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# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR GODLEY PARK

### SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

- SECTION 1.1. "Association" shall mean the Godley Park Homeowners Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation.
- SECTION 1.2 "Common Property" means all real property, and the improvements thereon, set aside for the use and enjoyment of the Owners, whether described as common property, open space, lagoons, or otherwise. The Common Property shall be owned by the Association for the use and benefit of the Owners, their families, tenants and guests, subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements and liens contained herein and subject to the Godley Park Standards and other rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 1.3 "Godley Park" shall mean the real property and interests described on Exhibit "A", generally known as the Godley Park subdivision and such additions to that real property as may be made by Declarant or by the Association pursuant to this Declaration.
- SECTION 1.4 "Godley Park Standards" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in Godley Park. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such determination must be consistent with Godley Park Standards originally established by the Declarant.
- SECTION 1.5 "Declarant" shall mean D. R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The Declarant may appoint and designate a successor Declarant by designating such appointment or designation in a Supplemental Declaration filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia.
- SECTION 1.6 "Declaration" shall include this Declaration and any Supplemental Declaration.
- SECTION 1.7

  "Lot" shall mean any single family residential lot of land within Godley Park, whether or not improvements are constructed on that land, which constitutes a single-family dwelling site as shown on a plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall pass with each

Lot as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, any and all of the right, title, and interest of an Owner in the Common Property and membership in the Association.

- SECTION 1.8 "Mortgage" shall mean any mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, security deed or other type of security instrument, used for the purpose of encumbering real property in Godley Park as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.
- SECTION 1.9 "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.
- SECTION 1.10 "Occupant" shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a Lot or other property located within Godley Park for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.
- SECTION 1.11. "Owner" shall mean the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot, excluding any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
- SECTION 1.12. "Person" shall mean a natural person, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, trust, or other legal entity.
- SECTION 1.13. "Supplementary Declaration" means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional restrictions and obligations on Godley Park or adds additional land to Godley Park or assigns the Declarant's rights under this Declaration.
- SECTION 1.14 "Total Association Vote" means all of the votes attributable to members of the Association. If the Total Association Vote is taken during a time while Declarant has the right to appoint members of the Board of Directors, a Total Association Vote approving some item or proposition must contain the affirmative vote of Declarant or the item or proposition will be deemed not to have been approved.

#### PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

- SECTION 1.15. Property Subjected To This Declaration. All real property in Godley Park is subject to the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration, and all such real property is described in Exhibit "A".
- SECTION 1.16. Other Property. The real property described in Exhibit "A" is made subject to this Declaration. Declarant may subject additional property to this Declaration by recording one or more Supplementary Declarations, so

long as such additional property is adjacent to the property described in Exhibit "A".

### SECTION 2 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

SECTION 2.3

Membership. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. If a Lot is owned by more than one Person, there shall be only one (1) membership per Lot, and the votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the Bylaws. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote in the Association, may be exercised by a Member or the Member's proxy designated in writing, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast nor office held for each Lot owned.

SECTION 2.4

<u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners themselves determine and advise the Association prior to any meeting. The Lot's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it. Additionally, the Declarant shall have two (2) votes for each vote held by Members other than Declarant until the Declarant ceases to own one (1) or more Lots. These votes of Declarant shall be in addition to the votes Declarant receives due to its ownership of Lots.

SECTION 2.5

Association Board. As long as the Declarant owns at least one Lot in Godley Park, Declarant shall have the power to appoint all or a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association.

### SECTION 3 ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 3.1

<u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The assessments provided for in this Declaration shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots.

**SECTION 3.2** 

Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments and Fines. Each Owner shall timely pay to the Association: (a) annual assessments or charges; (b) special assessments; and (c) specific assessments against any particular Lot which are established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration. Each Owner also agrees to pay to the Association reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of this Declaration.

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SECTION 3.3. Late Charges, Interest and Costs of Collection. All assessments shall accrue late charges and shall accrue interest not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due. Additionally, the costs of collection shall be added to any amount due, which costs of collection shall include, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, filing fees, and court costs incurred by the Association. The assessments and charges shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made, and shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at

the time the assessment fell due.

**SECTION 3.4** 

<u>Personal Liability</u>. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the portion of each assessment coming due while the Owner of a Lot, and each grantee of an Owner shall be jointly and severally liable for the assessments which are due at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings.

**SECTION 3.5** 

Accounting of Payment. The Association shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving a written request, furnish a written accounting setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. Such written accounting shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance. The Board shall have the right to impose a reasonable charge for providing this accounting.

**SECTION 3.6** 

Annual Assessments. For so long as Declarant has the authority to appoint all or a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association, annual assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. The Board may allow annual assessments to be paid in periodic payments, and the Board shall have the right to accelerate any unpaid annual installment in the event an Owner is delinquent in a periodic payment. The Board may add a premium to annual dues for townhouses, to cover the costs associated with the lawn maintenance or other maintenance the Association performs for townhouses. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the assessment shall be paid in annual installments.

**SECTION 3.7** 

Computation of Annual Assessments. The Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, which may include a capital contribution or reserve account funding. The Board shall cause the coming year's budget and the assessments to be mailed or delivered to each Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then current calendar year, or shall present the

budget and the proposed assessment to the Members at the Association's annual meeting. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote. In the event the membership disapproves the proposed budget and/or assessment, or the Board fails to establish a budget and/or assessment for the succeeding year, the budget and/or assessment in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year until changed by the Board. In the event the Board's budget and/or assessment is disapproved, the Board shall have the right to make a new budget and/or assessment retroactive to the start of the calendar year upon approval of the same by the Association. Notwithstanding the preceding, or anything else contained in this Declaration, so long as the Declarant has the power to appoint all or a majority of the Board pursuant to Section 2.5 above, the Board may in its sole discretion amend the budget and the annual assessment at any time during any calendar year. In the event of such amended budget and/or assessment, the amended budget and/or assessment shall be mailed or delivered to each Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date of any additional assessment from any Member. Thirty (30) days after such mailing, any additional amount due to the Association shall be due and payable to the Association in the exact manner as an annual assessment.

**SECTION 3.8** 

Special Assessments. In addition to the other assessments authorized by this Declaration, the Association may levy special assessments from time to time. Special Assessments must be approved at a meeting by two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote, unless otherwise provided herein. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board, and the Board may permit special assessments to be paid in installments extending beyond the calendar year in which the special assessment is imposed. Special assessments shall be assessments levied for new improvements to the Common Property only. The funding of reserve accounts or capital contribution for maintenance and repair of Common Property shall not be deemed as special assessment. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, increases in certain fixed costs or additional assessments levied by a governmental or regulatory entity with respect to a Lot for insurance, taxes, recycling or waste disposal may be passed through to the Members as an automatic special assessment without requiring a vote of Members, whether billed to the Declarant or to the Association.

SECTION 3.9.

<u>Transfer Fee Due Upon Lot Resales.</u> The Association shall collect a transfer fee from the transferring Owner upon each transfer of title to a Lot in Godley Park, whether improved or unimproved. All transfer fees shall be deposited into a segregated account used for the maintenance of Common Areas within Godley Park.

Each owner of a Lot upon the resale of said Lot shall, at the closing of their resale, pay to the Association a transfer fee in an amount equal to one-half of one percent (0.50%) of the gross sales price of said Lot, whether improved or unimproved.

A transferring Owner shall notify the Association of a pending title transfer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the transfer. Such notice shall include the name of the transferee, the date of the transfer or closing, and other information as may reasonably be required by the Board of the Association.

