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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND
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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR TROUT RIVER

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR TROUT RIVER ("Declaration") is made this 28th day of February, 2025, by FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation ("Declarant"), and is joined in by TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation ("Association").

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner in fee simple of the real property more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to develop a planned residential community to be known as "Trout River" (as hereinafter defined) upon the Property; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop and maintain Trout River as a planned residential community and to preserve the values and amenities of such community, it is necessary to declare, commit and subject the Property and the improvements now or hereafter constructed thereon to certain land use covenants, restrictions, reservations, regulations, burdens, liens, and easements; and to delegate and assign to the Association certain powers and duties of ownership, administration, operation, maintenance and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Association is joining in this Declaration in order to acknowledge its obligations hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and covenants herein contained, Declarant hereby declares that the Property shall be owned, held, used, transferred, sold, conveyed, demised and occupied subject to the covenants, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, burdens and liens hereinafter set forth, all of which shall run with the Property and any part thereof and which shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns.

1. EXPLANATION OF TERMINOLOGY

The following words and phrases used in this Declaration (unless the context should clearly reflect another meaning) shall have the following meanings:

1.1 "ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM" shall mean any system intended to control access to Trout River, if any. THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT AND PARTICIPATING BUILDER SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS CONTROL OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. EACH AND EVERY OWNER AND THE OCCUPANT OF EACH HOME ACKNOWLEDGES THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, ARE NOT INSURERS OF OWNERS OF HOMES, OR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HOMES. THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT AND PARTICIPATING BUILDER SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR

LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM ANY CASUALTY OR INTRUSION INTO A HOME.

1.2 "ADDITIONAL PROPERTY" shall mean any real property (other than the Property) that may be submitted by Declarant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration by a Supplemental Declaration which shall be executed by Declarant and need not be joined in by any other person or Owner. No portion of any Additional Property shall be encumbered by this Declaration unless and until such property is added by a Supplemental Declaration executed by Declarant. In the event any Additional Property becomes encumbered by this Declaration, then, and only then in such event, the term "Property" as used herein shall also mean a portion (or all) of the Additional Property.

1.3 "AMENDMENT(S)" shall mean any and all amendments to this Declaration, all of which shall be consecutively numbered beginning with the "First Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Trout River" and each of which shall be properly adopted pursuant to the terms of the Governing Documents and recorded in the Public Records of the County; provided, however, the failure to so consecutively number such amendments shall not impair their validity hereunder and such amendments to the extent not otherwise numbered will be deemed to have been numbered in chronological order of their appearance in the Public Records of the County. "Amendment(s)" shall also mean any and all amendments to any Supplemental Declaration, as recorded in the Public Records of the County.

1.4 "ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD" or "ARB" shall mean the committee created pursuant to Section 8 hereof.

1.5 "ARTICLES" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference, as such Articles may be amended from time to time.

1.6 "ASSESSMENT" shall mean assessments for which all the Owners are obligated to pay to the Association and includes "Individual Home Assessments", "Special Assessments" and "Benefited Assessments" (as such terms are defined in Section 7 hereof) and any and all other assessments which are levied by the Association in accordance with the Governing Documents.

1.7 "ASSOCIATION" shall mean TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a not-for-profit Florida corporation, its successors and assigns, existing pursuant to the Articles, and which Association is responsible for the ownership, administration, operation, maintenance, preservation, enforcement and architectural control of Trout River as provided in this Declaration. The "Association" is NOT a condominium association and is not intended to be governed by Chapter 718, the Condominium Act, Florida Statutes.

1.8 "BACKYARD AREA" shall mean the area located at the rear of a Home.

1.9 "BENEFITED ASSESSMENT" shall mean Assessments charged against one or more Lots for Association expenses as described in Section 7.4.

1.10 "BOARD" shall mean the governing body of the Association.

1.11 "BYLAWS" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association, which have been or will be adopted by the Board, a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference, as such Bylaws may be amended from time to time.

1.12 "COMMON AREA" or "COMMON PROPERTY" shall mean the property which is or will be owned and/or maintained by the Association, as set forth in this Declaration or on the Plat, or additional plat, if any, including without limitation, all private streets, drives, roads and roadways, if any, located upon the Common Area.

1.13 "COMMON STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

1.14 "COMMUNITY COMPLETION DATE" shall mean the date upon which all Homes in Trout River, as ultimately planned and as fully developed, have been conveyed by Declarant or Participating Builder to Owners.

1.15 "COMPLETED HOME" shall mean a Home that has been completed and for which Home a certificate of occupancy or equivalent therefor has been issued by the appropriate governmental agency, and the title to which has been conveyed by Declarant or a Participating Builder.

1.16 "COMPLETED HOME OWNER" shall mean the Owner of a Completed Home.

1.17 "CONTRIBUTING HOME" shall mean any Home conveyed by Declarant or a Participating Builder(s) to an Owner (other than a Participating Builder) which has been issued a certificate of occupancy for the Home constructed thereon by the appropriate governmental agency, except if conveyed to an Institutional Mortgagee by foreclosure or a deed in lieu of foreclosure, upon which an affirmative covenant to pay Assessments, as more particularly set forth herein, is imposed.

1.18 "CONTRIBUTING HOME OWNER" shall mean the Owner of a Contributing Home.

1.19 "COUNTY" shall mean Duval County, Florida.

1.20 "DECLARANT" shall mean Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor or assign thereof to which Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., a Delaware corporation, specifically assigns all or part of the rights of Declarant hereunder by an express written assignment, whether recorded in the Public Records of the County or not. The written assignment may give notice as to which rights of Declarant are to be exercised and as to which portion of the Property. In any event, any subsequent declarant shall not be liable for any default or obligations incurred by any prior declarant, except as may be expressly assumed by the subsequent declarant. An Owner shall not, solely by the purchase of a Home, be deemed a successor or assign of Declarant under the Governing Documents unless such Owner is specifically so designated as a successor or assign of such rights in the instrument of conveyance or any other instrument executed by Declarant.

1.21 "DECLARATION" shall mean this instrument as it may be amended from time to time, together with any Supplemental Declaration(s) or Amendments hereto, which may be recorded in the Public Records of the County.

1.22 "DIRECTOR" shall mean a member of the Board.

1.23 "DRAINAGE SYSTEM" shall mean all structures, including culverts and swales, required to collect and convey rainfall runoff from Trout River to the water management tract(s) on and/or adjacent to the Property. The Drainage System is located upon and designed to serve all of Trout River and is a private drainage system. The Drainage System shall be maintained by the Association in accordance with the District Permit.

1.24 "GOVERNING DOCUMENTS" shall mean, in the aggregate, this Declaration and the Articles, Bylaws, any rules and regulations of the Association which may be promulgated, all of the instruments and documents referred to therein and executed in connection therewith, and all amendments to the foregoing.

1.25 "HOA ACT" shall mean the Homeowners' Association Act, Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, as amended through the date of recording this Declaration amongst the Public Records of the County.

1.26 "HOME" shall mean one (1) of the attached residential dwelling units contained within multiple buildings ("Buildings") constructed or to be constructed within Trout River, each of which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a single-family residence. The term Home shall include the Lot. In the event all or any portion of the Additional Property is submitted to this Declaration by a Supplemental Declaration, the number of Homes within Trout River shall increase.

1.27 "IMPROVEMENT" shall mean all structures or artificially created conditions and appurtenances thereto of every type and kind located within Trout River, including, but not limited to, buildings, walkways, sidewalks, parking areas, berms, fountains, sprinkler pipes, gatehouses, roads, driveways, fences, perimeter and retaining walls, underground footers and other foundation supports, stairs, landscaping, hedges, plantings, poles, swings, swimming pools, covered patios, screen enclosures, jogging, bicycling and walking paths, basketball backboards and hoops, site walls, gazebos, benches, mailboxes, decorative street lights and signs.

1.28 "INSTITUTIONAL MORTGAGE" shall mean a mortgage held by an Institutional Mortgagee on any property within Trout River.

1.29 "INSTITUTIONAL MORTGAGEE or INSTITUTIONAL LENDER" shall mean any lending institution owning a first mortgage encumbering any Home or Lot within Trout River, which owner and holder of said mortgage shall either be a bank, life insurance company, federal or state savings and loan association, real estate or mortgage investment trust, building and loan association, mortgage banking company licensed to do business in the State of Florida, or any subsidiary thereof, licensed or qualified to make mortgage loans in the State of Florida or a national banking association chartered under the laws of the United States of America or any "secondary mortgage market institution," including the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage

Corporation ("FHLMC") and such other secondary mortgage market institutions as the Board shall hereafter approve in writing; any and all lenders, and the successors and assigns of such lenders, which have loaned money to Declarant and which hold a mortgage on any portion of the Property securing any such loan; any pension or profit-sharing funds qualified under the Internal Revenue Code; the Veterans Administration ("VA"), the Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") or such other lender as is generally recognized in the community as an institutional lender; or Declarant, its successors and assigns.

1.30 "INTEREST" shall mean the maximum nonusurious interest rate allowed by law on the subject debt or obligation, and if no such rate is designated by law, then eighteen percent (18%) per annum.

1.31 "LAKES" means those portions of Trout River designated on the Plat(s), if any, as lake(s), lake tracts or stormwater management tracts.

1.32 "LAKE LOT" means a Lot within Trout River abutting a Lake, if any.

1.33 "LEGAL FEES" shall mean (i) all fees for attorney and paralegal services incurred in connection with negotiations, mediation, arbitration, litigation or preparation for same (whether or not such an action is actually begun) through and including all trial and appellate levels and post-judgment or collection proceedings; and (ii) all costs incurred with respect to the matters set forth in (i), above.

1.34 "LOT" shall mean any parcel of land within Trout River as shown on the Plat, any additional plat, or on any replat, if any, upon which a Home is permitted to be constructed, together with the Improvements thereon. Upon completion of construction of a Home on a Lot, such Lot and the Improvements thereon are sometimes collectively referred to as a Lot in this Declaration and the Governing Documents.

1.35 "MEMBERS" shall mean all of the Owners who are also members of the Association, as provided herein.

1.36 "MONITORING SYSTEM" shall mean any monitoring/alarm systems or devices including, but not limited to, access control devices, provided for Homes.

1.37 "NOTICE AND HEARING" shall mean written notice and a public hearing before a tribunal appointed by the Board at which the Owner concerned shall have an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel, at the Owner's expense, in the manner set forth in Section 10.1 herein.

1.38 "OPERATING EXPENSES" shall mean the expenses for which Owners are liable to the Association as described in this Declaration and any other Governing Documents, the costs and expenses incurred by the Association in administering, operating, maintaining, financing, or repairing, but not reconstructing, replacing or improving, the Common Property or any portion thereof and Improvements thereon and all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in carrying out its powers and duties hereunder or under any other Governing Documents.

1.39 "OWNER" shall mean the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot or Home within Trout River, and includes Declarant for as long as Declarant owns fee simple title to a Lot or Home, but excluding therefrom those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.

1.40 "PARTICIPATING BUILDER" shall mean D.R. Horton, Inc. - Jacksonville, a Delaware corporation, or its successors or assigns, and any affiliate of D.R. Horton, Inc. - Jacksonville and any other entity(ies) Declarant may designate as a Participating Builder. Declarant shall have the right to assign, in whole or in part, any of its rights hereunder to a Participating Builder(s). "Participating Builders" shall mean Participating Builder and any other entity(ies) designated as a Participating Builder.

1.41 "PLAT" shall initially mean the plat of TROUT CROSSING, as recorded in Plat Book 84, Page 18 of the Public Records of the County. In the event an additional plat is recorded in the Public Records of the County with respect to the Additional Property made subject to this Declaration pursuant to a Supplemental Declaration, then the term "Plat" as used herein shall also mean the additional plat. Not all of the property shown on the Plat may be subject to this Declaration. The term Plat shall also mean any replat of all or any portion of the Property.

1.42 "PROPERTY" shall mean that certain real property described in Exhibit "A" and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Declaration and/or the Association; provided, however, Declarant reserves the right to add property and withdraw from the provisions hereof such portion or portions of the Property as Declarant from time to time elects, upon the execution by Declarant of a Supplemental Declaration.

1.43 "PUD" shall mean that certain Ordinance Number 2023-71-E, as approved by the Council of the City of Jacksonville, as the same may be amended from time to time.

1.44 "PUBLIC RECORDS" shall mean the Public Records of the County.

1.45 "ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PERMIT" or "DISTRICT PERMIT" shall mean that certain permit issued by the St. Johns River Water Management District affecting the Property, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "D" hereto and made a part hereof, as same may be amended or modified from time to time.

1.46 "SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION" shall mean any instrument executed by Declarant which, when recorded in the Public Records of the County, shall: (a) commit Additional Property, if any, to the provisions of this Declaration, and shall be the only method of committing such property to the provisions of this Declaration, (b) withdraw any portion(s) of the Property from the effect of this Declaration, (c) designate portion(s) of the Property or Additional Property as Common Area hereunder, and/or (d) be for such other purposes as are provided in this Declaration. A Supplemental Declaration may also be used to add additional covenants, restrictions, reservations, regulations, burdens, liens, and easements upon the Property or any portion thereof; remove any existing covenant, restriction, reservation, regulation, burden, lien or easements from the Property or any portion thereof; declare certain properties to be or not to be Common Area; and/or add properties to or withdraw properties from the Property and the provisions of this Declaration. The Association shall join in the execution of any Supplemental

Declaration at the request of Declarant but such joinder shall not be required to make any such Supplemental Declaration effective. The Owners shall not be required to join in the execution of any Supplemental Declaration but shall nevertheless be bound thereby.

1.47 "SURFACE WATER or STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM" shall mean a system of structures and other improvements, including, without limitation, control structures, culverts and swales, which is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use, or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, over drainage, environmental degradation and water pollution, or to otherwise affect the quality and quantity of discharge from the system, as permitted pursuant to Section 373.416(2), Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code. The Surface Water or Stormwater Management System is located upon and designed to serve the Property and possibly other properties around the Property.

1.48 "TROUT RIVER" shall mean that planned residential development located in the County, which encompasses the Property and is intended to comprise single family attached Homes and the Common Area, but subject to change in accordance with this Declaration. Trout River will initially consist of the land set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof and may be expanded to include Additional Property or reduced.

1.49 "TURNOVER DATE" shall mean the date upon which Members, including Declarant, shall assume control of the Association and elect the Board, as more particularly described in Article V.D.2 of the Articles.

1.50 "VISIBLE AREAS" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.2.6. hereof.

1.51 "WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT" or "SJRWMD" shall mean the St. Johns River Water Management District, a regional water management district established in accordance with Florida law, and any successor, governmental agency, body or special district charged with the rights and responsibilities of the SJRWMD.

2. DESCRIPTION OF TROUT RIVER

2.1 General Plan of Development

Trout River comprises the Property encompassing, or which will encompass, the Lots and Common Area, , as more particularly defined by this Declaration and, in addition, lands which Declarant may add, but shall in no way be obligated to add, by one or more Supplemental Declaration(s). The Property initially declared hereunder is described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and is planned to contain single family attached Homes, together with Common Area, all in accordance with, but subject to, the terms of this Declaration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant hereby reserves the right to modify its plan of development of Trout River (including, without limitation, the right to modify the site plan of Trout River; the right to add or change the recreational facilities and amenities, if any, Home product types, and number of Homes to be constructed within Trout River); and/or the right to add land to Trout River or to withdraw land from Trout River. Therefore, in the event Declarant modifies its plan of development of Trout River and/or adds land to Trout River or withdraws land from Trout River, it is hereby

acknowledged by each Owner that the number of Lots, the layout of Lots and/or the size of Lots within Trout River may change. Declarant's general plan of development further contemplates that the Homes to be constructed within Trout River shall be whatever types of structures Declarant may choose which are in conformance with this Declaration. Declarant's general plan of development of Trout River may also include whatever facilities and amenities Declarant considers in its sole judgment to be appropriate to Trout River, as well as any changes thereto.

Additional Property will become a part of Trout River if, and only if, Declarant in its sole discretion adds Additional Property to Trout River by recording a Supplemental Declaration to such effect. Declarant hereby reserves an easement for ingress and egress and for utilities and drainage over, under and across the Property for the benefit of any Additional Property; provided, however, no such easement may be granted upon any portion of the Property that lies directly beneath a Home.

Declarant expressly reserves the right as to the Property to (i) commence construction and development of the Property if and when Declarant desires; (ii) develop the Property upon such timetable as Declarant, in its sole discretion, chooses; and (iii) modify the plan of development of the Property (including, without limitation, the right to modify the site plan and master plan of Trout River, the right to add or change the recreational facilities and amenities, and the right to change the Home product types and number of Homes to be constructed within Trout River) in such manner as Declarant, in its sole discretion, chooses. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as obligating Declarant to construct Trout River according to the present plan of development nor as obligating Declarant to declare any Additional Property to be Property.

Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, there shall be no modification of the plan of development or other changes of any type or nature provided for or described in this Section 2.1 without the prior written consent of Participating Builders, except for subjecting all or any portions of the Additional Property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

2.2 Model Row

Declarant hereby reserves for itself and for Participating Builders the right to construct and/or operate a "model row(s)" in Trout River. The "model row(s)" may contain models for Trout River or other communities, as Declarant and/or any of Declarant's affiliates may so determine, in their sole discretion. The "model row(s)" may also contain parking, landscaping and fencing across the roads within Trout River as Declarant may determine in its sole discretion. In the event that Declarant, any of its affiliates or a Participating Builder(s) constructs a "model row(s)" in Trout River, such "model row(s)" may be used for such period of time that Declarant and/or any of Declarant's affiliates and/or a Participating Builder(s) determines to be necessary in their sole judgment. Declarant and Participating Builder(s) may use any model home(s) for a sales office. By the Owner's acceptance of a deed for a Lot and Completed Home in Trout River, such Owner agrees and acknowledges that: (i) Declarant and/or any of Declarant's affiliates and/or Participating Builder(s) have a right to construct and/or operate a "model row(s)"; (ii) Declarant and/or any of its affiliates and Participating Builder(s) have an easement over Trout River for ingress and egress to and from the "model row(s)" and to use and show the models to prospective purchasers in Trout River or other communities being developed by Declarant and/or any of

Declarant's affiliates, and/or any Participating Builder(s) as long as such "model row(s)" exists; and (iii) the Owner shall not interfere in any manner whatsoever in the sales process by Declarant and/or any of Declarant's affiliates, and/or any Participating Builder(s), including, without limitation, the carrying of signs, the posting of signs on Lots or Homes or other types of demonstrations in Trout River or any public right-of-way adjacent to the Property. Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that any such activities interfere with the quiet enjoyment of Trout River by the other Owners, are detrimental to the value of the Homes within Trout River, and interfere with Declarant's and/or its affiliates and/or any Participating Builder(s) ability to conduct their respective business.

2.3 Common Structural Elements

Each Building containing Homes shall contain common structural elements ("Common Structural Elements") which include, but are not limited to, the following:

2.3.1 Utility Lines. All utility lines, ducts, conduits, pipes, fire sprinklers, wires and other utility fixtures and appurtenances which are located on or within each Building and which directly or indirectly in any way service more than one (1) Home in such Building.

2.3.2 Party Walls. All division walls ("Party Walls") between two (2) Homes located upon a Lot line between two (2) Homes, provided that the mere fact that such a division wall between two (2) Homes is found to be not on a Lot line shall not preclude that division wall from being a Party Wall. The Owners of the Homes adjacent to a Party Wall shall own such Party Wall as tenants in common. Any partition walls located within a Home that do not contribute to the support of the Building are not Common Structural Elements.

2.3.3 Bearing Walls. Any and all walls or columns necessary to support the roof structure.

2.3.4 Exterior Finish. Any and all siding, finish, trim, exterior sheathings and other exterior materials and appurtenances on the exterior of each Building.

2.3.5 Flooring. The entire concrete floor slab or wood floor system if utilized in lieu thereof and all foundational and support structures and appurtenances thereto.

2.3.6 Privacy Walls. The walls (other than interior Party Walls within the Home) which may be erected along or located on the Lot lines and all foundational support structures with respect thereto. Privacy walls may also constitute Party Walls.

2.3.7 Roofing. The entire roof of a Building, any and all roof support structures, and any and all appurtenances to such roof and roof support structures, including, without limitations, the roof covering, roof trim and roof drainage fixtures.

