necessary facilities, equipment and appurtenances in the Properties and to install, repair, and maintain water, sewer and gas pipes, electric, telephone and television wires, circuits, conduits and meters. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section, no sewer, electric, water or gas lines or other utilities or service lines may be installed or relocated within the Properties until the Close of Escrow of the last Unit in the Properties, except as approved by Declarant. This easement shall in no way affect any other Recorded easements in the Properties. There is also hereby reserved to Declarant during such period the non-exclusive right and power to grant such specific easements as may be necessary in the sole discretion of Declarant in connection with the orderly development of any property in the Properties. Any damage to a Unit resulting from the exercise of the easements described in this Section shall promptly be repaired by, and at the expense of, the Person exercising the easement. The exercise of these easements shall not extend to permitting entry into the structures on any Unit, nor shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit and, except in an emergency, entry onto any Unit shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or occupant thereof. Declarant further reserves and covenants for itself and the Association, and their respective agents, employees and contractors, easements over the Common Elements and all Units, for the control, installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of water and/or sewage lines and systems for watering or irrigation of any landscaping on, and/or sewage disposal from or related to Common Elements, in the event that any utility exceeds the scope of this or any other easement reserved in this Declaration, and causes damage to property, the Owner of such property shall pursue any resultant claim against the offending utility, and not against Declarant or the Association. Without limiting the foregoing, each Owner acknowledges that there will be only one sewer lateral servicing each three attached Residential Units, and that the backflow preventor and sewer cleanout for all of the Residential Units in a Triplex Bullding may be located in the Garage of one of the Residential Units. In the event that such backflow preventor or sewer cleanout is so located, the Owner of such Garage shall provide the Owners and/or Residents of the other two Units in the Module with reasonable rights and access within such Garage as may be necessary to reasonably use and maintain and repair such devices. In the event "emergency" access to or over a Garage is reasonably necessary, and the Owner of the Garage cannot reasonably be contacted, the Association shall have an easement over and upon such Garage, to reasonably remediate such "emergency" condition.

Additional Reservation of Easements. Declarant hereby expressly reserves for the benefit of each Owner and his or her Unit, reciprocal, non-exclusive easements over the adjoining Unit(s), for the support, control, maintenance and repair of the Owner's Unit and the utilities serving such Unit. Declarant further expressly reserves, for the benefit of all of the real property in the Properties, and for the benefit of all of the Units, the Association and the Owners, reciprocal, nonexclusive easements over all Units and the Common Elements, for the control, installation, maintenance and repair of utility services and drainage facilities serving any portion of the Properties (which may be located on portions of Units), for drainage of water resulting from the normal use thereof or of neighboring Units and/or Common Elements, for the inspection, painting, any required customer service work and/or maintenance and/or repair of those Exclusive Use Areas for which the Association is expressly responsible pursuant to this Declaration, and for painting, maintenance and repair of any Unit or portion thereof, pursuant to the Declaration. In the event that any utility or third Person exceeds the scope of any easement pertaining to the Properties, and thereby causes bodily injury or damage to property, the injured or affected Owner or Resident shall pursue any and all resultant claims against the offending utility or third Person, and not against Declarant or the Association. In the event of any minor encroachment of a Unit (including Yard Component, if applicable) upon the Common Elements (or vice versa), or other Unit, as a result of initial construction, or as a result of reconstruction, repair, shifting, settlement or movement of any portion of the Properties, a valid easement for minor encoachment and for the maintenance of the same shall exist, so long as the minor encroachment exists. Declarant and each Owner of a Unit, shall have an easement appurtenant to such Unit over the Unit line to and over the adjacent Unit and/or adjacent Common Elements, for the purposes of accommodating any natural movement or settling of any Unit, any encroachment of any Unit due to minor engineering or construction variances, and any encroachment of eaves, roof overhangs, patio walls and architectural features comprising parts of the original construction of any Unit, Declarant further reserves (a) a nonexclusive easement on and/or over the Properties, and all portions thereof (including Common Elements and Units), for the benefit of Declarant and its agents and/or contractors, for any inspections and/or required repairs, and (b) a non-exclusive easement on and/or over the Properties, and all portions thereof (including Common Elements and Units), for the benefit (but not the obligation) of Declarant, the Association, and their respective agents, contractors, and/or any other authorized party, for the maintenance and/or repair of any and all landscaping and/or other improvements located on the Common Elements and/or Units.

Section 2.8 <u>Encroachments</u>. The physical boundaries of an existing Unit (including Yard Component, if applicable), or of a Unit reconstructed in substantial accordance with the original plans thereof, shall be conclusively presumed to be its boundaries rather than any metes and bounds expressed in the Plat or in an instrument conveying, granting or transferring a Unit, regardless of settling or lateral movement and regardless of minor variances between boundaries shown on the Plat or reflected in the instrument of grant; assignment or conveyance and the actual boundaries existing from time to time.

Section 2.9 <u>Easement Data</u>. The Recording data for all easements and licenses reserved pursuant to the terms of this Declaration is the same as the Recording data for this Declaration. The Recording data for any and all easements and licenses shown on and created by the Plat is the same as the Recording data for the Plat.

Section 2.10 Owners' Right of Ingress and Egress. Each Owner shall have an unrestricted right of ingress and egress to his, Unit reasonably over and across the Common Elements, which right shall be appurtenant to the Unit, and shall pass with any transfer of title to the Unit.

Section 2.11 No Transfer of Interest in Common Elements. No Owner shall be entitled to sell, lease, encumber, or otherwise convey (whether voluntarily or involuntarily) his interest in any of the

Common Elements, or in any part of the component interests which comprise his Unit, except in conjunction with a conveyance of his Unit. No transfer of Common Elements, or any Interest therein, shall deprive any Unit of its rights of access. Any attempted or purported transaction in violation of this provision shall be void and of no effect.

Section 2.12 Ownership of Common Elements. Title to the Private Streets and other Common Elements shall be conveyed to and held by the Association; provided that each Owner, by virtue of Membership in the Association, shall be entitled to non-exclusive use and enjoyment of the Private Streets and other Common Elements, subject to the Governing Documents. The Association shall own the Common Elements. Except as otherwise limited in this Declaration, each Owner shall have the right to use the Common Elements for all purposes incident to the use and occupancy of his Unit as a place of residence, and such other incidental uses permitted by this Declaration, without hindering or encroaching upon the lawful rights of the other Owners, which right shall be appurtenant to and run with the Unit.

Section 2.13 <u>Exclusive Use Areas</u>. Each Owner of a Unit shall have an exclusive easement for the use of the entry designed for the sole use of said Unit, as an Exclusive Use Area, appurtenant to the Unit. The foregoing easements shall not entitle an Owner to construct anything or to change any structural part of the easement area. Certain HVAC serving one Unit exclusively are also Exclusive Use Areas, as set forth in Section 2.14 below.

Section 2.14 <u>HVAC</u>. Easements are hereby reserved for the benefit of each Unit, Declarant, and the Association, for the purpose of maintenance, repair and replacement of any heating, ventilation, and/or air conditioning and/or heating equipment and systems ("HVAC") located in the Common Elements; provided, however, that no HVAC shall be placed in any part of the Common Elements other than its original location as installed by Declarant, unless the approval of the Board is first obtained. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision in this Declaration, any HVAC which is physically located within the Common Elements, but which serves an individual Unit exclusively, shall constitute an Exclusive Use Area as to the Unit exclusively served by such HVAC, and the Owner of the Unit (and not the Association) shall have the duty, at the Owner's cost, to maintain, repair and replace, as reasonably necessary, the HVAC serving the Unit, subject to the original appearance and condition thereof as originally installed by Declarant, subject to ordinary wear and tear. Notwithstanding the foregoing, concrete pads undemeath HVAC shall not constitute part of HVAC, but shall be deemed to be Common Elements.

Section 2.15 Garages. Declarant shall convey fee title to Garages, as part of Residential Units to which appurtenant, to Owners, provided that each such Garage shall be deemed to be appurtenant to the designated Unit, and shall not be deemed to independently constitute a Unit. The boundaries and dimensions of a Garage Component shall be as set forth in the Plat, and are subject to the boundaries and dimensions of the staircase (if applicable) and other portions of the adjoining Residential Unit; provided that maintenance and repair obligations related thereto shall be as set forth in Section 9.3(a), below. Upon conveyance of a Garage by Declarant to a Purchaser in fee, the Garage shall be deemed forever after to be an inseparable part of the Unit to which appurtenant. In no event shall the Garage thereafter be conveyed, encumbered, or released from any lien except in conjunction with, and as an integral part of, the conveyance, encumbrance, or release of said Unit. Any purported conveyance, encumbrance, or release of a Garage, separate from the entire Unit, shall be void and of no effect. Each Owner of a Garage Component shall have an easement over the walls and ceiling of the neighboring Residential Unit 1 adjacent to such Garage Component for the purpose of attaching screws, fasteners, fixtures, shelves, cabinets and garage door openers to the walls and ceilings of the Garage Component, and shall have an easement over portions of the adjoining Residential Unit for purposes of reasonable access to and maintenance and repair of electrical, sewer, and other utility lines

servicing such Garage Component. Without limiting the foregoing, each Owner of a Residential Unit shall have an easement over the adjoining Garage Component for purposes of reasonable access to and maintenance and repair of the staircase or upstairs area, or electrical, sewer, and other utility lines, and sewer cleanouts, servicing or related to such Residential Unit. Additionally, each Owner of a Unit 2 and/or Unit 3 within a Triplex Building shall have an easement over the portions of Unit 1 immediately surrounding the Garage Component in Unit 2 and/or Unit 3, for reasonable usage thereof. The easement rights set forth in this Section are subject to the restrictions set forth in Article 10 (Including, but not limited to, restrictions pertaining to "noise", "nuisance", and "vibrations").