An Owner's obligation to pay a transfer fee shall be secured by the Association's lien for assessments set forth herein, and shall be collectible as an assessment against the transferred Lot in the event the transfer fee is not paid by the transferring Owner at the time of closing.

For purposes of this Section 3.9, "resale" is defined as any transfer of legal or equitable title to all or any portion of the Lot for valuable consideration. other than by gift, inheritance, or mortgage foreclosure, where said transfer occurs subsequent to the initial sale by the Declarant, its successors or assigns, to a bona fide purchaser for value. A resale transfer of legal or equitable title shall also include, but is not limited to, the execution of (i) a contract of sale which provides for a closing more than one (1) year beyond the date of execution of said contract; (ii) a lease for a term, including renewal terms, in excess of one (1) year with a purchase option which applies rental payments towards the purchase price; (iii) an option for a term, including renewal terms, in excess of one (1) year which applies option payments towards the purchase price; (iv) the transfer of any portion of the stock of a corporate Owner, or any portion of the partnership interest of a partnership Owner, or any portion of the beneficial interest of a Trust, or any portion of the legal or beneficial interest in any other from of legal entity which is an Owner.

SECTION 3.10.

<u>Lien for Assessments and Fines</u>. All sums assessed or fined against any Lot, Owner or member pursuant to this Declaration shall be secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. This provision shall evidence the existence and priority of said lien. By owning a Lot, each Owner specifically acknowledges and agrees to the continuing lien upon the Owner's Lot for unpaid assessments and fines.

SECTION 3.11.

<u>Priority</u>. The lien of the Association shall be superior to all other liens and encumbrances on such Lot, except for (a) liens for ad valorem taxes; (b) liens for all sums unpaid on a first priority Mortgage, or (c) a lien arising

by virtue of any Mortgage in favor of Declarant which is duly recorded in the land records of the county where Godley Park is located. All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration shall have been recorded shall be deemed to acknowledge that their liens shall be inferior to the lien of the Association for assessments in existence at that time or which arise in the future.

- SECTION 3.12.
- Effect of Nonpayment of Assessment or Fine Any assessments or fines (or installments) which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment or fine (or installment) which is delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount set by the Board. As set forth above, a lien shall attach to each lot for unpaid assessments and fines. The Association may file its lien in the Chatham County records, but shall not be required to in order to perfect the lien. The lien shall cover all assessments or fines then due or which come due until the lien is canceled, and any other amounts provided in this Declaration or permitted by law. In the event that the assessment or fine remains unpaid after thirty (30) days, the Association may institute suit to collect such amounts and foreclose its lien. The Association shall have the right to foreclose its lien by any method allowed by law. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same.
- SECTION 3.13.
- No Set Off or Deduction. No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt itself from liability for the assessments provided for in this Declaration. No setoff, diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action, for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner and is not subject to setoff.
- SECTION 3.14.
- <u>Application of Payments</u>. All payments shall be applied first to costs of collection, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.
- SECTION 3.15.
- Date of Commencement of Assessments. Assessments shall start on the date of the closing of the sale of a Lot to a Person other than the Declarant. The first assessment for any Lot shall be adjusted according to the number of days then remaining in that calendar year.
- SECTION 3.16.
- Specific Assessment. The Board shall have the power to specifically

assess a Lot or Lots pursuant to this Section 3 as it shall deem appropriate, in its sole discretion. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section 3 shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section 3 afterwards. The Board may also specifically assess Owners for expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots. Such specific assessment shall be assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

- SECTION 3.17. <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control</u>. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may, but shall not be required to:
  - 3.17.1. advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association and the sum of the annual, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any calendar year. Such advances may be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association to the Declarant. The failure of Declarant to obtain a promissory note shall not invalidate the debt;
  - 3.17.2. cause the Association to borrow such amount to repay the obligation to the Declarant; however, no mortgage encumbering the Common Property or any improvements maintained by the Association shall be given to secure such a loan; and
  - 3.17.3. provide services to the Association or the Common Property. Declarant shall designate the value of the services provided and such amount may be evidenced by a promissory note from the Association to the Declarant. Failure to obtain a promissory note shall not invalidate the obligation referred to in this Section 3.17.
- SECTION 3.18. Initiation Fees. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint a majority of the Board, the Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, charge an initiation fee to Members at the closing of the purchase of a Lot from the Declarant. The amount of such initiation fee shall be determined by the Declarant in its sole discretion. In the event a Member does not pay the applicable initiation fee at the closing of the purchase of a Lot from the Declarant, such initiation fee shall be due and payable and collectible as an assessment under this Declaration. Any initiation fee collected may be used by the Declarant for any expense arising out of, or related to, Godley Park and/or the Association and need not be included in the Association's annual budget. The initiation fee shall only apply to the sale of a Lot from

the Declarant to an initial purchaser. Except as provided in this Declaration, neither the Association, the Board, nor the Declarant shall have the ability to impose an initiation fee on any purchase or sale of a Lot within Godley Park after the initial sale of such Lot from the Declarant. This provision shall terminate after the Declarant loses its authority to appoint a majority of the Board as set forth in Section 2.5.

SECTION 3.19

Master Association For The Highlands. All Lots in Godley Park are subject to that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Highlands recorded in Deed Book 260-W, Page 167, Chatham County, Georgia records ("Master Covenants") and are under the jurisdiction of the Highlands Owners' Association, Inc. In connection therewith, Lots in Godley Park are expressly subject to all assessments set forth in the Master Covenants and the Association may collect same from Owners as an automatic special assessment without requiring a vote of Members.

# SECTION 4 <u>MAINTENANCE & CONVEYANCE OF</u> <u>COMMON PROPERTY TO ASSOCIATION</u>

SECTION 4.1.

Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain in good repair the Common Property. This responsibility shall include the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of all improvements and landscaping situated on the Common Property as set forth in this Section 4.

- 4.1.1. The Association shall maintain all wetlands, lakes, lagoons and associated drainage within Godley Park to the extent such maintenance is not otherwise maintained by a governmental entity or public service district.
- 4.1.2. The Association shall be responsible for the Godley Park security gate and all roadways within Godley Park which have not been otherwise conveyed or dedicated to a municipality, Chatham County, or other governmental body.
- 4.1.3. The Association shall be responsible for Common Property utility expenses such as water, sewer, and electricity. Additionally, each Owner shall be responsible to maintain all landscaping from the boundary line of the Owner's lot to the pavement of the roadway in front of the Owner's lot and, if applicable, from the rear boundary line of the Owner's lot to the waters edge of any lagoon behind the Owner's lot.

- 4.1.4. The Association shall operate and maintain all Common Property lighting with the exception of those street lights billed to Owners and other lighting maintained and operated by a utility company.
- 4.1.5. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or without Godley Park if the Board determines that such maintenance would benefit the Owners.
- 4.1.6 The Association shall maintain landscaping for the front yard of each Lot. The "front yard" shall be defined as the portion of the Lot lying in front of the main structure situated thereon. Additionally, the Association shall maintain the side yards of Lots on which a townhouse is situated. The "side yards" shall be defined as all portions of Lots lying between the rear corners of the main structure and the front yards. In the event that a dispute arises as to what portion of the Lots the Association is obligated to maintain as provided under this subsection, the Board of Directors of the Association shall, in its sole discretion, make the final determination of same.
- 4.1.7. The Association shall not be responsible for the maintenance, repair or replacement of any associated infrastructure within Godley Park which has been conveyed to Chatham County or another governmental body, public service district, or utility company.
- 4.1.8. The Association shall not be responsible for any utility infrastructure which is not owned by the Association including, without limitation, water, sewer electricity, telephone, cable television, or propane gas infrastructure.
- 4.1.9. The Association maintenance shall be performed consistent with Godley Park Standards.
- 4.1.10. In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement of Common Property is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the family, guests, lessees, or invitees of any Owner or Occupant, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs thereof shall be a specific assessment against such Owner subject to the

Association's lien and collection rights provided for in this Declaration.