Should the Common Structural Elements or a part thereof extend beyond the Lot, same shall not be deemed to violate the provisions of this Declaration and such easements as may be necessary to accommodate and permit the Common Structural Elements as same shall be constructed are hereby imposed.

2.4 Covenants Regarding Attached Homes

2.4.1 Utility Easements. Each Owner grants to all other Owners owning a Home in the same Building a perpetual utility easement for water, sewer, power, telephone and other utility and service company lines and systems installed beneath or within the attached Home.

Any expense caused by the necessary access of authorized personnel of the utility or service company to service lines affecting all Homes within a Building, and which are located beneath or within the Building shall be shared equally by each of the Owners in the Building affected; provided, however, that where the necessary access by authorized personnel of the utility or service company is required because of the intentional or negligent misuse of the utility or service company line or system by an Owner, his lessee, licensee, invitee, or agent, any expense arising therefrom shall be borne solely by such Owner. Any expense caused by the necessary access of authorized personnel of the utility or service company to service lines located within the Common Area shall be paid by the Association as an Operating Expense, or where appropriate, in the sole discretion of the Board, through a Benefited Assessment.

2.4.2 Common Walls and Roof. The Homes comprising each Building are single family Homes with common walls, known as "party walls," between each Home that adjoins another Home. The center line of a party wall is the common boundary of the adjoining Home. Each common wall in a Home shall be a party wall, and any party to said wall, his heirs, successors, and assigns shall have the right to use same jointly with the other party to said wall as herein set forth. The term "use" shall and does include normal interior usage such as paneling, plastering, decoration, erection of tangent walls and shelving but prohibits any form of alteration which would cause an aperture, hole, conduit, break or other displacement of the original concrete or other material forming said party wall. The entire roof of a Building, any and all roof structure support, and any and all appurtenances to such structures, including without limitation, the roof covering, roof trim, and roof drainage fixtures, shall be collectively referred to as "shared roofing."

The cost of maintaining each side of a party wall shall be borne by the Owner using said side, except as otherwise provided herein.

No Owner shall authorize the painting, refurbishing or modification of the exterior surfaces or shared roof of his Home without the consent of the ARB.

2.4.3 Maintenance of the Exterior of the Attached Homes. Each Owner shall at all times be responsible for the maintenance and care of the exterior surfaces of his or her attached Home. The phrase "exterior surfaces of the attached Home" shall include, but not be limited to, the exterior walls and shared roofing.

The Board shall determine the need for repainting from time to time, as provided in this Declaration. All costs reasonably related to said repainting (including cleaning before repainting) shall be borne by the respective Owner(s).

2.4.4 Casualty Insurance. Each Owner of a Home shall maintain physical damage insurance for such Home in an amount equal to the full replacement value of the Home. The Association may require that each such Owner provide proof of insurance. Should any such Owner fail to provide proof of insurance upon request, the Association may, but is not obligated

to, purchase the required insurance, and the costs of such insurance may be levied as a Benefited Assessment against such Home. Each such policy of insurance shall name the Association as an additional insured.

To the extent the Association incurs any costs and expenses in administering, operating, maintaining or repairing the Common Structural Elements of any of the Homes, such costs and expenses shall only be payable by Owners of the Home(s) benefitted thereby as a Benefited Assessment (and shall not be an Operating Expense applicable to all Homes).

2.5 Lakes; Water Level and Use

With respect to any waterways now existing or which may hereafter be contained within Trout River, if any, only Declarant (and after the Turnover Date, the Association) shall have the right to pump or otherwise remove any water from such waterways for the purposes of irrigation or other use or to place any matter or object in such waterways. No docks, moorings, pilings, boat shelters, or other structure shall be erected on or over the waterways, except as may be erected or approved in writing by the Declarant (and following the Turnover Date, the Association). Only the Declarant (and after Turnover Date, the Association) shall have the right to prescribe the schedule for watering of the landscaping of the Property (subject to applicable legal requirements). No swimming, boats, canoes, kayaks or other water vehicle or craft shall be permitted on such waterways. The Association shall have, as permitted or required by law, the right to control the growth and eradication of plants, fowl, fish and fungi in and on such waterways.

All Owners acknowledge that the Property is located within the boundaries of the SJRWMD. Due to ground water elevations underneath the Property, priorities established by governmental authorities and other causes outside of the reasonable control of Declarant, Participating Builder and the Association, water levels in the waterways may rise and fall significantly due to among other things, fluctuations in ground water elevations within the surrounding areas. Accordingly, Declarant, Participating Builder and Association have no control over such water levels and/or ground water elevations. Neither Declarant, Participating Builder nor Association shall have any liability for aesthetic conditions, objectionable odors, damage to plantings or direct or consequential damages of any nature caused by the fluctuation of water levels or water quality. Each Owner, by acceptance of title to a Lot, and each Owner's invitees, guests, agents, lessees, and their family members by use of a Lot, hereby release Declarant, Participating Builder and Association from and against any and all losses, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses of whatever nature or kind (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and courts costs at trial and all appellate levels), related to, arising out of and/or resulting from water levels in the waterways.

DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER AND ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LIFEGUARDS FOR THE WATERWAYS (IF ANY). ANY INDIVIDUAL USING THE WATERWAYS SHALL DO SO AT HIS/HER OWN RISK AND HEREBY HOLDS DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER AND THE ASSOCIATION HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIM OR LOSS ARISING FROM SUCH USE.

EACH OWNER, BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO A LOT, AND EACH OWNER'S INVITEES, GUESTS, AGENTS, LESSEES, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS BY USE OF A LOT, ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE WATERWAYS ARE DEEP AND DANGEROUS. NEITHER DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER, ASSOCIATION NOR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AGENTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LISTED PARTIES") SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING OR ASSURING THE SAFETY, WATER QUALITY OR WATER LEVEL OF/IN ANY WATERWAY WITHIN TROUT RIVER, EXCEPT AS SUCH RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE SPECIFICALLY IMPOSED BY, OR CONTRACTED FOR WITH, AN APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR AUTHORITY. FURTHER, NONE OF THE LISTED PARTIES SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN, OR OTHERWISE RELATED TO, ANY WATER BODY, ALL PERSONS USING SAME DOING SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. ALL OWNERS AND USERS OF ANY PORTION OF TROUT RIVER SHALL BE DEEMED, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEED TO OR USE OF, SUCH PROPERTY, TO HAVE AGREED TO RELEASE THE LISTED PARTIES FROM ALL CLAIMS FOR ANY AND ALL CHANGES IN THE QUALITY AND LEVEL OF THE WATER IN SUCH BODIES. ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME WILDLIFE MAY HABITAT OR ENTER INTO WATER BODIES WITHIN OR NEARBY TROUT RIVER AND MAY POSE A THREAT TO PERSONS, PETS AND PROPERTY, BUT THAT THE LISTED PARTIES ARE UNDER NO DUTY TO PROTECT AGAINST, AND DO NOT IN ANY MANNER WARRANT OR INSURE AGAINST, ANY DEATH, INJURY OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SUCH WILDLIFE.

No installation of sand or other materials intended to simulate a beach shall be permitted along the Lake banks (if any). Swimming, fishing or the use of watercraft on the lakes is strictly prohibited. No removal or damage to littoral or wetland plantings, if any, is permitted.

3. ADDITIONS TO AND WITHDRAWALS FROM THE PROPERTY; CONVEYANCE OF COMMON AREA

3.1 Additions

Declarant may from time to time, in its sole discretion, by recording appropriate Supplemental Declaration(s) in the Public Records of the County, add any Additional Property or any other real property to the Property governed by this Declaration, and may declare all or part of such Additional Property or other property (including any Improvements thereon) to be Lots or Common Area. Upon the recording of a Supplemental Declaration, the property described therein shall be deemed part of the Property as if it were originally included therein and subject to this Declaration. Any such Supplemental Declaration may submit any Additional Property or any other real property to such modifications of the covenants, restrictions, reservations, regulations, burdens, liens and/or easements contained in this Declaration as may be necessary or convenient to reflect or adapt to any changes in circumstances or differences in the character of any such Additional Property or other property. Nothing contained in this Section 3.1 shall be construed to require the joinder by or consent of the Owners or the Association to any such Supplemental Declaration; provided, however, the Association shall join in the execution of any such

Supplemental Declaration at the request of Declarant. In addition, nothing herein shall require Declarant to add any Additional Property.

3.2 Designation of Additional Common Area

Declarant may, from time to time, by recording Supplemental Declarations in the County, designate additional portions of the then existing Property owned by it to be Common Area.

3.3 Disclaimer of Implication

Only the real property described in Exhibit "A" hereto is submitted and declared as the Property subject to this Declaration. Unless and until a Supplemental Declaration is recorded in the fashion required pursuant to this Declaration, no other property (including any Additional Property) shall in any way be deemed to constitute a portion of the Property or be affected by the covenants, restrictions, reservations, regulations, burdens, liens, and easements expressly binding the Property as provided by the terms of this Declaration.

3.4 Absence of Obligation

Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require Declarant to add any Additional Property to the Property encumbered by this Declaration or to require Declarant to declare any portion of any properties added to the Property to be Common Area, nor shall anything in this Declaration be construed to require Declarant to declare any portion or portions of the existing Property as Common Area, except to the extent herein specifically provided.

3.5 Withdrawal

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Declarant reserves the absolute right at any time to withdraw portions of the Property from the provisions of this Declaration by recording an appropriate Supplemental Declaration in the County. Any such Supplemental Declaration must be executed by Declarant, the Owner of each Lot located on the Property sought to be withdrawn (if any) and each holder of an Institutional Mortgage on a Lot located on the Property sought to be withdrawn (if any), in order to be effective. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to require the joinder by or consent of the Owners of Lots on the portion of the Property which is not withdrawn by such Supplemental Declaration, such Owners' Institutional Mortgagees holding mortgages on Lots on the portion of the Property which is not withdrawn by such Supplemental Declaration, or the Association.

3.6 Title to the Common Area

To the extent herein provided, the Common Area is hereby dedicated to the joint and several use in common of the Owners of all Lots that may, from time to time, constitute part of the Property. When title to all Lots which are subject to the provisions of this Declaration has been conveyed to non-Declarant purchasers or earlier at Declarant's option (exercisable from time to time, as to any portions of the Common Area), Declarant or its successors and assigns shall convey and transfer to the Association, by quitclaim deed, the fee simple title to the Common Area free and clear of any mortgages and the Association shall accept such conveyance, holding title

for the Owners as aforesaid. Such conveyance shall be subject to: (i) taxes and assessments with respect to the Common Area from and after the date of recording this Declaration; (ii) all laws, ordinances, regulations, restrictions, prohibitions and other requirements imposed by governmental authorities, including, without limitation, all building, zoning, land use and environmental laws, ordinances, codes and regulations; (iii) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey of the Common Area; (iv) easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, limitations, agreements and other matters of record; and (v) the terms and provisions of this Declaration, as the same may have been modified, amended and/or supplemented from time to time.

Upon recordation of the Plat, the Association shall be responsible for all maintenance of the Common Area regardless of ownership. At the time of conveyance of the Common Area or any portion thereof, the Association shall be required to accept the Common Area, together with the personal property and Improvements appurtenant thereto, if any. The Association hereby agrees to accept the Common Area and the personal property and Improvements appurtenant thereto in "AS IS" "WHERE IS" condition, without any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, in fact or by law, as to the condition or fitness of the Common Area and the personal property and Improvements appurtenant thereto being conveyed. IN THAT REGARD, THE ASSOCIATION AND EACH OWNER KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHES AND WAIVES, AND DECLARANT EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS, ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES (EXPRESS OR IMPLIED) AS TO THE COMMON AREA AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS WHETHER ARISING FROM CUSTOM, USAGE OR TRADE, COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, CASE LAW OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR ANY INTENDED OR PARTICULAR PURPOSE. TO THE EXTENT THAT BY LAW OR OTHERWISE ANY OF THE WARRANTIES RELINQUISHED, WAIVED OR DISCLAIMED CANNOT BE RELINQUISHED, WAIVED OR DISCLAIMED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ALL SECONDARY, INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED AND DISCLAIMED (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CLAIMS OF PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSS OF USE, PERSONAL INJURY OR EMOTIONAL DISTRESS).

The Association shall accept this conveyance of the Common Area (together with the personal property and Improvements appurtenant thereto) and shall pay all costs of such conveyance including documentary stamps and other taxes of conveyance, recording charges, title insurance expenses and insurance fees. The conveyance shall not, however, impair in any way Declarant's rights and easements as set forth in this Declaration.

Commencing upon the date this Declaration is recorded, and notwithstanding that title thereto has not yet been conveyed to the Association, the Association shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Common Area in a continuous and satisfactory manner without cost to the general taxpayers of the County. The Association shall be responsible for the payment of real estate taxes, if any, against the Common Area including taxes on any Improvements and any personal property thereon accruing from and after the date this Declaration is recorded.

The Owners (including Declarant as to Lots owned by it) shall have no personal liability for any damages: (i) for which the Association is legally liable, or (ii) arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the existence or use of any Common Area or any other property required to be maintained by the Association.

Subject to the foregoing, Declarant may mortgage any or all portions of the Common Area to finance construction and development expenses provided that the mortgagee recognizes the rights of Owners under this Declaration and neither the Association nor any Owner is personally liable for paying the mortgage. In such event, neither the Association nor the Owners shall be required to join in or be entitled to consent to such mortgage. The Common Area shall be released from any such mortgage no later than the date same is conveyed to the Association.

3.7 Parking Rights

The Association shall maintain the parking spaces upon the Common Area for Owners, and each of their respective occupants, visitors and guests. The use of such parking spaces by Owners, and each of their respective occupants, visitors and guests shall be on a "first come-first serve basis" and subject to duly adopted rules and regulations of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

4. OWNERS' PROPERTY RIGHTS

4.1 Owners' Easements of Enjoyment

Every Owner and family member, guest, lessee, agent or invitee of an Owner shall, except as may otherwise be provided in this Declaration, have a permanent and perpetual, nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over, enjoyment in, and use of the Common Area within the Property, except as may otherwise be specifically provided elsewhere in this Declaration, in common with all other Owners, their family members, guests, lessees, agents and invitees, located outside another Owner's Home which easement shall be appurtenant to, and shall pass with title to each Owner's Lot. This right shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

4.1.1 The right and duty of the Association to reasonably limit the number of guests, invitees or tenants of an Owner using the Common Area.

4.1.2 The right and duty of the Association to levy Assessments against each Contributing Home for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing the Common Area and facilities thereon, all in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration and the restrictions on portions of the Property from time to time recorded by Declarant.

4.1.3 The right of the Association to establish, amend and/or abolish from time to time, uniform rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the Common Area.

4.1.4 The right of the Association to establish, amend and/or abolish from time to time uniform rules and regulations pertaining to the Lots for the purposes of enhancing the aesthetic uniformity of the Property.

4.1.5 The right of the Association in accordance with its Articles, Bylaws, and this Declaration, with the vote or written assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting interests of the Association, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities thereon, and, in aid thereof, to mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property or pledge Assessments as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, provided that the rights of such mortgagee shall be subordinated to the use rights of the Owners.

4.1.6 The right of the Association to dedicate, release, alienate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject the Common Area to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Association. No such dedication, release, alienation or transfer shall be effective unless Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting interests of the Association agree to such dedication, release, alienation, or transfer.

4.1.7 The right of the Association to without any vote of the Owners to grant easements and rights-of-way or strips of land, where necessary or desirable, for utilities, water and sewer facilities, cable television, and other services over the Common Area to serve the Common Area and other portions of the Property, without vote of the Owners.

4.1.8 The right of Declarant, Declarant's affiliates, Participating Builder, Participating Builder's affiliates and each of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, licensees, and invitees to the nonexclusive use of the Common Area within the Property and the facilities thereon, without charge, for sales, marketing, display, access, ingress, egress, construction, and exhibit purposes and to grant (without consent of the Association and/or vote of the Owners) easements and rights-of-way as provided in this Declaration.

4.1.9 The right of the Association, by action of the Board, to reconstruct, replace, or refinish any Improvement or portion thereof upon the Common Area, in accordance with the original design, finish, or standard of construction of such Improvement.

4.1.10 The right of the Association to replace destroyed trees or other vegetation and plant trees, shrubs, and ground cover upon any portion of the Common Area, except as may be prohibited under the District Permit.

4.1.11 The right, however not the duty, of the Association by action of the Board to seek the vacation of publicly dedicated streets, if any, upon the Common Area.

4.1.12 The easements provided elsewhere in this Declaration, designated on the Plat or any additional plat, if any, including, but not limited to, those set forth in this Section 4.

4.1.13 The right of the Association to provide for the maintenance, preservation and architectural control of Lots, Homes and other properties as set forth in this Declaration.

4.1.14 The right of the Association and Declarant, Participating Builder(s), their respective employees, agents, licensees, and invitees to come upon the Property (including, without limitation, Common Area as well as a Lot even after the same has been conveyed to an Owner) as may be necessary or convenient for the Association and/or Declarant and/or Participating Builder(s) to carry on its respective duties, obligations, responsibilities under, and all

other work referred to in, this Declaration (including, without limitation, Declarant's development and construction of Trout River and Homes therein).

4.2 Delegation of Use

Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with this Declaration, such Owner's right of enjoyment to the Common Area located outside the Homes to the members of such Owner's family, or to the lessees who reside in such Owner's Home, subject to this Declaration, all of the rules and regulations presently in effect and any which may become effective in the future, and further subject to reasonable regulation by the Board.

4.3 Recognition of Existing Easements

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument of conveyance, recognizes and consents to the easements reserved and/or granted with respect to the Property under this Declaration and/or as recorded in the Public Records of the County.

4.4 Easements for Vehicular Traffic

In addition to the general easements for use of the Common Area reserved herein, there shall be, and Declarant hereby reserves, grants, and covenants for itself and all future Owners, their family members, guests, invitees and lessees, Institutional Mortgagees of the Property (or portions thereof), and to the Association, that all of the foregoing shall have a perpetual nonexclusive easement for vehicular traffic over (i) all streets dedicated to the public use, if any (as well as alcoves, cul-de-sacs, and other private, paved areas abutting or serving the same), and (ii) any private roads, if any, within or upon the Property.

4.5 Access Easement

Declarant hereby reserves for itself and Participating Builders, perpetual, nonexclusive easements of ingress and egress over and across: (i) any private streets, drives, roads and/or roadways and driveways, if any, within or upon the Property, and (ii) all other portions of the Property, any of the foregoing of which are necessary or convenient for enabling Declarant or Participating Builders to carry on and complete the work referred to in this Declaration. All of the foregoing easements shall be for the use of Declarant, Declarant's employees, contractors and agents, Declarant's successors and assigns, Participating Builders and Participating Builders' employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents, Owners, and the respective tenants, employees, agents, invitees, and licensees of Declarant, Participating Builders and Owners.

4.6 Grant and Reservation of Easements

Declarant hereby reserves and grants the following perpetual, nonexclusive easements over and across the Property as covenants running with the Property for the benefit of the Owners, the Association and Declarant as hereinafter specified for the following purposes:

4.6.1 Utility and Services Easements. All of the Property shall be subject to an easement or easements to provide for: (i) installation, service, repair and maintenance of the equipment required to provide utility services to the Property and the Lots and Homes, including,

but not limited to, power, lights, telephone, cable television, gas, water, sewer, irrigation and drainage, and (ii) governmental services, including, but not limited to, police, fire, health, sanitation and other public service personnel, including reasonable rights of access for persons and equipment necessary for such purposes for the benefit of the appropriate utility companies, agencies, franchises or governmental agencies. Certain utility lines which serve more than one (1) Home run through portions of the Homes in the Buildings. The easement described in this Section is intended to provide the right for such utility lines to exist within the Homes.

4.6.2 Easement for Encroachment. All of the Property shall be subject to an easement or easements for encroachment in favor of each Owner in the event any portion of such Owner's Home or appurtenant Improvements installed by Declarant or Participating Builder(s) such as a fence, stucco, underground footer or sidewalk, now or hereafter encroaches upon any of the Lots as a result of minor inaccuracies in survey or construction, by design, or due to settlement or movement. Such encroaching Improvements installed by Declarant or Participating Builder(s) shall remain undisturbed for so long as the encroachment exists. Any easement for encroachment shall include an easement for the maintenance and use of the encroaching Improvements in favor of the Owner thereof or such Owner's designees. Further, notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this Declaration, in the event that any Improvements installed by Declarant on any portion of the Property, encroaches upon any portion of a Lot(s) (including but not limited to Improvements such as perimeter walls, fences, columns, etc.), then a valid easement is granted and shall exist for such encroachment and for the maintenance of the same to the Association so long as the Improvement causing said encroachment shall exist.

