AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR

THE VILLAGES AT MEADOW LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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By-Laws of The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association, Inc.

AMENDED AND RESTATED
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR
THE VILLAGES AT MEADOW LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Declarant, as the owner of the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, executed and recorded that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association and imposed upon the Properties (as defined herein) mutually beneficial restrictions for the benefit of all owners of real property within the Properties and established a method for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of the Properties. Declarant is now executing and recording this Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association to correct certain scriveners errors in the Declaration and to make certain changes to meet the current requirements of certain governmental agencies. From and after recording in the office of Recorder of Deeds for DuPage County, Illinois, this Amended and Restated Declaration shall supersede and replace the Declaration in its entirety and all references herein to this "Declaration" shall be deemed to be references to this Amended and Restated Declaration.

Declarant hereby declares that all of the property described in Exhibit "A" shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the real property subjected to this Declaration and which shall be binding on all parties having any right, title, or interest in the described Properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, successors—in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof. This Declaration does not and is not intended to create a condominium within the meaning of the Illinois Condominium Property Act, et seq.

Article I Definitions

- Section 1. "Area of Common Responsibility" shall mean and refer to the Common Area, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration or by contract or agreement with any Neighborhood become the responsibility of the Association. The office of any property manager employed by or contracting with the Association, if located on the Properties, or any public rights-of-way within or adjacent to the Properties, may be part of the Area of Common Responsibility. The Area of Common Responsibility shall include such emergency access easement areas dedicated for use of public agencies.
- Section 2. "Articles of Incorporation" or "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association, Inc., as filed with the Secretary of State of the Illinois.
- Section 3. "Association" shall mean and refer to The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association, Inc., an Illinois corporation, and its successors or assigns. The "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall be the elected body having its normal meaning under Illinois corporate law.
- Section 4. "Base Assessment" shall mean and refer to assessments levied against all Units in the Properties to fund Common Expenses.
- Section 5. "By-Laws" shall mean and refer to the By-Laws of The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference, as they may be amended from time to time.
- Section 6. "Class "B" Control Period" shall mean and refer to the period of time during which the Class "B" Member is entitled to appoint a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, as provided in Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws.
- Section 7. "Common Area" shall mean all real and personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of all Owners.
- Section 8. "Common Expenses" shall mean and include the actual and estimated expenses incurred by the Association for the general benefit of all Unit Owners, including any reasonable reserve, all as may be found to be necessary and appropriate by the Board pursuant to this Declaration, the By-Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
- Section 9. "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Properties. Such standard may be more

specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the Design Review Committee.

Section 10. "Cost Sharing Agreement" shall mean and refer to the Agreement to Share Certain Costs by and between the Association and the Meadow Lakes Association.

Section 11. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to LaSalle National Trust, N.A. as successor to LaSalle National Bank, not personally, but solely as trustee under a trust agreement dated June 14, 1970, and known as Trust No. 41036, or its successors, successors-in-title or assigns who take title to any portion of the property described on Exhibit "A" for the purpose of development and sale and are designated as the Declarant hereunder in a recorded instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant.

Section 12. "Meadow Lakes Association" shall mean and refer to the Meadow Lakes Owners Association, Inc., an Illinois corporation, and its successors and assigns.

Section 13. "Member" shall mean and refer to a Person entitled to membership in the Association, as provided herein.

Section 14. "Mortgage" shall mean and refer to a mortgage, a deed of trust, a deed to secure debt, or any other form of security deed.

Section 15. "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to a beneficiary or holder of a Mortgage.

Section 16. "Mortgagor" shall mean and refer to any Person who gives a Mortgage.

Section 17. "Neighborhood" shall mean and refer to the portions of the Properties designated by Declarant as comprising a Neighborhood. All Units shall be designated as a part of one of the Neighborhoods within the Properties. Where the context permits or requires, the term Neighborhood shall also refer to the Neighborhood Committee (established in accordance with the By-Laws) having jurisdiction over the property within the Neighborhood.

Section 18. "Owner" shall mean and refer to one (1) or more Persons who hold the record title to any Unit which is part of the Properties, including Parcel Developers, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Unit is sold under a recorded contract of sale or memorandum thereof, and the contract specifically so provides, then the purchaser (rather than the fee owner) will be considered the Owner. If a Unit is subject to a written lease with a term in excess of one (1) year and the lease

specifically so provides, then upon filing a copy of the lease with the Board of Directors the lessee (rather than the fee owner) will be considered the Owner for the purposes of exercising all membership privileges in the Association.

Section 19. "Parcel Developer" shall mean any Person who takes title to one or more undeveloped Units for the purpose of constructing, developing and selling single-family detached houses thereon.

Section 20. "Person" neans a natural person, a corporation, a partnership, a trustee, or other legal entity.

Section 21. "Properties" shall mean and refer to the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Section 22. "Special Assessment" shall mean and refer to assessments levied in accordance with Article IX, Section & of this Declaration.

Section 23. "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean an amendment or supplement to this Declaration recorded in the Recorder's Office of DuPage County, Illinois, which imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein or which amends portions of this Declaration.

Section 24. "Unit" shall mean a portion of the Properties consisting of a separately platted subdivided lot intended for development, use, and occupancy by a single-family detached house, whether developed or undeveloped. The term shall include all portions of the platted subdivided lot plus all structures constructed thereon.

Section 25. "Voting Group" shall mean one (1) or more Voting Members who vote on a common slate for election of directors to the Board of Directors of the Association, as more particularly described in Article III, Section 3(b) of this Declaration or, if the context permits, the group of Members whose Units are represented by thereby.

Section 26. "Voting Member" shall mean and refer to the representative selected by the Members of each Neighborhood to be responsible for casting all votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood for election of directors, amending this Declaration or the By-Laws, and all other matters provided for in this Declaration and in the By-Laws. The Voting Member from each Neighborhood shall be the senior elected officer (e.g., Neighborhood Committee chairman) from that Neighborhood; the alternate Voting Member shall be the next most senior officer.