4.1.11 The Association shall maintain any landscaping or entry features, including any medians located at entries.

#### SECTION 4.2.

Owner's Responsibility. All maintenance of Lots and all structures, parking areas, landscaping, and other improvements on each Lot shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with Godley Park Standards and this Declaration. In the event the Board determines that any Owner has failed or refused to properly maintain, repair, or replace items for which such Owner is responsible, the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement for the Owner at the expense of the Owner. Except in an emergency situation, the Association shall give the Owner prior written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair, or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have seven (7) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair, or replacement. If such maintenance, repair, or replacement is not capable of completion within the seven (7) day period, the Owner must commence such work within seven (7) days and shall complete such work within a reasonable time. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs shall be an assessment against such Owner and its Lot. The Association may institute fines consistent with the terms of this Declaration if any owner does not comply with the provisions hereof. "Notice" as provided in this Section shall be delivered either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested to the address of Owner as listed in the records of the Association. Such Notice by certified mail shall be deemed "received" should same be returned as unclaimed, or if delivery is refused.

#### SECTION 4.3.

Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association. The Declarant shall convey to the Association any Common Property located within Godley Park and shown as Common Property, open space, or recreation area on a plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia. Such conveyance shall be accepted by the Association, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be maintained by the Association for the benefit of all or a part of its Members. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section.

### SECTION 5 USE RESTRICTIONS AND RULES

SECTION 5.1

General. All Owners and Occupants must comply with these use restrictions and rules and regulations. These use restrictions may only be amended as provided in this Declaration. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the Members, promulgate, modify, or delete rules and regulations applicable to Godley Park, so long as the rules and regulations do not conflict with the terms of this Declaration. Such rules and regulations shall be distributed to all Owners and Occupants prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless overruled, canceled, or modified in a regular or special meeting by a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5.2

Fines for Covenant, Rule and Regulation Violations. The Association may adopt fines to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the published rules and regulations of the Association. Such fines may be adopted and amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Association Board of Directors. Association fines may not be levied against any Owner until the fines and rules and regulations have been mailed to all Owners to the addresses on record with the Association. Revised fines shall not take effect until mailed to all Owners similarly. Fines levied against Owners for violations of these covenants, or the Association rules and regulations, shall be a charge against the Lot owned by the Owner in violation of the covenant, rule or regulation, and shall be a charge and continuing lien on the subject Lot, as well as a personal obligation of the Owner, as set forth in Section 3 above. Owners and Occupants shall have the right to appeal any Association fine within thirty (30) days of the date such fine is assessed. All appeals shall be in writing and shall be heard by the Board, or a committee selected by the Board. The determinations by the Board, or the Board's appeal committee, of all appeals shall be made in the Board's, or the Board's appeal committee's, sole discretion. Such determinations shall be final adjudications of all fines and shall not be subject to any further appeal whatsoever. The Board shall promulgate rules governing the fine appeal process.

**SECTION 5.3** 

Single Family Residential Use of Lots. All Lots shall be used for single family residential purposes only and no commercial activity of any nature whatsoever shall be conducted thereon. Residential purposes shall include home businesses or business activities which do not maintain advertising on a Lot, or invite customers or clients within Godley Park. Residential purposes include the sale and leasing of Lots. The Board may issue rules

and regulations regarding permitted business activities, so long as the rules and regulations do not conflict with the terms of this Declaration. The Declarant shall have the right to operate a sales office and a construction office from one or more Lots within Godley Park. No garage or part of a garage may be used for business purposes so as to prevent occupant's vehicles from being parked in the garage.

SECTION 5.4

Architectural Standards for Improvements to Lots. No exterior improvement, alteration, addition, or erection whatsoever shall be commenced or placed upon any Lot, unless installed by the Declarant, or as approved in accordance with this Declaration. Except as provided above, no exterior construction, addition, erection, or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications showing at least the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color and location shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by an Architectural Review Committee to be established by the Board.

- 5.4.1. The Architectural Review Committee shall have jurisdiction over modifications and new construction on Lots.
- 5.4.2. The Board may employ architects, engineers, or other persons as it deems necessary to enable the Architectural Review Committee to perform its review.
- 5.4.3. The Architectural Review Committee may, from time to time, delegate any of its rights or responsibilities hereunder to one (1) or more duly licensed architects or other qualified Persons, which shall have full authority to act on behalf of the committee for all matters delegated.
- 5.4.4. Written design guidelines and procedures may be promulgated for the exercise of this review, which guidelines may provide for a review fee.
- 5.4.5. So long as the Declarant owns any property for development or sale in Godley Park, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the Architectural Review Committee. Upon the expiration or earlier surrender in writing of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the Architectural Review Committee.
- 5.4.6. If the Architectural Review Committee fails to approve or to disapprove submitted plans and specifications within ninety (90) days after the plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required, and this Section will be deemed to

have been fully complied with. As a condition of approval under this Section, each Owner, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance to and on any change, modification, addition, or alteration. The Architectural Review Committee shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of these restrictions. Any member of the Board or its representatives shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any Lot to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not these Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry.

5.4.7. Plans and specifications are not approved for engineering or structural design or quality of materials, and by approving such plans and specifications neither the Architectural Review Committee, the members thereof, nor the Association assumes liability or responsibility therefor, nor for any defect in any structure constructed from such plans and specifications. Neither Declarant, the Association, the Architectural Review Committee. the Board, nor the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications to any of them for approval, or to any owner of property affected by these restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every person who submits plans or specifications and every owner agrees that such person or owner will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association, the Architectural Review Committee, the Board, or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any board, or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them to recover any damages and hereby releases, remises, and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands, and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

5.4.8. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner or Occupant within Godley Park without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. Notwithstanding the

foregoing, the Board and the Declarant shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs. This prohibition includes signs erected within a structure on a Lot but visible from outside the structure. The Declarant shall have the right to erect and maintain "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs on any Lot in its sole discretion. No Owner shall erect "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs other than the Declarant. Signs required by legal proceedings may be erected upon any Lot. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Person holding a Mortgage who becomes the Owner of any Lot as purchaser at a judicial or foreclosure sale conducted with respect to a first Mortgage or as transferee pursuant to any proceeding in lieu thereof.

- 5.4.9. No boat, motor home, trailer, or recreational vehicle or trailer may be left upon any portion of Godley Park unless in a specific Common Area designated by the Declarant or Association. All vehicles shall be parked within the driveway of each Lot. No vehicles may be parked overnight in the streets of Godley Park. No boats, whether trailered or not, may be parked in driveways of any Lot overnight.
- 5.4.10. Detached garages shall be permitted if approved by the Architectural Review Committee.
- 5.4.11. No unlicensed vehicle (except those owned by Declarant) shall be left upon any portion of Godley Park. Vehicles which are inoperable for a period of five (5) days or more may not be stored upon any portion of Godley Park. Such vehicles identified above must be removed by the Owner. The Association shall have the right to remove any such vehicle if not removed by the Owner within ten (10) days of notice, and the costs of such removal shall be an assessment against such Owner. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no vehicles may be stored or parked upon any property owned by Declarant without authorization, and such vehicles shall be immediately towed with the cost of such removal to be paid by the owner of the vehicle.
- 5.1.12. Trucks with mounted campers which are an Owner's or Occupant's primary means of transportation shall not be considered recreational vehicles, provided they are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored out of public view upon removal. "Regular basis" for purposes of this section shall mean daily.