4.6.3 Easement to Enter Upon Lots and Homes. An easement or easements for ingress and egress in favor of the Association including the Board or the designee of the Board, to enter upon the Lots for the purposes of fulfilling its duties and responsibilities of ownership, maintenance and/or repair in accordance with the Governing Documents, including, by way of example, the making of such repairs, maintenance or reconstruction as are necessary for the Common Area and to maintain any Lot in the event the Owner thereof fails to do so.

4.6.4 Easement over Common Area. An easement of enjoyment in favor of all Owners, their family members, guests, invitees and tenants in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with a deed or title to every Lot in the Property, subject to the following:

4.6.4.1 the right of the Association to suspend the right to use the Common Area of any Owner and such Owner's family members, guests, invitees and tenants for any period during which Assessments against such Owner's Lot remain unpaid, subject to the Notice and Hearing provisions in Section 10 herein;

4.6.4.2 the right of Declarant and Participating Builder(s) and each of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, licensees, and invitees to the nonexclusive use of the Common Area and the facilities thereon, without charge, for sales, marketing, display, access, ingress, egress, construction, and exhibit purposes, and to grant (without consent of the Association and/or vote of the Owners) easements and rights-of-way as provided in the Declaration;

4.6.4.3 the right of the Association and Declarant and their respective employees, agents, licensees, and invitees to come upon the Property (including, without limitation, Common Area as well as a Lot even after the same has been conveyed to an Owner) as may be necessary or convenient for the Association and/or the Declarant to carry on its respective duties, obligations, responsibilities under, and all other work referred to in, this Declaration (including, without limitation, Declarant's or Participating Builders' construction of Homes in Trout River;

4.6.4.4 the right of the Association to grant permits, licenses and easements over the Common Area for utilities and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful for the proper maintenance or operation of the Property; and

4.6.4.5 all provisions set forth in the Governing Documents.

4.6.5 Easement for Roof Overhang. An easement or easements, as shown on the Plat and additional plat, if any, to provide for the roof overhang of a Home in favor of the Owner thereof, including rights of access for persons or equipment necessary to maintain, repair and replace such roof overhang.

4.6.6 Irrigation Easement. An easement for irrigation over, under and upon the Property, including each of the Lots, in favor of the Association and each Owner, including, but not limited to, reasonable rights of access for persons and equipment to construct, install, maintain, alter, inspect, remove, relocate and repair the irrigation pipes.

4.6.7 Plat Easement(s). The Plat and/or additional plat, if any, may contain additional easements not discussed herein, granted in favor of the Association, Owners or others, for the specific purposes as described therein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and as more particularly described on the Plat, the Property is subject to the following easements: (a) Private Drainage Easement five feet (5') in width along and within the eastern lot line of Lot 54; (b) Private Drainage Easement five feet (5') in width along and within the southern lot line of Lot 55; (c) Unobstructed Drainage Easement five feet (5') in width along and within the northern lot line of Lot 74; (d) Unobstructed Drainage Easement five feet (5') in width along and within the southern lot line of Lot 75; (e) JEA-EE Easements up to eleven feet by eleven feet (11'x11') along and within the front lot lines of Lots 4, 5, 10, 11, 16, 17, 22, 23, 28, 29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 49, 52, 53, 56, 57, 60, 61, 64, 65, 68, 69, 72, 73, 76, 82, 83, 88, 89, 96, 97, 102, 103, 108 and 109; and, (f) JEA-E Easements seven and a half feet (7.5') in width along and within the front lot lines of all Lots. The JEA-EE and JEA-E Easements are dedicated to JEA, its successors and assigns, for its exclusive use in conjunction with its underground electrical system and/or for meters associated with water and/or sewer utilities. Pursuant to the Plat, JEA-EE and JEA-E Easements are to remain totally unobstructed by any improvements that may impede the use of said easements by JEA. The installation of fences, hedges and landscaping is permissible in JEA-E Easements, but subject to removal by the JEA at the expense of the Owner of the impacted Lot. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT AND HOME IN THE PROPERTY, EACH OWNER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE FOREGOING EASEMENTS MAY REDUCE THE USABLE AREA OF HIS OR HER LOT. In addition, as more particularly described on the Plat, Tract "F" is to be used as a landscape buffer for the

adjacent pump station in accordance with the requirements of Section 656.1223, City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code.

4.6.8 Drainage Easement. An easement for the purpose of accessing the Lakes to perform Lake maintenance and to perform Surface Water or Stormwater Management System and drainage facilities. The Owners, their guests, invitees, lessees and other persons are specifically prohibited from utilizing the drainage easements for other uses.

4.6.9 Maintenance Easements. Easements over the Property outside of the Homes granted in favor of the Association and the District for the purpose of maintaining the Lakes and Surface Water or Stormwater Management System and drainage facilities within the Lakes.

4.6.10 Structural Cross Easements. Cross easements of support and use over, upon, across, under, through and into the Common Structural Elements are hereby granted in favor of the Owners or their designees for the continued use, benefit and enjoyment and continued support, service, maintenance, repair and design of all Homes and Common Structural Elements within any portion of the Property.

4.6.11 Drainage and Irrigation Easement. An easement for drainage, flowage and irrigation over, under and upon the Property, including each of the Lots, in favor of the Association and each of the Owners, including, but not limited to, reasonable rights of access for persons and equipment to construct, install, maintain, alter, inspect, remove, relocate and repair the water drainage system, flowage pipes and irrigation pipes or lines.

4.7 Surface Water or Stormwater Management System Easement.

4.7.1 Blanket Surface Water or Stormwater Management System Easement. The plan for the development of the Property includes the construction of a Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, which may include, without limitation, retention lakes, swales, conduits, weirs, pipes, and/or berms across the rear of certain Lots and access easements to the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System as may be shown on the Plat or otherwise dedicated. Declarant hereby reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, and grants to the Association and its designees, a perpetual, nonexclusive easement over and across all areas of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System for the drainage of stormwater from the Property. Portions of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System may be located entirely within Lots.

4.7.2 Surface Water or Stormwater Management System Maintenance. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation, and repair of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. Such maintenance shall include the exercise of practices which allow the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance, or other capabilities in accordance with all the permits, statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to surface water management, drainage, and water quality promulgated by the District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and all other local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction. Maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the Surface Water or Stormwater

Management System to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance and other stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the District.

The Association shall maintain and control the water level and quality of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System and the bottoms of any retention lakes or drainage easements which retain or hold stormwater on a regular basis. The Association shall have the power, as may be required by any applicable governmental entity, to control and eradicate plants, fowl, reptiles, animals, fish, and fungi in and on any portion of the retention lakes or drainage easement. Maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other surface water capabilities as permitted by the District. Any repair or reconstruction of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall be consistent with the District Permit as originally issued or any modification that may be approved by the District. In order to provide adequate assurance that the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System will adequately function, the following maintenance procedures shall be followed:

4.7.2.1 The Association shall inspect or cause to be inspected all inlets and control structures for vandalism, deterioration or accumulation of sand and debris.

4.7.2.2 The Association shall assure that all debris or sand shall be removed from the inlets and control structures and any orifice system.

4.7.2.3 The Association shall inspect and repair or cause to be inspected and repaired all skimmer boards around control structures as necessary.

4.7.3 Surface Water or Stormwater Management System Maintenance Easement. The Association is granted a perpetual, nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress, at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, over and across the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System and over any portion of a Lot which is a part of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, or upon which a portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System is located to operate, maintain, and repair the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System as required by the District Permit. Such right expressly includes the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, to make any gradings of soil, construct or modify and berms placed along the rear of any Lots as part of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, or take any other action reasonably necessary, following which Declarant or the Association shall restore the affected property to its original condition as nearly as practicable; provided, however, that Declarant or the Association shall not be required to replace or repair fences, walks, structures, landscaping, or other improvements which are removed or damaged. Declarant or the Association shall give reasonable notice of its intent to take such action to all affected Owners, unless, in the opinion of Declarant or the Association, an emergency exists which precludes such notice. The right granted herein may be exercised at the sole option of Declarant or the Association and shall not be construed to obligate Declarant or the Association to take any affirmative action in connection therewith. The Owners of Lots adjacent to or containing a portion of the retention areas are granted a perpetual, nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System for the purpose of providing

maintenance and erosion control to the embankments of such retention areas but only in compliance with the District Permit or otherwise with District approval.

4.7.4 Improvements. No docks, bulkheads, or other structures, permanent or temporary, shall be constructed on, over, or under any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System without the prior written consent of the Association and the approval of the ARB or Declarant, which consent or approval may be withheld for any reason. Any improvements to the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System permitted by the Association and installed by the Owner shall be maintained by such Owner in accordance with the maintenance provisions of this Declaration. All improvements to the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System may also require the prior written approval of the District. After receiving the approval of the ARB, Owner shall be solely liable for obtaining all governmental permits necessary or convenient to construct such Improvement.

4.7.5 Use and Access. Declarant and the Association shall have the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations from time to time in connection with the use of the surface waters of any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, and shall have the right to deny such use to any person who, in the opinion of Declarant or the Association, may create or participate in a disturbance or nuisance on any part of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. The use of such surface waters by the Owners shall be subject to and limited by the rules and regulations of Declarant and the Association, all permits issued by governmental authorities, and any rights granted to other persons pursuant to the rules and regulations of Declarant and the Association; provided, however, no watercraft shall be operated on any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, including retention lakes. Further, swimming and fishing is strictly prohibited in the Lakes, if any, or any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System.

4.7.6 LIABILITY. NEITHER DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER(S) NOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY WHATSOEVER TO OWNERS, GUESTS, TENANTS, OR INVITEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETENTION LAKES (IF ANY) AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES OR ANY PART OF THE SURFACE WATER OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. EACH OWNER, FOR ITSELF AND ITS GUESTS, TENANTS, OR INVITEES, RELEASES DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER(S) AND THE ASSOCIATION FROM ANY LIABILITY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

4.7.7 Wetlands, Jurisdictional Land Swales. This Declaration is subject to the rights of the State of Florida over portions of the Property that may be considered wetlands, marshes, sovereignty or jurisdictional lands, and every Owner shall obtain any permit necessary prior to undertaking any dredging, filling, mowing, improving, landscaping, or removal of plant life existing on his Lot.

Further, certain Lots may be improved with swales constructed within Lots that are contiguous to any jurisdictional lands. The Owners thereof shall not remove or modify the swales without the consent of the applicable governmental entities. Any Owner who alters or otherwise modifies any swale, including mowing, shall repair and restore any such swale to be in

full compliance with the District Permit, at such Owner's sole cost and expense and shall indemnify and hold the Declarant and the Association harmless from such violation.

4.7.8 Rights of the District. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained elsewhere in this Declaration, the District shall have the rights and powers enumerated in this paragraph. The District shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in this Declaration that relate to the maintenance, operation, and repair of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. Any repair or reconstruction of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall be as permitted, or if modified, as approved in writing by the District. No person shall alter the drainage flow of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, including any buffer areas, swales, treatment berms or swales, without prior written approval of the District. Any amendment to this Declaration that alters the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, beyond maintenance in its original condition, including the water management portions of the Common Property, must have prior written approval of the District. In the event that the Association is dissolved, prior to such dissolution, all responsibility relating to the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System must be assigned to and accepted by an entity approved in writing by the District.

4.7.9 Indemnity. Declarant may be required to assume certain duties and liabilities for the maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System or drainage system within the Property under the Plat, permits, or certain agreements with governmental agencies. The Association further agrees that subsequent to the recording of this Declaration, it shall hold Declarant harmless from all suits, actions, damages, liabilities and expenses in connection with loss of life, bodily or personal injury or property damage arising out of any occurrence in, upon, at or from the maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System occasioned in whole or in part by any action, omission of the Association or its agents, contractor, employees, servants, or licensees but not excluding any liability occasioned wholly or in part by the acts of the Declarant, its successors or assigns. Upon completion of construction of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System or drainage system Declarant shall assign all its rights, obligations and duties thereunder to the Association. The Association shall assume all such rights, duties and liabilities and shall indemnify and hold Declarant harmless therefrom.

4.7.10 Declarant's Rights. Declarant, its successors and assigns shall have the unrestricted right, without approval or joinder of any other person or entity: (i) to designate the use of, alienate, release, or otherwise assign the easements shown on the Plat of the Property or described herein, (ii) to plat or replat all or any part of the Property owned by Declarant, and (iii) to widen or extend any right of way shown on the Plat of the Property or convert a Lot to use as a right of way, provided that Declarant owns the lands affected by such change. Owner of Lots subject to easement shown on the Plat of the Property and the easements described herein, as well as in the Title Documents, shall acquire no right, title, or interest in any of the cables, conduits, pipes, mains, lines, or other equipment or facilities placed on, over, or under the easement area. The Owners of Lots subject to any easements shall not construct any improvements on the easement areas, alter the flow of drainage, or landscape on such areas with hedges, trees, or other landscaping items that might interfere with the exercise of the easement rights. Any Owner who constructs any improvements or landscaping on such easement areas shall remove the

improvements or landscape items upon written request of Declarant, the Association, or the grantee of the easement.

4.8 Assignments

The easements reserved hereunder may be assigned by Declarant or the Association in whole or in part to any city, county or state government or agency thereof, or any water management district, or any duly licensed or franchised public utility, or any other designee of Declarant. Declarant shall have and hereby reserves the right to grant and/or reserve additional easements over, under and upon the Property or portions thereof (including the portion of Lots where no physical structure of the Home is located) which may be necessary or desirable by Declarant. The Owners hereby authorize Declarant and/or the Association to execute, on their behalf and without further authorization, such grants of easement or other instruments as may from time to time be necessary to grant easements over and upon the Property or portions thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, the easement rights granted or reserved by Declarant hereunder are not to be construed as creating an affirmative obligation to act on the part of Declarant.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION; BOARD; DURATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

5.1 Membership and Voting Rights

Membership in the Association shall be established and terminated as set forth in the Articles. Each Member shall be entitled to the benefit of, and be subject to, the provisions of the Governing Documents. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Articles.

5.2 Board

The Association shall be governed by the Board which shall be appointed, designated or elected, as the case may be, as set forth in the Articles.

5.3 Duration of Association

The duration of the Association shall be perpetual, as set forth in the Articles. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibilities for the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 373.416(2), Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code, and must be approved by the SJRWMD prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation..

6. COVENANT TO PAY ASSESSMENTS; ESTABLISHMENT OF LIENS; COLLECTION
OF ASSESSMENTS; COLLECTION BY DECLARANT; CERTAIN RIGHTS OF
DECLARANT AND INSTITUTIONAL MORTGAGEES

6.1 Affirmative Covenant to Pay Assessments

6.1.1 In order to: (i) fulfill the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions contained in the Governing Documents; and (ii) maintain, operate and preserve the Common Area for the use, safety, welfare and benefit of the Owners and their family members, guests, invitees and lessees, there is hereby imposed upon each Contributing Home and each Contributing Home Owner the affirmative covenant and obligation to pay to the Association commencing from and after the first conveyance of a Home from Declarant and/or Participating Builder, as evidenced by the recordation of a deed in the Public Records of the County (in the manner herein set forth) all Assessments, including, but not limited to, the Individual Home Assessments, Benefited Assessments and Special Assessments. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument of conveyance conveying a Lot and Completed Home within the Property, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or instrument, shall be obligated and agrees to pay to the Association all Assessments in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents.

6.1.2 The following expenses of the Association are hereby declared to be Operating Expenses which the Association is obligated to assess and collect, and which the Owners are obligated to pay as provided herein or as may be otherwise provided in the Governing Documents: (1) any and all taxes and tax liens which may be assessed or levied at any and all times against the Common Area as a whole and not upon an individual Lot or Home, or against any and all personal property or Improvements thereon; (2) all charges levied for utilities providing services for the Common Area as a whole and not upon an individual Lot or Home (including, without limitation, costs related to street lights) or to the Owners on a bulk basis, such as water, gas, electricity, telephone, cable television, telecommunications services home monitoring, sanitation, sewer and any type of utility or any other type of service charge which is not separately billed to an Owner; (3) the premiums on policies of insurance including, but not limited to, liability and casualty insurance for the Common Area and directors and officers liability insurance for the officers and directors of the Association; (4) any sums necessary for the maintenance and repair of the Common Area and all Improvements located thereon; (5) any sums necessary to reimburse the Association for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with maintaining the Common Area; (6) administrative and operational expenses; (7) all sums necessary for the maintenance and repair of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System to be maintained by the Association, including but not limited to work within retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements; (8) any charges (including without limitation, electric charges) payable under any street lighting agreement, if any, benefitting the Property; and, (9) any and all expenses deemed to be Operating Expenses by the Association and/or under this Declaration. Reserves for future maintenance, repair and replacements are specifically excluded from Operating Expenses. The Board may, if it so determines, include reserves in the Association's annual budget; provided, however, to the maximum extent allowable by applicable law, Declarant shall not be obligated for funding any portion of the reserves, if and regardless of whether reserves are established by the Board, either on Homes and/or Lots it owns or Homes and/or Lots owned by others (including if Declarant is deficit funding any portion of the Operating Expenses or Budget). In addition, any expense which is required by this Declaration to be the matter of Special Assessment shall not be

deemed to be an Operating Expense. Expenses which are required to be the matter of Special Assessment include, by way of example but not by way of limitation, the following: the cost of reconstructing, replacing or improving the Common Area which is the Association's responsibility to maintain or any portion thereof or Improvements thereon; any casualty loss affecting the Association or the Common Area to the extent such loss exceeds the insurance proceeds, if any, receivable by the Association as a result of such loss; any judgment against the Association (or against a Director or Directors if and to the extent such Director is, or such Directors are, entitled to be indemnified by the Association therefor pursuant to the Articles) to the extent such judgment exceeds the insurance proceeds, if any, received by the Association as a result of such judgment, or an agreement by the Association (or such Director or Directors to whom indemnification is owed) to pay an amount in settlement of a lawsuit against it (or such Director or Directors) to the extent such settlement exceeds the insurance proceeds, if any, received by the Association as a result of such settlement agreement; and legal fees and costs (including, without limitation, attorneys and paralegal fees and court costs) incurred by the Association in connection with litigation (whether incurred for the preparation, filing, prosecution or settlement thereof or otherwise), except Legal Fees incurred by the Association in connection with the collection of Assessments or other charges which the Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Governing Documents or the enforcement of the use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Governing Documents, and except legal fees incurred for lawsuits not approved pursuant to Section 13.12 below.

The Operating Expenses with respect to the Common Area are payable by each Owner of a Contributing Home notwithstanding the fact that Declarant may not have as yet conveyed title to the Common Area to the Association.

6.2 Establishment of Liens

Each Assessment against a Contributing Home, together with Interest thereon and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, Legal Fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of such Contributing Home. Any and all Assessments made by the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents with Interest thereon and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, Legal Fees, are hereby declared to be a charge and continuing lien upon each Contributing Home against which each such Assessment is made. Said lien shall be effective only from and after the time of the recordation amongst the Public Records of the County of a written, acknowledged statement by the Association setting forth the amount due to the Association as of the date the statement is signed, and such lien shall relate back to the date of the recording of this Declaration in the Public Records of the County. Upon full payment of all sums secured by that lien, the party making payment shall be entitled to a satisfaction of the statement of lien in recordable form. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, in the event an Institutional Mortgagee of record obtains title to a Home as a result of foreclosure of its first mortgage or deed in lieu of foreclosure, such acquirer of title, its successors or assigns, shall be liable for Assessments pertaining to such Lot or chargeable to the former Owner except and to the extent limited by the HOA Act.

6.3 Collection of Assessments

In the event any Owner shall fail to pay any Assessment, or installment thereof, charged to such Owner within fifteen (15) days after the same becomes due, then the Association, through its Board, shall have any and all of the following remedies to the extent permitted by law, which remedies are cumulative and which remedies are not in lieu of, but are in addition to, all other remedies available to the Association:

6.3.1 To accelerate the entire amount of any Assessment for the remainder of the calendar year notwithstanding any provisions for the payment thereof in installments.