Article II Property Rights

Every Owner shall have a right and nonexclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to the Common Area, subject to any restrictions or limitations contained in this Declaration as it may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, Article XII, and to any restrictions or limitations contained in any deed conveying such property to the Association. Any Owner may delegate his or her right of enjoyment to the members of his or her family, tenants, and social invitees, as applicable, subject to reasonable regulation by the Board and in accordance with procedures it may adopt. An Owner who leases his or her Unit shall be deemed to have delegated all such rights to the Unit's lessee, unless otherwise specified in writing to the Secretary of the Association.

Article III Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. Membership. Every Owner, as defined in Article I, shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association.

No Owner, whether one (1) or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Unit owned. In the event the Owner of a Unit is more than one (1) Person, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided herein. The rights and privileges of membership may be exercised by a Member or the Member's spouse, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the By-Laws. The membership rights of a Unit owned by a corporation, partnership, or land trust shall be exercised by the individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the Secretary, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the By-Laws.

Section 2. Voting. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B," as follows:

(a) Class "A". Class "A" Members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Class "B" Member, if any.

Class "A" Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal vote for each Unit in which they hold the interest required for membership under Section 1 hereof; there shall be only one (1) vote per Unit. Unless otherwise specified in this Declaration or the By-Laws, the vote for each Unit shall be exercised by the Voting Member, as defined in Article I, representing the Neighborhood of which the Unit is a part.

In any situation where a Member is entitled personally to exercise the vote for his Unit and more than one (1) Person holds the interest in such Unit required for membership, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as those Persons determine among themselves and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Unit's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

- (b) Class "B". The Class "B" Member shall be the Declarant. The rights of the Class "B" Member, including the right to approve actions taken under this Declaration and the By-Laws, are specified elsewhere in the Declaration and the By-Laws. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to appoint a majority of the members of the Board of Directors during the Class "B" Control Period, as specified in Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws. After termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Class "B" Member shall have a right to disapprove actions of the Board of Directors and any committee as provided in Article III, Section 3, of the By-Laws. The Class "B" membership shall terminate and become converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier of:
- (i) two (2) years after expiration of the Class "B" Control Period pursuant to Article III of the By-Laws; or
- (ii) when, in its discretion, the Declarant so determines.

Section 3. Neighborhoods and Voting Groups.

(a) Neighborhoods. Every Unit shall be located within a Neighborhood as designated by Declarant by written notice to the Association designating the Units to be included within each Neighborhood. Declarant shall, by designation, create up to a maximum of ten (10) Neighborhoods. The Units within a particular Neighborhood may be subject to additional covenants and/or the Unit Owners may all be members of another owners association in addition to the Association. Neighborhoods shall elect a Neighborhood Committee, as described in Article V, Section 3, of the By-Laws, to represent the interests of Owners of Units in such Neighborhood.

The senior elected officer of each Neighborhood Committee shall serve as the Voting Member for such Neighborhood and shall cast all votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood on all Association matters requiring membership vote, unless otherwise specified in this Declaration or the By-Laws. The Voting Member may cast all such votes as it, in its discretion, deems appropriate. Notwithstanding the above, each Voting Member shall cast only one (1) equal vote for election of directors.

(b) Voting Groups. The Board of Directors shall be elected by Voting Groups established for election of directors to the Board. There shall be one Voting Group for each Neighborhood within the Properties. The Declarant may establish Voting Groups not later than the date of expiration of the Class "B" Control Period by written notice to the Association identifying each Voting Group and designating the Units within each group. Such designation may be amended from time to time by Declarant, acting alone, at any time prior to the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period. Each Unit shall be assigned to a Voting Group. There shall be a maximum of five (5) Voting Groups. Each Voting Group shall be entitled to elect the number of directors specified in Article III, Section 6 of the By-Laws. Any other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at large by all Voting Members without regard to Voting Groups.

Article IV Maintenance

Section 1. Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Area of Common Responsibility, such maintenance to be funded as hereinafter provided. This maintenance shall include, but need not be limited to, snow removal, as applicable, and maintenance, repair, and replacement, subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping and other flora, structures, and improvements situated upon the Common Areas, and such portions of any additional property included within the Area of Common Responsibility as may be dictated by this Declaration, or by a contract or agreement for maintenance thereof by the Association. The Association shall be the managing Association and, as such, be responsible for performing lake maintenance and other obligations described in the Cost Sharing Agreement. The Association and the Meadow Lakes Association shall each pay its share of the costs incurred by the Association in the discharge of its responsibilities under the Cost Sharing Agreement.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Areas and the Association's share of costs arising under the Cost Sharing Agreement shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Units as part of the Base Assessment.

The Association may maintain property which it does not own, including, without limitation, property dedicated to the public, if the Board of Directors determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Unit, and all structures, parking areas, driveways, landscaped easements within the Unit, in a manner

consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all applicable covenants. If any Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility, the Association may perform it and assess all costs incurred by the Association against the Unit and the owner thereof in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of this Declaration; provided, however, except when entry is required due to an emergency situation, the Association shall afford the owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry.

Article V Insurance and Casualty Losses

Section 1. <u>Insurance</u>. Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall have the authority to and shall obtain blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, for all insurable improvements on the Common Area. If blanket all-risk coverage is not reasonably available, then at a minimum an insurance policy providing fire and extended coverage shall be obtained. This insurance shall be in an amount sufficient to cover one hundred (100%) percent of the replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any insured hazard.

In addition to casualty insurance on the Common Area, the Association may, upon request of a Neighborhood, but shall not under any circumstances be obligated to, obtain and continue in effect adequate blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, and if not reasonably available, then at a minimum, fire and extended coverage, in such form as the Board of Directors deems appropriate for one hundred (100%) percent of the replacement cost of all structures located on Units within the Neighborhood and/or common property of the Neighborhood Association, and charge the costs thereof to the Owners of Units within the benefitted Neighborhood as a Neighborhood Assessment, as defined in Article I hereof.