- 5.1.13. Employee work trucks are not permitted to be parked in driveways leading to any Lot. No work or recreational trailers are allowed to be parked in driveways of Lots or the streets of Godley Park overnight.
- 5.1.14. Off Road. No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on pathways or unpaved Common Property except for public safety vehicles and vehicles authorized by the Board.
- 5.1.15. Leasing. Lots may be leased for long term residential purposes only, which means all leases must be for a period in excess of six (6) months. No short term leasing is allowed. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the tenant acknowledge that the tenant is subject to the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations of the Association. The lease shall also obligate the tenant to comply with the foregoing and shall provide that in the event of noncompliance, the Association may exercise all remedies available to it, against either the Owner or the tenant. A copy of any lease shall be submitted to the board. The board may delegate this authority to receive and keep on file all leases to the architectural review committee.
- 5.4.16. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and of any rules and regulations, use restrictions or design guidelines promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all Occupants even though Occupants are not specifically mentioned. Fines may be levied against Owners or Occupants. If a fine is first levied against an Occupant and is not paid timely, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.
- Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Lot, with the exception of dogs, cats or other usual and common household pets. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs shall be kept on a leash when outside of a Lot. All Owners shall remove their pets' waste from Common Areas and Lots. Owners who do not remove their pets' waste from Common Areas and Lots shall be subject to fines which shall be collectible against the Owner as a specific assessment. No pets may be left unattended outside of a residence after 8 p.m. nor prior to 7 a.m.
- 5.4.18. Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy,

unsightly, or unkempt condition on his or her lot. No lot within Godley Park shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within Godley Park.

- 5.4.19. Antennas. No exterior antennas of any kind, including, without limitation, satellite dishes, shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of Godley Park, including any Lot, without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. Satellite Dishes which are dark in color and are 18 inches or less in diameter may be allowed, provided they are not visible from the street, installed upon or adjacent to a residence, and are integrated with the surrounding landscape.
- 5.4.20. Tree Removal. No trees that are more than eight (8) inches in diameter at a point ten (10) feet above the ground shall be removed without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. However, no flowering trees, including, without limitation, dogwood trees, regardless of their diameter, shall be removed without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee.
- 5.4.21. <u>Drainage</u>. Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner or Occupant may alter, obstruct or re-channel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains, the right to alter same being expressly reserved to Declarant.
- 5.4.22. Sight Distance at Intersections. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would create a traffic or sight problem. The Association shall not be liable for any such traffic or sight problem created.
- 5.4.23. <u>Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc.</u> All garbage cans, woodpiles, hot tubs, spas, and related equipment, and other similar items shall be

located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate.

- 5.4.24. Subdivision of Lot. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to re-plat any Lot or Lots owned by Declarant. Any such division, boundary line change, or re-platting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations. Declarant's right to re-plat any Lot shall include the right to change the configuration of streets and otherwise make changes on the final plat for Godley Park as to how the streets and common areas in Godley Park are laid out.
- 5.4.25. Guns. The use or discharge of firearms in Godley Park is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes rifles, pistols, "BB" guns, pellet guns and small firearms of all types.
- 5.4.26. Fences. The erection, alteration or movement of fencing upon any Lot may not be done without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee as set forth herein and in Section 5.4 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant shall have the right to erect fencing of any type, at any location, other than wood fencing, on any Lot during the period that such Lot is being used by Declarant as a model home. The Board shall have the right to erect fencing of any type other than wood fencing considered appropriate or desirable by the Board at any location on the Common Property. All other fencing on Lots must receive written approval from the Architectural Review Committee prior to it being erected, or the Owner and Lot shall be in violation of this Declaration.
- 5.4.27. <u>Air Conditioning Units</u>. No window air-conditioning units may be installed.
- 5.4.28. <u>Lighting</u>. Except as may be permitted by the Architectural Review Committee, exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (b) One (1) decorative post light, (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for Godley Park, (d) seasonal decorative lights; or (e) front house illumination of model homes.

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- 5.4.29. Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs. Swimming pools, hot tubs and portable spas shall not be permitted without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. Swimming pools must be enclosed by an approved fence.
- 5.4.30. Play Equipment. No play equipment may be installed upon a Lot without the approval of the Architectural Review Committee. Any play equipment approved must be located between the rear dwelling line and the rear lot line.
- 5.4.31. <u>Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes located on Lots shall be of a similar style approved by the Architectural Review Committee. Mailboxes shall be kept painted and in good repair by the Owners. Replacement mailboxes may be installed after the type has been approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee.
- 5.4.32. <u>Exteriors</u>. Any change to the exterior color of any improvement located on a Lot, including, without limitation, the dwelling, must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.
- 5.4.33. <u>Clothesline</u>. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Lot.
- 5.4.34. Storage Sheds and Garages. Construction, installation or placement of a storage shed, tree house, play house, carport, or a building separate from the main house on the Lot is not permitted without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee, in its sole discretion. All plans (which must include the length, width, height, materials, colors, and location) must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for written approval prior to obtaining building permits or starting construction. The structure must be constructed, installed or placed in a location inconspicuous as much as possible from public view. All materials used in the construction of such buildings must match the main dwelling located on the Lot.

### SECTION 6 INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

SECTION 6.1. <u>Insurance on Common Property</u>. The Board of Directors or the duly authorized agent of the Association shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements whether or not located on the Common Property which the Association is obligated to maintain. This insurance shall provide fire and extended coverage, including

vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.

SECTION 6.2.

<u>Liability Insurance</u>. The Board shall obtain a general commercial liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 6.3

Other Insurance. In addition to the other insurance required by this Section 6, the Board shall obtain workers' compensation insurance to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of Georgia law. The Board shall also obtain a fidelity bond or bonds on Association directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available. If obtained, the amount of fidelity coverage shall be in an amount no less than three (3) month's prorated Assessments plus any reserves. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion or person serving without compensation and may not be canceled, subjected to non-renewal or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, also known as law and ordinance endorsements, and flood insurance if necessary, and to the extent necessary, to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 6.4.

<u>Declarant</u>. The Board is authorized to obtain the insurance coverage required hereunder through the Declarant and to reimburse Declarant for the cost thereof. The Board shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this Section if the Board has contracted for or otherwise arranged to obtain the required insurance coverage through the Declarant.

SECTION 6.5.

<u>Premiums</u>. Premiums for all insurance shall be common expenses of the Association. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost.

- SECTION 6.6. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee for the respective benefited parties, as further identified below. Such insurance shall comply with these provisions:
  - 6.6.1. All policies shall be written with an insurance company authorized to do business in Georgia.
  - 6.6.2. Exclusive authority to settle losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Board; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
  - 6.6.3. In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, Occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.
  - 6.6.4. All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be review annually by the Board.
  - 6.6.5. The Board shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
    - 6.6.5.1. a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Board, its manager, the Owners and their respective agents, tenants and guests;
    - 6.6.5.2. a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying a cash settlement;
    - 6.6.5.3. that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;
    - 6.6.5.4. that no policy may be canceled, subjected to non-renewal, invalidated, or suspended on account of any defect or the conduct of any Board member, Association officer or employ, or employee of the authorized manager of the Association without prior demand in writing deliver to the Association to cure any defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance or a reasonable time thereafter within which

a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;

- 6.6.5.5. that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
- 6.6.5.6. that no policy may be canceled, subjected to non-renewal or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association.