Section 2.16 <u>Driveway Areas</u>. No parking shall be permitted in any driveway area (provided that temporary loading and unloading may be permitted on an occasional basis), unless specifically approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and then subject to: (a) Section 10.18 below, (b) any limitations or prohibitions imposed by Declarant in its sole discretion pursuant to Section 14.1 below, and/or (c) the Ruies and Regulations. Neither Declarant nor the Association (nor any officer, manager, agent, or employee respectively thereof) shall be liable for damage to or theft of any vehicle or any contents thereof.

Section 2.17 <u>Cable Television</u>. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to his Unit, acknowledges and agrees that, in the event Deciarant has pre-wired and installed a complete cable television system ("CATV") within the Unit (including, but not limited to, cable television outlets for the Unit), such CATV system and all components as so installed, shall not constitute the property of the Owner, but shall be the sole property of Declarant or Master Declarant (or, at their option, of a cable company selected thereby), and there shall be, and hereby is, reserved a non-exclusive easement in gross on, over, under or across the Unit for purposes of installation and maintenance of such cable television equipment, for the benefit of Declarant, Master Declarant, or such other cable company as may be selected respectively thereby. Without limiting the foregoing, Declarant or the Association may, but are in no way obligated to, provide a master antenna or cable television antenna for use of all or some Owners, and, in such event, Declarant may grant easements for maintenance of any such master or cable television service.

Section 2.18 <u>Waiver of Use</u>. No Owner may exempt himself from personal liability for assessments duly levied by the Association, nor release the Unit or other property owned by said Owner from the liens and charges hereof, by waiver of the use and enjoyment of the Common Elements, or any facilities respectively thereon, or by abandonment of his Unit or any other property in the Properties.

Section 2.19 <u>Alteration of Units</u>. Declarant reserves the right to change the interior design and arrangement of any Unit and to alter the boundaries between Units (including Garage Components and/or Yard Components, if applicable), so long as Declarant owns the Units (or Garage Component or Yard Component) so altered. No such change shall increase the number of Units nor alter the boundaries of the Common Elements.

Section 2.20 <u>Taxes</u>. Each Owner shall execute such instruments and take such action as may reasonably be specified by the Association to obtain separate real estate tax assessment of each Unit. If any taxes or similar assessments of any Owner may, in the opinion of the Association, become a lien on the Common Elements, or any part thereof, they may be paid by the Association as a Common Expense or paid by the Association and levied against such Owner as a Special Assessment.

Section 2.21 <u>Additional Provisions for Benefit of Handicapped Persons</u>. To the extent required by applicable law, provisions of the Governing Documents, and policies, practices, and services, shall be reasonably accommodated to afford handicapped Residents with equal opportunity to use and enjoy their Dwellings. Pursuant to the foregoing, Declarant may cause to be installed certain

handrails or other accommodations for the benefit of handicapped Residents, on or within areas appurtenant or proximate to certain Units, or other areas of the Properties, as may be deemed by Declarant to be reasonably necessary. Handrails in portions of driveway areas or other areas which pertain to certain designated Units shall be Exclusive Use Areas appurtenant to such Units. To the extent required by applicable law, the Association shall reasonably accommodate handicapped Residents, to afford such Residents equal opportunity to use and enjoy their Dwellings, and the Association shall permit handicapped Residents to make reasonable modifications to their living areas which are necessary to enable them to have full enjoyment of the premises. The Association shall comply with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination against any person in the provision of services or facilities in connection with a Dwelling because of a handicap of such person. In the event of irreconcliable conflict between applicable law and any provision of the Governing Documents, applicable law shall prevail, and the Association shall not adhere to or enforce any provision of the Governing Documents which irreconcilably contravenes applicable law. Installation by Declarant of handralls in driveway areas (or installation by Declarant of other devices to reasonably accommodate handicapped Residents in other areas of the Properties) shall raise absolutely no Inference that such devices are in any regard "standard" or that they will or may be installed with respect to all or any other Units or all or any other areas of the Properties.

Section 2.22 <u>Avigation Easements</u>. Declarant hereby reserves, for itself, and/or for the Association, for the Master Declarant, and/or for the Master Association, the unilateral right to grant avigation easements over Common Elements, to applicable governmental entity or entities with jurisdiction; and each Owner hereby covenants to sign such documents and perform such acts as may be reasonably required to effectuate the foregoing.

Section 2.23 Hose Bib Spaces. Certain parking spaces ("Hose Bib Spaces") are or may be located within or nearby High Noon and/or the neighboring communities of First Light and/or Twilight, and are intended for use by all Residents within the Master Community in connection with washing of their vehicles at Hose Bib Spaces located within the Master Association. Such Hose Bib Spaces are intended for use and enjoyment by all Residents of the ARLINGTON RANCH NORTH Master Community, and all Residents of the Master Community shall have an easement of reasonable access to and from, and use and enjoyment of, such Hose Bib Spaces for their Intended purpose.

Section 2.24 Master Metered Water. Water (and/or sewage) for Common Elements and Units (including, but not limited to, Limited Components and Yard Components) at High Noon shall or may be master metered at the Master Community level, and master water (and/or master sewage, if applicable) allocated to Units within High Noon and the adjacent community of First Light. Periodic water (and or sewage) costs allocable to each Unit shall be paid by the Owner of said Unit, regardless of level or period of occupancy (or vacancy) and regardless of whether or not the Unit has an appurtenant Yard Component.

Section 2.25 Prohibition of Ownership of Multiple Units Within a Triplex Building. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, to the maximum extent allowed by applicable law, the following provisions of this Section 2.25 shall apply and be enforced. Ownership and/or occupancy by the same Person or such Owner and any Family member of more than one Unit within the same Triplex Building shall be strictly prohibited. In the event the same Person or Family should be found to own and/or occupy more than one Unit within the same Triplex Building, then such Person or Family shall be required to immediately divest ownership and/or terminate occupancy of such extra Unit(s) so that such Person and Family shall own and/or occupy no more than one Unit per Triplex Building. A Person or Family violating this Section 2.25 shall submit to the jurisdiction of a Court of competent jurisdiction, and shall not oppose any application by the Association or Declarant for a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and/or permanent injunction, to enforce this Section 2.25, and/or to prohibit any

violation hereof, and such Person and/or Family shall pay all related attorneys' fees and costs of the Association and/or Declarant incurred in connection with enforcement of this Section 2.25.

ARTICLE 3 HIGH NOON AT ARLINGTON RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Section 3.1 Organization of Association. The Association is, or shall be, by not later than the date the first Unit is conveyed to a Purchaser, incorporated under the name of HIGH NOON AT ARLINGTON RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, or similar name, as a non-profit corporation, pursuant to NRS Chapter 82. Upon dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of as set forth in the Governing Documents, and in compliance with applicable Nevada law.

Section 3.2 <u>Duties, Powers and Rights.</u> Duties, powers and rights of the Association are those set forth in this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws, together with its general and implied powers as a non-profit corporation, generally to do any and all things that a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada may lawfully do which are necessary or proper, in operating for the peace, health, comfort, safety and general welfare of its Members, including any applicable powers set forth in NRS § 116.3102, subject only to the limitations upon the exercise of such powers as are expressly set forth in the Governing Documents, or in any applicable provision of NRS Chapter 116. The Association shall make available for inspection at its office by any prospective purchaser of a Unit, any Owner, and any Eligible Holders, during regular business hours and upon reasonable advance notice, current copies of the Governing Documents and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association.

Section 3.3 <u>Membership</u>. Each Owner (including Declarant, by virtue of owning title to any Unit), upon acquiring title to a Unit, shall automatically become a Member of the Association, and shall remain a Member until such time as his or her ownership of the Unit ceases, at which time, his or her membership in the Association shall automatically cease. Membership shall not be assignable, except to the Person to whom title to the Unit has been transferred, and each Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, fee ownership of the Unit. Ownership of such Unit shall be the sole qualification for Membership, and shall be subject to the Governing Documents.

Transfer of Membership. The Membership held by any Owner shall not be transferred, pledged or alienated in any way, except upon the sale or encumbrance of such Owner's Unit, and then only to the purchaser or Mortgagee of such Unit. Any attempt to make a prohibited transfer is void, and will not be reflected upon the books and records of the Association. An Owner who has sold his or her Unit to a contract purchaser under an agreement to purchase shall be entitled to delegate to such contract purchaser said Owner's Membership rights. Such delegation shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Board before such contract purchaser may vote. However, the contract seller shall remain liable for all charges and Assessments attributable to his or her Unit until fee title to the Unit sold is transferred. If any Owner should fall or refuse to transfer his or her Membership to the purchaser of such Unit upon transfer of fee title thereto, the Board shall have the right to record the transfer upon the books of the Association. Until evidence of such transfer (which may, but need not necessarily be, a copy of the Recorded deed of transfer) first has been presented to the reasonable satisfaction of the Board, the purchaser shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Association, unless the purchaser shall have a valid proxy from the seller of said Unit, pursuant to Section 4.6, below. The Association may levy a reasonable transfer fee against a new Owner and his or her Unit (which fee shall be added to the Annual Assessment chargeable to such new Owner) to reimburse the Association for the administrative cost of transferring the Membership to the new Owner on the records of the Association. The new Owner shall, if requested by the Board or Manager, timely attend an orientation to the Community and the Properties, conducted by an Association Officer or the Manager, and will be required to pay any costs related to obtaining entry gate keys and/or remote controls, if not obtained from the prior Owner at Close of Escrow.