Insurance obtained on the properties within any Neighborhood, whether obtained by such Neighborhood or the Association, shall at a minimum comply with the applicable provisions of this Section 1, including the provisions of this Article applicable to policy provisions, loss adjustment, and all other subjects to which this Article applies with regard to insurance on the Common Area. All such insurance shall be for the full replacement cost. All such policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to each Member insured, to the Association, and to the Neighborhood Association, if any.

The Board shall also obtain a public liability policy covering the Common Area, the Association and its Members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or

any of its Members or agents. The public liability policy shall have at least a One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollar single person limit as respects bodily injury and property damage, a Three Million (\$3,000,000.00) Dollar limit per occurrence, if reasonably available, and a Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollar minimum property damage limit.

Premiums for all insurance on the Common Area shall be Common Expenses of the Association and shall be included in the Base Assessment, as defined in Article I and as more particularly described in Article IX, Section 1; provided, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, premiums for insurance on Common Areas may be included in the Neighborhood Assessment of the Neighborhood benefitted thereby. The policy may contain a reasonable deductible, and, in the case of casualty insurance, the amount thereof shall be added to the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost. The deductible shall be paid by the party who would be liable for the loss or repair in the absence of insurance and in the event of multiple parties shall be allocated in relation to the amount each party's loss bears to the total.

- All insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the respective benefitted parties, as further identified in (b) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:
- (a) All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in Illinois which holds a Best's rating of A or better and is assigned a financial size category of XI or larger as established by A. M. Best Company, Inc., if reasonably available, or, if not available, the most nearly equivalent rating.
- (b) All policies on the Common Area shall be for the benefit of the Association and its Members.
- (c) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association on the Properties shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (d) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees.
- (e) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available, and an agreed amount

endorsement with an annual review by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the DuPage County, Illinois area.

- (f) The Association's Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors, its manager, the Owners, and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
- (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct, instead of paying cash;
- (iii) a statement that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended, or subject to non-renewal on account of any one or more individual Owners;
- (iv) a statement that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended, or subject to non-renewal on account of the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which the defect may be cured by the Association, its manager, any Owner, or Mortgagee;
- (v) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
- (vi) that the Association will be given at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal.

In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board shall obtain, as a common expense, worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent required by law, directors' and officers' liability coverage, if reasonably available, a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other Persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available, and flood insurance, if required. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment but, if reasonably available, may not be less than three (3) months' assessments on all Units, plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and shall require at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal.

Section 2. Individual Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Unit subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance on the Unit(s) and structures constructed thereon meeting the same requirements as set forth in Section 1 of this Article V for insurance on the Common Area. Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of a partial loss or damage resulting in less than total destruction of structures comprising his Unit, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article X of this Declaration. The Owner shall pay any costs of repair or reconstruction which is not covered by insurance proceeds. the event that the structure is totally destroyed, the Owner may decide not to rebuild or to reconstruct, in which case the Owner shall clear the Unit of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction and thereafter the Owner shall continue to maintain the Unit in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 3. Damage and Destruction.

- (a) Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any part of the Properties covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing, adjustment and negotiation of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Properties. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the Properties to substantially the same condition in which they existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.
- (b) Any damage or destruction to the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Voting Members representing at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the total vote of the Association shall decide within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) additional days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed.

(c) In the event that it should be determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the affected portion of the Properties shall be restored to their natural state and maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 4. Disbursement of Proceeds. If the damage or destruction for which the proceeds of insurance policies are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the proceeds, or such portion thereof as may be required for such purpose, shall be disbursed in payment of such repairs or reconstruction as hereinafter provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs of repair or reconstruction to the Common Area shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. In the event no repair or reconstruction is made, any proceeds remaining after making such settlement as is necessary and appropriate with the affected Owner or Owners and their Mortgagee(s) as their interests may appear, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of any Mortgagee of a Unit and may be enforced by such Mortgagee.

Section 5. Repair and Reconstruction. If the damage or destruction to the Common Area for which insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Voting Members, levy a special assessment against all Owners on the same basis as provided for Base Assessments. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction.

Article VI No Partition

Except as is permitted in this Declaration or amendments thereto, there shall be no physical partition of the Common Area or any part thereof, nor shall any Person acquiring any interest in the Properties or any part thereof seek any judicial partition unless the Properties have been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Article shall not be construed to prohibit the Board of Directors from acquiring and disposing of tangible personal property nor from acquiring title to real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

Article VII Condemnation

Whenever all or any part of the Common Area shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the Board acting on the written direction of Voting Members representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote and the Declarant, as long as the Declarant owns any property described on Exhibit "A") by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to notice thereof. The award made for such taking shall be payable to the Association as trustee for all Owners to be disbursed as follows:

If the taking involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking the Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns any property described in Exhibit "A" of this Declaration, and Voting Members representing at least seventyfive (75%) percent of the total vote of the Association shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent lands are available therefor, in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. If such improvements are to be repaired or restored, the above provisions in Article V hereof regarding the disbursement of funds in respect to casualty damage or destruction which is to be repaired shall apply. If the taking does not involve any improvements on the Common Area, or if there is a decision made not to repair or restore, or if there are net funds remaining after any such restoration or replacement is completed, then such award or net funds shall be disbursed to the Association and used for such purposes as the Board of Directors of the Association shall determine.

Article VIII Rights and Obligations of the Association

Section 1. Common Area. The Association, subject to the rights of the Owners set forth in this Declaration, shall be responsible for the exclusive management and control of the Common Area and all improvements thereon (including, without limitation, furnishings and equipment related thereto and common landscaped areas), and shall keep it in good, clean, attractive, and sanitary condition, order, and repair, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof and consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Section 2. Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use. The Association, through action of its Board of Directors, may acquire, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible

personal property and real property. The Board, acting on behalf of the Association, shall accept any real or personal property, leasehold, or other property interests within the Properties conveyed to it by the Declarant.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Properties, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. Sanctions may include reasonable monetary fines and suspension of the right to vote and the right to use any recreational facilities on the Common Ares. The Board shall, in addition, have the power to seek relief in any court for violations or to abate nuisances. Imposition of sanctions shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

The Association, through the Board, by contract or other agreement, shall have the right to enforce county ordinances or permit DuPage County and the City of Aurora (the "City") to enforce ordinances on the Properties for the benefit of the Association and its Members.