#### SECTION 6.7.

Individual Insurance for Lot Owners. By virtue of taking title to a Lot subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner acknowledges that the Association has no obligation to provide any insurance for any portion of individual Lots, and each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall carry blanket "allrisk" casualty insurance on the Lot and all structures constructed thereon and a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on a Lot. The casualty insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire and other hazards commonly insured under an "all-risk" policy, if reasonably available, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. If all-risk coverage is not reasonably available, Owners shall obtain, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times. Authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by an Owner shall be vested in the Owner. The losses under policies obtained by an Owner shall be vested in the Owner.

#### SECTION 6.8.

<u>Damage and Destruction -- Property Insured by Association</u>. Immediately after damage or destruction by any casualty to any improvement covered by Association insurance, the Board or its authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost or repair or reconstruction of the damaged property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section 6, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the casualty, allowing for changes necessitated by changes in applicable ordinances. Repair or reconstruction procedures shall be as follows:

6.8.1. Any damage to property covered by Association insurance shall be repaired or reconstructed unless seventy-five percent (75%) or the Total Association Vote agree otherwise in a vote taken at a duly called Association meeting held sixty (60) days after the casualty.

as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not available to the Association within such sixty (60) day period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days.

- 6.8.2. If the insurance proceeds are insufficient to pay for the repair or reconstruction, the Board shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners, levy a special assessment against all Owners in proportion to the number of Lots owned by each Owner. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during of following the completion or any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs or repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be deposited to the benefit of the Association.
- 6.8.3. If the Association votes not to repair or reconstruct damage improvements, and no alternatives are authorized by the Association, then the property shall be restored to its natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of Godley Park in a neat and attractive condition.
- Damage and Destruction to Improvements on Lots -- Insured by Owners. The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement on a Lot shall be repaired by the Owner thereof within ninety (90) days after such damage or destruction or, where repairs cannot be completed within ninety (90) days, they shall be commenced within such period and shall be completed within a reasonable time thereafter. Alternatively, the Owner may elect to demolish all improvements on the Lot and remove all debris therefrom within ninety (90) days after such damage or destruction. In the event of noncompliance with this provision, the Board shall have all enforcement powers specified in this Declaration.
- SECTION 6.10. <u>Insurance Deductible</u>. The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall be paid by the Association or be allocated among the Persons who are responsible for the damage or destruction.

### SECTION 7 ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

SECTION 7.1. <u>Unilateral Annexation By Declarant.</u>

- 7.1.1. The Declarant shall have the unilateral right and option until five (5) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject the following property to the provisions of this Declaration ("Annexation"):
  - 7.1.1.1. any real property touching, or adjacent to, any Lot or Common Property within Godley Park;
  - 7.1.1.2. Annexation shall be made by filing a Supplementary Declaration with the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia describing the annexed property;
  - 7.1.1.3. The votes Declarant receives due to its ownership of Lots shall be increased by the number of Lots annexed;
  - 7.1.1.4. Declarant shall have the right to modify the terms of the Declaration as it may apply to any annexed property. As long as the provisions of this Declaration applicable to property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of existing Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property.
  - 7.1.1.5. The rights reserved by the Declarant to subject additional property to this Declaration shall not impose any duty or obligation upon the Declarant to subject additional property to this Declaration. If additional property is not subjected to this Declaration, Declarant's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Declarant to impose any covenants or restrictions similar to those contained herein to any additional property. Nothing in this Declaration shall impair or restrict the Declarant's development of any additional property, whether such development is consistent with the covenants and restrictions in this Declaration or not.

### SECTION 8 MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

- SECTION 8.1. Mortgagee Provisions. The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages or deeds of trust on Lots in Godley Park. The provisions of this Section 8 apply to both this Declaration and the Bylaws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.
- SECTION 8.2. <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides a written request to the Association, such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the Lot number, therefore becoming an "eligible holder", will be entitled to timely written notice of:
  - 8.2.1. any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of Godley Park or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured or guaranteed by such eligible holder;
  - 8.2.2. any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage or such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by the Owner of an unencumbered Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or the Bylaws which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
  - 8.2.3. any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association.
- SECTION 8.3. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.
- SECTION 8.4. <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Lot Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.
- SECTION 8.5. <u>Applicability of Section</u>. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, Bylaws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Section.

SECTION 9.1.

Easements for Use and Enjoyment. Subject to the provisions contained herein, every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot. Any Owner may delegate such Owner's right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property to the members of the Owner's family and to such Owner's tenants and guests. Such delegation shall be deemed when any Owner leases its Lot. The Owners' easements for use and enjoyment shall be subject to the following provisions:

- 9.1.1. the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions of the Common Property by an Owner, its guests and invitees, at designated times for special events upon such Owner's payment to the Association of a reasonable use charge, as set by the Board in its sole discretion;
- 9.1.2. the right of the Association to suspend a Lot Owners' voting rights and the right to use the Common Property for any period during which any assessment against such Owner remains unpaid, or for a reasonable period of time for a violation of this Declaration, Bylaws or the Associations rules or regulations;
- 9.1.3. the right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Property, or for construction, repairing or improving any facilities located on the Common Property, and to give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage encumbering the Common Property; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage shall be subject and subordinate to the provisions of this Declaration. Any such Mortgage on the Common Property shall be approved by at least two thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote. The exercise of any rights held by any mortgagee of Common Property shall not cancel or terminate any provisions of this Declaration, or the holder of any Mortgage on any Lot.
- 9.1.4. the right of the Association to dedicate or grant licenses, permits or easement over, under and through the Common Property to governmental entities for public purposes; and

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9.1.5. the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Property subject to the such conditions as may be agreed to by the Owners. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless approved by at least two thirds (2/3) or the Total Association Vote.

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Easements for Utilities. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association blanket easements upon, across, above and under all property within Godley Park, including all Lots, for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving Godley Park or any portion thereof. This easement shall include, without limitation, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone, electricity, cable television, security, as well as storm drainage and, any other service or system which the Declarant or the Association might decide to have installed to service Godley Park. It shall be expressly permissible for the Declarant, the Association, or the designee of either, as the case may be, to install, repair, replace, and maintain or to authorize the installation. repairing, replacing, and maintaining of such wires, conduits, pipes, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any such utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the Declarant or the Board, as the case may be, shall have the right to grant such easement.

SECTION 9.3.

Easement for Drainage. Declarant hereby reserves a perpetual easement across all Godley Park property for the purpose of altering drainage and water across all Godley Park property. This right shall include, but is not limited to, altering swales, installing drains, drainage ditches, pipes, inlets, headwalls, and altering channeling, or piping waterflow across any Lot or any property in Godley Park. Rights exercised pursuant to this reserved easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense.

SECTION 9.4.

Easement for Entry. In addition to the other rights reserved to Declarant and the Association, the Declarant or the Association shall have the right (but not the obligation) to enter upon any property or Lot within Godley Park for emergency, security, and safety reasons. This right may be exercised by the Declarant or its designee, any officer of the Board, and all governmental employees, policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner, and the entering party shall be

responsible for any damage caused. This right of entry shall include the right of the Board to enter to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire, slope erosion, or other hazard or condition in the event an Owner or Occupant fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

SECTION 9.5.

Easement for Maintenance. Declarant hereby expressly reserves a perpetual easement for the benefit of Declarant or the Association across such portions of Godley Park, determined in the sole discretion of the Declarant and the Association, as are necessary to allow for the maintenance required by this Declaration. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense.

SECTION 9.6.