- Section 3.5 Articles and Bylaws. The purposes and powers of the Association and the rights and obligations with respect to Owners as Members of the Association set forth in this Declaration may and shall be amplified by provisions of the Articles and Bylaws, including any reasonable provisions with respect to corporate matters; but in the event that any such provisions may be, at any time, inconsistent with any provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of this Declaration shall govern. The Bylaws shall provide:
- (a) the number of Directors (subject to Section 3.6 below) and the titles of the Officers;
- (b) for election by the Board of an Association president, treasurer, secretary and any other Officers specified by the Bylaws;
- (c) the qualifications, powers and duties, terms of office and manner of electing and removing Directors and Officers, and filling vacancies;
- (d) which, if any, respective powers the Board or Officers may delegate to other Persons or to a Manager;
- (e) which of the Officers may prepare, execute, certify and record amendments to the Declaration on behalf of the Association;
 - (f) procedural rules for conducting meetings of the Association; and
 - (g) a method for amending the Bylaws.

Section 3.6 Board of Directors.

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of three (3) Directors, all of whom (other than Directors appointed by Declarant pursuant to Section 3.7 below) must be Members of the Association. In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.7 below, upon the formation of the Association, Declarant shall appoint the Board. The Board may act in all instances on behalf of the Association, except as otherwise may be provided in the Governing Documents or any applicable provision of NRS Chapter 116 or other applicable law. The Directors, in the performance of their duties, are fiduciaries, and are required to exercise the ordinary and reasonable care of directors of a corporation, subject to the business-judgment rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may not act on behalf of the Association to amend the Declaration, to terminate the Community, or to elect Directors or determine their qualifications, powers and duties or terms of office, provided that the Board may fill vacancies in the Board for the unexpired portion of any term. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws to the contrary, the Owners, by a two-thirds vote of all persons present and entitled to vote at any meeting of the Owners at which a quorum is present, may remove any Director with or without cause, other than a Director appointed by Declarant. If a Director is sued for liability for actions undertaken in his or her role as a Director, the Association shall indemnify him for his losses or claims, and shall undertake all costs of defense, unless and until it is proven that the Director acted with willful or wanton misfeasance or with gross negligence. After such proof, the Association is no longer liable for the costs of defense, and may recover, from the Director who so acted, costs already expended. Directors are not personally liable to the victims of crimes occurring within the

Properties. Purilive damages may not be recovered against Declarant or the Association, subject to applicable Nevada law. An officer, employee, agent or director of a corporate Owner, a trustee or designated beneficiary of a trust that owns a Unit, a partner of a partnership that owns a Unit, or a fiduciary of an estate that owns a Unit, may be an Officer or Director. In every event where the person serving or offering to serve as an Officer or Director is not a record Owner, he shall file proof of authority in the records of the Association. No Director shall be entitled to delegate his or her vote on the Board, as a Director, to any other Director or any other Person; and any such attempted delegation of a Director's vote shall be void. Each Director shall serve in office until the appointment (or election, as applicable) of his or her successor.

- (b) The term of office of a Director shall not exceed two (2) years. A Director may be elected to succeed himself or herself. Following the Declarant Control Period, elections for Directors (whose terms are expiring) must be held at the Annual Meeting, as set forth in Section 4.3 below.
- (c) A quorum is deemed present throughout any Board meeting if Directors entitled to cast fifty percent (50%) of the votes on that Board are present at the beginning of the meeting.
- Section 3.7 <u>Declarant's Control of Board</u>. During the period of Declarant's control ("Declarant Control Period"), as set forth below, Declarant at any time, with or without cause, may remove or replace any Director appointed by Declarant. Directors appointed by Declarant need not be Owners. Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove the Directors, subject to the following limitations:
- (a) Not later than sixty (60) days after conveyance from Declarant to Purchasers of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Units That May Be Created, at least one Director and not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total Directors must be elected by Owners other than Declarant.
- (b) Not later than sixty (60) days after conveyance from Declarant to Purchasers of fifty percent (50%) of the Units That May Be Created, not less than one-third of the total Directors must be elected by Owners other than Declarant.
- (c) The Declarant Control Period shall terminate on the earliest of: (i) sixty (60) days after conveyance from Declarant to Purchasers of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Units That May Be Created; (ii) five (5) years after Declarant has ceased to offer any Units for sale in the ordinary course of business; or (iii) five (5) years after any right to annex any portion of the Annexable Area was last exercised pursuant to Article 15 hereof.
- Section 3.8 Control of Board by Owners. Subject to and following the Declarant Control Period: (a) the Owners shall elect a Board of at least three (3) Directors, and (b) the Board may fill-vacancies in its membership (e.g., due to death or resignation of a Director), subject to the right of the Owners to elect a replacement Director, for the unexpired portion of any term. After the Declarant Control Period, all of the Directors must be Owners, and each Director shall, within ninety (90) days of his appointment or election, certify in writing that he is an Owner and has read and reasonably understands the Governing Documents and applicable provisions of NRS Chapter 116 to the best of his or her ability. The Board shall elect the Officers, all of whom (after the Declarant Control Period) must be Owners and Directors. The Owners, upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all Owners present and entitled to vote at any Owners' meeting at which a quorum is present, may remove any Director(s) with or without cause; provided, however that any Director(s) appointed by Declarant may only be removed by Declarant.

Section 3.9 <u>Election of Directors.</u> Not less than thirty (30) days before the preparation of a ballot for the election of Directors, which shall normally be conducted at an Annual Meeting, the Association Secretary or other designated Officer shall cause notice to be given to each Owner of his eligibility to serve as a Director. Each Owner who is qualified to serve as a Director may have his name placed on the ballot along with the names of the nominees selected by the Board or a nominating committee established by the Board. The Association Secretary or other designated Officer shall cause to be sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of each Unit within the Community or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the Unit Owner, a secret ballot and a return envelope. Election of Directors must be conducted by secret written ballot, for so long as so required by applicable Nevada law, with the vote publicly counted (which counting may be done as the meeting agenda progresses).

Section 3.10 Board Meetings.

- (a) A Board meeting must be held at least once every 90 days. Except in an emergency, the Secretary or other designated Officer shall, not less than 10 days before the date of a Board meeting, cause notice of the meeting to be given to the Owners. Such notice must be: (1) sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of each Unit or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the Owner, or (2) published in a newsletter or other similar publication circulated to each Owner. In an emergency, the Secretary or other designated Officer shall, if practicable, cause notice of the meeting to be sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of each Unit. If delivery of the notice in this manner is impracticable, the notice must be hand-delivered to each Unit within the Community or posted in a prominent place or places within the Common Elements.
- (b) As used in this Section 3.10, "emergency" means any occurrence or combination of occurrences that: (1) could not have been reasonably foreseen; (2) affects the health, welfare and safety of the Owners; (3) requires the immediate attention of, and possible action by, the Board; and (4) makes it impracticable to comply with regular notice and/or agenda provisions.
- (c) The notice of the Board meeting must state the time and place of the meeting and include a copy of the agenda for the meeting (or the date on which and the locations where copies of the agenda may be conveniently obtained by Owners). The notice must include notification of the right of an Owner to: (1) have a copy of the minutes or a summary of the minutes of the meeting distributed to him upon request (and, if required by the Board, upon payment to the Association of the cost of making the distribution), and (2) speak to the Association or Board, unless the Board is meeting in Executive Session.
- (d) The agenda of the Board meeting must comply with the provisions of NRS § 116.3108.3. The period required to be devoted to comments by Owners and discussion of those comments must be scheduled for the beginning of each meeting. In an emergency, the Board may take action on an item which is not listed on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken.
- (e) At least once every 90 days, the Board shall review at one of its meetings: (1) a current reconciliation of the Operating Fund (as defined in Section 6.2 below); (2) a current reconciliation of the Reserve Fund (as defined in Section 6.3 below); (3) the actual deposits and withdrawals for the Reserve Fund, compared to the Reserve Budget for the current year; (4) the latest account statements prepared by the financial institutions in which the accounts of the Association are maintained; (5) an income and expense statement, prepared on at least a quarterly basis, for the Operating Fund and Reserve Fund; and (6) the current status of any civil action or claim submitted to arbitration or mediation in which the Association is a party.

- (f) The minutes of a Board meeting must be made available to Owners in accordance with NRS § 116.3108.5.
- Section 3.11 Attendance by Owners at Board Meetings: Executive Sessions. Owners are entitled to attend any meeting of the Board (except for Executive Sessions) and may speak at such meeting, provided that the Board may establish reasonable procedures and reasonable limitations on the time an Owner may speak at such meeting. The period required to be devoted to comments by Owners and discussion of those comments must be scheduled for the beginning of each meeting. Owners may not attend or speak at an Executive Session, unless the Board specifically so permits. An "Executive Session" is an executive session of the Board (which may be a portion of a Board meeting), designated as such by the Board in advance, for the sole purpose of:
- (a) consulting with an attorney for the Association on matters relating to proposed or pending litigation, if the contents of the discussion would otherwise be governed by the privilege set forth in NRS §§ 49.035 to 49.115, inclusive; or
 - (b) discussing Association personnel matters of a sensitive nature; or
- (c) discussing any violation ("Alleged Violation") of the Governing Documents (including, without limitation, the failure to pay an Assessment) alleged to have been committed by an Owner ("involved Owner") (provided that the Involved Owner shall be entitled to request in writing that such hearing be conducted by the Board in open meeting, and provided further that the Involved Owner may attend such hearing and testify concerning the Alleged Violation, but may be excluded by the Board from any other portion of such hearing, including, without limitation, the Board's deliberation).

No other matter may be discussed in Executive Session. Any matter discussed in Executive Session must be generally described in the minutes of the Board meeting, provided that the Board shall maintain detailed minutes of the discussion of any Alleged Violation, and, upon request, shall provide a copy of said detailed minutes to the Involved Owner or his designated representative.