6.3.2 To advance on behalf of the Owner(s) in default funds to accomplish the needs of the Association up to and including the full amount for which such Owner(s) is liable to the Association and the amount or amounts of monies so advanced, together with Interest and all costs of collection thereof, including, but not limited to, Legal Fees, may thereupon be collected by the Association from the Owner(s) and such advance by the Association shall not waive the default.

6.3.3 To file an action in equity to foreclose its lien at any time after the effective date thereof as provided in Section 6.3.2 hereinabove. The lien may be foreclosed by an action in the name of the Association in like manner as a foreclosure of a mortgage on real property.

6.3.4 To file an action at law to collect said Assessment plus Interest and all costs of collection thereof, including, but not limited to, Legal Fees, without waiving any lien rights or rights of foreclosure in the Association.

6.3.5 To charge Interest on such Assessment from the date it becomes due, as well as a late charge of Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$25.00) or five percent (5%) of the past due amount, whichever is greater, by the Association to defray additional collection costs. This amount is subject to change in the Board's sole discretion.

6.3.6 To suspend the right of the Owner(s) in default to vote on any matter on which the Owners have the right to vote if such Owner is delinquent in payment of Assessments or other monetary obligation due the Association for more than ninety (90) days and until such monetary obligations are paid in full.

6.3.7 To suspend the right of the Owner(s), along with their family members, guests, invitees and tenants to use certain common and recreational areas located within the Common Area, if any, if such Owner is delinquent in payment of Assessments or any other monetary obligation due the Association for more than ninety (90) days and until such monetary obligations are paid in full.

Suspensions imposed by the Association pursuant to subsections 6.3.6 and 6.3.7 above must be approved by the Board in the manner required by the HOA Act.

6.4 Collection by Declarant

In the event for any reason the Association shall fail to collect the Assessments, Declarant shall at all times have the right (but not the obligation): (i) to advance such sums as the Association could have advanced as set forth above; and (ii) to collect such Assessments and, if applicable, any such sums advanced by Declarant, together with Interest and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, Legal Fees.

6.5 Rights of Declarant and Institutional Mortgagees to Pay Assessments and Receive Reimbursement

Declarant and any Institutional Mortgagee(s) shall have the right, but not the obligation, jointly or individually, and at their sole option, to pay any of the Assessments which are in default and which may or have become a charge against any Home(s). Further, Declarant and any Institutional Mortgagee shall have the right, but not the obligation, jointly or individually, and, at their sole option, to pay insurance premiums or fidelity bond premiums or other required items of Operating Expenses on behalf of the Association in the event the same are overdue and when lapses in policies or services may occur. Declarant and any Institutional Mortgagee paying overdue Operating Expenses on behalf of the Association will be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association plus Interest and any costs of collection including, but not limited to, Legal Fees, and the Association shall execute an instrument in recordable form to this effect and deliver the original of such instrument to each Institutional Mortgagee who is so entitled to reimbursement and to Declarant if Declarant is entitled to reimbursement.

7. METHOD OF DETERMINING ASSESSMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF ASSESSMENTS

7.1 Determining Amount of Assessments

The total anticipated Operating Expenses for each calendar year shall be set forth in the budget ("Budget") prepared by the Board. Each Home shall be assessed its *pro rata* portion of the total anticipated Operating Expenses as set forth in the Budget (other than those Operating Expenses which are properly the subject of a Special Assessment or Benefited Assessment), which shall be the "Individual Home Assessment" as to each Contributing Home. Operating Expenses shall be divided by the total number of Homes planned for Trout River, but subject to change in accordance with this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything in the Governing Documents to the contrary, only a "Contributing Home" and the Owner thereof, shall be obligated to pay Individual Home Assessments. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Governing Documents to the contrary, any assessment for legal expenses incurred by the Association to begin legal proceedings against Declarant shall be deemed an Operating Expense which is properly the subject of a Special Assessment and not the subject of a regular Individual Home Assessment.

7.2 Assessment Payments

The Individual Home Assessments shall be payable quarterly, in advance, on the first day of the fiscal quarter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board has the right to change the method and frequency of the payments of Individual Home Assessments. The Individual Home Assessments, and the quarterly payments thereof, as well as all Assessments provided for

herein and all installments thereof may be adjusted from time to time by the Board to reflect changes in the number and status of Contributing Homes (thus apportioning all Operating Expenses among all Contributing Homes in existence at the time an Individual Home Assessment installment is due) or due to changes in the Budget or in the event that the Board determines that an Assessments or any installment thereof is either less than or more than the amount actually required.

7.3 Special Assessments

“Special Assessments” include, in addition to other Assessments designated as Special Assessments in the Governing Documents and whether or not for a cost or expense which is included within the definition of “Operating Expenses,” those Assessments which are levied for capital improvements which include the costs (whether in whole or in part) of constructing or acquiring Improvements for, or on, the Common Area or the cost (whether in whole or in part) of reconstructing or replacing such Improvements. In addition, Special Assessments may be levied against particular Lots and/or Owners to the exclusion of others. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, it is recognized and declared that Special Assessments shall be in addition to, and are not part of, any Individual Lot Assessment. Any Special Assessments assessed against Lots and the Owners thereof shall be paid by such Owners in addition to any other Assessments and shall be assessed in the same manner as the Individual Lot Assessment. Special Assessments shall be paid in such installments or in a lump sum as the Board shall, from time to time, determine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the levying of any Special Assessment after the Turnover Date shall require the affirmative assent of at least thirty percent (30%) of all Members represented in person or by proxy at a meeting called and held in accordance with the Bylaws; provided, however, the Board acting alone and without the consent of Members may levy Special Assessments for the following: i) in the event of a casualty loss to repair and replace Common Area which is not insurable (e.g., landscaping, fencing, *etc.*), not insured, under insured, or where insurance coverage was denied by the insurance carrier after the casualty loss; ii) to obtain funds to cover insurance deductibles in the event of a casualty loss; or iii) capital improvements necessary or desirable for the sole purpose of preservation of, or prevention of damage to, Common Area.

7.4 Benefited Assessments. The Board shall have the right to levy “Benefited Assessments” against one or more particular Lots, as follows:

(a) to cover the costs, including, without limitation, overhead and administrative costs, of providing services to a particular Lot (or group of Lots) upon request of the Owner of such Lot (or group of Lots), pursuant to any menu of special services which the Association may offer or pursuant to a Supplemental Declaration or as otherwise provided in this Declaration. Benefited Assessments for special services may be levied in advance of the provision of the requested service;

(b) to cover costs incurred in bringing a Lot into compliance with the Governing Documents, to cover costs and expenses for items for which the Association is permitted to levy an assessment against a particular Lot or group of Lots, pursuant to this Declaration (which assessment is not otherwise a Special Assessment) or costs incurred as a consequence of the conduct of the Owner or occupants of a particular Lot, their agents, contractors,

employees, licensees, invitees, or guests, including, without limitation, Legal Fees, as applicable; or

(c) as otherwise set forth herein.

7.5 Liability of Owners for Individual Home Assessments

By the acceptance of a deed or other instrument of conveyance of a Completed Home in the Property, each Owner thereof acknowledges that such Completed Home becomes a Contributing Home upon such conveyance by Declarant or a Participating Builder and the Owners (other than a Participating Builder) thereof are jointly and severally liable for their own Individual Home Assessments and their applicable portion of any Special Assessments, as well as for any and all other Assessments for which they are liable, as provided for herein. Such Owners further recognize and covenant that they are jointly and severally liable with the Owners of all Contributing Homes for the Operating Expenses (subject to any specific limitations provided for herein such as, but not limited to, the limitation with respect to matters of Special Assessment and the limitations on the liability of Institutional Mortgagees and their successors and assigns). Accordingly, subject to such specific limitations, it is recognized and agreed by each Owner, for such Owner and such Owner's heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that in the event any Owner fails or refuses to pay such Owner's Individual Home Assessment or any portion thereof, or such Owner's respective portion of any Special Assessment or any other Assessment, then the other Owners may be responsible for increased Individual Home Assessments or Special Assessments or other Assessments due to the nonpayment by such other Owner, and such increased Individual Home Assessment or Special Assessment or other Assessment can and may be enforced by the Association and Declarant in the same manner as all other Assessments hereunder as provided in the Governing Documents.

7.6 Waiver of Use

No Owner, other than Declarant, may exempt himself, herself or itself from personal liability for Assessments duly levied by the Association. No Owner may release the Owner's Home from the liens and charges hereof either by waiver of the use and enjoyment of the Property and the facilities thereon or by abandonment of such Owner's Home.

7.7 Declarant Subsidy

Except as may be limited by applicable law, Declarant has the right (at its sole election) to: subsidize the Budget of the Association as provided below by making voluntary contributions in amounts determined by Declarant in Declarant's sole discretion. During the period of time that Declarant or Participating Builders are offering Homes for sale in Trout River and/or based on the number of Homes owned by Owners other than Declarant or Participating Builders, Declarant may seek to keep Assessments lower than they otherwise may be by subsidizing the Budget of the Association by making voluntary contributions in amounts determined by Declarant. The amount of any such voluntary contributions may vary from time to time or may be discontinued and/or recommenced by Declarant from time to time. The determination to subsidize the Budget of the Association, the amount of any such voluntary contribution, the discontinuance and/or recommencement of any such voluntary contributions

shall all be made by Declarant in Declarant's sole discretion and in no event shall Declarant have any obligation whatsoever to make any such voluntary contributions. Each Owner shall be solely responsible to review the financial statements of the Association then in effect to determine if and to what extent Declarant is making any voluntary contributions to subsidize the Budget and thus lower the Assessments payable by the Owners that would otherwise be higher based on the Operating Expenses of the Association. Declarant's rights under this Section 7.7 do not constitute a guarantee of Assessments or Operating Expenses under and as described in Section 720.308(2) of the HOA Act.

7.8 Declarant's Right to Loan or Advance Funds

Declarant shall have the right, in its sole discretion, and from time to time, to loan, advance or otherwise make payments and/or contributions to the revenues of the Association to assist the Association in meeting its day to day operational financial obligations. At the option of Declarant, any such loan, advance, or other payments and/or contributions, other than as a voluntary subsidy per Section 7.7 above, may be reflected on the books and records of the Association as such, in which event it shall be repaid by the Association to Declarant, at the discretion of Declarant.

7.9 Initial Working Fund Contribution

Each Owner who purchases a Lot with a Home thereon from Declarant or a Participating Builder (sales by Declarant to a Participating Builder are exempt) shall pay to the Association at the time legal title is conveyed to such Owner, an "Initial Working Fund Contribution." The Initial Working Fund Contribution shall be Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200.00). Initial Working Fund Contributions are not advance payments of Individual Home Assessments and shall have no effect on future Individual Home Assessments, nor will they be held in reserve. To ensure that the Association will have sufficient cash available to pay for start-up expenses, Operating Expenses and other expenses, Declarant or a Participating Builder may from time to time advance to the Association the Initial Working Fund Contribution applicable to any Lot(s) prior to the time legal title to such Lot(s) is conveyed to the Owner(s) thereof. In the event Declarant or a Participating Builder advances the Initial Working Fund Contribution applicable to any Lot, then, at the time legal title to such Lot is conveyed to the Owner thereof, the Initial Working Fund Contribution to be paid by such Owner to the Association pursuant to this Section 7.9 shall be paid directly to Declarant or a Participating Builder, as applicable, in reimbursement of the advance, instead of to the Association. Initial Working Fund Contributions (whether paid by Owner or advanced by Declarant) may also be used to offset Operating Expenses during the time Declarant is in control of the Board.

7.10 Ongoing Working Fund Contribution

Each Owner who purchases a Lot with a Home thereon, other than from Declarant or a Participating Builder as set forth in Section 7.9 above, shall pay to the Association at the time legal title is conveyed to such Owner, an "Ongoing Working Fund Contribution." The Ongoing Working Fund Contribution shall be Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200.00). Ongoing Working Fund Contributions are not advance payments of Individual Home Assessments and shall have no effect on future Individual Home Assessments, nor will they be held in reserve. Ongoing

Working Fund Contributions may also be used to offset Operating Expenses during the time Declarant is in control of the Board.

7.11 Participating Builder Exemption.

Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration or the Articles and Bylaws to the contrary, during the time that a Participating Builder owns any Lot, the Participating Builder shall not pay any Individual Home Assessments with respect to the Lots owned by the Participating Builder; provided, however, Assessments shall commence and be payable as to a particular Lot owned by a Participating Builder upon the earlier to occur of (i) the sale of the Lot by a Participating Builder to an unaffiliated third party; or (ii) the Participating Builder is "no longer marketing the Lot for sale." The term "no longer marketing the Lot for sale" means that the Participating Builder has ceased all reasonable sales efforts as to a Lot for more than sixty (60) days after a Participating Builder has formally commenced its sales program within Trout River; provided, however, such time period of sixty (60) days shall be extended by matters for force majeure which are beyond the control of the Participating Builder such as acts of God, delays caused by governmental authorities having jurisdiction over Trout River in issuing building permits or other permits to Participating Builder, or any other matters that would qualify under impossibility of performance principles recognized under the laws of the State of Florida. For the purpose of this Section 7.11, if there are more than one (1) Participating Builder, each Participating Builder for the purposes of this Section shall be treated individually and not collectively with other Participating Builders.

7.12 Declarant's Obligation for Assessments and Option to Fund Budget Deficits.

Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that because Assessments are allocated based on the total number of Homes planned for Trout River as described in Section 7.1 above, that it is possible the Association may collect more or less than the amount budgeted for Operating Expenses. Accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted by Florida law, during the time which Declarant has the right to control the Board, Declarant may satisfy its obligation for Assessments, if applicable, on Homes which it owns at the applicable rate either by paying Assessments in the same manner as any other Owner or by funding the Budget deficit. The Budget deficit is the difference between (i) the amount of Assessments levied on Completed Homes owned by Owners other than Declarant or a Participating Builder plus any other income, revenue or sums received by the Association during the period during which Declarant has elected to fund the deficit, and (ii) the amount of the Association's actual expenditures during the fiscal year, but expressly excluding, to the maximum extent allowable by law, contributions to reserves, if established, and Special Assessments arising as a result of any unusual loss or liability. The calculation of Declarant's deficit funding obligation shall be done on a cumulative basis (from the inception of the election to fund the deficit until Declarant's election to cease funding the deficit) although Declarant will fund the Association to meet its cash flow obligations as they arise during the deficit funding period. Regardless of Declarant's election, Declarant's Assessment obligations, if any, may be satisfied in the form of cash or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or by a combination of these, the value of which shall be reasonably determined by Declarant. After Declarant's right to control the Board terminates or sooner if Declarant elects to pay Assessments, if applicable, on Homes it owns, and cease deficit funding, Declarant shall pay Assessments on Homes which it owns pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. Declarant's obligation to

deficit fund is not a guarantee of Assessments or Operating Expenses as contemplated by Section 720.308 of the HOA Act because the amount of Assessments and/or Operating Expenses to be paid by Owners during any deficit funding period may change based upon changes in the then buildout budget.

8. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

8.1 Members of the Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board, sometimes referred to in this Declaration as the "ARB," shall be comprised of three (3) members. The initial members of the ARB shall consist of persons designated by Declarant. Each of said persons shall hold office until all Lots and Homes have been conveyed or such earlier time as Declarant may, at its sole option, elect. Thereafter, each new member of the ARB shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office until such time as such new member has resigned, or has been removed, or such new member's successor has been appointed, as provided herein. Members of the ARB, other than those designated by Declarant, may be removed at any time without cause. The Board shall have the sole right to appoint and remove all members of the ARB other than those designated by Declarant.

8.2 Review of Proposed Construction

8.2.1 No Improvements, including, by way of example and not of limitation, accessory structures, exterior lighting fixtures, brick pavers, stamped concrete, concrete flatwork, basketball goals, gym sets and play structures, buildings, fences, walls, pools, roofs, gutters or rain spouts, antennae, aerials, microwaves, reception devices, mailboxes, external enclosures or attachments (including entry screen and patio screen enclosures), or landscaping (including hedges, massed plantings and trees) shall be commenced, erected, installed, altered, modified, painted, planted, or maintained on the Property, including the Lots, nor shall any canopies, shutters, or window coverings be attached to or placed upon outside walls or roofs of any Home or building by any Owner other than Declarant, unless such Improvements have been reviewed by and received the written approval of the ARB in accordance with Section 8.2.2. herein below. Any Owner desiring to make Improvements shall submit two (2) complete sets of plans and specifications prepared by an architect, landscape architect, engineer or other person determined by the ARB to be qualified, showing the nature, dimensions, materials and location of the same, together with the Security Deposit, if required by the ARB, to be held and disbursed by the Association in accordance with Section 8.3 herein below. In addition to the foregoing, the ARB may establish and charge a review fee on a case by case basis, in the sole discretion of and in an amount set by the ARB. If a review fee is charged by the ARB, it shall be nonrefundable in any event, whether or not the application submitted by an Owner is approved. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 8 to the contrary, if it is determined that any of the terms of Section 8 conflict with any of the terms or provisions of Section 10.9, then the terms or provisions of Section 10.9 shall supersede and control to the extent of such conflict.

8.2.2 The ARB shall approve proposed plans and specifications submitted for its approval only if it deems that the construction, alterations or additions contemplated will not be detrimental to the appearance of the surrounding area of the Property as a whole, and that the appearance of any structure affected thereby will be in harmony with the surrounding structures

and is otherwise desirable. The ARB may also issue and amend from time to time rules or guidelines setting forth procedures for the submission of plans and specifications. If the proposed construction, alterations or additions are to a portion of the Improvements which the Association is obligated to maintain, said approval shall also be subject to approval by the Board. The ARB may condition its approval of proposed plans and specifications in such a manner as it deems appropriate and may require the submission of additional information prior to approving or disapproving such plans.

8.2.3 The ARB shall have thirty (30) days after delivery of all required materials to give written approval or rejection of any such plans, provided, however, that in any event, no such addition, construction or alteration shall be made by any Owner which is detrimental to or inconsistent with the harmony, appearance or general scheme of the Property as a whole. If the ARB provides a rejection, the ARB's rejection notice shall include reference to the rule or covenant on which the ARB relied for the denial as well as the aspect or part of the proposed improvement that does not conform to such rule or covenant.

8.2.4 In no event shall any Improvement (including without limitation landscaping) be permitted within the landscaped areas and grassed areas and any sidewalks and sidewalk easements on Lots.

8.2.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, no Improvement (including, without limitation, landscaping) shall be permitted within any Lot that interferes with the flow of rainfall runoff to or through the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System.

8.2.6 Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, the approval of the ARB shall not be required for any additions, changes or alterations within any Homes if such additions, changes or alterations are not visible from (a) the outside of such Homes, (b) an adjacent Lot, or (c) adjacent Common Area (each a "Visible Area," and together "Visible Areas"). All changes and alterations shall be subject, independently, to all applicable governmental laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations.

8.2.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, no construction, reconstruction, addition or alteration by Declarant or a Participating Builder shall require the prior approval or any certificate of consent of the ARB or any Security Deposit.

8.3 Security Deposit for Improvements; Indemnification

Any Owner desiring to make Improvements may be required by the ARB, depending upon the Improvements being requested and the manner of installation of such Improvements, to provide to the ARB, at the time of the Owner's submission of plans and specifications for review and approval by the ARB, up to a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) security deposit ("Security Deposit") to cover costs of incidental damage caused to the Common Area, an adjacent Home or Lot, or any property (real or personal) by virtue of such Owner's construction of Improvements. The ARB shall have the sole and absolute discretion to determine whether a Security Deposit is required for the Improvements being requested. The Association shall not be obligated to place the Security Deposit in an interest bearing account. The Security

Deposit shall not be commingled with other Association funds and shall in all events be held, maintained and returned in accordance with the HOA Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and except as otherwise required by the HOA Act, the Owner shall be entitled to the return of the Security Deposit upon: (i) such Owner's written notice to the ARB that the Improvements covered by the Security Deposit have been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the ARB; and (ii) the ARB's (or its duly authorized representative's) inspection of such Improvements confirming completion; provided, however, should any incidental damage be caused to Common Area by virtue of such Owner's construction of Improvements, the Security Deposit shall not be returned to Owner until such damages have been repaired. In the event that Owner has not repaired such damages to the Common Area to the satisfaction of the ARB, Association shall have the right (but not the obligation), after five (5) days' notice to the offending Owner, to repair such incidental damage and to use so much of the Security Deposit held by the Association to reimburse itself for the costs of such work. Further, the offending Owner hereby agrees to indemnify and reimburse the Association for all reasonable costs expended by the Association that exceed the Security Deposit, including Legal Fees, if any, incurred in connection therewith. Should any incidental damage be caused to an adjacent Lot or Home by virtue of such Owner's construction of Improvements, the Owner of the adjacent Lot (the "Adjacent Lot Owner") shall, at such Adjacent Lot Owner's sole option: (a) remedy such damage and submit to the Association a receipt, invoice or statement therefor for reimbursement from the offending Owner's Security Deposit; or (b) allow the offending Owner to repair such incidental damage to the Adjacent Lot Owner's Lot or Home, at the offending Owner's sole cost and expense, and upon receipt by the Association of written notice from the Adjacent Lot Owner that such incidental damage has been repaired, the offending Owner shall be entitled to a return of the Security Deposit being held by the Association, if any.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary and to the maximum extent allowable by the HOA Act, the Association's return of the Security Deposit being held by it for any such Improvements shall be based solely on considerations set forth above. The Association's return of the Security Deposit does not and shall not be construed to constitute a determination by members and representatives of the ARB, Declarant, and/or the Association of the structural safety, approval or integrity of any Improvement, conformance with building or other codes or standards, or the proper issuance of governmental permits and approvals for any Improvement.