Easement for Entry Features. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association an easement for ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features and similar streetscapes for Godley Park, over and upon each Lot as more fully described on the recorded subdivision plats for Godley Park. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around such entry features and the right to grade the land under and around such entry features. All such reserved easements within a Lot shall be maintained by the Lot Owner. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association shall be responsible for providing maintenance for entry features and streetscape in Godley Park.

SECTION 9.7.

Construction and Sale Period Easement. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration, the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, use restrictions, rules and regulations, design guidelines, and any amendments thereto, so long as Declarant owns any property in Godley Park for development or sale, Declarant reserves an easement across Godley Park for Declarant, and any builder or developer approved by Declarant upon such portion of Godley Park as Declarant may reasonably deem necessary. This reserved easement shall include an easement for such facilities and activities which, in the sole opinion of Declarant, may be required, convenient, or incidental to the development, construction, and sales activities related to property within or near Godley Park. This easement shall include, without limitation:

- 9.7.1. the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in any portion of Godley Park as well as any Lot in Godley Park.
- 9.7.2. the right to tie into any portion of Godley Park with driveways, parking areas and walkways;
- 9.7.3. the right to tie into or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain and repair any device which provides utility or similar services;
- 9.7.4. the right (but not the obligation) to construct recreational facilities on Common Property;
- 9.7.5. the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in Godley Park;
- 9.7.6. the right to place direction and marketing signs on any portion of Godley Park, including any Lot or Common Property;
- 9.7.7. the right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, model residences, and sales offices incidental to the construction, development and sales activities:
- 9.7.8. Declarant and any builder or developer authorized by Declarant may use residences, offices or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant or such builder or developer as model residences and sales offices, and may also use recreational facilities available for use by Godley Park as a sales office or for marketing purposes without charge. Rights exercised pursuant to such reserved easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected property, and reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property from damage. Any damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense. This Section shall not be amended without the Declarant's express written consent until the Declarant's rights hereunder have terminated as provided in this Declaration.

# SECTION 9.8. <u>Irrigation Easements</u>. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association a blanket easement to pump water from ponds, lagoons, lakes and other bodies of water located within Godley Park for irrigation purposes.

SECTION 9.9.

<u>Fence Easement</u>. Declarant hereby reserves an easement across any Lot which borders upon or contains a portion of any water facility, lagoon, detention pond, or retention pond for the purpose of access to such facility or pond, and for the purpose of erecting any fence which is either required by the subdivision development and construction plans or governmental regulation, rule, ordinance, or plan approval requirement.

SECTION 9.10.

<u>HUD/VA Approval</u>. As long as Declarant has the right to appoint and remove Association officers and directors, the following actions shall require the prior approval of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, if either agency is insuring or guaranteeing the Mortgage on any Unit; merger, consolidation, or dissolution of the Association; annexation of the property other than that adjacent to Godley Park, dedication, conveyance, or mortgaging of Common Area; or material amendment of this Declaration or the By-Laws.

#### SECTION 10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 10.1.

Enforcement. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply strictly with the Bylaws, the rules and regulations, the use restrictions, as they may be lawfully amended or modified from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in this Declaration. The Board may impose fines or other sanctions, which shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments. Failure to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws or the rules and regulations shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief, or both, maintainable by the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association, or in a proper case, by an aggrieved Owner. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The Board shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of lien, a notice of violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions, or design guidelines and to assess the cost of recording and removing such notice against the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing. Any Owner against whom the Association shall bring an action at law or in equity to enforce the provisions of this Declaration shall reimburse the Association for all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in such enforcement.

SECTION 10.2.

<u>Self-Help</u>. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter upon any Lot or any other portion of Godley Park to abate or remove, using

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such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations, or the use restriction. Unless an emergency situation exists, the Board shall give the violating Lot Owner ten (10) days written notice of its intent to exercise self-help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles may be towed after reasonable notice. All costs of self-help, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be assessed against the violating Lot Owner and shall be collected as provided for herein for the collection of assessments.

SECTION 10.3.

Condemnation. In the event of a taking by eminent domain of any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Property to the extent lands are available therefor. The provisions of this Declaration applicable to Common Property improvements damage, shall govern replacement or restoration and the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced.

SECTION 10.4.

<u>Duration</u>. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind Godley Park, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by Declarant, the Association or any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent provided by Georgia law. If Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provision of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by such law, after which time any such provision shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless a written instrument reflecting disapproval signed by the then Owners of 2/3 of the Lots and the Declarant (if the Declarant still owns any property in Godley Park or has the right to annex additional property) is recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a ten (10) year renewal period.

SECTION 10.5.

Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) if such amendment is necessary to enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration; (c) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans,

including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association, HUD, the VA, or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; or (d) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage Loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Owner's Lot unless any such Lot Owner shall consent in writing. Further, so long as Declarant has the right unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Lot Owners hereunder, nor shall it adversely affect title to any Lot without the consent of the affected Lot Owner.

In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended:

- 10.5.1. For so long as the Declarant owns any property in Godley Park or has the right to annex additional property, with the affirmative written consent of the Declarant and upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots;
- 10.5.2. If the Declarant no longer owns any Property in Godley Park and no longer has the right to annex additional property, upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots.
- SECTION 10.6. Partition. The Common Property shall remain undivided, and no Owner nor any other Person shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of all Owners of all portions of the property located within Godley Park and without the written consent of all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Lots located within Godley Park.
- SECTION 10.7. Gender and Grammar. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine pronoun shall include the neuter and feminine.
- SECTION 10.8. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision

or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.

SECTION 10.9.

<u>Captions</u>. The captions are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending, or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.

SECTION 10.10.

<u>Perpetuities</u>. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

SECTION 10.11.

Indemnification. To the fullest extent allowed by applicable Georgia law, the Association shall indemnify every officer of the Association and director of the Association against any and all expenses, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer or director in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding to which such officer or director may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer of director, may be entitled. This indemnification shall also include attorney's fees and expenses incurred in enforcing this indemnification. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.

#### SECTION 10.12. Books and Records.

10.12.1.

<u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. This Declaration, the Bylaws, copies of rules and use restrictions, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the members of the Board and of committees shall be made available for inspection

and copying by Declarant or any member of the Association or by the duly appointed representative of any member and by holders, insurers, or guarantors of any first Mortgage at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to such Person's interest as a member or holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage at the office of the Association or at such other reasonable place as the Board shall prescribe.

- 10.12.2. <u>Rules for Inspection</u>. The Board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to:
  - (1) notice to be given to the custodian of the records; (2) hours and days of the work when such an inspection may be made; and (3) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents.
- 10.12.3. <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make extra copies of documents at the reasonable expense of the Association.
- SECTION 10.13. Financial Review. A review of the books and records of the Association shall be made annually in the manner as the Board may decide; provided, however, after having received the Board's financial statements at their annual meeting, by a majority of the Total Association Vote, the Owners may require that the accounts of the Association be audited as a common expense by a certified public accountant. Upon written request of any institutional holder of a first Mortgage and upon payment of all necessary costs, such holder shall be entitled to receive a copy of any audited financial statements within ninety (90) days of the date of the request.
- SECTION 10.14. Notice of Sale, Lease or Acquisition. In the event an Owner sells or leases such Owner's Lot, the Owner shall give to the Association, in writing, prior to the effective date of such sales or lease, the name of the purchaser or lessee of the Lot and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Lot, each new Owner shall give the Association, in writing, the name and mailing address of the Owner and such other information as the Board may reasonably require.
- SECTION 10.15. Agreements. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any property for development or sale in Godley Park, or has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to Godley Park) all

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agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in Godley Park or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of Godley Park.