Section 3.12 Election of One District Director to Master Association Board. Subject to Master Declarant's control of the Master Association Board, as set forth in Section 3.7 of the Master Declaration, the Members of High Noon at ARLINGTON RANCH Homeowners Association shall elect one (1) District Director to the Master Association Board, pursuant to Article 4 (including, but not limited to, Section 4.3) of the Master Declaration.

ARTICLE 4 OWNERS' VOTING RIGHTS; MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 4.1 Owners' Voting Rights. Subject to the following provisions of this Section 4.1, and to Section 4.6 below, each Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Unit owned. In the event that more than one Person holds fee title to a Unit ("co-owners"), all such co-owners shall be one Member, and may attend any meeting of the Association, but only one such co-owner shall be entitled to exercise the vote to which the Unit is entitled. Such co-owners may from time to time all designate in writing one of their number to vote. Fractional votes shall not be allowed. Where no voting co-owner is designated, or if such designation has been revoked, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as the majority of the co-owners of the Unit mutually agree. No vote shall be cast for any Unit where the co-owners present in person or by proxy owning the majority interests in such Unit cannot agree to said vote or other action. The non-voting co-owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for all of the obligations imposed upon the jointly owned Unit and shall be entitled to all other benefits

of ownership. All agreements and determinations lawfully made by the Association in accordance with the voting percentages established herein, or in the Bylaws, shall be deemed to be binding on all Owners, their successors and assigns. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the voting rights of an Owner shall be automatically suspended during any time period that any Assessment levied against such Owner is delinquent.

- Section 4.2 <u>Transfer of Voting Rights</u>. The right to vote may not be severed or separated from any Unit, and any sale, transfer or conveyance of fee interest in any Unit to a new Owner shall operate to transfer the appurtenant Membership and voting rights without the requirement of any express reference thereto. Each Owner shall, within ten (10) days of any sale, transfer or conveyance of a fee interest in the Owner's Unit, notify the Association in writing of such sale, transfer or conveyance, with the name and address of the transferee, the nature of the transfer and the Unit involved, and such other information relative to the transfer and the transferee as the Board may reasonably request, and shall deliver to the Association a copy of the Recorded deed therefor.
- Section 4.3 <u>Meetings of the Membership.</u> Meetings of the Association must be held at least once each year, or as otherwise may be required by applicable law. The annual Association meeting shall be held on a recurring anniversary basis, and shall be referred to as the "Annual Meeting." The business conducted at each such Annual Meeting shall include the election of Directors whose terms are then expiring. If the Members have not held a meeting for one (1) year, a meeting of the Association Membership must be held by not later than the March 1 next following. A special meeting of the Association Membership may be called at any reasonable time and place by written request of; (a) the Association President, (b) a majority of the Directors, or (c) Members representing at least ten percent (10%) of the voting power of the Association, or as otherwise may be required by applicable law. Notice of special meetings shall be given by the Secretary of the Association in the form and manner provided in Section 4.4, below.
- Section 4.4 <u>Meeting Notices: Agendas; Minutes</u>. Meetings of the Members shall be held in the Properties or at such other convenient location near the Properties and within Clark County as may be designated in the notice of the meeting.
- (a) Not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of any meeting, the Association Secretary shall cause notice to be hand delivered or sent postage prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of each Unit or to any other mailing address designated in writing by any Owner. The meeting notice must state the time and place of the meeting and include a copy of the agenda for the meeting. The notice must include notification of the right of an Owner to: (i) have a copy of the minutes or a summary of the minutes of the meeting distributed to him upon request, if the Owner pays the Association the cost of making the distribution; and (ii) speak to the Association or Board (unless the Board is meeting in Executive Session).
 - (b) The meeting agenda must consist of:
- (i) a clear and complete statement of the topics scheduled to be considered during the meeting, including, without limitation, any proposed amendment to any of the Governing Documents, any fees or Assessments to be imposed or increased by the Association, any budgetary changes, and/or any proposal to remove an Officer or Director, and
- (ii) a list describing the items on which action may be taken, and clearly denoting that action may be taken on those items ("Agenda Items"); and

- (iii) a period devoted to comments by Owners and discussion of such comments; provided that, except in emergencies, no action may be taken upon a matter raised during this comment and discussion period unless the matter is an Agenda Item. If the matter is not an Agenda Item, it shall be tabled at the current meeting, and specifically included as an Agenda Item for discussion and consideration at the next following meeting, at which time, action may be taken thereon.
- (c) In an "emergency" (as said term is defined in Section 3.10(b) above), Members may take action on an item which is not listed on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken.
- (d) If the Association adopts a policy imposing a fine on an Owner for the violation of a provision of the Governing Documents, the Board shall prepare and cause to be hand-delivered or sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of each Unit or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the Owner thereof, a specific schedule of fines that may be imposed for those particular violations, at least thirty (30) days prior to any attempted enforcement, and otherwise subject to Section 17.1, below.
- (e) Not more than thirty (30) days after any meeting, the Board shall cause the minutes or a summary of the minutes of the meeting to be made available to the Owners. A copy of the minutes or a summary of the minutes must be provided to any Owner who pays the Association the cost of providing the copy.
- Section 4.5 Record Date. The Board shall have the power to fix in advance a date as a record date for the purpose of determining Members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting or to be furnished with any Budget or other information or material, or in order to make a determination of Members for any purpose. Notwithstanding any provisions hereof to the contrary, the Members of record on any such record date shall be deemed the Members for such notice, vote, meeting, furnishing of information or material or other purpose and for any supplementary notice, or information or material with respect to the same matter and for an adjournment of the same meeting. A record date shall not be more than sixty (60) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date on which the particular action requiring determination of Members is proposed or expected to be taken or to occur.
- Proxies. Every Member entitled to attend, vote at, or exercise consents, with respect to any meeting of the Members, may do so either in person, or by a representative, known as a proxy, duly authorized by an instrument in writing, filed with the Board prior to the meeting to which the proxy is applicable. A Member may give a proxy only to a member of his immediate Family, a tenant of said Member residing in the Community, or another Member residing in the Community, or as otherwise may be authorized from time to time by applicable Nevada law. No proxy shall be valid after the conclusion of the meeting (including continuation of such meeting) for which the proxy was executed. Such powers of designation and revocation may be exercised by the legal guardian of any Member or by his conservator, or in the case of a minor having no guardian, by the parent legally entitled to permanent custody, or during the administration of any Member's estate where the interest in the Unit is subject to administration in the estate, by such Member's executor or administrator. Any form of proxy or written ballot shall afford an opportunity therein to specify a choice between approval and disapproval of each matter or group of related matters intended, at the time the written ballot or proxy is distributed, to be acted upon at the meeting for which the proxy or written ballot is solicited, and shall provide, subject to reasonably specified conditions, that where the person solicited specifies a choice with respect to any such matter, the vote shall be cast in accordance with such specification. Unless applicable Nevada law provides otherwise, a proxy is void if: (a) it is not dated or purports to be revocable without notice; (b) it does not designate the votes that must be cast on behalf of the Member who executed the proxy; or (c) the holder of the proxy does not disclose at the beginning of the meeting (for which the proxy is executed) the number of proxies pursuant to which the proxy holder will be

casting votes and the voting instructions received for each proxy. If and for so long as prohibited by Nevada law, a vote may not be cast pursuant to a proxy for the election of a Director.

Section 4.7 Quorums. The presence at any meeting of Members who hold votes equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total voting power of the Association, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for consideration of that matter. The Members present at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken other than adjournment is approved by at least a majority of the Members required to constitute a quorum, unless a greater vote is required by applicable law or by this Declaration. If any meeting cannot be held because a quorum is not present, the Members present, either in person or by proxy, may, except as otherwise provided by law, adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called, at which reconvened meeting the quorum requirement shall be the presence, in person or by written proxy, of the Members entitled to vote at least twenty percent (20%) of the total votes of the Association. Notwithstanding the presence of a sufficient number of Owners to constitute a quorum, certain matters, including, without limitation, amendment to this Declaration, require a higher percentage (e.g., 67%) of votes of the total voting Membership as set forth in this Declaration.

Section 4.8 <u>Actions</u>. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote on any matter of the majority of the votes represented at the meeting (or, in the case of elections in which there are more than two (2) candidates, a plurality of the votes cast) shall be the act of the Members, unless the vote of a greater number is required by applicable law or by this Declaration.

Section 4.9 Adjourned Meetings and Notice Thereof. Any Members' meeting, regular or special, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a majority of the Members present either in person or by proxy thereat, but in the absence of a quorum, no other business may be transacted at any such meeting except as provided in this Section 4.9. When any Members' meeting, either regular or special, is adjourned for seven (7) days or less, the time and place of the reconvened meeting shall be announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. When any Members' meeting, either regular or special, is adjourned for more than seven (7) days, notice of the reconvened meeting shall be given to each Member as in the case of an original meeting. Except as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at a reconvened meeting, and at the reconvened meeting the Members may transact any business that might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Section 4.10 <u>Membership in Master Association and LMA Association</u>. Each Member also concurrently shall be a member of the Master Association and LMA Association respectively, and also subject to the Master Declaration and LMA Declaration respectively and other Master Association Documents and LMA Association Documents, as and to the extent set forth therein.