8.4 Meetings of the ARB

The ARB shall meet from time to time as necessary to perform its duties hereunder. The ARB may from time to time, by resolution unanimously adopted in writing, designate an ARB representative (who may, but need not, be one of its members) to take any action or perform any duties for and on behalf of the ARB, except the granting of variances pursuant to Section 8.9 below. In the absence of such designation, the vote of any two (2) members of the ARB shall constitute an act of the ARB.

8.5 No Waiver of Future Approvals

The approval of the ARB of any plans and specifications or drawings for any work performed or proposed shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval

or consent to any identical or similar proposal subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent, whether such submission is by that applicant or another applicant. Similarly, the denial of approval by the ARB of any plans and specifications or drawings for any work performed or proposed shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to approve or consent to any identical or similar proposal subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent, whether such submission is by that applicant or another applicant.

8.6 Compensation of Members

The members of the ARB shall receive no compensation for services rendered, other than reimbursement for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder.

8.7 Inspection of Work

Inspection of work and correction of defects therein shall proceed as follows:

8.7.1 Upon the completion of any work for which approved plans are required under this Section, the submitting party shall give written notice of completion to the ARB.

8.7.2 Within thirty (30) days after written notice of completion, the ARB or its duly authorized representatives may inspect such Improvement. If the ARB finds such work was not done in substantial compliance with the approved plans, it shall notify the submitting party in writing of such noncompliance within such thirty (30) day period, specifying the particulars of noncompliance, and shall require the submitting party to remedy such noncompliance.

8.7.3 If upon the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of such notification the submitting party shall have failed to remedy such noncompliance, notification shall be given to the Board in writing of such failure. Upon such notice, the Board shall determine whether there is a noncompliance and, if so, the nature thereof and the estimated cost of correcting or removing the same. If noncompliance exists, the submitting party shall remedy or remove the same within a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of announcement of the Board's ruling. If the submitting party does not comply with the Board's ruling within such period, the Board, at its option, may remove the Improvement, remedy the noncompliance, or proceed in court to compel compliance and the submitting party shall reimburse the Association, upon demand, for all expenses incurred in connection therewith, including Interest and Legal Fees. If such expenses are not promptly repaid by the submitting party to the Association, the Board shall levy an Assessment against such submitting party for reimbursement, and said Assessment shall constitute a lien upon the applicable Lot and Home with the same force and effect as liens for Operating Expenses.

8.7.4 If, for any reason, notification is not given to the submitting party of acceptance within thirty (30) days after receipt of said written notice of completion from the submitting party, the Improvement and/or alteration shall be deemed to be in compliance with said approved plans.

8.8 Non-Liability of ARB Members

Neither the ARB nor any member thereof, nor its duly authorized ARB representative, nor Declarant, shall be liable to the Association or to any Owner or any other person or entity for any loss, damage or injury arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of the ARB's duties hereunder, unless due to the willful misconduct or bad faith of a member and only that member shall have any liability. The ARB's review and approval or disapproval of plans submitted to it for any proposed Improvement shall be based solely on considerations of the overall benefit or detriment to the community as a whole. The ARB shall not be responsible for reviewing, nor shall its approval of any plan or design be deemed approval of, any plan or design from the standpoint of structural safety or conformance with building or other codes or standards, and no member or representative of the ARB or the Association, nor Declarant, shall be liable for the safety, soundness, workmanship, materials or usefulness for any purpose of any such Improvement or alteration proposed by the plans. By submitting a request for review and approval by the ARB, an Owner shall be deemed to have and does automatically agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the ARB, the Association and Declarant (and each of their respective officers, directors, partners, affiliates, members, representatives and employees) from and against any and all claims, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, Legal Fees) arising from, relating to or in any way connected with the Improvement or alterations for which such request was submitted. Furthermore, approval by the ARB of any request does not excuse Owner from also obtaining approvals from all applicable governmental authorities.

8.9 Variance

The ARB may authorize variances from compliance with any of the architectural provisions of this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration, when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic or environmental considerations may require; provided, however, the ARB shall not give or authorize (and the ARB is hereby prohibited from giving or authorizing) any variance with respect to the displaying of any signs for the sale or renting of the Home as prohibited in Section 10.23. If such variances are granted, no violation of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the Improvements for which the variance was granted.

8.10 Declarant and Participating Builder Exemption

Declarant and Participating Builders are hereby exempt from having to comply with the requirements of this Section 8 in their entirety.

9. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OBLIGATIONS

The responsibility for the maintenance of the Property is divided between the Association and the Owners. Interior maintenance of structures shall be the perpetual responsibility of the owners of such structures. The Association may enter into agreements with others for the Association's management and/or maintenance of all or part of the property to be maintained by such entity (regardless of whether the subject property is within the Property) for purposes of carrying out all or a portion of the maintenance responsibilities of such entity, the expenses of

which may be designated an Operating Expense, if the Association's Board determines such is in the interest of the Owners. Privately owned property shall be the maintenance responsibility of the Owner thereof, unless the responsibility is assumed by another by agreement approved or acknowledged by the Association. Open space owned by or dedicated to the Association shall be maintained by the Association and will not be diminished or destroyed in a manner which materially alters its use or enjoyment as open space.

9.1 By the Association

9.1.1 The Association, at its expense, shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of all landscaping and grassed areas encompassed within the Common Area as well as all of the Improvements and facilities located over, through and upon the Common Area (except public utilities, to the extent same have not been made Common Area). Should any incidental damage be caused to any Home by virtue of the Association's failure to maintain the Common Area as herein required or by virtue of any work which may be performed or caused to be performed by the Association in the maintenance, repair or replacement of any Common Area, the Association shall, at its expense, repair such incidental damage. The Association shall not, however, be responsible for any loss of use, any hardship, an Owner's time or any other consequential or punitive damages.

9.1.2 The Association shall operate, maintain, repair and replace the irrigation system constructed over, through and upon the Common Area as it shall deem appropriate. The Association shall be responsible for the costs of operation and maintenance of such irrigation system in connection with the Common Area, including any monthly fees and other costs of water and/or electric usage and the cost of repair or replacement to all or any part thereof. There is hereby reserved in favor of the Association the right to enter upon the Common Area and any and all Lots for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing the irrigation system over, through and upon the Common Area within the Property.

9.1.3 The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of all private streets, drives, roads, and roadways, if any, and all parking spaces and sidewalks located upon the Common Area and there is hereby reserved in favor of the Association the right to enter upon any and all parts of the Common Area and Lots for such purpose. To the extent permitted by the appropriate governmental authority, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, also provide maintenance of all city, County, district, municipal or other properties which are located within or in a reasonable proximity of the Property to the extent that their deterioration or unkempt appearance would adversely affect the appearance of the Property, including, without limitation, the right to enhance the landscaping in any public right of way.

9.1.4 The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of any common lighting located in Trout River; provided, however, the Association shall not be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of any lighting provided by the municipal electric service.

9.1.5 Any property designated as open space, landscape buffer, undisturbed natural buffer, preserve area, or conservation or wetland area on any plat, permit, or other document recorded in the Public Records of the County shall be preserved and maintained by the

owner of such property in a natural open condition and in accordance with any applicable permits and permitting authorities. The Association or any subsequent owner shall not do anything that diminishes or destroys the open space, landscape buffer, undisturbed natural buffer, preserve area, or conservation area, and such areas shall not be developed for any purpose except that which improves or promotes the use and enjoyment of such areas as open space.

9.1.6 Except as specifically provided herein to the contrary, the Association shall be responsible for maintaining any perimeter walls, perimeter fencing and retaining walls located within the Property. With respect to any perimeter walls or perimeter fencing located within Lot boundaries, the Association shall maintain the interior portion of such perimeter walls or fences which face the Owner's Home so long as the Backyard Area of the Owner's Lot is not enclosed by any fence, wall or similar structure. Except as specifically provided herein to the contrary, the Association shall be responsible for maintaining any community entry features and signage and community mail kiosks, if any. The Association shall have an easement on all Lots for access to perform the obligations set forth in this Section 9.1.6.

9.1.7 Neither the Association nor any Owner shall alter the slopes, contours, or cross sections of the Lakes, Lake banks and littoral zones or chemically, mechanically, or manually remove, damage or destroy any plants in any of the littoral zones, except upon the written approval from the Association or applicable governmental authority. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the required survivorship and coverage of the planted littoral areas, to ensure the ongoing removal of prohibited and invasive non-native plant species from these areas, and to comply with all governmental regulations applicable to the Lakes, Lake banks and littoral zones.

9.1.8 In accordance with the provisions of this Declaration, the Association shall operate, maintain and repair the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System constructed over, through and upon the Property. Such maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the systems to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance, or other surface water or stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the District. Any repair or construction of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall be as permitted or, if modified, as approved by the District. There is hereby reserved in favor of the Association the right to enter upon the Common Area and the Lots for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System over, through and upon the Property. The Association shall be responsible for all costs associated with all cleaning, maintenance, repairs and replacement of any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System necessary to maintain the system in its original condition and use. In the event the Association fails to maintain the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System in accordance with this Declaration and/or the District Permit, as the same may be amended from time to time, then the District shall have the right to commence an action against the Association, including, without limitation, monetary penalties and injunctive relief, to compel the Association to maintain the portions of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System for which the Association is responsible in accordance with this Declaration, and/or the District Permit. The registered agent for the Association shall retain a copy of the District Permit for the Association's benefit.

9.1.9 The Association may, but is under no obligation to, if the Board so determines pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, paint the exterior surface of the walls, doors,

and window frames of the Homes within attached Buildings (using the same colors as originally used by Declarant); and may, if approved by the affirmative vote of fifty-one percent (51%) of all Owners of the Association at a special meeting of the Members called for such purpose, assume the responsibility to maintain all or a portion of the Common Structural Elements, pursuant to the terms set forth in this Declaration for same. Any proposed change in the paint scheme of Homes within Trout River shall require the affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Owners. There is hereby reserved in favor of the Association the right to enter upon any and all Lots for the purpose of such maintenance if the Board determines to assume such responsibility.

9.1.10 The Association, by action of its Board, may make minor and insubstantial alterations and Improvements to the Common Area having a cost not in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). All other alterations and Improvements must first be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all Members represented in person or by proxy at a meeting called and held in accordance with the Bylaws. No alteration or Improvement may be made to the Common Area which materially and adversely affects the rights of the Owner of any Lot to the enjoyment of such Owner's Lot or the Common Area unless the Owner and all mortgagees holding recorded mortgages on such Lot consent thereto in writing.

9.1.11 All expenses incurred by the Association in connection with the services and maintenance described in Sections 9.1.1 through 9.1.8, inclusive, and Section 9.1.10 are Operating Expenses, payable by each Owner under the provisions of this Declaration concerning Assessments. To the extent the Association incurs any costs and expenses in connection with the maintenance and/or replacement described in Section 9.1.9, such costs and expenses shall only be payable by Owners of the Homes benefitted thereby as a Benefited Assessment (and shall not be an Operating Expense applicable to all Homes). Should the maintenance, repair or replacement provided for in Sections 9.1.1 through Section 9.1.10, inclusive, be caused by the negligence of or misuse by an Owner, his or her family, guests, servants, invitees, or lessees, such Owner shall be responsible therefor, and the Association shall have the right to levy an Assessment against such Owner's Home and said Assessment shall constitute a lien upon the appropriate Lot with the same force and effect as liens for Operating Expenses.

9.1.12 The Association has a reasonable right of entry upon any Lot to make emergency repairs and to do other work reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of Trout River.

9.2 By the Owners

9.2.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Owner of each Home must keep and maintain all portions of his or her Home and all other Improvements situated on his or her Lot, including, without limitation, all landscaped and grassed areas, irrigation facilities, the Common Structural Elements, all equipment and appurtenances, in good order, condition and repair, and must perform promptly all maintenance and repair work within his or her Home and Lot, including the Common Structural Elements therein, which, if omitted, could adversely affect Trout River, the other Owners or the Association and its Members. The Owner of each Lot shall be responsible for any damages caused by a failure to so maintain such Lot, Improvements and Home. The Owners' responsibility for maintenance, repair and replacement shall include, but not be limited to, all of the physical structures constructed in, upon, above or below the Lot, and

physical items attached or connected to such structures that run beyond the boundary line of the Lot which exclusively service or benefit the Lot and Home. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Owner of each Lot shall keep all drainage structures (such as catch basins) located on the Owner's Lot clear of grass, leaves and other debris. Additionally, the painting, caulking and maintenance of the exterior surface of the walls, doors, windows and roof of the physical structures of the Home shall be performed by the Owner, and the exterior surface of such walls, doors, windows and roof shall at all times be maintained in a good and serviceable condition with no damage or other defect therein by the Owner. The Owner of a Lot further agrees to pay for all utilities, such as telephone, cable or satellite television, telecommunication systems, home monitoring, water (including water associated with irrigation), sewer, sanitation, electric, etc., that may be separately billed or charged to each Home. The Owner of each Lot shall be responsible for insect and pest control within the Home and the Lot. Whenever the maintenance, repair and replacement of any items which an Owner is obligated to maintain, repair or replace at such Owner's own expense is occasioned by any loss or damage which may be covered by any insurance maintained in force by the Association, the proceeds of the insurance received by the Association shall be used for the purpose of making such maintenance, repair or replacement, except that the Owner shall be, in said instance, required to pay such portion of the costs of such maintenance, repair and replacement as shall, by reason of the applicability of any deductibility provision of such insurance or otherwise, reduce the amount of the insurance proceeds applicable to such maintenance, repair or replacement.

In addition to the foregoing, the Owner of each Home shall be required to maintain appropriate climate control, keep his or her Home clean, promptly repair any leaks and take necessary measures to retard and prevent mold, fungi, mildew and mycotoxins from accumulating in the Home. Each Owner shall be required to clean and dust such Owner's Home on a regular basis and to remove visible moisture accumulation on windows, window sills, walls, floors, ceilings and other surfaces as soon as reasonably possible and must not block or cover any heating, ventilation or air-conditioning ducts, and to properly maintain and have serviced on a regular basis, the Home's HVAC system. Each Owner of a Home shall be responsible for damage to such Owner's Home and personal property as well as any injury to the Owner of a Home and/or occupants of the Home resulting from the Owner's failure to comply with these terms. Each Owner of a Home shall be responsible for the repair and remediation of all damages to the Home caused by mold, fungi, mildew and mycotoxins. While the foregoing are intended to minimize the potential developments of molds, fungi, mildew and other mycotoxins, each Owner understands and agrees that there is no method for completely eliminating the development of same. By acquiring title to a Home, each Owner shall be deemed to have assumed the risks associated with molds, mildew, toxins and/or fungi and to have released Declarant from any and all liability resulting from same, including, without limitation, any liability for incidental or consequential damages, which may result from, without limitation, the inability to possess the Home, inconvenience, moving costs, hotel costs, storage costs, loss of time, lost wages, lost opportunities and/or personal injury and death to or suffered by the Owner, his or her family members and/or his or her guests, tenants, invitees and/or the pets of all of the aforementioned persons, as a result of mold, mildew, fungus or spores. Additionally, each Owner, by acceptance of a deed, or otherwise acquiring title to a Home, shall be deemed to have agreed that Declarant and any Participating Builder shall not be responsible, and Declarant and any Participating Builder hereby disclaims any responsibility for any illness, personal injury, death or allergic reactions which may be experienced by the Owner, his or her family members and/or his or her guests, tenants, invitees

and/or the pets of all of the aforementioned persons, as result of mold, mildew, fungus or spores. Neither Declarant nor any Participating Builder make any representations or warranties regarding the existence or development of molds, fungi, mildew or mycotoxins, and each Owner on behalf of themselves and their family members, guests, invitees, tenants, successors and assigns shall be deemed to and by acceptance of a deed or title to the Home or by use of the Home, waives and expressly releases any such warranty and claims for loss or damages (including, without limitation, property damage and/or personal injury) resulting from the existence and/or development of same. References in this Section regarding climate control and air conditioning shall only be applicable to those portions of the Home that are air conditioned.

9.2.2 The Owner of each Lot shall maintain and care for all landscaping, grassed areas, shrubs and trees on their Lot in a neat, orderly and attractive manner and consistent with the general appearance of the Property as a whole. An Owner shall not plant any shrubs, trees and/or landscaping on his or her Lot without the prior written approval of the Association. If an Owner receives such approval and plants any shrubs, trees and/or landscaping on his or her Lot, such Owner shall be responsible for maintaining such shrubs, trees and/or landscaping. Nothing shall be planted in any open space, landscape buffer and/or undisturbed natural buffer, if any, by any Owner. Each Owner shall operate, maintain, repair and replace the irrigation system constructed over, through and upon such Owner's Lot.

Declarant or a Participating Builder may have constructed one or more drainage swales upon each Lot for the purpose of managing and containing the flow of excess surface water, if any, found upon such Lot from time to time. Each Lot Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of the swales on the Lot. Maintenance, operation and repair shall mean the exercise of practices, such as mowing and erosion repair, which allow the swales to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the District. Filling, excavation, construction of fences or otherwise obstructing the surface water flow in the swales is prohibited. No alteration of the drainage swale shall be authorized and any damage to any drainage swale, whether caused by natural or human-induced phenomena, shall be repaired and the drainage swale returned to its former condition as soon as possible by the Owner(s) of the Lot(s) upon which the drainage swale is located.

9.2.3 Except as otherwise provided herein, the Owner of each Lot shall maintain, repair and replace as needed any fencing located on their Lot, clean, maintain and repair the driveway on their Lot, and keep the sidewalk located on and/or adjacent to their Lot clean and free from any stains, trash, debris and/or impediments to pedestrian traffic. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Owner of each Lot shall also maintain, repair and replace as needed, the sidewalks and paved surfaces within the rights-of-way adjacent to their Lots. In addition to the foregoing, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Owner of each Lot shall be responsible for the "maintenance and care" of the landscaping between the Owner's Lot and the paved portion of the private street right-of-way directly in front of and/or adjacent to such Owner's Lot ("Adjoining Right of Way Area"), regardless of whether such landscaped area is included within the boundaries of such Owner's Lot. "Maintenance and care" as used in this Section shall include irrigating, fertilizing, spraying and trimming of landscaping and grassed areas and replacement of same, including the replacement of any dead or dying trees or other landscape, so that, at a minimum, the initial landscaping provided by Declarant shall be maintained. If the irrigation system for a Lot constructed by Declarant and/or Participating Builder extends into the

Adjoining Right of Way Area, the Owner of said Lot shall have a non-exclusive easement over, under and through Adjoining Right of Way Area where said irrigation system is located, for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, replacing and operating such irrigation equipment, systems and lines.

9.2.4 In addition to the above, the Owner of each Home shall be responsible to fix leaks in and otherwise maintain and repair the roof of such Owner's Home and replace any dead or obviously dying trees on their Lot.

9.2.5 If a Home is damaged by fire or other casualty, including the Common Structural Elements, its Owner shall properly and promptly restore it to at least as good a condition as it was before the casualty occurred. Any such work shall be in accordance with the original plans and specifications of the Home unless otherwise authorized by the Board.