Section 4. <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or the By-Laws, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

Article IX Assessments

Section 1. Creation of Assessments. There are hereby created assessments for Association expenses as may from time to time specifically be authorized by the Board of Directors to be commenced at the time and in the manner set forth in Section 7 of this Article. There shall be two (2) types of assessments: (a) Base Assessments to fund Common Expenses for the benefit of all Members of the Association; and (c) Special Assessments as described in Section 4 below.

Base Assessments shall be levied equally on all Units, provided however, for the purposes of assessments, Parcel Developers shall pay twenty-five (25%) of the Base Assessment levied upon their Units for six (6) months following the transfer of title to the Parcel Developer and one hundred (100%) percent of the Base Assessment after that six (6) month period. Special Assessments shall be levied as provided in Section 4 below. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or recorded contract of sale to any portion of the Properties, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these assessments.

All assessments, together with interest at a rate equal to the corporate base rate as established by The First National Bank of Chicago on the date the delinquency first occurs as computed from the date the delinquency first occurs, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a lien on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Unit against which each assessment is made until paid. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Unit at the time the assessment arose, and if title to such Unit is held in trust, then each beneficiary thereof shall also be jointly and severally liable therefor. Upon transfer of title to a Unit, the grantee, by acceptance of the deed to such Unit, is deemed to assume such personal obligation for past due assessments, including interest, costs and attorneys fees, and shall be jointly and severally liable with the grantor for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance, except no first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Unit pursuant to the remedies provided in the Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title.

The Association shall, upon demand at any time, furnish to any Owner liable for any type of assessment a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether such assessment has been paid as to any particular Unit. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment to the Association of such assessment therein stated to have been paid. The Association may require the advance payment of a processing fee not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for the issuance of such certificate.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to his or her Unit, acknowledges that all Base Assessments levied hereunder are annual assessments due and payable in advance on the first day of the fiscal year; provided, the Board may permit any assessment to be paid in installments. Unless the Board otherwise provides, the Base Assessment may be paid in monthly installments.

No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt himself from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, by non-use of Common Areas or abandonment of the Unit. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of assessment or set-off shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association or Board under this Declaration or the By-Laws, or for inconvenience or discomfort rising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any

action taken to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

In lieu of paying regular assessments on its unsold Units, Declarant shall be obligated for the difference between the amount of assessments levied on all Units subject to assessment and the amount of actual expenditures required to operate the Association during the fiscal year. This obligation may be satisfied in the form of a cash subsidy or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or a combination of these.

The Association is specifically authorized to enter into subsidy contracts or contracts for "in kind" contribution of services or materials or a combination of services and materials with Declarant or other entities for the payment of some portion of the Common Expenses.

Section 2. <u>Computation of Base Assessment</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board, at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of each fiscal year, to prepare a budget covering the estimated Common Expenses of the Association during the coming year. The budget shall reflect and include such amounts payable by the Association for its share of costs incurred pursuant to the Cost Sharing Agreement plus such amounts payable by the Meadow Lakes Association to the Association for its share of the costs incurred pursuant to the Cost Sharing Agreement.

The Base Assessment to be levied for the coming year against each Unit subject to assessment under Section 6 below shall be computed by dividing the budgeted Common Expenses by the total number of Units submitted to this Declaration. The Board shall cause a copy of the Common Expense budget and notice of the amount of Base Assessment to be levied against each Unit for the following year to be delivered to each Owner at least thirty (30) days Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting of the Voting Members by the vote of Voting Members or their alternates representing at least a majority of the total Class "A" vote in the Association, and by the Class "B" Member, if such exists. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Voting Members as provided for special meetings in Article II, Section 4, of the By-Laws.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for any year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

Section 3. <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to the assessments authorized in Section 1 of this Article, the Association may levy a Special Assessment or Special Assessments from time to time; provided, such assessment shall have the affirmative vote or written consent of Voting Members or their alternates representing at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the Class "A" vote in the Association and the affirmative vote or written consent of the Class "B" Member, if such exists. Special Assessments shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Board, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved, if the Board so determines.

The Association may also levy a Special Assessment against any Member to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing a Member and his Unit into compliance with the provisions of the Declaration, any amendments thereto, the Articles, the By-Laws, and the Association rules, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the vote of the Board after notice to the Member and an opportunity for a hearing.

Section 4. Lien for Assessments. Upon recording of a notice of lien on any Unit, there shall exist a perfected lien for unpaid assessments prior and superior to all other liens, except (1) all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other levies which by law would be superior thereto, and (2) the lien or charge of any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage with first priority over other Mortgages) made in good faith and for value. Such lien may be enforced by suit, judgment, and foreclosure.

The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for the Unit at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. During the period in which a Unit is owned by the Association following foreclosure: (a) No right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) no assessment shall be assessed or levied on it; and (c) each other Unit shall be charged, in addition to its usual assessment, its equal pro rata share of the assessment that would have been charged such Unit had it not been acquired by the Association as a result of foreclosure. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid Common Expenses and attorney's fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

Section 5. Capital Budget and Contribution. The Board of Directors shall annually prepare a capital budget to take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital budget, with

respect both to amount and timing by annual assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within and distributed with the budget and assessment, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 6. Date of Commencement of Assessments. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Unit on the first day of the month following transfer of title to the Unit by Declarant. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. The first annual Base Assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of days remaining in the fiscal year at the time assessments commence on the Unit.