**SECTION 10.16.** 

Implied Rights. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, any use restriction or rule and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it therein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

SECTION 10.17.

<u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant and the Board or its designee shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for Godley Park.

SECTION 10.18.

Litigation. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote. This Section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens), (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided in this Declaration, (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation or (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it. This Section shall not be amended during the time period when Declarant owns any property for development or sale in Godley Park, or has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to Godley Park unless such amendment is made by the Declarant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant herein, hereby executes this instrument under seal this 17th day of FEGULA 2005.

WITNESSES:

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DECLARANT:

D. R. Horton, Inc. a Delaware

Corporation

RONALD BUNNER

**Assistant Division President** 

STATE OF GEORGIA
) ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COUNTY OF CHATHAM
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I, the undersigned notary, do hereby certify that Ronald Bunner as Assistant Division President of D. R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation, appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this // day of Hebruary, 2005

Notary Public of Georgia
My Commission Expires:

LINDA A. KELLER Notary Public, Chatham County, GA My Commission Expires July 29, 2007



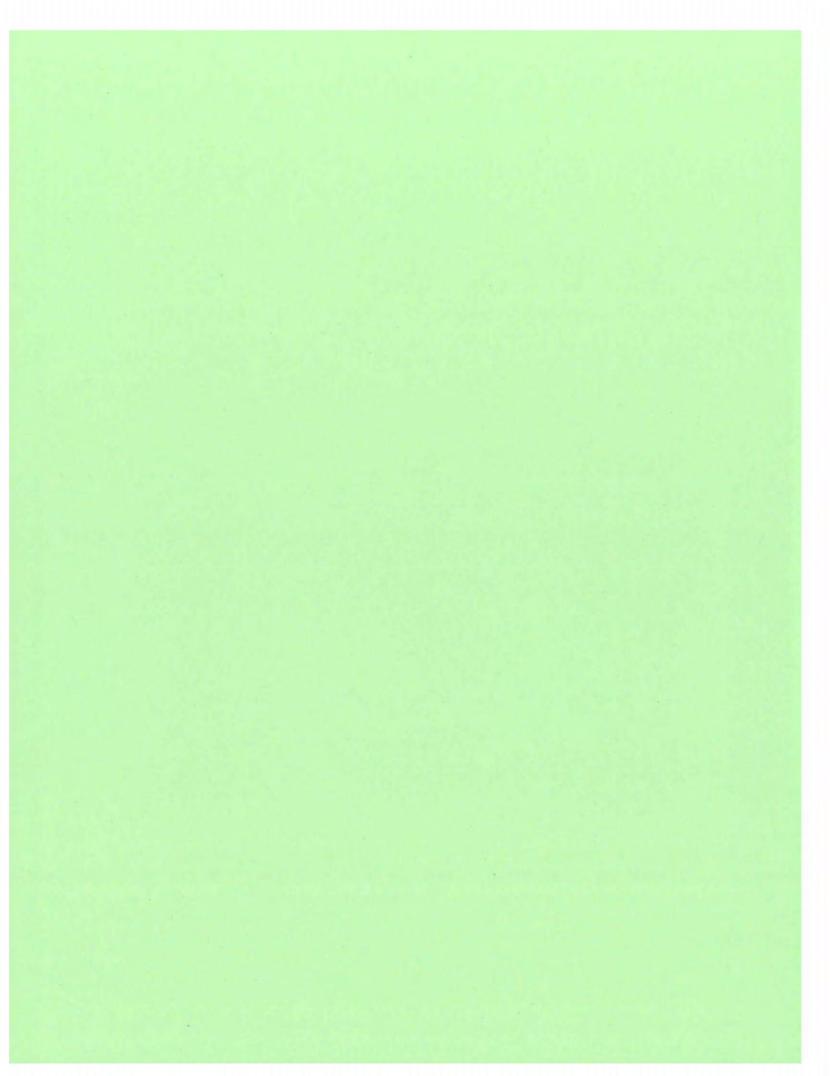
## **EXHIBIT "A"**

# Property Subject to this Declaration Legal Description to Godley Park Covenants

ALL THOSE CERTAIN lots, tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the 8<sup>th</sup> G.M. District, City of Savannah, County of Chatham, State of Georgia, being known as Godley Park, Phase 1A, being more particularly described as Godley Park, Phase 1A, on that certain major subdivision plat of Godley Park, Phase 1A, being a portion of The Highlands at Godley Station, dated January 30, 2004, and prepared for D.R. Horton, Inc., being recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia in Subdivision Map Book 30-F, Page 90A, et seq. Said subdivision plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more particular description of the property herein described.

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# BYLAWS OF GODLEY PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# A Nonprofit Corporation (the "Association")

These By-Laws are the By-Laws of the Association, which is the corporation created by Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia on March 1, 2005 (the "Articles of Incorporation"). All references herein to the "Declaration" shall refer to that certain instrument known as "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for GODLEY PARK" dated February 17, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 283-L, Page 427, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, as the same has been amended and supplemented from time to time. All capitalized or underlined terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned thereby by the Declaration unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

### ARTICLE I

#### Definitions

Section 1. "Association@ shall mean and refer to GODLEY PARK Homeowners Association, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Property" shall mean and refer to the real property described and defined in Sections 1.15 and 1.16 of the Declaration.

## ARTICLE II

### Offices

Section 1. Registered Office. The registered office of the Association shall be located at Joshua D. Walker, 14 East State Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401, or such other offices as the board of directors shall select.

Section 2. Other offices. The Association may also have offices at such other places both within and outside Chatham County, Georgia as the board of directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Association may make appropriate.

#### ARTICLE III

## Meetings of Members

Section 1. <u>Location of Meetings</u>. All meetings of members shall be held at such place within Chatham County in the State of Georgia as may be from time to time fixed by the board of directors or as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting or in a duly executed waiver of notice thereof.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. Annual meetings of the members shall be held in the month of November or such other month as designated by the board of directors. At each such meeting, except during the times that Declarant has the power to appoint all or a majority of the Board of Directors

of the Association, as set forth in the Declaration, the members shall, by a majority vote, elect a board of directors, and, by majority vote, transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, by the Declaration, or by the Articles of Incorporation, special meetings of members may be called for any purpose or purposes by the president, the board of directors, the holders of fifty-one (51%) percent of the outstanding voting interest in the Association, or such other officers or persons as may at the time be provided in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the event there are no officers or directors, then by any member.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of a meeting stating the place, day and hour of meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, and a proxy form shall be delivered not less than fourteen (14) days in advance of an annual or regularly scheduled meeting and at least ten (10) days in advance of any other meeting and shall state the time, place and purpose of such meeting.

Section 5. <u>Business of Meetings</u>. At an annual meeting of members, any matter relating to the affairs of the Association, whether or not stated in the notice of meeting,

may be brought up for action, subject to the President's right to preside over and control the agenda of the meeting (unless otherwise provided by law). Unless a majority of the members of this Association entitled to vote are present and specifically agree thereto in writing, no matter that was not stated in the notice of a special meeting of members shall be brought up for action at such a special meeting.

Section 6. Quorum. The holders of more than thirty (30%) percent of the interests entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of members for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided by law. If a quorum shall not be present, a new meeting shall be called within sixty (60) days of the date of the meeting, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, and at such reconvened meeting, fifteen (15%) percent of the interest entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. The members present in person or by proxy shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. At such reconvened meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the adjourned meeting.

Section 7. Majority. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members entitled to

vote and represented at the meeting shall be the act of the members, except as otherwise agreed by the Association, which shall be controlling, and further except that the unanimous vote of all members entitled to vote and represented at the meeting shall be required to approve matters at a special meeting of members with respect to matters about which no notice had been given in the notice of such special meeting.