9.2.6 Each Owner shall keep such Owner's Home (as well as the Common Structural Elements and the drywall located within the interior portions of a Home) insured in an amount not less than its full insurable value against loss or damage by fire or other hazards. Evidence of such coverage shall be furnished to the Association promptly upon the Board's request.

9.2.7 Each Owner of a Lot shall operate, maintain, repair and replace the irrigation system constructed over, through and upon such Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall be responsible for the costs of operation and maintenance of such irrigation system in connection with the Lot, including any monthly fees and other costs of water and/or electric usage and the cost of repair or replacement to all or any part thereof.

9.2.8 If an Owner fails to comply with the foregoing provisions of this Section 9.2 (or Section 2.4 above), the Association may proceed in court to compel compliance. Further, if the failure to comply relates to the Owner's obligations to maintain insurance, the Association shall be entitled, although not obligated, to obtain the required coverage itself and to levy on the offending Owner an Assessment equal to the cost of premiums, and any such Assessment shall constitute a lien upon the applicable Lot and Home with the same force and effect as a lien for Operating Expenses.

9.2.9 If a failure to comply with the provisions of this Section 9.2 (or Section 2.4 above) relates to the Owner's obligation to maintain and care for the Home, landscaping or any other area required to be maintained and cared for by the Owner, then, in addition to the exercise of all other remedies, the Association or Declarant shall have the right but not the obligation, upon fifteen (15) days written notice, to enter the Lot of the Owner for the purpose of performing the maintenance and care referred to, set forth and described in the notice and to levy on the offending Owner an Assessment equal to the cost of performing such maintenance and care. Any such Assessment shall constitute a lien upon the applicable Lot and Home with the same force and effect as a lien for Operating Expenses. The determination of whether an Owner is failing to properly maintain and care for the property for which he has the maintenance responsibility under this Declaration or any of the other Governing Documents shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Association or Declarant.

9.3 Damage to Buildings

The Owner of any Home which has suffered damage may apply to the ARB for approval for reconstruction, rebuilding, or repair of the Improvements therein. The ARB shall grant such approval only if, upon completion of the work, the exterior appearance of the Improvement(s) will be substantially similar to that which existed prior to the date of the casualty. If the obligation for repair falls upon the Association, ARB approval will not be required prior to the commencement of such work, so long as the exterior appearance of the Improvements will be substantially similar to that which existed prior to the date of the casualty.

The owner or owners of any damaged building (including, without limitation, the Owner of a Lot and/or Home), shall be obligated to proceed with all due diligence hereunder and the responsible parties shall commence reconstruction within three (3) months after the damage occurs and complete reconstruction within one (1) year after the damage occurs, unless prevented by causes beyond his or her or their reasonable control.

Declarant and Participating Builders shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section 9.3, provided that any such reconstruction, rebuilding or repairs made by Declarant or a Participating Builder shall be consistent, as to the exterior appearance, with the Improvements as they existed prior to the damage or other casualty.

10. OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

All of the Property shall be held, used, and enjoyed subject to the following limitations and restrictions, and any and all additional rules and regulations which may, from time to time, be adopted by the Association, except as provided in Section 10.39 below with respect to Declarant and Participating Builder(s) and Lots and Homes owned by Declarant and/or Participating Builder(s):

10.1 Enforcement. Failure of an Owner to comply with any limitations or restrictions in this Declaration or any of the Governing Documents or with any rules and regulations promulgated by the Association shall be grounds for action which may include, without limitation, an action to recover sums due for damages, injunctive relief, or any combination thereof.

Notwithstanding the rights of the Association hereunder to enforce to the terms and provisions of the Governing Documents, the District shall also have the right to take enforcement action, including a civil action for an injunction and penalties, against the Association to compel the Association to correct any failure by the Association to operate, maintain and repair the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System in accordance with the District Permit.

In addition to all other remedies, if an Owner is delinquent for more that ninety (90) days in paying a monetary obligation due the Association, the Association may suspend, until such monetary obligation is paid, any or all of the rights of any or all of an Owner or an Owner's tenants, guests or invitees to use the Common Area and facilities (including, without limitation, cable television and other amenity (non-utility) services provided); may suspend the voting rights of an Owner if such Owner is delinquent in payment of regular annual assessments for more than ninety (90) days; and may levy reasonable fines against any Owner or any Owner's tenant, guest or invitee for failure of such Owner, and/or such Owner's family, guests, invitees, tenants or employees to

comply with any of the Governing Documents, provided the following procedures are adhered to:

10.1.1. Notice and Hearing. The Association shall notify the Owner in writing of the noncompliance and set forth the corrective action to be taken. A fine or suspension of use rights may not be imposed without providing written notice ("Hearing Notice") of at least fourteen (14) days to the Owner at his or her designated mailing or e-mail address in the Association's official records, and if applicable, any occupant, licensee or invitee of the Owner, sought to be fined or suspended and a hearing ("Hearing") before a committee ("Violations Committee") of at least three (3) members appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of an officer, director, or employee of the Association. The Hearing Notice must include a description of the alleged violation, the specific action required to cure such violation, if applicable, and the date and location of the Hearing, and access information if the Hearing is to be held by the Violations Committee by telephone or other electronic means. The Hearing shall be held by the Violations Committee within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the Hearing Notice to the Owner. The Violations Committee, at its sole discretion, may hold the Hearing by telephone or other electric means. If the Violations Committee, by majority vote, does not approve a proposed fine or suspension, it may not be imposed. Within seven (7) days after the Hearing, the Violations Committee shall provide a post Hearing written notice ("Post Hearing Notice") to the Owner at his or her designated mailing or e-mail address in the Association's official records and, if applicable, any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the Owner, of the Violations Committee's findings related to the violation, including any applicable fines or suspensions that the Violations Committee approved or rejected, how the Owner or any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the Owner may cure the violation, if applicable, or fulfill a suspension, or the date by which a fine must be paid. At the Association's option, any fine may be levied on a daily basis in the event of a continuing violation without the necessity of a new hearing and without any limitation on the amount of such fine. If a violation has been cured before the Hearing or in the manner specified in the Hearing Notice, a fine or suspension may not be imposed.

10.1.2. Payment. If the violation has not been cured before the Hearing or in the manner specified in the Hearing Notice, the fine shall become due on the date set by the Violations Committee ("Accrual Date"), which date must be at least thirty (30) days after delivery of the Post Hearing Notice.

10.1.3. Fines. An Owner shall be responsible for all Legal Fees incurred in connection with the collection of a fine after the Accrual Date, whether or not an action at law to collect said fine is commenced. All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board, subject always to the provisions of this Declaration. Unless otherwise permitted by the HOA Act, a fine of less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) may not become a lien against a Lot.

10.1.4. Failure to Pay Assessments. Notice and Hearing procedures as provided in this Section shall not be required with respect to the imposition of suspension of voting rights or fines upon any Owner because of such Owner's failure to pay Assessments or other monetary obligations or charges which are due for more than ninety (90) days.

10.1.5. Suspension of use rights to the Common Area shall not impair the right of

an Owner or tenant of a Lot and/or Home to have vehicular and pedestrian ingress to and egress from such Lot and/or Home, including, but not limited to, the right to park, nor to provide access to utility services provided to the Lot and/or Home.

10.1.6. In addition to all other remedies, the Association may levy Benefited Assessments, to cover costs which the Association incurs to bring a Lot into compliance with the Governing Documents, including Legal Fees, or costs incurred as a consequence of the conduct of an Owner or occupant of a Lot, their guests or invitees.

10.1.7. For purposes of this Section 10, unless the context otherwise requires, Owner shall also include the family, invitees, guests, licensees, lessees and sublessees of any Owner, and any other permitted occupants of a Home. All the Property shall be held, used and enjoyed subject to the following limitations and restrictions, subject to the exemption of Declarant in Section 10.39 hereof:

10.2 Single Family Use. The Homes shall be for single family use only. No commercial occupation or activity may be carried on in Trout River except as such occupation or activity is permitted to be carried on by Declarant or a Participating Builder under this Declaration. A family is defined to mean any number of persons related by blood, marriage or adoption or not more than two (2) unrelated adult persons living as a single housekeeping unit.

10.3 Occupancy of Home. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-430, approved September 13, 1988) ("Fair Housing Act"), which became effective in March, 1989, and as amended effective December 31, 1995, provides that communities cannot reject families with children. Therefore, neither Declarant, a Participating Builder, nor the Association shall have the authority to prohibit children.

10.4 Nuisance. Subject to allowances for reasonable construction activities, no obnoxious or offensive activity shall be carried on, in or about the Lots and Homes or in or about any Improvements, or on any portion of Trout River, nor shall anything be done therein which may be or become an unreasonable annoyance or a nuisance to any Owner. No use or practice shall be allowed in or around the Lots and Homes which is a source of annoyance to the Owners or occupants of Homes or which interferes with the peaceful possession or proper use of the Lots and Homes or the surrounding areas. No loud noises or noxious odors shall be permitted in any Improvements or Homes. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing provisions, no horns, whistles, bells or other sound devices (other than security devices used exclusively for security purposes), noisy or smoky vehicles, unlicensed off road motor vehicles or any items which may unreasonably interfere with television or radio reception of any Owner shall be located, used or placed on any Lot or Home, or exposed to the view of other Owners without the prior written approval of the Board. If a dispute or question arises as to what may be or become a nuisance, the issue shall be submitted to the Board, whose decision shall be dispositive of such dispute or question.

10.5 No Improper Uses. No improper, offensive, hazardous or unlawful use shall be made of any Lot or the Home thereon nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance or nuisance to any person using any portion of the Property. Each portion of the Property will be subject to, and the Association and each Owner

will conform to and observe, all laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Florida, the County, the city and any and all other governmental and public authorities and boards or officers of the same relating to such Property and any Improvements thereon or the use thereof. Violations of laws, orders, rules, regulations or requirements of any governmental agency having jurisdiction thereover relating to any Lot or Home shall be corrected by, and at the sole expense of the Owner of any such Lot or Home.

10.6 Leases. No Home may be rented for a period of less than one (1) calendar month. No portion of a Home (other than an entire Home) may be rented. All leases shall provide, and if they do not so provide then the leases shall be deemed to provide, that the Association shall have the right to terminate the lease upon default by the tenant in observing any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, applicable rules and regulations, or of any other agreement, document or instrument governing the Lots or Homes. The Owner of a leased Home shall be jointly and severally liable with such Owner's tenant for compliance with the Governing Documents and to the Association to pay any claim for injury or damage to property caused by the negligence of the tenant. Every lease shall be subordinate to any lien filed by the Association whether before or after such lease was entered into. Within five (5) days following execution of a lease for a Home, but in no event later than occupancy of the Home by a tenant, Owner shall: (a) notify the Association in writing with the name of the tenant and all of tenant's family members or others that will be occupying the Home, and (b) provide the Association with a true, correct and complete copy of the lease agreement. In the event Owner fails to timely comply with the foregoing, such lease shall be null and void and of no further force or effect, and Owner shall be in violation of this Declaration.

The lease of a Home for a term of six (6) months or less is subject to a tourist development tax assessed pursuant to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes. An Owner leasing his or her Home for a term of six (6) months or less agrees, and shall be deemed to have agreed, for such Owner, and his or her heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, as appropriate, to hold the Association, the Developer and all other Owners harmless from and to indemnify them for any and all costs, claims, damages, expenses or liabilities whatsoever, arising out of the failure of such Owner to pay the tourist development tax and/or any other tax or surcharge imposed by the State of Florida with respect to rental payments or other charges under the lease, and such Owner shall be solely responsible for and shall pay to the applicable taxing authority, prior to delinquency, the tourist development tax and/or any other tax or surcharge due with respect to rental payments or other charges under the lease.

In the event that an Owner is delinquent in the payment of his or her Assessments or other sums due and owing to the Association, the Home shall not be leased until such amounts are paid in full. If the Home is leased in violation of this provision, the Association may terminate the lease and evict the tenants in addition to imposing all other available remedies. In the event an Owner is in default in the payment of Assessments or other sums due and owing to the Association and the Owner's Home is leased, the Association shall have the right and authority to collect the rent to be paid by the tenant to the Owner directly from the tenant. In the event such tenant fails to remit said rent directly to the Association within ten (10) days (but no later than the day the next rental payment is due) from the day the Association notified such tenant in writing that the rents must be remitted directly to the Association, the Association shall have the right to terminate the lease and evict the tenant. All sums received from the tenant shall be applied to the Owner's

account for the leased Home according to the priority established in the HOA Act until the Owner's account is current. All leases entered into by an Owner shall be deemed to automatically incorporate this provision and all the Owners hereby appoint the Association its agent for such purpose.

In addition to any notice to a tenant of a Home permitted to be given by law, an Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home, does hereby irrevocably grant to the Association (and its officers, directors, designees, agents, and employees) and to any professional management or accounting firm providing management or accounting services to the Association, the right to notify, in writing, the tenant of the Home of any delinquency by the Owner of the Home in payment of any monetary obligations due to the Association, including but not limited to the amount thereof. Further each Owner hereby agrees and acknowledges that the disclosure of any of Owner's delinquent monetary obligations due to the Association, as provided in the preceding sentence, shall not be construed or be deemed to be a violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA") 15 U.S.C. Section 1692 *et seq.*

10.7 Removal of Sod and Shrubbery; Alteration of Drainage, Etc. Except for Declarant's acts and activities with regard to the development of Trout River, no Improvements (including, but not limited to, driveways, pools, and landscaping) and no sod, top soil, muck, trees or shrubbery shall be removed from Trout River and no change in the condition of the soil or the level of the land of any of Trout River area shall be made which would result in any permanent change in the flow or drainage of surface water within Trout River without prior written consent of the ARB.

10.8 Addition of Landscaping; Alteration of Drainage, Etc. If an Owner installs additional landscaping to their Lot (which installation must be approved by the ARB), the Owner is responsible for the additional costs of maintaining the additional landscaping. The installation of additional landscaping shall not result in any permanent change in the flow or drainage of surface water within Trout River without prior written consent of the ARB.

10.9 Antenna and Aerial. No outside television, radio, or other electronic towers, aerials, antennae, satellite dishes or device of any type for the reception or transmission of radio or television broadcasts or other means of communication shall hereafter be erected, constructed, placed or permitted to remain on any portion of the Property or upon any improvements thereon, unless expressly approved in writing by the Association, except that this prohibition shall not apply to those satellite dishes that are one (1) meter (39.37 inches) in diameter or less, and specifically covered by 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Subpart S, Section 1.4000, as amended, promulgated under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended from time to time. The Association is empowered to adopt rules governing the types of antennae, restrictions relating to safety, location and maintenance of antennae. The Association may also adopt and enforce reasonable rules limiting installation of permissible dishes or antennae to certain specified locations, not visible from Visible Areas, and integrated with the Property and surrounding landscape, to the extent that reception of an acceptable signal would not be unlawfully impaired by such rules and provided the cost of complying with such rules would not unreasonably increase the cost of installation of permissible dishes or antennae. Any permissible dishes or antennae shall be installed in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations, including zoning, land-use and building regulations. This Section 10.9 shall not apply to Declarant.

10.10 Garbage and Trash. Each Owner shall regularly pick up all garbage, trash, refuse or rubbish around his or her Lot, and no Owner or resident shall place or dump any garbage, trash, refuse or other materials on any other portions of Trout River, or any property contiguous to Trout River. Garbage, trash, refuse or rubbish that is required to be placed at the front of a Lot in order to be collected may be placed and kept at the curb twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled collection, but not sooner, and any trash facilities must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the pick up. All containers, dumpsters or garbage facilities shall be stored inside the garage or screened from view from Visible Areas and kept in a clean and sanitary condition. No noxious or offensive odors shall be permitted.

10.11 Radio Transmission. No ham radios or radio transmission equipment shall be operated or permitted to be operated within Trout River without the prior written consent of the Association.

10.12 Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind or size shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept subject to the rules and regulations governing their number and keeping adopted by the Board. In no event shall the number of pets exceed three (3) for any Lot. No permitted pet may be kept if the pet becomes a nuisance or annoyance to any neighbor, as determined by the Board. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted to have excretions on the Property, except in locations designated by the Board. An Owner is responsible for the cost of repair or replacement of any Common Area damaged by such Owner's pet. Permitted pets shall only be kept subject to and in accordance with such rules and regulations as shall be promulgated from time to time by the Association.

If, in the discretion of the Board, any animal shall become dangerous or an annoyance or nuisance to other Owners, or destructive of wildlife or property, such animal may not thereafter be kept on a Lot. Further, in the event any group of animals shall collectively become dangerous or an annoyance or nuisance to other Owners, or destructive to wildlife or property, the Board shall have the right to require the applicable Owner to reduce the number of animals kept on the Lot or to take such other remedial action as the Board shall specify. Under no circumstances shall a "Dangerous Dog" (as hereinafter defined) be permitted on the Property. As used in this Declaration, a "Dangerous Dog" is defined as a dog which meets any one (1) of the following criteria: (a) has aggressively bitten, attacked, endangered or inflicted severe injury on a human being at any time whether on or off the Property, (b) has severely injured or killed a domestic animal at any time whether on or off the Property, or (c) has, when unprovoked, chased or approached any person upon the streets, drives, roads, avenues, roadways and/or sidewalks, or any other portion of the Property, in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; provided, however, a dog shall not be a "Dangerous Dog" if the threat, injury, death or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the Property (or any portion thereof), or, while lawfully on the Property (or any portion thereof), was tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or its owner or a family member; provided further, that no dog may be a "Dangerous Dog" if the dog was protecting or defending a human being within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault. No exotic pet or any animal of any kind which has venom or poisonous defense or capture mechanisms, or if let loose would constitute vermin, shall be allowed on any portion of the Property. Trained seeing-eye dogs will be permitted for those persons holding certificates of blindness and necessity. Other animals will be permitted if such animals serve as physical aides to handicapped persons and such animals have been trained or provided by

an agency or service qualified to provide such animals. The guide or assistance animal will be kept in direct custody of the assisted person or the qualified person training the animal at all times when on the Property and the animal shall wear and be controlled by a harness or orange-colored leash and collar. Pets may not be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Any pet must be temporarily caged, carried or kept on a leash when outside of a Home. No pet shall be kept outside a Home or on any patio, unless someone is present in the Home. No dogs will be curbed in any landscaped area or close to any walk, but only in special areas designated by the Association, if any, provided this statement shall not require the Association to designate any such area. An Owner shall immediately pick up and remove any solid animal waste deposited by his or her pet. The Owner shall compensate any person hurt or bitten by his or her pet and shall indemnify the Association and hold it harmless against any loss or liability of any kind or character whatsoever arising from or growing out of having any animal within the Property. If a dog or any other animal becomes obnoxious to other Owners by barking or otherwise, the Owner thereof must cause the problem to be corrected; or, if it is not corrected, the Owner, upon written notice by the Association, will be required to permanently remove the animal from the Property. All pets must be registered, licensed and inoculated as required by law. The Association will promulgate rules and regulations from time to time designating other rules as necessary to regulate pets.

10.13 Clotheslines. Unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and only to the extent permitted therein, no clothesline or clothes drying which is visible from Visible Areas shall be undertaken or permitted on any portion of Trout River.

10.14 Temporary Buildings, Etc. No sheds, tents, trailers, shacks or other temporary buildings or structures shall be constructed or otherwise placed within Trout River except within locations within an Owner's Lot which are not visible from Visible Areas, or in connection with construction, development, leasing or sales activities permitted under this Declaration or with the prior written consent of the Association. No temporary structure may be used as a residence.