Section 7. Subordination of the Lien to First Mortgages. The lien of assessments, including interest, late charges (subject to the limitations of Illinois law), and costs (including attorney's fees) provided for herein, shall be subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage upon any Unit. The sale or transfer of any Unit shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Unit pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a first Mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Unit from lien rights for any assessments thereafter becoming due. Where the Mortgagee holding a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Unit obtains title pursuant to remedies under the Mortgage, its successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of the Common Expenses or assessments by the Association chargeable to such Unit which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Unit by such acquirer. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all the Units, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns.

Section 8. <u>Capitalization of Association</u>. Upon acquisition of record title to a Unit by the first purchaser thereof other than the Declarant or an owner who purchases solely for the purpose of constructing a dwelling thereon for resale, a contribution shall be made by or on behalf of the purchaser to the working capital of the Association in an amount equal to one-sixth (1/6) of the amount of the annual Base Assessment per Unit for that year as determined by the Board. Such contribution shall not be considered advance payment of assessments and shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, assessments then or thereafter coming due. After closing, this amount shall be paid to the Association for use in covering operating expenses and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and the By-Laws.

Section 9. Exempt Property. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the following property shall be exempt from payment of Base Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments, and Special Assessments:

- (a) all Common Area; and
- (b) all property dedicated to and accepted by any governmental authority or public utility, including, without limitation, the Fox Valley Park District.

Article X Architectural Standards

The Board of Directors shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to enforce in courts of competent jurisdiction decisions of the committees established in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article X. This Article may not be amended without the Declarant's written consent so long as the Declarant owns any land subject to this Declaration.

No construction, which term shall include within its definition staking, clearing, excavation, grading, and other site work, no exterior alteration or modification of existing improvements, and no plantings or removal of plants, trees, or shrubs shall take place except in strict compliance with this Article, until the requirements below have been fully met, and until the approval of the appropriate committee has been obtained.

All structures constructed on any portion of the Properties shall be designed by and built in accordance with the plans and specifications of a licensed architect.

Section 1. Design Review Committee. The Design Review Committee (DRC) shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all original construction on any portion of the Properties. The DRC shall prepare and, on behalf of the Board of Directors, shall promulgate design and development guidelines and application and review procedures, herein referred to as the Design Guidelines. Copies shall be available from the Design Review Committee for review. The Design Guidelines shall be those of the Association, and the DRC shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend them. It shall make the Design Guidelines available to Owners, builders, and developers who seek to engage in development and construction upon any portion of the Properties and such Owners, builders and developers shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith.

Until one hundred (100%) percent of the Units have been developed with single-family detached houses thereon and conveyed

to purchasers, the Declarant retains the right to appoint all members of the DRC, which shall consist of at least three (3), but no more than five (5), persons. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant. Upon the expiration of such right, the Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the DRC in the same manner as provided in Section 2 of this Article for the Modifications Committee.

Section 2. Modifications Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a Modifications Committee (MC) to consist of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The MC, if established, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over modifications, additions, or alterations made on or to Units or to structures located within Units and the open space related thereto.

The Modifications Committee shall promulgate detailed standards and procedures governing its areas of responsibility and practice, consistent with the Design Guidelines. In addition thereto, the following shall apply. Plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials, and location of such modifications, additions, or alterations, shall be submitted to the MC for approval as to quality of workmanship and design and as to harmony of external design with existing structures, location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, and finish grade elevation. No permission or approval shall be required to repaint in accordance with an originally approved color scheme, or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the right of an Owner to remodel the interior of his Unit, or to paint the interior of his Unit any color desired. In the event that the MC fails to approve or to disapprove such plans or to request additional information reasonably required within forty-five (45) days after submission, the plans shall be deemed approved.

Section 3. No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval of either the DRC or MC of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of such Committee, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.

Section 4. <u>Variance</u>. The DRC may authorize variances from compliance with any of the provisions of the Design Guidelines when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require,

but only in accordance with duly adopted rules and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing, (b) be contrary to the restrictions set forth in the body of this Declaration, or (c) estop the Committee from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.

Article XI Use Restrictions

The Properties shall be used only for residential, recreational, and related purposes (which may include, without limitation, offices for any property manager retained by the Association or business offices for the Declarant or the Association. The declaration or other creating document for any Neighborhood Association may impose stricter standards than those contained in this Article. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have standing and the Power to enforce such standards.

The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have authority to make and to enforce standards and restrictions governing the use of the Properties, in addition to those contained herein, and to impose reasonable user fees for use of Common Ares facilities. Such regulations and use restrictions shall be binding upon all Owners and occupants until and unless overruled, canceled or modified in a regular or special meeting of the Association by the vote of Voting Members representing a majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and by the Class "B" member, so long as such membership shall exist.

Section 1. <u>Signs</u>. No sign of any kind shall be erected within the Properties without the written consent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors or Declarant shall have the right to erect signs as they, in their discretion, deem appropriate. Notwithstanding the above, no signs, flags, Banners or similar items advertising or providing directional information with respect to activities being conducted outside the Properties shall be permitted within the Properties.

Section 2. Parking and Garages. Vehicles shall be parked only in the garages or in the driveways within Units. Commercial vehicles, tractors, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, trailers (either with or without wheels), campers, camper trailers, boats and other watercraft, and boat trailers shall be parked only in garages. No inoperable vehicles of any kind and no passenger vehicles or other vehicles not currently licensed shall be parked

or stored on any driveway. No vehicles of any kind shall be repaired or rebuilt anywhere within a Unit other than within the garage located thereon. The foregoing restrictions do not apply to the parking of construction vehicles and trailers during construction on the Properties so long as such vehicles and trailers are parked in accordance with the Association's construction parking regulations.

Section 3. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, By-Laws and of any rules and regulations or use restrictions promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants, guests and invitees of any Unit. Every Owner shall cause all occupants of his or her Unit to comply with the Declaration, By-Laws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and shall be responsible for all violations thereof and any losses or damage to the Common Areas caused by such occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such occupants of a Unit are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, By-Laws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any criminal liability on any Owner for actions of third parties.