ARTICLE 5 FUNCTIONS OF ASSOCIATION

Section 5.1 <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Association shall have all of the powers of a Nevada nonprofit corporation, subject only to such limitations, if any, upon the exercise of such powers as are expressly set forth in the Declaration, Articles and Bylaws. The Association shall have the power to perform any and all lawful acts which may be necessary or proper for, or incidental to, the exercise of any of the express powers of the Association. The Association's obligations to maintain the Common Elements shall commence on the date Annual Assessments commence on Units; until commencement

of Annual Assessments, the Common Elements shall be maintained by Declarant, at Declarant's expense. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Association may act through the Board, and shall have:

- (a) <u>Assessments</u>. The power and duty to levy Assessments against the Owners of Units, and to enforce payment of such Assessments in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 hereof.
- (b) Maintenance and Repair of Common Elements. The power and duty to cause the Common Elements to be maintained in a neat and attractive condition and kept in good repair (which shall include the power to enter into one or more maintenance and/or repair contract(s), including contract(s) for materials and/or services, with any Person(s) for the maintenance and/or repair of the Common Elements), pursuant to this Declaration and in accordance with standards adopted by the ARC, and to pay for utilities, gardening, landscaping, and other necessary services for the Common Elements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association shall have no responsibility to provide any of the services referred to in this subsection 5.1(b) with respect to any improvement which is accepted for maintenance by any state, local or municipal governmental agency or public entity. Such responsibility shall be that of the applicable agency or public entity.
- (c) Removal of Graffiti. The power to remove or paint over any graffiti from Exterior Walls/Fences, pursuant and subject to Section 9.15, below.
- (d) <u>Insurances</u>. The power and duty to cause to be obtained and maintained the insurance coverages in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 below.
- (e) <u>Taxes</u>. The power and duty to pay all taxes and assessments levied upon the Common Elements (except to the extent, if any, that property taxes on Common Elements are assessed pro-rata on the Units), and all taxes and assessments payable by the Association, and to timely file all tax returns required to be filed by the Association.
- Elements, any commonly metered water, sewage, gas, and/or electric services (or other similar services) and/or refuse collection, and the power, but not the duty, to provide for all cable or master television service, if any, for all or portions of the Properties. The Association, by Recordation of this Declaration, and each Owner, by acquiring title to a Unit and each Resident, by occupying a Unit, acknowledge and agree that water (and/or sewage) for First Light and/or the neighboring community of High Noon shall or may be commonly metered at the Master Community level, paid by the Master Association, and allocated and billed by the Master Association to each Unit within High Noon and First Light, and that such allocated costs shall be deemed to be reasonable and necessary, regardless of the actual levels or periods of use or occupancy (or non-use or vacancy) of or by the Unit. All costs of or related to the House Panel meter for electricity for coach lights and entrance/egress lights on each Triplex Building shall be paid by the Association at time of Close of Escrow of the first Residential Unit in such Triplex Building.
- (g) <u>Easements and Rights-of-Way</u>. The power, but not the duty, to grant and convey to any Person, (i) easements, licenses and rights-of-way in, on, over or under the Common Elements, and (ii) with the consent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting power of the Association, fee title to parcels or strips of land which comprise a portion of the Common Elements, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating or maintaining thereon, therein and thereunder. (A) roads, streets, walks (if any), driveways and slope areas; (B) overhead or underground lines, cables, wires, conduits,

or other devices for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating, power, television, telephone and other similar purposes; (C) sewers, storm and water drains and pipes, water systems, sprinkling systems, water, heating and gas lines or pipes; and, (D) any similar public or quasi-public improvements or facilities.

- (h) <u>Manager</u>. The power, subject to Section 5.5 below, but not the duty, to employ or contract with a professional Manager to perform all or any part of the duties and responsibilities of the Association, and the power, but not the duty, to delegate powers to committees, Officers and employees of the Association. Any such management agreement, or any agreement providing for services by Manager to the Association, shall be for a term not in excess of one (1) year, subject to cancellation by the Association for cause at any time upon not less than fifteen (15) days written notice, and without cause (and without penalty or the payment of a termination fee) at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- Rights of Entry and Enforcement. The power, but not the duty, after Notice and Hearing (except in the event of bona-fide emergency which poses an (a) imminent and substantial threat to health, or (b) imminent and substantial threat (as verified by an engineer, architect, or professional building inspector, duly licensed in the State of Nevada) of material property damage; in which event of emergency, Notice and Hearing shall not be required), to peaceably enter upon any area of a Unit, without being liable to any Owner, except for damage caused by the Association entering or acting in bad faith, for the purpose of enforcing by peaceful means the provisions of this Declaration, or for the purpose of maintaining or repairing any such area if for any reason whatsoever the Owner thereof fails to maintain and repair such area as required by this Declaration. All costs of any such maintenance and repair as described in the preceding sentence (including all amounts due for such work, and the costs and expenses of collection) shall be assessed against such Owner as a Special Assessment, and, if not paid timely when due, shall constitute an unpaid or delinquent Assessment pursuant to Article 7 below. The responsible Owner shall pay promptly all amounts due for such work, and the costs and expenses of collection. Unless there exists an emergency, there shall be no entry into a Dwelling without the prior consent of the Owner thereof. Any damage caused by an entry upon any Unit shall be repaired by the entering party. Subject to Section 5.3 below, the Association may also commence and maintain actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any breach or threatened breach of the Declaration and to enforce, by mandatory injunctions or otherwise, all of the provisions of the Declaration, and, if such action pertaining to the Declaration is brought by the Association, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to be fixed by the court.
- (j) Other Services. The power and duty to maintain the integrity of the Common Elements and to provide such other services as may be necessary or proper to carry out the Association's obligations and business under the terms of this Declaration to enhance the enjoyment, or to facilitate the use, by the Members, of the Common Elements.
- (k) <u>Employees, Agents and Consultants</u>. The power, but not the duty, if deemed appropriate by the Board, to hire and discharge employees and agents and to retain and pay for legal, accounting and other services as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the performance of any duties or exercise of any powers of the Association under this Declaration.
- (i) <u>Acquiring Property and Construction on Common Elements</u>. The power, but not the duty, by action of the Board, to acquire property or interests in property for the common benefit of Owners, including Improvements and personal property. The power, but not the duty, by action of the Board, to construct new Improvements or additions to the Common Elements, or demolish existing Improvements (other than maintenance or repairs to existing Improvements).

- (m) <u>Contracts</u>. The power, but not the duty, to enter into contracts with Owners to provide services or to maintain and repair improvements within the Properties which the Association is not otherwise required to maintain pursuant to this Declaration, and the power, but not the duty, to contract with third parties for such services. Any such contract or service agreement must, however, provide for payment to the Association of the cost of providing such service or maintenance.
- (n) Records and Accounting. The power and the duty to keep, or cause to be kept, true and correct books and records of account at the sole cost and expense of the Association in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Financial statements for the Association shall be regularly prepared and distributed to all Members as follows:
- (i) Pro forms operating statements (Budgets), Reserve Budgets, and Reserve Studies shall be distributed pursuant to Section 6.4, below.
- (ii) Reviewed or audited Financial Statements (consisting of a reasonably detailed statement of revenues and expenses of the Association for each Fiscal Year, and a balance sheet showing the assets [including, but not limited to, Association Reserve Funds] and liabilities of the Association as at the end of each Fiscal Year), and a statement of cash flow for the Fiscal Year, shall be distributed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of each Fiscal Year.
- (o) <u>Maintenance of Other Areas</u>. The power, but not the duty, to maintain and repair slopes, parkways, entry structures, and Community signs identifying the Properties, to the extent deemed to be reasonable and prudent by the Board.
- (p) <u>Use Restrictions</u>. The power and the duty to enforce use restrictions pertaining to the Properties.
- (q) <u>Licenses and Permits</u>. The power and the duty to obtain from applicable governmental authority any and all licenses and permits reasonably necessary to carry out Association functions hereunder.
- Section 5.2 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. The Board, acting on behalf of the Association, shall be empowered to adopt, amend, repeal and/or enforce reasonable and uniformly applied Rules and Regulations, which shall not discriminate among Members, for the use and occupancy of the Properties, as follows:
- (a) <u>General</u>. A copy of the Rules and Regulations, as from time to time may be adopted, amended or repealed, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Common Elements and/or shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each Member and also kept on file with the Association. Upon such mailing, delivery or posting, the Rules and Regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they were set forth herein and shall be binding on all Persons having any interest in, or making any use of any part of, the Properties, whether or not Members; provided, however, that the Rules and Regulations shall be enforceable only to the extent that they are consistent with the other Governing Documents. If any Person has actual knowledge of any of the Rules and Regulations, such Rules and Regulations shall be enforceable against such Person, whether or not a Member, as though notice of such Rules and Regulations had been given pursuant to this Section 5.2. The Rules and Regulations may not be used to amend any of the other Governing Documents.
 - (b) <u>Limitations</u>. The Rules and Regulations must be:
 - (i) reasonably related to the purpose for which adopted;