## Section 8. Voting.

- (a) · Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, all voting contemplated by these By-Laws shall be governed by the Declaration and any reference herein to the voting rights of any member shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Declaration.
- (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Declaration, members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of members with each vote as set out in Section 2 of the Declaration. A member may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. Any proxy must be in writing, signed by the member (or owners as provided below) and submitted to the President prior to the meeting. If any Lot is owned by a corporation, partnership, trustee or other entity or by a

group of owners in any form of joint tenancy, the vote allocated to such Lot shall be exercisable by such owner or owners only as provided by the Declaration as amended from time to time. Unless the holder of a valid proxy, a mere lessee of any owner or member shall have no right to vote and shall in no respect be deemed a member of the Association.

Section 9. <u>Action by Consent</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of all interests entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

## ARTICLE IV

## DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. Following the first annual meeting of members, except during the times that Declarant has the power to appoint all or a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association, as set forth in the Declaration, the number of directors shall be five (5) or such other number, but not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) as may be elected by the vote of a majority of the members at the annual meeting. Directors must be over age eighteen, but need not be (i) residents of the State of Georgia (ii) owners of Lots in Godley Park. The term of a Director shall

be for one (1) year or until the next annual meeting of the membership and their successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. <u>Powers</u>. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its board of directors which may exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.

Section 3. <u>Compensation of Directors</u>. The board of directors shall receive no compensation. However the board of directors may receive appropriate reimbursement for approved expenses advanced in furtherance of the Association's business.

Section 4. <u>Indemnification</u>. As an inducement to the officers and directors of the Association to act on the Association's behalf, the Association shall, out of its general funds or by special assessment, indemnify and hold harmless, each officer or director acting in accordance with these By-Laws and the Declaration, including without limitation all actions taken in connection with the levying, collection and enforcement of assessments. All such indemnification shall be paid upon written request of the officer or director setting forth in reasonable detail the

reason for such indemnification, which request shall be given to each of the officers of the Association and approved by the board for payment.

#### ARTICLE V

## Meetings of the Board of Directors

Section 1. <u>Location of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the board of directors, regular or special, shall be held within Chatham County in the State of Georgia, or such other place as the Board of Directors may determine.

Section 2. First Meeting of New Board. The first meeting of each newly elected board of directors shall be held within two weeks of the annual meeting of members at the place where such annual meeting is held. Such meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting of the board of directors, and no notice of such meeting shall be necessary to the newly elected directors in order legally to constitute the meeting, provided a quorum shall be present. Alternatively, the new board of directors may convene at such alternate place and time as shall be consented to by all its board of directors.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the board of directors may be held with such frequency and at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by the board. If the board has so fixed the

frequency, time and place of regular meetings, no notice thereof shall be necessary.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the chairman of the board, by the president, or by any two directors on three days notice to each director in accordance with Article VI below.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who signs a waiver of notice either before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice thereof. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the board of directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business unless a greater number is required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of directors, the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present, without notice of the time and place that the meeting will be reconvened other than announcement at the adjourned meeting.

Section 7. <u>Majority</u>. The act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board of directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 8. Action by Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of directors or a committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all directors or members of the committee, as the case may be, entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Such consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board or the committee.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Notices

Section 1. Required Notices. Whenever, under the provisions of applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws, any notice is required to be given to any director or member, such notice shall be given in writing and delivered either personally or by first class mail or telegram, addressed to such director or member, at his address as it appears on the records of the Association. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered three (3) business days after it was deposited in the United

States mail with first class postage prepaid. Notices given by other means shall be deemed delivered when received by the addressee.

Section 2. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Whenever under the provisions of applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws, any notice is required to be given to any director or member, a written waiver thereof signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, either before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed the equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### ARTICLE VII

## Officers

Section 1. Officers; Election; Term. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the board of directors and shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Except as otherwise provided by law, any person may hold more than one office. Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the board of directors following the annual meeting of members and shall hold offices until their respective successors have been elected and shall have qualified, and if the board of directors shall fail in any year or years to meet and elect officers, the officers last elected shall continue to hold office. The officers shall be a member of the board of directors and a member of the

Association.

Section 2. Additional Officers and Agents. The board of directors may appoint such other officers, including vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and agents as it shall deem necessary. Such officers and agents shall hold their respective offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the board of directors.

Section 3. <u>Salaries</u>. The officers shall receive no compensation.

Section 4. Removal; Vacancies. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the board of directors may be removed by the board at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors. Officers and agents otherwise elected or appointed may similarly be removed or otherwise in accordance with Georgia law. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Association may be filled by the board of directors.

Section 5. The President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, shall preside at all meetings of members and the board of directors, shall have general and active management of the business of the

Association and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board of directors are carried into effect. He or she with the approval of the board of directors shall have the authority and power to execute on behalf of the Association bonds, mortgages, notes, contracts, leases and other documents and instruments (whether or not requiring a seal of the Association) except where such documents or instruments are required by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the board of directors to some other officer or agent of the Association.

Section 6. <u>Vice President</u>. The vice president, or if there shall be more than one, the vice presidents in the order determined by the board of directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the president, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president. Each vice president shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the board of directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 7. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. The secretary shall attend all meetings of members and the board of directors and shall record the proceedings of such meetings in books to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform like duties for the committees of directors when

required. He or she shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of members and special meetings of the board of directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the president, under whose supervision he shall be. He or she shall have custody of the corporate seal of the Association and he shall have authority to affix it to any instrument requiring it and when so affixed it may be attested by his The assistant secretary, or if there be more than one, the assistant secretaries in the order determined by the board of directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the secretary, perform the duties and exercise the powers (including affixation of the Corporate Seal) of the secretary and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the board of directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 8. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers. The treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the board of directors. He or she shall disburse the funds of the

Association as may be ordered by the board of directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the president and the board of directors, at its regular meetings, or when the board of directors requires, an account of all his transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association. required by the board of directors, he or she shall give the Association a bond in such sum and with surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the board of directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to the Association, in case of his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Association. The assistant treasurer, or if there shall be more than one, the assistant treasurers, in the order determined by the board of directors shall, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the treasurer and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the board of directors may from time to time prescribe.

#### ARTICLE VIII

## General Provisions

Section 1. <u>Checks</u>. All checks, drafts, demands for money and notes of the Association shall be signed by two officers of the Corporation or by a management company authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be fixed by resolution of the board of directors.

Section 3. <u>Seal</u>. The Association shall have a corporate seal which shall have inscribed thereon the name of the association, the year of its organization and the words "Corporate Seal - Georgia". The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or in any manner reproduced. The board of directors may from time to time authorize any other officer to affix the seal of the Association and to attest to such affixation by his signature.

Section 4. <u>Books and Records</u>. The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees of directors.

Not later than two (2) months after the close of each fiscal year, and in any case prior to the next annual meeting of members, the Association shall prepare a balance sheet showing in reasonable detail the financial condition

of the Association as of the close of its preceding fiscal year, and a profit and loss statement showing the results of its operations during such fiscal year. Upon written request the Association promptly shall mail to any member of record a copy of such balance sheet and profit and loss statement.

Section 5. <u>By-Law Amendments</u>. These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed or new By-Laws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors.

Section 6. <u>Conflict</u>. In the event of any conflict between these By-Laws and the following, the controlling language shall be found in: the laws of the State of Georgia, the Declaration or the Articles of Incorporation, in the order listed.

GODLEY PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ronald Bunner President