Section 4. Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any portion of the Properties, except that dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets not to exceed a total of two (2) may be permitted in a Unit. However, those pets which are permitted to roam free, or, in the sole discretion of the Association, endanger the health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners of other Units or the owner of any portion of the Properties shall be removed upon request of the Board; if the owner fails to honor such request, the pet may be removed by the Board. No pets shall be kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs which are household pets shall at all times whenever they are outside a Unit be confined on a leash held by a responsible Person.

Section 5. <u>Nuisance</u>. No portion of the Properties shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause it 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 upon any portion of the Properties 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 upon any portion of the Properties, nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any person using any portion of the Properties. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals

or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Properties.

Section 6. Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on his or her Unit. The outdoor pursuit of hobbies or other activities, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken on any part of the Properties, which activities shall include, but shall not be limited to, the repair, assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles, aircraft, motors and other mechanical devices and equipment.

Section 7. Antennas. No exterior antennas, aerials, satellite dishes, or other apparatus for the receipt or transmission of television, radio, or other signals of any kind shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Properties, including any Unit, without the prior written consent of the Board. The plans for the foregoing shall first be submitted to and receive the prior written approval of the DRC and shall be in accordance with the standards therefor promulgated by the DRC.

Section 8. <u>Basketball Equipment</u>, <u>Swings and Play Structures and Equipment</u>. Basketball equipment, including one basketball hoop and backboard may be installed in the front or rear yard of each Unit with the prior written approval of the DRC. Such items shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the standards therefor promulgated by the DRC. Swings and other play structures and equipment shall be installed only in backyards of each Unit with the prior written approval of the DRC. Such items shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the standards therefor promulgated by the DRC.

Section 9. <u>Clotheslines</u>. The installation of clotheslines and clothes poles for the outdoor drying of clothes within any Unit is prohibited.

Section 10. <u>Garbage</u>. All garbage cans, trash receptacles and other similar items shall be screened from view of neighboring Units and adjacent streets. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Properties and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon.

Section 11. <u>Subdivision of Unit</u>. No Unit shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Unit or Units owned by Declarant and thereafter to record a

Supplement to this Declaration amending and restating the legal description of the Properties. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations.

Section 12. <u>Guns</u>. The discharge of firearms within the Properties is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size.

Section 13. Above-Ground Pools. The installation of an above-ground swimming pool within any Unit is prohibited. The foregoing does not apply to outdoor jacuzzis and hot tubs included within a deck, screened from view from neighboring Units and installed with the prior approval of the DRC.

Section 14. Storage Sheds, Greenhouses. Storage sheds of all kinds, greenhouses and similar accessory buildings shall be installed only in backyards with the prior written approval of the DRC. Such items shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the standards therefor promulgated by the DRC which shall require that such items be screened from view from neighboring Units.

Section 15. <u>Irrigation</u>. No sprinkler or irrigation systems of any type which draw upon water from creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, wetlands, canals or other ground or surface waters within the Properties or adjacent thereto, including those owned by the Meadow Lakes Association, shall be installed, constructed or operated within the Properties. All sprinkler and irrigation systems shall be subject to approval in accordance with Article X of this Declaration. Private wells are prohibited on the Properties.

Section 16. <u>Temporary Structures</u>. Except as may be permitted by the DRC during initial construction within the Properties, no tent, utility shed, shack, trailer or other structure of a temporary nature shall be placed upon a Unit or any part of the Properties.

Section 17. <u>Drainage and Septic Systems</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 Person other than Declarant may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Declarant hereby reserves a perpetual easement across the Properties for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow; provided, such easement right shall not be exercised in such a manner as to unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit without the affected Unit Owner's consent. Septic systems are prohibited on the Properties.

Section 18. Tree Removal. No trees shall be removed, except for diseased or dead trees and trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees or for safety reasons, unless approved in accordance with Article X of this Declaration.

Section 19. <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. 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.

Section 20. <u>Utility Lines</u>. No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be permitted within the Properties, except for temporary lines as required during construction and high voltage lines if required by law or for safety purposes.

Section 21. Air Conditioning Units. Except as may be permitted by the Board, no window air conditioning units may be installed in any Unit.

Section 22. <u>Lighting</u>. Except for seasonal Christmas decorative lights, which may be displayed between December 1 and January 10 only, all exterior lights must be approved in accordance with Article X of this Declaration.

Section 23. Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Sculpture, and Similar Items. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any portion of the Properties. Exterior sculpture, fountains, and similar items must be approved in accordance with Article X of this Declaration.

Section 24. Energy Conservation Equipment. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless it is an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the appropriate committee pursuant to Article X hereof.

Section 25. Lakes and Water Bodies. All lakes, ponds, and streams within or adjacent to the Properties, including those covered by the Cost Sharing Agreement shall be aesthetic amenities and are to be used only for storm water detention purposes. The use thereof for fishing, swimming, ice skating, boating, wind surfing and all other recreational activities is prohibited. No personal flotation devices, or water craft of any kind shall be used thereon. No patios, overhanging decks, docks, elevated walkways or other structures may be erected or maintained on the portion of any Unit subject to a storm water management easement. The Association shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising

out of the authorized or unauthorized use of lakes, ponds, or streams within the Properties.

Section 26. <u>Playground</u>. Any playground or other play areas or equipment furnished by the Association or erected within the Properties shall be used at the risk of the user, and the Association shall not be held liable to any Person for any claim, damage, or injury occurring thereon or related to use thereof.

Section 27. <u>Fences</u>. No dog runs, animal pens or fences of any kind shall be permitted on any Unit except as approved in accordance with Article X of this Declaration.

Section 28. Business Use. No trade or business may be conducted in or from any Unit, except that an Owner or occupant residing in a Unit may conduct business activities within the Unit so long as: (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell from outside the Unit; (b) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Properties; (c) the business activity does not involve persons coming onto the Properties who do not reside in the Properties or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Properties; and (d) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Properties and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Properties, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

The terms "business" and "trade", as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefor. Notwithstanding the above, the leasing of a Unit shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this section. This section shall not apply to any activity conducted by the Declarant with respect to its development and sale of the Properties or its use of any Units which it owns within the Properties and shall not prohibit the Association from leasing portions of the Common Area.