- (ii) sufficiently explicit in their prohibition, direction, or limitation, so as to reasonably inform an Owner or Resident, or tenant or guest thereof, of any action or omission required for compliance;
 - (iii) adopted without intent to evade any obligation of the Association;
- (Iv) consistent with the other Governing Documents (and must not arbitrarily restrict conduct, or require the construction of any capital improvement by an Owner if not so required by the other Governing Documents);
- (v) uniformly enforced under the same or similar circumstances against all Owners; provided that any particular rule not so uniformly enforced may not be enforced against any Owner (except as, and to the extent, if any, such enforcement may be permitted from time to time by applicable law); and
- (vi) duly adopted and distributed to the Owners at least thirty (30) days prior to any attempted enforcement.
- Section 5.3 <u>Proceedings</u>. The Association, acting through the Board, shall have the power and the duty to reasonably defend the Association (and, in connection therewith, to raise counterclaims) in any pending or potential lawsuit, arbitration, mediation or governmental proceeding (collectively hereinafter referred to as a "Proceeding"). Subject to Section 17.14, below, the Association, acting through the Board, shall have the power, but not the duty, to reasonably institute, prosecute, maintain and/or intervene in a Proceeding, in its own name, but only on matters affecting or pertaining to this Declaration or the Common Elements and as to which the Association is a proper party in interest, and any exercise of such power shall be subject to full compliance with the following provisions:
- (a) Any Proceeding commenced by the Association: (i) to enforce the payment of an Assessment, or an Assessment lien or other lien against an Owner as provided for in this Declaration, or (ii) to otherwise enforce compliance with the Governing Documents by, or to obtain other relief from, any Owner who has violated any provision thereof, or (iii) to protect against any matter which imminently and substantially threatens all of the health, safety and welfare of the Owners, or (iv) against a supplier, vendor, contractor or provider of services, pursuant to a contract or purchase order with the Association and in the ordinary course of business, or (v) for money damages wherein the total amount in controversy for all matters arising in connection with the action is not likely to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the aggregate; shall be referred to herein as an "Operational Proceeding." The Board from time to time may cause an Operational Proceeding to be reasonably commenced and prosecuted, without the need for further authorization.
- (b) Any and all pending or potential Proceedings other than Operational Proceedings shall be referred to herein as a "Non-Operational Controversy" or "Non-Operational Controversy" or "Non-Operational Controversies." To protect the Association and the Owners from being subjected to potentially costly or prolonged Non-Operational Controversies without full disclosure, analysis and consent; to protect the Board and individual Directors from any charges of negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, conflict of interest or acting in excess of their authority or in a manner not in the best interests of the Association and the Owners; and to ensure voluntary and well-informed consent and clear and express authorization by the Owners, strict compliance with all of the following provisions of this Section 5.3 shall be mandatory with regard to any and all Non-Operational Controversies commenced, instituted or maintained by the Board:

- (i) The Board shall first endeavor to resolve any Non-Operational Controversy by good faith negotiations with the adverse party or parties. In the event that such good faith negotiations fail to reasonably resolve the Non-Operational Controversy, the Board shall then endeavor in good faith to resolve such Non-Operational Controversy by mediation, provided that the Board shall not incur liability for or spend more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in connection therewith (provided that, if more than said sum is reasonably required in connection with such mediation, then the Board shall be required first to reasonably seek approval of a majority of the voting power of the Members for such additional amount for mediation before proceeding to arbitration or litigation). In the event that the adverse party or parties refuse mediation, or if such good faith mediation still fails to reasonably resolve the Non-Operational Controversy, the Board shall not be authorized to commence, institute or maintain any arbitration or litigation of such Non-Operational Controversy until the Board has fully complied with the following procedures:
- The Board shall first investigate the legal merit, feasibility and expense of prosecuting the Non-Operational Controversy, by obtaining the written opinions of each and every one of: (A) a licensed Nevada attorney regularly residing in Clark County, Nevada, with a Martindale-Hubbell rating of "av", expressly stating that such attorney has reviewed the underlying facts and data in sufficient, verifiable detail to render the opinion, and expressly opining that the Association has a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits with regard to the Non-Operational Controversy, without substantial likelihood of incurring any material liability with respect to any counterclaim which may be asserted against the Association ("Legal Opinion"); (B) a reputable appraiser and/or real estate consultant regularly conducting business in Clark County, Nevada, expressly opining that the marketability and market value of Units will not be substantially or materially affected by such Non-Operational Controversy ("Appraiser's Opinion"); and (C) a senior executive from a reputable lender in the business of regularly making residential loans in Clark County, Nevada, that financing and refinancing of Units will not be affected by such Non-Operational Controversy, and that such financing and refinancing will be readily available ("Lender's Opinion"). (The Legal Opinion, Appraiser's Opinion, and Lender's Opinion are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "Opinions). The Board shall be authorized to spend up to an aggregate of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to obtain such Opinions, including all amounts paid to said attorney therefor, and all amounts paid to any consultants, contractors and/or experts preparing or processing reports and/or information in connection therewith. The Board may increase said \$2,000.00 limit, with the express consent of seventy-five percent (75%) or more of all of the Members of the Association, at a special meeting called for such purpose.
- (2) The Legal Opinion shall also contain the attorney's best good faith estimate of the aggregate maximum "not-to-exceed" amount of legal fees and costs, including, without limitation, court costs, costs of investigation and all further reports or studies, costs of court reporters and transcripts, and costs of expert witnesses and forensic specialists (all collectively, "Quoted Litigation Costs") which are reasonably expected to be incurred for prosecution to completion (including appeal) of the Non-Operational Controversy. Said Legal Opinion shall also include a draft of any proposed fee agreement with such attorney. If the attorney's proposed fee arrangement is contingent, the Board shall nevertheless obtain the Quoted Litigation Costs with respect to all costs other than legal fees, and shall also obtain a written draft of the attorney's proposed contingent fee agreement. (Such written Legal Opinion, including the Quoted Litigation Costs, and also including any proposed fee agreement, contingent or non-contingent, are collectively referred to herein as the "Attorney Letter").
- (3) Upon receipt and review of the Attorney Letter, the Appraiser's Opinion, and the Lender's Opinion, if two-thirds (2/3) or more of the Board affirmatively vote to proceed with the institution or prosecution of, and/or intervention in, the Non-Operational Controversy, the Board thereupon shall duly notice and call a special meeting of the Members. The written notice to each Member of the Association shall include a copy of the Attorney Letter, including the Quoted Litigation

Costs and any proposed fee agreement, contingent or non-contingent, the Appraiser's Opinion, and the Lender's Opinion, together with a written report ("Special Assessment Report") prepared by the Board: (A) itemizing the amount necessary to be assessed to each Member ("Special Litigation Assessment"), on a monthly basis, to fund the Quoted Litigation Costs, and (B) specifying the probable duration and aggregate amount of such Special Litigation Assessment. At said special meeting, following review of the Attorney Letter, Quoted Litigation Costs, and the Appraiser's Opinion, Lender's Opinion, and Special Assessment Report, and full and frank discussion thereof, including balancing the desirability of instituting, prosecuting and/or intervening in the Non-Operational Controversy against the desirability of accepting any settlement proposals from the adversary party or parties, the Board shall call for a vote of the Members, whereupon: (x) if not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total voting power of the Association votes in favor of pursuing such Non-Operational Controversy and levying the Special Litigation Assessment, then the Non-Operational Controversy shall not be pursued further, but (v) if more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total voting power of the Association (i.e., more than seventy-five percent (75%) of all of the Members of the Association) affirmatively vote in favor of pursuing such Non-Operational Controversy, and in favor of levying a Special Litigation Assessment on the Members in the amounts and for the duration set forth in the Special Assessment Report, then the Board shall be authorized to proceed to institute, prosecute, and/or intervene in the Non-Operational Controversy. In such event, the Board shall engage the attorney who gave the opinion and quote set forth in the Attorney Letter, which engagement shall be expressly subject to the Attorney Letter. The terms of such engagement shall require (I) that said attorney shall be responsible for all attorneys' fees and costs and expenses whatsoever in excess of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Quoted Lifigation Costs, and (ii) that said attorney shall provide, and the Board shall distribute to the Members, not less frequently than monthly, a written update of the progress and current status of, and the attorney's considered prognosis for, the Non-Operational Controversy, including any offers of settlement and/or settlement prospects, together with an itemized summary of attorneys fees and costs incurred to date in connection therewith.

- (4) In the event of any bona fide settlement offer from the adverse party or parties in the Non-Operational Controversy, if the Association's attorney advises the Board that acceptance of the settlement offer would be reasonable under the circumstances, or would be in the best interests of the Association, or that said attorney no longer believes that the Association is assured of a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits without prospect of material liability on any counterclaim, then the Board shall have the authority to accept such settlement offer. In all other cases, the Board shall submit any settlement offer to the Owners, who shall have the right to accept any such settlement offer upon a majority vote of all of the Members of the Association.
- (c) In no event shall any Association Reserve Fund be used as the source of funds to institute, prosecute, maintain and/or intervene in any Proceeding (including, but not limited to, any Non-Operational Controversy). Association Reserve Funds, pursuant to Section 6.3 below, are to be used only for the specified replacements, painting and repairs of Common Elements, and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- (d) Any provision in this Declaration notwithstanding: (i) other than as set forth in this Section 5.3, the Association shall have no power whatsoever to institute, prosecute, maintain, or intervene in any Proceeding, (ii) any institution, prosecution, or maintenance of, or intervention in, a Proceeding by the Board without first strictly complying with, and thereafter continuing to comply with, each of the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be unauthorized and ultra vires (i.e., an unauthorized and unlawful act, beyond the scope of authority of the corporation or of the person(s) undertaking such act) as to the Association, and shall subject any Director who voted or acted in any manner to violate or avoid the provisions and/or requirements of this Section 5.3 to personal liability to the Association for all costs and liabilities incurred by reason of the unauthorized institution, prosecution, or maintenance

of, or intervention in, the Proceeding; and (iii) this Section 5.3 may not be amended or deleted at any time without the express prior written approval of both: (1) Members representing not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total voting power of Association, and (2) not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total voting power of the Board of Directors; and any purported amendment or deletion of this Section 5.3, or any portion hereof, without both of such express prior written approvals shall be void.