10.15 Fences. No fences or walls are permitted without approval by the ARB. No fences or walls located on a Lot shall exceed six (6) feet in height and no chain link or similar style fence shall be allowed on any Lot. All fences, except those abutting a lake, shall be constructed in white vinyl material or of a color, design and material approved in advance by the ARB. No fence or wall shall be built beyond the midpoint of the Home to the side lot lines. For corner Lots, no fence or wall on the side common to the street right-of-way shall extend forward of the rear corner of the Home. On Lots abutting lakes, canals or other bodies of water, no fence shall be placed beyond the top of the bank and only four foot (4') tall open picket, black metal fences shall be allowed along the rear Lot line and the rear sixteen feet (16') of each side Lot line. The remaining fencing on the side Lot lines of Lots abutting lakes, canals or other bodies of water may be either four (4) or six (6) feet, vinyl of a color, design and material approved in advance by the ARB, with the rear sixteen feet (16') transitioning from four (4) to six (6) feet, if applicable. The Owner assumes complete responsibility to maintain any fence on such Owner's Lot, including, but not limited to, trimming any grass, ivy or other plants from the fence. In the event the ARB approves the installation of a fence, it shall also have the right to require installation of landscaping, also subject to the ARB's approval, at the time the fence is installed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Owner may not install any fencing (including invisible fencing) on his or her Lot without the prior written approval by the ARB. In addition, the installation of any fence placed upon any Lot is subject to easements which run with the land. In the event that any fence is approved by the ARB and is

permitted to cross any such easements, such ARB's approval is still subject to Owner first receiving written approval from the grantee of such easements and all other applicable governmental authorities. In the event the grantee of any such easement which runs with the land (i.e., FPL, utility provider or the County), its successors and/or assigns, requires the removal of any fence upon the Lot, then the Owner of said Lot shall, at the Owner's sole cost and expense, immediately remove the fence. The Owner of a Lot when installing any fence upon the Lot shall comply with all valid laws, zoning ordinances, codes, rules and regulations of all applicable governmental bodies, as applicable, in addition to the ARB approval required.

10.16 Drainage or Utility Easements. No structures, trees or shrubs shall be placed on any drainage or utility easements, except by Declarant or a Participating Builder, without the prior written consent of the ARB.

10.17 Additions and Alterations. No Home shall be enlarged by any addition thereto or to any part thereof, and no Owner shall make any improvement, addition, or alteration to the exterior of his or her Home, including, without limitation, the painting, staining, or varnishing of the exterior of the Home without the prior written consent of the ARB.

10.18 Increase in Insurance Rates. No Owner may engage in any action which may reasonably be expected to result in an increase in the rate of any insurance policy or policies covering or with respect to any portion of the Property not owned by such Owner.

10.19 Mining, Drilling, or Excavation. There shall be no mining, quarrying or drilling for minerals, oil, gas or otherwise ("Mining Activity") undertaken on the Property. Activities of Declarant or the Association in dredging, excavating or maintaining drainage or other facilities or easements shall not be deemed Mining Activities.

10.20 Failure to Maintain. Upon the failure of an Owner(s) to (i) maintain the portion of the Property and any Improvement thereon which such party is responsible to maintain in accordance with the requirements of this Declaration and to the satisfaction of the Association and (ii) correct such deficiencies within fifteen (15) days of written notice by the Association, unless a longer period is authorized by the Association, the Association may enter upon such portion of the Property and make such corrections as may be necessary. The cost of such corrections shall be paid by the Owner who is required to perform such maintenance. If any Owner(s) fails to make payment within fifteen (15) days after requested to do so by the Association, then the payment requested shall be collected as an Individual Home Assessment from such Owner and the Association shall be entitled to lien rights upon the portion of the Property requiring such maintenance in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

10.21 Subdivision and Partition. No Lot on the Property shall be subdivided except by Declarant or a Participating Builder.

10.22 Signs. No sign, display, poster, advertisement, notice, lettering or other advertising device of any kind whatsoever (including, without limitation, "For Sale," "For Rent," or "By Owner," or any other signs for the sale or renting of homes) may be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in public view of any portion of any building or other Improvement in the Property (including, without limitation a Home), or on or in a vehicle, without the prior written

consent of the ARB and the Board, which consent may be given, withheld or conditioned in the sole and absolute discretion of the ARB and the Board. Neither the ARB, nor the Board, shall consent to any "For Sales," "For Rent," "By Owner" or similar sign for the renting or sale of a Home so long as Declarant or a Participating Builder owns a Lot in Trout River or so long as Declarant or any of Declarant's affiliates (or any of their respective successors or assigns) or a Participating Builder are conducting sales and marketing of Homes in Trout River or other communities developed or marketed by Declarant or its affiliates, or a Participating Builder, whichever is later. Signs, regardless of size, used by Declarant or any of Declarant's affiliates, or any of their respective successors or assigns, or a Participating Builder, for advertising or marketing during the construction and sale period of Trout River or other communities developed and/or marketed by Declarant or its affiliates, or a Participating Builder and other signs authorized by Declarant shall be exempt from this Section. Such sign or signs as Declarant and/or a Participating Builder may be required to erect under the terms of an Institutional Mortgage shall be exempt from this Section. An Owner may display a security sign provided by a contractor for security services as permitted by the HOA Act. This provision may not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant and Participating Builders.

10.23 Boats, Golf Carts, Recreational Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles. No trailer, bus, recreational vehicle, motor home, camper, golf cart or other vehicle, other than four wheel passenger automobiles and other four wheel passenger vehicles determined acceptable by the Association, shall be permitted on any portion of Trout River, except (a) fully enclosed in the garage of a Home or within locations within an Owner's Lot which are not visible from Visible Areas, (b) the personal vehicle, including a pickup truck, of an Owner or their family members, guests, invitees or tenants, (c) trucks furnishing goods and services during the daylight hours, except for police and emergency service vehicles, (d) any vehicles necessary for any construction or marketing activity being performed by or on behalf of Declarant or Participating Builder, and (e) vehicles the Association may designate for such use by appropriate rules and regulations. Motorcycles and boats are permitted on the Property; however, they are restricted to being parked in the garage or within locations within an Owner's Lot which are not visible from Visible Areas. No Commercial Motor Vehicle (as defined below) shall be permitted on any portion of Trout River except (i) trucks furnishing goods and services during the daylight hours and (ii) any vehicles necessary for any construction or marketing activity being performed by or on behalf of Declarant or Participating Builder. As used herein, "Commercial Motor Vehicle" means any vehicle which is not owned or operated by a governmental entity, which uses special fuel or motor fuel on the public highways, and which has a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, or has three or more axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight. Automobiles issued by the County or other governmental entity (i.e., police cars), such automobile shall not be deemed to be a prohibited vehicle and may be parked in the garage or driveway of the Lot. In addition, the Board shall adopt rules and regulations from time to time regulating and limiting the size, weight, type and place and manner of operation of vehicles in Trout River.

10.24 Parking and Vehicular Restrictions. Parking upon the Property shall be restricted to the garage located upon each Lot, the driveways located upon each Lot directly in front of the Homes (and reserved for the exclusive use of the Owner served thereby) and designated parking areas within the Common Area, if any.

No overnight parking on the roadways is permitted. No parking on the swales is permitted. Guest parking shall be on a first come-first served basis; provided, however, no vehicle may remain in a guest parking space for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours without prior written approval of the Association. No Owner shall keep any vehicle on any Lot which is deemed to be a nuisance by the Board.

No person, firm or corporation shall park or cause to be parked any vehicle on any portion of the Property other than in designated parking spaces. The foregoing, however, shall not: (i) prohibit routine deliveries by tradesmen, or the use of trucks or commercial vans in making service calls and short term visits; (ii) apply to a situation where a vehicle becomes disabled and, as a result of an emergency, is required to be parked within Trout River until it can be towed away; and (iii) apply to vehicles used in connection with construction, development or sales activities permitted under this Declaration. Parking on streets that are owned and maintained by the applicable governing jurisdiction shall be subject to the local ordinances, regulations or guidelines in effect.

10.25 Powered Vehicles. All powered vehicles capable of exceeding five (5) miles per hour are prohibited from use on Trout River property unless they are licensed, registered, and insured. Specifically, any motorcycle, moped, or motorized scooter used in Trout River may only be driven by a licensed driver, and must be registered and insured in accordance with Florida law. Specifically exempted from this regulation are electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined under Florida Statutes, Section 316.003(83); and any other bona-fide "assistive technology devices" as defined in Florida Statutes, Section 427.802(1); and any special mobile equipment as defined under Florida Statutes, Section 316.003(48) provided that such equipment may not be operated in a manner that creates a traffic hazard, or which poses a threat of harm to the user of such equipment. Golf carts are prohibited in Trout River.

10.26 Vehicle Maintenance. No person, firm or corporation shall maintain or repair any vehicle (including, but not limited to, four wheel passenger automobiles) upon any portion of the Property except within a fully closed garage or an area on the Owner's Lot not visible from Visible Areas; provided, however, Declarant its successors, nominees or assigns and the Association may make, or cause to be made, such repairs if necessary in regard to vehicles used in connection with construction, sales or management at Trout River. Vehicles which are missing one or more wheels, have one or more deflated tires, are not in an operating condition, or do not have current valid license plates shall not remain upon any portion of the Property, except within a fully closed garage or an area on the Owner's Lot not visible from Visible Areas. No Owner or his or her family members, guests, invitees or lessees or their family members, guests, or invitees shall be permitted to keep any vehicle on the Property which is deemed to be a nuisance by the Association or Declarant.

10.27 Window Decor. No newspaper, aluminum foil, sheets or other temporary window treatments shall be permitted, except for periods not exceeding two (2) weeks after an Owner or a lessee first moves into a Home or when permanent window treatments are being cleaned or repaired. Window tinting is permitted provided that the type and method of tinting is first approved by the ARB.

10.28 Hurricane Shutters. No hurricane shutters may be installed without the prior written consent of the ARB, which consent may not be withheld if the application for hurricane shutters conforms with the specifications adopted by the ARB. If the installation of hurricane shutters is made which does not conform with the ARB's specifications, then the hurricane shutters will be made to conform by the ARB at the Owner's expense or they shall be removed. Approved hurricane shutters shall not be installed or closed, as applicable, before the issuance of a hurricane watch by the National Hurricane Center encompassing Trout River location, and shall be removed no later than ten (10) days after the cessation of a hurricane watch or warning for same ("Hurricane Shutter Time Period"), however, if the hurricane shutters are clear in color they shall be allowed to remain installed or closed, as applicable, if the Owners are absent during hurricane season.

Each Owner who plans to be absent from his or her Home during the hurricane season must prepare his or her Lot prior to such Owner's departure by (a) removing all furniture, potted plants and other movable objects from his or her porch, balcony or patio, if any; (b) designating a responsible firm or individual satisfactory to the Association to install and remove hurricane shutters in accordance with the Hurricane Standards and the Hurricane Shutter Time Period requirements; and (c) designating a responsible firm or individual satisfactory to the Association to care for the Home should the Home suffer hurricane damage. Such firm or individual shall contact the Association for clearance to install or remove hurricane shutters pursuant to this Declaration.

10.29 Flags. Except as otherwise permitted by applicable law, no sign, flag (including flagpole), banner, advertisement, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of Trout River, including, without limitation, any Home, Lot or vehicle, that is visible from the outside; provided, however, an Owner may display up to two of the following portable, removable flags not larger than four and one-half feet (4½') by six feet (6') in a respectful manner: (i) the United States flag; (ii) the official flag of the State of Florida; (iii) a flag that represents the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard; (iv) a POW-MIA flag; and (v) a "first responder flag." The term "first responder flag" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the HOA Act. Additionally, an Owner may erect a freestanding flagpole no more than twenty feet (20') high on any portion of the Owner's Lot as long as the flagpole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon an easement. The flag pole may not be installed any closer than ten feet (10') from the back of curb, or within ten feet (10') of any Lot boundary line. The Owner may further display in a respectful manner from that flagpole, one official United States flag, not larger than four and one-half feet (4½') by six feet (6'), and may additionally display one other flag permitted above. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. The flagpole and display are subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, noise and lighting ordinances in the County and all setback and locational criteria contained in this Declaration.

10.30 Water Supply. No Owner may install any well or individual water supply system on any portion of his or her Lot. The foregoing prohibition shall not restrict the Association, however, from installing a well, if needed, for irrigation purposes.

10.31 Sewage Disposal. No individual sewage disposal system shall be permitted on the Property.

10.32 Weapons. The use and discharge of weapons within Trout River is prohibited. The term "weapons" includes bows and arrows, slingshots, "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size.

10.33 On-Site Fuel Storage. No on-site storage of gasoline or other fuels shall be permitted on any Lot, except that up to five (5) gallons fuel may be stored on each Lot for emergency purposes and operation of lawn mowers and similar tools or equipment. Propane tanks normally associated with outdoor barbecue grills are permitted above-ground. Further, propane tanks associated with heating pools or hot tubs may be permitted, provided, the location, size and type are first approved in writing by the ARB. This restriction is designed to reduce environmental risks associated with fuel storage and to minimize the hazards associated with on-site fuel storage.

10.34 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Drones or similar unmanned aircraft, either with or without cameras, shall not be operated by an Owner, its immediate family members, lessees, guests or invitees on, over or from any portion of the Property, except for the purpose of an Owner or their authorized agent periodically inspecting the Owner's respective Lot or Home, or as otherwise permitted by the Board from time to time. The Board is specifically vested with the exclusive authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations concerning or related to the operation of drones or similar unmanned aircraft on, over or from Lots or within Trout River. All drones or similar unmanned aircraft systems shall only be operated in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations, all as amended from time to time. In no event shall an operator of a drone or similar unmanned aircraft system invade the privacy of another person on any Lot, Common Area, or any other portion of Trout River. No person shall operate a drone or similar unmanned aircraft system in any manner that constitutes a nuisance or harasses, annoys, or disturbs the quiet enjoyment of another person, including without limitation, to another Owner, its immediate family members, lessees, guests or invitees.

10.35 Board's Rule Making Power. The foregoing use restrictions shall not be deemed to be all inclusive nor restrict the right of the Association to adopt such reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of Trout River as the Board may determine from time to time, provided that such rules and regulations: (i) are not in conflict with the provisions hereof; (ii) apply equally to all lawful residents of Trout River without discriminating on the basis of whether a Home is occupied by an Owner or his or her lessee; and (iii) for so long as Declarant holds any Homes within Trout River for sale in the ordinary course of its business, have the prior written approval of Declarant. Declarant has the right to approve any rule or modification thereof.

10.36 Compliance with Documents. Each Owner and their family members, guests, and invitees shall be bound by and abide by the Governing Documents. The conduct of the foregoing parties shall be considered to be the conduct of the Owner responsible for, or connected in any manner with, such individual's presence within Trout River. Such Owner shall be liable to the Association and shall pay the cost of any maintenance, repair or replacement of any real or personal property located on the Property rendered necessary by his or her act, neglect or carelessness, or by that of any other of the foregoing parties as an Individual Home Assessment.

10.37 No Implied Waiver. The failure of the Association or Declarant to object to an Owner's or other party's failure to comply with the covenants or restrictions contained herein or any other Governing Document (including the rules now or hereafter promulgated) shall in no

event be deemed a waiver by Declarant or the Association or of any other party having an interest in the Property of its right to object to same and to seek compliance in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents.

10.38 Garages. No Owner shall enclose any portion of his or her garage or convert any portion of his or her garage into living space. No garage shall be altered in such a manner that reduces the number of automobiles that could have reasonably been parked in the garage as originally constructed. When not in use, Owners shall keep their garage doors closed. Each Owner shall keep his or her garage free from clutter so that at all times his or her car can easily be parked in his or her garage. No garage sales, estate sales, yard sales, moving sales, or any other sales that invite the public, shall be carried on in or about Trout River without the prior written consent of the Board and without obtaining approvals from all applicable governmental authorities (if required).

10.39 Declarant and Participating Builder Exemption. Declarant and/or Participating Builder(s) plan to undertake the work of constructing Homes and Improvements upon certain of the Lots within the Property and may undertake the work of constructing other buildings upon adjacent land or other property being developed or marketed by Declarant and/or Participating Builder(s), and/or either of their affiliates. The completion of the aforementioned work and the sale, rental and other transfer of Homes by Declarant, Declarant's affiliates, a Participating Builder and/or a Participating Builder's affiliates, are essential to the welfare of the Property as a residential community. In order that such work may be completed and a fully occupied community established as rapidly as possible, neither the Owners, the Association, nor the Committee shall do anything whatsoever to interfere with any of Declarant, Declarant's affiliates, a Participating Builder and/or a Participating Builder's affiliates activities relating to the constructing of Homes and Improvements upon Lots within the Property, the constructing of other buildings upon adjacent land or any other property being developed or marketed by the Declarant, Declarant's affiliates, a Participating Builder and/or a Participating Builder's affiliates, or the sale, rental and/or other transfer of Homes by Declarant, Declarant's affiliates, a Participating Builder and/or a Participating Builder's affiliates. In this respect, Declarant hereby reserve the right for itself and Participating Builders and their respective employees, contractors, agents, licensees, and invitees to come upon any and all portions of the Property (including, without limitation, the Common Area as well as a Lot even after the same has been conveyed to an Owner) as may be necessary or convenient to enable Declarant and/or Participating Builder(s) to carry on its work and other activities including, without limitation, Declarant's and/or a Participating Builder's construction of Homes and Improvements within Trout River.

In general, the restrictions and limitations set forth in this Section 10 shall not apply to Declarant or Participating Builders or to Lots owned by Declarant or Participating Builder(s). Declarant and Participating Builders shall specifically be exempt from any restrictions which interfere in any manner whatsoever with Declarant's or a Participating Builder's plans for construction, sale, lease, or use of the Property and to the Improvements thereon. Declarant and Participating Builders shall be entitled to injunctive relief for any actual or threatened interference with its rights under this Section 10 in addition to whatever remedies at law to which it might be entitled.

11. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION TO COMMON AREA

Damage to or destruction of all or any portion of the Common Area shall, notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, be handled as follows:

11.1 Determination to Repair or Rebuild.

11.1.1 If insurance proceeds are sufficient to effect total restoration of damaged or destroyed Common Area, then the Association shall cause such Common Area to be repaired and reconstructed substantially as it previously existed.

11.1.2 If insurance proceeds are insufficient to effect total restoration of the Common Area, and the cost of restoration would require a Special Assessment against each Lot in an amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less (such amount is based on the value of the dollar in the year this Declaration is recorded and shall be increased each year thereafter based upon increases in the Consumer Price Index), then the Association shall cause the Common Area to be repaired and reconstructed substantially as it previously existed and the difference between the insurance proceeds and the actual cost shall be levied as a Special Assessment for the restoration of the Common Area, but in either case proportionately against each of the Lots in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6 and 7 herein.

11.1.3 If the insurance proceeds are insufficient to effect total restoration of the Common Area and the cost of restoration of the Common Area would require a Special Assessment against each Lot in an amount greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) (such amount is based on the value of the dollar in the year this Declaration is recorded and shall be increased each year thereafter based upon increases in the Consumer Price Index), then by the written consent or vote of a majority of the voting interests, they shall determine whether: (i) to rebuild and restore either: (a) in substantially the same manner as the Improvements existed prior to the damage or destruction; or (b) in a manner less expensive, and in the event of (a) or (b) to raise the necessary rebuilding and restoration funds by levying pro rata restoration and construction Special Assessments against all Lots; or (ii) to not rebuild and to retain available insurance proceeds. In the event it is decided that the damaged or destroyed Common Area, shall not be rebuilt, the remains of any structure or structures shall be torn down and hauled away, so as not to be a safety hazard or visual nuisance, and the land shall be fully sodded and landscaped or otherwise treated in an attractive manner. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, any decision not to rebuild or to rebuild in a manner which would result in a change in the Improvements shall not be effective without the prior written approval of Declarant (which approval shall be given, conditioned or withheld in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion) as long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property.

11.2 Owner Responsibility. Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for any damage to the Common Area, not fully covered or collected by insurance which may be sustained by reason of the negligence or willful misconduct of said Owner or of such Owner's family, tenants, invitees and guests, both minors and adults.

11.3 Excess Funds. In the event that the repairs and replacements were paid for by any Special Assessments as well as insurance proceeds and regular Assessments, then, if after the

completion of and payment for the repair, replacement, construction or reconstruction there shall remain any excess in the hands of the Association, it shall be presumed that the monies disbursed in payment of any repair, replacement, construction and reconstruction were first disbursed from insurance proceeds and regular Assessments and any remaining funds shall be deemed to be the remaining Special Assessments which shall be returned to the Owners by means of a *pro rata* distribution in accordance with the collection of such Special Assessments.

11.4 Insurance Trustee. The Board shall be entitled to retain an "Insurance Trustee" whose powers shall include holding all original policies purchased by the Association, being named as loss payee, distributing proceeds of such insurance, assisting in the reconstruction of improvements from insurance premiums and performing such other functions as necessary in connection with the foregoing. Unless an Institutional Mortgagee or Institutional Lender requires the appointment of a professional insurance trustee, the Association shall be entitled to serve as Insurance Trustee.