Section 29. On-Site Fuel Storage. No on-site storage of gasoline, heating or other fuels shall be permitted on any part of the Properties except that up to five (5) gallons of fuel may be stored on each Unit for emergency purposes and operation of lawn mowers and similar tools or equipment.

Section 30. Leasing.

(a) <u>Definition</u>. "Leasing", for purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a Unit by any person or persons other than the Owner for which the Owner receives any consideration or benefit, including, but not limited to a fee, service, gratuity, or emolument.

(b) Leasing Provisions.

(i) <u>General</u>. Units may be leased only in their entirety. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Unit. All leases shall be in writing and shall be for an initial term of no less than thirty (30) days, except with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. Notice of any lease, together with such additional information as may be required by the Board, shall be given to the Board by the Unit Owner within ten (10) days of execution of the lease, as required by Article XII, section 12 of this Declaration. The Owner must make copies of the Declaration, By-Laws, and the rules and regulations available to the lessee, and the lessee shall be subject to and shall comply with all the terms thereof. The Board may adopt reasonable rules regulating leasing and subleasing.

Article XII General Provisions

Section 1. Term. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Properties, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or the Owner of any Properties subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless an instrument in writing, signed by a majority of the then Owners, has been recorded within the year preceding the beginning of each successive period of ten (10) years, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same (subject to Article XIII hereof), in which case this Declaration shall be modified or terminated as specified therein.

Section 2. Amendment. Prior to the conveyance of the first Unit, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration. After such conveyance, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration at any time and from time to time if such amendment is (a) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statutes, rule or regulation, or judicial determination; (b) necessary to enable any reputable

title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Units; (c) required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on the Units; (d) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on the Units; or (e) necessary to comply with Illinois law; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner shall consent thereto in writing.

Thereafter and otherwise, this Declaration may be amended only by the affirmative vote (in person or by alternate) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Voting Members representing seventy-five (75%) percent of the Unit Owners, and, until the Class "B" membership lapses, the consent of the Declarant. In addition, the approval requirements set forth in Article XIII hereof shall be met, if applicable. Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause. Any amendment to be effective must be recorded in the Recorder's Office of DuPage County, Illinois.

If an Owner consents to any amendment to this Declaration or the By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority so to consent and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of Declarant without the written consent of Declarant or the assignee of such right or privilege.

Section 3. Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify every officer, director, and committee member against any and all expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such officer, director, or committee member in connection with any action, suit, or other Proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director, or committee member. The officers, directors, and committee members 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, director, or committee member, or former officer, director, or committee member may be entitled. The Association shall, as a common expense, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

Section 4. Easements of Encroachment. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements of encroachment and for maintenance of encroachments as between each Unit and such portion or portions of the Common Area adjacent thereto or as between adjacent Units due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of these restrictions) to a distance of not more than three (3) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Unit and the adjacent portion of the Common Area or as between said adjacent Units, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of an Owner, tenant, or the Association.

Section 5. Fasements for Utilities, Etc. There is hereby reserved unto Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns any property described on Exhibit "A", the Association, and the designees of each (which may include, without limitation, the City and any utility furnishing services to residents of the City), blanket easements upon, across, over, and under all of the Common Areas and, to the extent shown on any plat, over the Units for ingress, egress, installation, replacing, repairing, and maintaining cable television systems, master television antenna systems, security, and similar systems, roads, walkways, bicycle pathways, lakes, ponds, wetlands, drainage systems, street lights, signage, and all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewers, meter boxes, telephones, gas, and electricity.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, easements are hereby reserved for the City across all Units for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, repairing, and maintaining water meter boxes.

The Board shall have, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the Power to dedicate portions of the Common Area or to grant easements over, across and within the Common Area, to the City or to any other local, state, or federal governmental entity, for utility or other purposes subject to such approval requirements as may be contained in Article XIII, Section 3 of this Declaration.

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Section 6. <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Right of Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into any Unit for emergency, security, and safety, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all 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. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter a Unit to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

Section 8. <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 9. <u>Litigation</u>. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the Voting Members. In the case of such a vote, and notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration or the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Association to the contrary, a Voting Member shall not vote in favor of bringing or prosecuting any such proceeding unless authorized to do so by a vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of all Members of the Neighborhood represented by the Voting Member. 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 Article IX hereof, (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 unless such amendment is made by the Declarant or is approved by the percentage votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

Section 10. <u>Cumulative Effect; Conflict</u>. The covenants, restrictions, and provisions of this Declaration shall be cumulative with those of any other association and the Association may, but shall not be required to, enforce the latter; provided, however, in the event of conflict between or

among such covenants and restrictions, and provisions of any articles of incorporation, by-laws, rules and regulations, policies, or practices adopted or carried out pursuant thereto, those of any association shall be subject and subordinate to those of the other Association. The foregoing priorities shall apply, but not be limited to, the liens for assessments created in favor of the Association.

Section 11. Use of the Phrase "The Villages at Meadow Lakes" or "The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association."
No Person shall use the phrase "The Villages at Meadow Lakes" or "The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association" or any derivative thereof in any printed or promotional material without the prior written consent of the Declarant. However, Owners may use the terms "The Villages at Meadow Lakes" or "The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within The Villages at Meadow Lakes.

Section 12. Notice of Sales and Leases. Any Owner who intends to sell or lease his or her Unit shall provide written notice to the Board of Directors within ten (10) days of entering into an agreement for the sale or lease. Such notice shall include the names of the purchaser or lessee and all occupants of the Unit, their mailing addresses, if other than the Unit address, as well as any other information which may reasonably be required by the Board. This Section shall not be deemed to give the Association or any person a right of first refusal or any other such right with respect to any Unit.