- Section 5.4 <u>Additional Express Limitations on Powers of Association</u>. The Association shall not take any of the following actions except with the prior vote or written consent of a majority of the voting power of the Association:
- (a) Incur aggregate expenditures for capital improvements to the Common Elements in any Fiscal Year in excess of five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that Fiscal Year, or sell, during any Fiscal Year, any property of the Association having an aggregate fair market value greater than five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that Fiscal Year.
- (b) Enter into a contract with a third person wherein the third person will furnish goods or services for the Association for a term longer than one (1) year, except (i) a contract with a public or private utility or cable television company, if the rates charged for the materials or services are regulated by the Navada Public Service Commission (provided, however, that the term of the contract shall not exceed the shortest term for which the supplier will contract at the regulated rate), or (ii) prepaid casualty and/or liability insurance policies of no greater than three (3) years duration.
- (c) Pay compensation to any Association Director or Officer for services performed in the conduct of the Association's business.
- Section 5.5 <u>Manager</u>. The Association shall have the power to employ or contract with a Manager, to perform all or any part of the duties and responsibilities of the Association, subject to the Governing Documents, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Properties, subject to the following:
- (a) Any agreement with a Manager shall be in writing and shall be for a term not in excess of one (1) year, subject to cancellation by the Association for cause at any time upon not less than fifteen (15) days written notice, and without cause (and without penalty or the payment of a termination fee) at any time upon not more than thirty (30) days written notice. In the event of any explicit conflict between the Governing Documents and any agreement with a Manager, the Governing Documents shall prevail.
- (b) The Manager shall possess sufficient experience, in the reasonable judgment of the Board, in managing residential subdivision projects, similar to the Properties, in the County, and shall be duly licensed as required from time to time by the appropriate licensing and governmental authorities (and must have the qualifications, including education and experience, when and as required for the issuance of the relevant certificate by the Nevada Real Estate Division pursuant to the provisions of NRS Chapter 645 and/or NRS §116.700, or duly exempted pursuant to NRS § 116.725.6). Any and all employees of the Manager with responsibilities to or in connection with the Association and/or the Community shall have such experience with regard to similar projects. (If no Manager meeting the above-stated qualifications is available, the Board shall retain the most highly qualified management entity available, which is duly licensed by the appropriate licensing authorities).
- (c) No Manager, or any director, officer, shareholder, principal, partner, or employee of the Manager, may be a Director or Officer of the Association.

- (d) As a condition precedent to the employ of, or agreement with, a Manager, the Manager (or any replacement Manager) first shall be required, at its expense, to review the Governing Documents, Plat, and any and all Association Reserve Studies, and inspection reports pertaining to the Properties.
- By execution of its agreement with the Association, each and every Manager shall be conclusively deerned to have covenanted: (1) in good faith to be bound by, and to faithfully perform all duties (including, but not limited to, prompt and full and faithful accounting for all Association funds within the possession or control of Manager) required of the Manager under the Governing Documents (and, in the event of any irreconcilable conflict between the Governing Documents and the contract with the Manager, the Governing Documents shall prevail); (2) that any penalties, fines or interest levied upon the Association as the result of Manager's error or omission shall be paid (or reimbursed to the Association) by the Manager; (3) to comply fully, at its expense, with all applicable regulations of the Nevada Real Estate Division; (4) to refrain, without specific prior written direction of a majority of the voting power of the Board, from referring or introducing to the Association, or contacting directly or indirectly for or on behalf of the Association, any attorney regarding any matter in any way related to the Community or any portion thereof; (5) prior to time of hire, and from time to time thereafter upon request of the Board: (a) to disclose to the Board, in writing, the identities of any and all other communities, managed by Manager (at such time, and within the three year period preceding such time), and involved in lifigation involving any claim of construction defect, and the current status of any and all such litigation, and (b) to certify in writing to the Board that Manager, and its then current and prior employees, have had no relationship to, and have received no benefit or thing of value from. the attorney(s) commencing and/or prosecuting such litigation, and/or any attorney referred to the Association at the specific written direction of the Board (or if there was or is any such relationship or benefit, to disclose and identify the same); and (6) at Manager's sole expense, to promptly turn over, to the Board, possession and control of all funds, documents, books, records and reports pertaining to the Properties and/or Association, and to coordinate and cooperate in good faith with the Board in connection with such tumover, in any event not later than ten (10) days of expiration or termination of the Association's agreement with Manager (provided that, without limiting its other remedies, the Association shall be entitled to withhold all amounts otherwise due to the Manager until such time as the Manager turnover in good faith has been completed).
- (f) Upon expiration or termination of an agreement with a Manager, a replacement Manager meeting the above-stated qualifications shall be retained by the Board as soon as possible thereafter and a limited review performed, by qualified Person designated by the Board, of the books and records of the Association, to verify assets.
- (g) The Association shall also maintain and pay for the services of such other personnel, including independent contractors, as the Board shall determine to be necessary or desirable for the proper management, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Association and the Properties, pursuant to the Governing Documents, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by any person with whom or which it contracts. Such other personnel shall not all be replaced concurrently, but shall be replaced according to a "staggered" schedule, to maximize continuity of services to the Association.

Section 5.6 Inspection of Books and Records.

(a) The Board shall, upon the written request of any Owner, make available the books, records and other papers of the Association for review during the regular working hours of the Association, with the exception of: (1) personnel records of employees (if any) of the Association; and (2) records of the Association relating to another Owner.

- (b) The Board shall cause to be maintained and made available for review at the business office of the Association or other sultable location: (1) the financial statements of the Association; (2) the Budgets and Reserve Budgets; and (3) Reserve Studies.
- (c) The Board shall cause to be provided a copy of any of the records required to be maintained pursuant to (a) and (b) above, to an Owner or to the Nevada State Ombudsman, as applicable, within 14 days after receiving a written request therefor. The Board may charge a fee to cover the actual costs of preparing such copy, but not to exceed 25 cents per page (or such maximum amount as permitted by applicable Nevada law).
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Director shall have the unfettered right at any reasonable time, and from time to time, to inspect all such records.
- Section 5.7 <u>Continuing Rights of Declarant</u>. Declarant shall preserve the right, without obligation, to enforce the Governing Documents (including, without limitation, the Association's duties of maintenance and repair, and Reserve Study and Reserve Fund obligations). After the end of Declarant Control Period, throughout the term of this Declaration, the Board shall deliver to Declarant notices and minutes of all Board meetings and Membership meetings, and Declarant shall have the right, without obligation, to attend such meetings, on a non-voting basis. Declarant shall also receive notice of, and have the right, without obligation, to attend, all inspections of the Properties, or any portion(s) thereof. The Board shall also, throughout the term of this Declaration, deliver to Declarant (without any express or implied obligation or duty on Declarant's part to review or to do anything) all notices and correspondence to Owners, all inspection reports, the Reserve Studies prepared in accordance with Section 6.3 below, and audited or reviewed annual reports, as required in Section 5.1(n), above. Such notices and information shall be delivered to Declarant at its most recently designated address.
- Section 5.8 <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>. The Association and its governance shall comply with all applicable laws (including, but not limited to, applicable laws prohibiting discrimination against any person in the provision of services or facilities in connection with a Dwelling because of a handicap of such person) relating thereto. The provisions of the Governing Documents shall be upheld and enforceable to the maximum extent permissible under applicable federal or state law or applicable Ordinance. Subject to the foregoing, in the event of irreconcilable conflict between applicable law and any provision of the Governing Documents, the applicable law shall prevail, and the affected provision of the Governing Document shall be deemed amended (or deleted) to the minimum extent reasonably necessary to remove such irreconcilable conflict. In no event shall the Association adhere to or enforce any provision of the Governing Documents which irreconcilably contravenes applicable law.

ARTICLE 6 COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 6.1 Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of a Unit, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association: (a) Annual Assessments, (b) Special Assessments, and (c) any Capital Assessments; such Assessments to be established and collected as provided in this Declaration. All Assessments, together with interest thereon, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees for the collection thereof, shall be a charge on the Unit and shall be a continuing lien upon the Unit against

which such Assessments are made. Each such Assessment, together with interest thereon, late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Unit at the time when the Assessment became due. This personal obligation cannot be avoided by abandonment of a Unit or by an offer to waive use of the Common Elements. The personal obligation only shall not pass to the successors-in-title of any Owner unless expressly assumed by such successors. Each Owner's obligation to pay assessments hereunder shall be in addition to the Owner's obligation to pay all required Master Association and LMA Association capital contributions and assessments, as and to the extent, if any, required under the Master Association Documents and LMA Association Documents respectively.

Section 6.2 Association Funds. The Board shall establish at least the following separate accounts (the "Association Funds") into which shall be deposited all monles paid to the Association, and from which disbursements shall be made, as provided herein, in the performance of functions by the Association under the provisions of this Declaration. The Association Funds shall be established as accounts, in the name of the Association, at a federally or state insured banking or savings institution and shall include: (1) an operating fund ("Operating Fund") for current expenses of the Association, and (2) a reserve fund ("Reserve Fund") for capital repairs and replacements, as set forth in Section 6.3. below, and (3) any other funds which the Board may establish, to the extent necessary under the provisions of this Declaration. To qualify for higher returns on accounts held at banking or savings institutions, the Board may commingle any amounts deposited into any of the Association Funds (other than Reserve Fund which shall be kept segregated), provided that the integrity of each individual Association Fund shall be preserved on the books of the Association by accounting for disbursements from, and deposits to, each Association Fund separately. Each of the Association Funds shall be established as a separate savings or checking account, at any federally or state insured banking or lending institution, with balances not to exceed institutionally insured levels. All amounts deposited into the Operating Fund and the Reserve Fund must be used solely for the common benefit of the Owners for purposes authorized by this Declaration. The Manager shall not be authorized to make withdrawals from the Reserve Fund. Withdrawals from the Reserve Fund shall require signatures of both the President and Treasurer (or, in the absence of either the President or Treasurer, the Secretary may sign in place of the absent Officer). The President, Treasurer, and Secretary must all be Directors and (after the Declarant Control Period) must also all be Owners.

Section 6.3 Reserve Fund; Reserve Studies.

Any other provision herein notwithstanding: (i) the Association shall establish a reserve fund ("Reserve Fund"); (ii) the Reserve Fund shall be used only for capital repairs, restoration. and replacement of major components ("Major Components") of the Common Elements, (iii) in no event whatsoever shall the Reserve Fund be used for regular maintenance recurring on an annual or more frequent basis, or as the source of funds to institute, prosecute, maintain and/or intervene in any Proceeding, or for any purpose whatsoever other than as specifically set forth in (ii) above, (and any use of the Reserve Fund in violation of the foregoing provisions shall be unauthorized and ultra vires as to the Association, and shall subject any Director who acted in any manner to violate or avoid the provisions and/or requirements of this Section 6.3(a) to personal liability to the Association for all costs and liabilities incurred by reason of the unauthorized use of the Reserve Fund), (iv) the Reserve Fund shall be kept in a segregated account, withdrawals from which shall only be made upon specific approval of the Board subject to the foregoing, (v) funds in the Reserve Fund may not be withdrawn without the signatures of both the President and the Treasurer (provided that the Secretary may sign in lieu of either the President or the Treasurer, if either is not reasonably available); and (vi) under no circumstances shall the Manager (or any one Officer or Director, acting alone) be authorized to make withdrawals from the Reserve Fund.

- (b) The Board shall periodically retain the services of a qualified reserve study analyst ("Reserve Analyst"), with sufficient experience with preparing reserve studies for similar residential projects in the County, to prepare and provide to the Association a reserve study ("Reserve Study").
- (c) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Reserve Study at such times as the Board deems reasonable and prudent, but in any event initially within one (1) year after the Close of Escrow for the first Unit within the Properties, and thereafter at least once every five (5) years (or at such other intervals as may be required from time to time by applicable Nevada law). The Board shall review the results of the most current Reserve Study at least annually to determine if those reserves are sufficient; and shall make such adjustments as the Board deems reasonable and prudent to maintain the required reserves from time to time (i.e., by increasing Assessments). It shall be an obligation of the Manager to timely remind the Board in writing of these Reserve Study requirements from time to time as applicable.
- (d) Each Reserve Study must be conducted by a person qualified by training and experience to conduct such a study (including, but not limited to, a Director, an Owner or a Manager who is so qualified) ("Reserve Analyst"). The Reserve Study must include, without limitation: (1) a summary of an inspection of the Major Components which the Association is obligated to repair, replace or restore; (2) an identification of the Major Components which have a remaining useful life of less than 30 years; (3) an estimate of the remaining useful life of each Major Component so identified; (4) an estimate of the cost of repair, replacement or restoration of each Major Component so identified during and at the end of its useful life; and (5) an estimate of the total Annual Assessment that may be required to cover the cost of repairing, replacement or restoration the Major Components so identified (after subtracting the reserves as of the date of the Reserve Study). The Reserve Study shall be conducted in accordance with any applicable regulations promulgated from time to time by the Nevada Real Estate Division.
- (e) Each Reserve Study shall be prepared in accordance with any legal requirements from time to time as applicable, applied in each instance on a prospective basis. Subject to the foregoing sentence, the Association (upon Recordation of this Declaration) and each Owner (by acquiring title to a Unit) shall be deemed to have unequivocally agreed that the following, among others, shall be deemed reasonable and prudent for and in connection with preparation of each Reserve Study. (i) utilization, by a Reserve Analyst, of the "pooling" or "cash flow" method, or other generally recognized method, and/or (ii) utilization or reliance, by a Reserve Analyst, of an assumption that there will be future annual increases in amounts from time to time allocated to the Reserve Fund (provided that, subject to and without limiting Sections 6.4 or 6.5 below, no assumption shall be made of such future increases in excess of 10% per year <u>plus</u> a reasonable annual inflationary factor), with corresponding increases in Assessments.

Section 6.4 Budget; Reserve Budget.

(a) The Board shall adopt a proposed annual Budget (which shall include a Reserve Budget) at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first Annual Assessment period for each Fiscal Year. Within thirty (30) days after adoption of any proposed Budget, the Board shall provide to all Owners a summary of the Budget, and shall set a date for a meeting of the Owners to consider ratification of the Budget. Said meeting shall be held not less than fourteen (14) days, nor more than thirty (30) days after mailing of the summary. Unless at that meeting the proposed Budget is rejected by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting power of the Association, the Budget shall be deemed ratified, whether or not a quorum was present. If the proposed Budget is duly rejected as aforesaid, the annual Budget for

the immediately preceding Fiscal Year shall be reinstated, as if duly approved for the Fiscal Year in question, and shall remain in effect until such time as a subsequent proposed Budget is ratified.

- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) below, the Board shall, not less than 30 days or more than 60 days before the beginning of each Fiscal Year, prepare and distribute to each Owner a copy of:
- (1) the Budget (which must include, without limitation, the estimated annual revenue and expenditures of the Association and any contributions to be made to the Reserve Fund); and
 - (2) the Reserve Budget, which must include, without limitation:
- (A) the current estimated replacement cost, estimated remaining life and estimated useful life of each Major Component;
- (B) as of the end of the Fiscal Year for which the Reserve Budget is prepared, the current estimate of the amount of cash reserves that are necessary, and the current amount of accumulated cash reserves that are set aside, to repair, replace or restore the Major Components;
- (C) a statement as to whether the Board has determined or anticipates that the levy of one or more Capital Assessments will be required to repair, replace or restore any Major Component or to provide adequate reserves for that purpose; and
- (D) a general statement describing the procedures used for the estimation and accumulation of cash reserves pursuant to subparagraph (B) above, including, without limitation, the qualifications of the Reserve Analyst.
- (c) In lieu of distributing copies of the Budget and Reserve Budget, the Board may distribute to each. Owner a summary of those budgets, accompanied by a written notice that the budgets are available for review at the business office of the Association or other suitable location and that copies of the budgets will be provided upon request.
- Section 6.5 <u>Limitations on Annual Assessment Increases</u>. The Board shall not levy, for any Fiscal Year, an Annual Assessment which exceeds the "Maximum Authorized Annual Assessment" as determined below, unless first approved by the vote of Members representing at least a majority of the voting power of the Association. The "Maximum Authorized Annual Assessment" in any fiscal year following the initial budgeted year shall be a sum which does not exceed the aggregate of (a) the Annual Assessment for the prior Fiscal Year, plus (b) a twenty-five percent (25%) increase thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, in any Fiscal Year, the Board reasonably determines that the Common Expenses cannot be met by the Annual Assessments levied under the then-current Budget, the Board may, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the Association and a majority of the voting power of the Board, submit a Supplemental Annual Assessment, applicable to that Fiscal Year only, for ratification as provided in Section 6.4, above.
- Section 6.6 <u>Capital Contributions to Association</u>. At the Close of Escrow for the sale of a Unit by Declarant, the Purchaser of such Unit shall be required to pay an initial capital contribution to the Association, in an amount equal to the greater of: (a) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or (b) two (2) full monthly installments of the initial or then-applicable Annual Assessment. Such initial capital contribution is in addition to, and is not to be considered as, an advance payment of the Annual

Assessment for such Unit, and shall be deposited at each Close of Escrow into the Association Reserve Fund, and used exclusively to help fund the Association Reserve Fund, and shall not be applied to non-Reserve Fund items. Additionally, at the Close of Escrow for each resale of a Unit by an Owner (other than Declarant), the Purchaser of such Unit shall be required to pay a resale capital contribution to the Association, in an amount equal to the greater of: (a) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or (b) two (2) full monthly installments of the then-applicable Annual Assessment. Such resale capital contribution is in addition to the foregoing described initial capital contribution, and is further in addition to, and is not to be considered as, an advance payment of the Annual Assessment for such Unit, and may be applied to working capital needs and/or the Reserve Fund, in the Board's business judgment.

Assessment Commencement Date. The Board, by majority vote, shall authorize and levy the amount of the Annual Assessment upon each Unit, as provided herein. Annual Assessments shall commence on Units on the respective Assessment Commencement Date. The "Assessment Commencement Date" hereunder shall be: (a) with respect to Units in the Original Property, the first day of the calendar month following the Close of Escrow to a Purchaser of the first Unit in the Original Property; and (b) with respect to each Unit within Annexed Property, the first day of the calendar month following the date on which the Annexation Amendment for such Unit is Recorded: provided that Declarant may establish, in its sole and absolute discretion, a later Assessment Commencement Date, uniformly as to all Units by agreement of Declarant to pay all Common Expenses for the Properties up through and including such later Assessment Commencement Date. From and after the Assessment Commencement Date, Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, make loan(s) to the Association, to be used by the Association for the sole purpose of paying Common Expenses. to the extent the budget therefor exceeds the aggregate amount of Annual Assessments for a given period, provided that any such loan shall be repaid by Association to Declarant as soon as reasonably possible. The first Annual Assessment for each Unit shall be pro-rated based on the number of months remaining in the Fiscal Year. All installments of Annual Assessments shall be collected in advance on a regular basis by the Board, at such frequency and on such due dates as the Board shall determine from time to time in its sole discretion. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate binding on the Association, signed by an Officer or Association agent, setting forth whether the Assessments on a Unit have been paid. At the end of any Fiscal Year, the Board may determine that all excess funds remaining in the operating fund, over and above the amounts used for the operation of the Properties, may be retained by the Association for use in reducing the following year's Annual Assessment or for deposit in the reserve account. Upon dissolution of the Association incident to the abandonment or termination of the maintenance of the Properties, any amounts remaining in any of the Association Funds shall be distributed proportionately to or for the benefit of the Members, in accordance with Nevada law.

Section 6.8 <u>Capital Assessments</u>. The Board may levy, in any Fiscal Year, a Capital Assessment applicable to that Fiscal Year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital Improvement or other such addition upon the Common Elements, including fixtures and personal property related thereto; provided that any proposed Capital Assessment shall require the advance consent of a majority of the voting power of the Association.

Section 6.9 <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Annual Assessments, and any Capital Assessments shall be assessed at an equal and uniform rate against all Owners and their Units. Each Owner's share of such Assessments shall be a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Units owned by such Owner, and the denominator of which shall be the aggregate number of Units in the Original Property (and, upon annexation, of Units in portions of the Annexed Property).