Section 13. Enforcement. Subject to the requirements of Article III, Section 22 of the By-Laws, the Association, acting through the Board of Directors, and any aggrieved Unit Owner, shall have the right to enforce the terms of this Declaration, the By-Laws, the rules and regulations of the Association or any decision of the Association made pursuant to the foregoing, subject to the requirements of Article III, Section 22 of the By-Laws.

Article XIII Mortgagee Provisions

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages on Units in the Properties. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the By-Laws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

Section 1. Notices of Action. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage who provides written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the Unit

number, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:

- (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Properties or which affects any Unit on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or quaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Unit subject to the Mortgage of 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 an Owner of a Unit of any obligation under the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- (d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of eligible holders.

Section 2. Amendments to Documents.

- (a) The consent of Voting Members representing at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Class "A" votes and of the Declarant, so long as it owns any land subject to this Declaration, and the approval of the eligible holders of first Mortgages on sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Units subject to a Mortgage held by an eligible holder, shall be required to terminate the Association for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation. Any election to terminate the Association after substantial destruction or a substantial taking in condemnation shall require the approval of the Voting Members as specified above and the eligible holders of first Mortgages on fifty-one (51%) percent of the Units subject to Mortgages held by such eligible holders.
- (b) Any restoration or repair of the Properties after a partial condemnation or damage due to an insurable hazard shall be substantially in accordance with this Declaration and the original plans and specifications unless the approval is obtained of the eligible holders of first Mortgages on Units to which at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the Units subject to Mortgages held by such eligible holders are allocated.
- (c) The consent of Voting Members representing at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Class "A" votes and of the Declarant, so long as it owns any land subject to this Declaration, and the approval of eligible holders of first

Mortgages on fifty-one (51%) percent of the Units subject to a Mortgage held by an eligible holder, shall be required materially to amend any provisions of the Declaration, By-Laws, or Articles of Incorporation of the Association. or to add any material provisions thereto, which establish, provide for, govern, or regulate any of the following:

- (i) voting;
- (ii) assessments, assessment liens, or subordination of such liens;
- (iii) reserves for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Area;
 - (iv) insurance or fidelity bonds;
 - (v) rights to use the Common Area;
- (vi) responsibility for maintenance and repair of the Properties;
- (vii) expansion or contraction of the Properties or the addition, annexation, or withdrawal of Properties to or from the Association;
 - (viii) leasing of Units;
- (ix) imposition of any right of first refusal or similar restriction of the right of any Owner to sell, transfer, or otherwise convey his or her Unit;
- (x) establishment of self-management by the Association where professional management has been required by an eligible holder; or
- (xi) any provisions included in the Declaration, By-Laws, or Articles of Incorporation which are for the express benefit of holders, guarantors, or insurers of first Mortgages on Units.
- Section 3. Special FHIMC Provision. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing. Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Voting Members representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote entitled to be cast thereon consent, the Association shall not:
- (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer all or any portion of the real property comprising the Common Area which the Association

owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Area, and leasing of the Common Area shall not be deemed transfers within the meaning of this subsection);

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- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an Owner of a Unit (A decision, including contracts, by the Board or provisions of any declaration subsequently recorded on any portion of the Properties regarding assessments for Neighborhoods or other similar areas shall not be subject to this provision where such decision or subsequent declaration is otherwise authorized by this Declaration.);
- (c) by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Units and of the Common Area (The issuance and amendment of architectural standards, procedures, rules and regulations, or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver, or abandonment within the meaning of this provision.);
- (d) fail to maintain insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
- (e) use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Area losses for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such property.

First Mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Area and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of an Association policy, and first Mortgagees making such payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

Section 4. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Unit in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Area.

Section 5. Notice to Association. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Unit.

Section 6. Amendment by Board. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage

Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.

Section 7. Applicability of Article XIII. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Illinois law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

Section 8. Failure of Mortgagee to Respond. Any Mortgagee who receives notice of and a written request from the Board to respond or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request, provided such request is delivered to the Mortgagee by certified or registered mail, with a return receipt requested.

Article XIV Declarant's Rights

Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant may be transferred to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained herein, and provided further, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Recorder's Office of DuPage County, Illinois.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration to the contrary, so long as construction and initial sale of Units shall continue, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant to maintain and carry on upon portions of the Common Area such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction or sale of such Units, including, but not limited to, signs and sales offices, and the Declarant shall have an easement for access to such facilities. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include specifically the right to use Units owned by the Declarant.

So long as Declarant continues to have rights under this paragraph, no Person shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or declaration of condominium or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Properties without Declarant's review and written consent thereto, and any attempted recordation without compliance herewith shall result in such declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or

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declaration of condominium or similar instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by recorded consent signed by the Declarant.

This Article may not be amended without the express written consent of the Declarant; provided, however, the rights contained in this Article shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, or (b) upon recording by Declarant of a written statement that all sales activity has ceased.

Article XV Capacity of Declarant

This instrument is executed by LaSalle National Trust, N.A., as Declarant hereunder, not personally, but solely as Trustee. All the covenants and conditions to be performed by LaSalle National Trust, N.A. as Declarant hereunder are undertaken by it solely as Trustee, as aforesaid and not individually, and no personal liability shall be asserted or be enforceable against LaSalle National Trust, N.A., the beneficiaries thereof, or their agents, by reason of any of the covenants, statements, representations, or warranties contained in this instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Declarant has executed this Amended and Restated Declaration as of the date first above written.

LaSalle National Trust, N.A., not personally, but solely as trustee under a trust agreement dated June 14, 1970 and known as Trust No. 41036

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STATE OF ILLINOIS SS COUNTY OF COOK KATHLIEN E. BYE. , a Notary Public in and N.A., personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed and delivered the same instrument and caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be affixed thereto, pursuant to authority given by ______, as their free and voluntary given by _____, as their free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. GIVEN under my hand and seal this 26 day of Apr. 1 , 1994.1975

This Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Villages at Meadow Lakes Community Association has been prepared by:

Virginia M. Harding Gould & Ratner 222 North LaSalle Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60601

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My commission expires: '2-23