12. INSURANCE AND CONDEMNATION

The Association shall purchase and maintain the following insurance coverages subject to the following provisions, and the cost of the premiums therefor shall be a part of the Operating Expenses with respect to the Common Area and Association property:

12.1 Casualty Insurance. Property and casualty insurance (including as applicable, windstorm coverage) in an amount equal to the then full replacement cost, exclusive of land, foundation, excavation and other items normally excluded from such coverage, of all Improvements and personal property which are owned by the Association and now or hereafter located upon the Common Area, which insurance shall afford protection against such risks, if any, as shall customarily be covered with respect to areas similar to the Common Area in developments similar to Trout River in construction, location and use.

The Owner of each Home shall maintain a policy or policies to insure his or her Home from all physical damage and liability losses with such policy naming the Association as an additional insured. If a Home is damaged by a casualty, the affected Owner shall promptly have his or her Home repaired and rebuilt substantially in accordance with the architectural plans and specifications of the Home. The Board may in its sole discretion establish periodically the minimum physical damage and liability insurance coverage and endorsements to be maintained by each Owner. Each Owner shall provide a certificate of insurance coverage to the Association, if requested by the Association, to evidence compliance with the minimum physical damage and liability coverage and endorsements set by the Board.

12.2 Fidelity Coverage. Adequate fidelity coverage to protect against dishonest acts of the officers and employees of the Association and the Board and all others who handle and are responsible for handling funds of the Association shall be maintained in the form of fidelity bonds, which requirements shall be reasonably determined by the Board.

12.3 Directors' Coverage. Adequate directors' and officers' liability coverage, which coverage shall be effective from and after the date the Association is created.

12.4 Other Insurance. The Board may obtain such other forms of insurance as the Board may determine and in such coverage amounts as the Board shall determine to be required or beneficial for the protection or preservation of the Property and any improvements now or hereafter located thereon or in the best interests of the Association and/or its officers and directors.

12.5 Cancellation or Modification. All insurance policies purchased by the Association shall provide that they may not be canceled (including for nonpayment of premiums) or substantially modified without at least ten (10) days prior written notice to the Association and to each first mortgage holder, if any, named in the mortgage clause.

12.6 Flood Insurance. If determined appropriate by the Board or if required by an Institutional Mortgagee, a master or blanket policy of flood insurance covering the Common Area, if available under the National Flood Insurance Program, shall be purchased, which flood insurance shall be in the form of a standard policy issued by a member of the National Flood Insurers Association, and the amount of the coverage of such insurance shall be the lesser of the maximum amount of flood insurance available under such program, or one hundred percent (100%) of the current replacement cost of all buildings and other insurable property located in the flood hazard area.

12.7 Condemnation. In the event the Association receives any award or payment arising from the taking of any Common Area or any part thereof as a result of the exercise of the right of condemnation or eminent domain, the net proceeds thereof shall first be applied to the restoration of such taken areas and improvements thereon to the extent deemed advisable by the Board and approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting interests of the Association, and the remaining balance thereof, if any, shall then be distributed pro rata to Owners and mortgagees of Lots as their respective interests may appear.

12.8 Public Liability Coverage. A comprehensive policy of public liability insurance naming the Association and, until Declarant no longer owns any Lot within the Property, Declarant as named insureds thereof insuring against any and all claims or demands made by any person or persons whomsoever for personal injuries or property damage received in connection with, or arising from, the operation, maintenance and use of the Common Area and any Improvements located thereon, and for any other risks insured against by such policies with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for damages incurred or claimed by any one person for any one occurrence; not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for damages incurred or claimed by more than one person for any one occurrence; and for not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) property damage per occurrence with no separate limits stated for the number of claims, or in other amounts as Board may approve. The Association may also obtain worker's compensation insurance and other liability insurance including, but not limited to, insurance for lawsuits related to employment contracts in which the Association is a party, as it may deem desirable.

12.9 Waiver of Subrogation. As to each policy of insurance maintained by the Association which will not be voided or impaired thereby, the Association hereby waives and releases all claims against the Board, the Owners, Declarant and the agents and employees of each of the foregoing, with respect to any loss covered by such insurance, whether or not caused by

negligence of or breach of any agreement of said persons, but only to the extent that such insurance proceeds are received in compensation for such loss.

13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

13.1 Conflict With Other Governing Documents.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions hereof and the provisions of the Articles and/or Bylaws and/or rules and regulations promulgated by the Association, the provisions of this Declaration shall control.

13.2 Notices

Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given or delivered hereunder shall be deemed properly given and delivered upon the mailing thereof by United States mail, postage prepaid, to: (i) each Owner, at the Owner's designated mailing address at the time of such mailing and, in the absence of any specific address, at the address of the Home owned by such Owner; (ii) the Association, certified mail, return receipt requested, at c/o Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., 14785 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32258, Attention: Association President, or such other address as the Association shall hereinafter notify Declarant and the Owners of in writing; and (iii) Declarant, certified mail, return receipt requested, at Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., 14785 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32258, or such other address or addresses as Declarant shall hereafter notify the Association of in writing, any such notice to the Association of a change in Declarant's address being deemed notice to the Owners.

13.3 Enforcement

The covenants and restrictions herein contained may be enforced by Declarant (so long as Declarant holds an equitable or legal interest in any Lot and/or Home), the Association, any Owner and any Institutional Mortgagee holding a mortgage on any portion of the Property in any judicial proceeding seeking any remedy recognizable at law or in equity, including damages, injunction or any other form of relief against any person, firm or entity violating or attempting to violate any covenant, restriction or provision hereunder. The failure by any party to enforce any such covenant, restriction or provision herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of such covenant, restriction or provision or of the right of such party to thereafter enforce such covenant, restriction or provision. The prevailing party in any such litigation shall be entitled to reimbursement of all costs thereof including, but not limited to, Legal Fees. Further, the Water Management District shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in this Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System.

13.4 Interpretation

The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose of creating a uniform plan for the development of a residential community and for the maintenance of recreational facilities and Common Area. Section, subsection, paragraph, captions, headings and titles inserted throughout this Declaration are intended as a matter of

convenience only and in no way shall such captions, headings or titles define, limit or in any way affect the subject matter or any of the terms and provisions thereunder or the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

Whenever the context so requires or permits, any pronoun used herein may be deemed to mean the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter form thereof, and the singular form of any nouns and pronouns herein may be deemed to mean the corresponding plural form thereof and vice versa.

13.5 Severability

In the event any of the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said judicial determination shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect, and any provisions of this Declaration deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction by virtue of the term or scope thereof shall be deemed limited to the maximum term and scope permitted by law. In the event that any court should hereafter determine that any provision of this Declaration is in violation of the rule of property known as the "rule against perpetuities" or any other rule of law because of the duration of a time period, such provision shall not thereby become invalid, but instead the duration of such time period shall be reduced to the maximum period allowed under such rule of law, and in the event the determination of the duration of such time period requires measuring lives, such measuring life shall be that of the incorporator of the Association.

13.6 Certain Rights of Declarant and Participating Builder

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, no Improvements constructed or installed by Declarant and/or a Participating Builder shall be subject to the approval of the Association, the Owners or the provisions and requirements of this Declaration, although it is the intent of Declarant to maintain a community with a common scheme of development. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Declaration, Declarant reserves for itself and Participating Builder(s), and Declarant and Participating Builder(s) and their nominees shall have, the right to enter into and transact on the Property any business necessary to consummate the sale, lease or encumbrance of Homes or real property within or outside Trout River, including, but not limited to, the right to maintain models and a sales and/or leasing office, a construction office and/or a service office, place signs, employ sales, leasing, construction and service personnel, use the Common Area and show Homes, and Declarant further reserves the right to make repairs to the Common Area and to carry on construction activity for the benefit of the Property. Declarant, and its nominees, and Participating Builder(s), as applicable, may exercise the foregoing rights without notifying the Association or the Owners. Any such models, sales and/or leasing office, construction office, service office, signs and any other items pertaining to such sales, leasing, construction or service efforts shall not be considered a part of the Common Area and shall remain the property of Declarant or a Participating Builder, as applicable. In addition, the Declarant hereby has, shall have and hereby reserves the right for itself and Participating Builders to enter upon the Common Area, if any, in order for Declarant or Participating Builders to final-out and/or close-out any and all approvals, permits, orders, conditions and/or requirements that have been issued or imposed by any governmental entity in connection with the construction upon Lots within Trout River and all Improvements therein, and for Declarant or Participating Builders to

comply and adhere to the same, and such rights shall survive the date of Turnover and continue for such period of time as is necessary for Declarant or Participating Builders if applicable, to fully comply with all such governmentally issued approvals, permits, orders, conditions and/or requirements. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in exercising any such rights, Declarant or Participating Builders, if applicable, shall have the right to remove and/or relocate any and all items (including, without limitation, landscape materials, fences and/or other Improvements) that may be required to be removed and/or relocated to final-out and/or close-out any and all such approvals, permits, orders, conditions and/or requirements without compensation to the Association or the Owners. This Section 13.6 may not be suspended, superseded or modified in any manner by any amendment to this Declaration unless such amendment is consented to in writing by Declarant and Participating Builders. This right of use and transaction of business as set forth herein and the other rights reserved by Declarant and Participating Builders in the Governing Documents may be assigned in writing by Declarant and Participating Builders in whole or in part, however any assignment by a Participating Builder shall only be to another Participating Builder. For the purposes of this Section 13.6, the term "Declarant" shall include any "Lender" which has loaned money to Declarant to acquire or construct Improvements upon the Property, or its successors and assigns if such Lender, its successors or assigns, acquires title to any portion of the Property as a result of the foreclosure of any mortgage encumbering any portion of the Property securing any such loan to Declarant, or acquires title thereto by deed in lieu of foreclosure. The rights and privileges of Declarant as set forth in this Section 13.6, are in addition to, and are no way a limit on, any other rights or privileges of Declarant under any of the Governing Documents.

Declarant, Participating Builders and each of their successors, assigns, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and potential purchasers shall have access to Trout River property at all times and the Association shall not impede any such access. Any gate system installed shall remain open during construction and sales hours to allow Declarant, Participating Builders and each of their successors, assigns, employees, contractors, sub contractors and potential purchasers access to Trout River property.

Declarant shall also have the right, but not the obligation, to conduct inspections and tests from time to time of all or any portion of the Property in order to ascertain the physical condition of the Improvements and to determine if maintenance, repair or replacement of any such Improvement is necessary. If Declarant conducts any such tests or inspections, it shall pay all costs thereof and restore the affected portion of the Property to its condition immediately prior to the inspections and tests. Declarant shall have such rights of entry on, over, under, across and through the Property as may be reasonably necessary to exercise the rights described in this Section 13.6. Declarant's right of inspection shall exist whether or not the Turnover Date has occurred. In the event Declarant exercises its inspection right(s), it is acknowledged by the Association and all Owners that Declarant is performing any such inspection(s) for its own benefit and not for the benefit of the Association and/or the Owners and further, Declarant shall have no obligation to inform the Association and/or the Owners of the result of any such inspection.

ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND USERS OF TROUT RIVER ARE HEREBY PLACED ON NOTICE THAT DECLARANT OR PARTICIPATING BUILDERS AND/OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES AND OTHER DESIGNEES MAY BE, FROM TIME TO TIME CONDUCTING EXCAVATION,

CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO TROUT RIVER. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DEED OR TITLE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE, LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR OTHER INTEREST, AND BY USING ANY PORTION OF TROUT RIVER, EACH SUCH OWNER, OCCUPANT AND USER AUTOMATICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES, STIPULATES AND AGREES (I) THAT NONE OF THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES SHALL BE DEEMED NUISANCES OR NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES, HEREUNDER OR AT LAW GENERALLY, (II) NOT TO ENTER UPON, OR ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN OR OTHER PERSONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL OR DIRECTION TO ENTER UPON (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ENTRY IS A TRESPASS OR OTHERWISE) ANY PROPERTY WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO TROUT RIVER WHERE SUCH ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED (EVEN IF NOT BEING ACTIVELY CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY, SUCH AS AT NIGHT OR OTHERWISE DURING NON-WORKING HOURS), (III) DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES AND OTHER DESIGNEES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER FOR ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES (COMPENSATORY, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR OTHERWISE), INJURIES OR DEATHS WHATSOEVER ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES, (IV) ANY PURCHASE OR USE OF ANY PORTION OF TROUT RIVER HAS BEEN AND WILL BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREGOING AND (V) THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO DECLARANT OR PARTICIPATING BUILDERS TO SELL, CONVEY, LEASE AND/OR ALLOW THE USE OF THE APPLICABLE PORTION OF TROUT RIVER.

13.7 Disputes as to Use

In the event there is any dispute as to whether the use of the Property or any portion or portions thereof complies with the covenants, restrictions, easements or other provisions contained in this Declaration, such dispute shall be referred to the Board, and a determination rendered by the Board with respect to such dispute shall be final and binding on all parties concerned therewith. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, any use by Declarant of the Property shall be deemed a use which complies with this Declaration and shall not be subject to a contrary determination by the Board.

13.8 Amendment and Modification

The process of amending or modifying this Declaration shall be as follows:

13.8.1 Until the Turnover Date, all amendments or modifications shall only be made by Declarant without the requirement of the Association's consent or the consent of the Owners so long as such amendments or modifications do not materially impair the common plan of development of Trout River; provided, however, that the Association shall, forthwith upon request of Declarant, join in any such amendments or modifications and execute such instruments to evidence such joinder and consent as Declarant shall, from time to time, request. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph to the contrary, no amendment shall be made by Declarant which impairs the rights and privileges of a Participating Builder(s) or adversely affects a Participating Builder(s) without the prior written consent of the Participating Builder(s).

13.8.2 After the Turnover Date, this Declaration may be amended by: (i) the consent of the Owners owning at least fifty-one percent (51%) of all Lots; together with (ii) the approval or ratification of a majority of the Board. The aforementioned consent of the Owners owning at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Lots may be evidenced by a writing signed by the required number of Owners or by the affirmative vote of the required number of Owners at any regular or special meeting of the Association called and held in accordance with the Bylaws and evidenced by a certificate of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Association.

13.8.3 Amendments for correction of scrivener's errors or other nonmaterial changes may be made by Declarant alone until the Turnover Date and by the Board thereafter and without the need of consent of the Owners.

13.8.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, no amendment to this Declaration shall be effective which shall impair or prejudice the rights or priorities of Declarant, Participating Builders, the Association or of any Institutional Mortgagee under the Governing Documents without the specific written approval of such party affected thereby. Finally, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no amendment to this Declaration shall be effective which shall eliminate or modify the provisions of Section 13.6 and any such amendment shall be deemed to impair and prejudice the rights of Declarant and/or Participating Builders.

13.8.5 A true copy of any Amendment to this Declaration shall be sent certified mail by the Association to Declarant, Participating Builder(s) and to all Institutional Mortgagees holding a mortgage on any portion of the Property requesting notice. The amendment shall become effective upon the recording amongst the Public Records of the County of said amendment to this Declaration which sets forth any amendment or modification to this Declaration.

13.8.6 Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Declarant may, without the consent of any Owners, file any amendment(s) to this Declaration which may be required by an Institutional Mortgagee for the purpose of satisfying said Institutional Mortgagee's development criteria or such other criteria as may be established by such Institutional Mortgagee's secondary mortgage market purchasers, including, without limitation, the FNMA and the FHLMC; provided, however, any such filed amendment(s) must be in accordance with any applicable rules, regulations and other requirements promulgated by HUD.

13.8.7 Any proposed amendment to this Declaration which would affect the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System (including environmental conservation areas, if any, and the water management portions of the Common Area), shall be submitted to the District for a determination of whether the proposed amendment necessitates a modification of the District Permit.

13.9 Delegation

The Association, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board, shall have the continuing authority to delegate all or any portion of its responsibilities for maintenance, operation and administration, as provided herein, to any managing agency or entity selected by the Board from time to time and whether or not related to Declarant.

13.10 Term

This Declaration and the terms, provisions, conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, regulations, burdens and liens contained herein shall run with and bind the Property, and inure to the benefit of Declarant, the Association and the Owners and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns for a term of fifty (50) years from the date of recording this Declaration amongst the Public Records of the County, after which time this Declaration shall be automatically renewed and extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each unless at least one (1) year prior to the termination of such fifty (50)-year term or any such ten (10)-year extension there is recorded amongst the Public Records of the County an instrument agreeing to terminate this Declaration signed by the Owners owning two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and Institutional Mortgagees holding first mortgages encumbering two-thirds (2/3) of all Lots encumbered by first mortgages held by Institutional Mortgagees, upon which event this Declaration shall be terminated upon the expiration of the fifty (50)-year term or the ten (10)-year extension during which such instrument was recorded.

In the event this Declaration is terminated or the Association ceases to exist for any reason, the Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for the costs to maintain and shall maintain the Common Area in the manner described herein. This provision shall survive the termination of this Declaration and shall run with the Property in perpetuity. Any Owner may, however, petition the Circuit Court for the appointment of a Receiver to manage the affairs of the Association in the event of dissolution of the Association.

13.11 Rights of Mortgagees

13.11.1 Right to Notice. The Association shall make available for inspection upon request, during normal business hours or under reasonable circumstances, the Governing Documents and the books, records and financial statements of the Association to the Owners and the holders, insurers or guarantors of any first mortgages encumbering any portion of the Property. In addition, evidence of insurance shall be issued to each Owner and mortgagee holding a mortgage encumbering a Home upon written request to the Association. A mortgagee shall be entitled to receive timely written notice of any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of mortgagees. To be entitled to receive notices under this Section0, the mortgagee (or mortgage insurer or guarantor) must send a written request to the Association stating both its name and address and the address of the Lot on which it has (or insures or guaranties) the mortgage.

13.11.2 Rights of Listed Mortgagee. Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the holder, insurer, or guarantor (such holder, insurer or guarantor is herein referred to as a "Listed Mortgagee") of a mortgage encumbering a Lot and the legal description of such Lot, the Association shall provide such Listed Mortgagee with timely written notice of the following:

- (a) Any condemnation, loss or casualty loss which affects any material portion of the Property;
- (b) Any lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association;

(c) Any proposed action which would require the consent of mortgagees holding a mortgage encumbering a Lot; and

(d) Any failure by an Owner owning a Lot encumbered by a mortgage held, insured or guaranteed by such Listed Mortgagee to perform such Owner's obligations under the Governing Documents, including, but not limited to, any delinquency in the payment of Assessments, or any other charge owed to the Association by said Owner where such failure or delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days.

13.11.3 Right of Listed Mortgagee to Receive Financial Statement. Any Listed Mortgagee shall, upon written request made to the Association, be entitled to financial statements of the Association for the prior fiscal year free of charge and the same shall be furnished within a reasonable time following such request.

13.12 Approval of Association Lawsuits by Owners

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in order to prevent the Board from incurring expenses not contemplated by the Governing Documents, for which the Owners will be responsible, the Association shall be required to obtain the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting interests of the Association (at a duly called meeting of the Owners at which a quorum is present) prior to engaging persons or entities for the purpose of suing, or making, preparing or investigating any lawsuit, or commencing any lawsuit other than for the following purposes:

- (a) the collection of Assessments;
- (b) the collection of other charges which the Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Governing Documents;
- (c) the enforcement of the use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Governing Documents;
- (d) dealing with an emergency when waiting to obtain the approval of the Owners creates a substantial risk of irreparable injury to the Property or to the Owner(s) (the imminent expiration of a statute of limitations shall not be deemed an emergency obviating the need for the requisite vote of three-fourths [3/4] of the Owners); or
- (e) filing a compulsory counterclaim.

13.13 Compliance With Provisions

Every person who owns, occupies or acquires any right, title, estate or interest in or to any Lot except as elsewhere herein provided does consent and agree to, and shall be conclusively deemed to have consented and agreed to, every limitation, restriction, easement, reservation, condition and covenant contained herein, whether or not any reference to these restrictions is contained in the instrument by which such person acquired an interest in such property. Declarant shall not in any way or manner be held liable or responsible for any violation of this Declaration by any person other than Declarant.

13.14 Security

The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain or support certain activities within the Property designed to make the Property safer than it otherwise might be. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, NEITHER DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS WHATSOEVER AS TO THE SECURITY OF THE PREMISES OR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY MONITORING SYSTEM OR SECURITY SERVICE, IF ANY. ALL OWNERS AGREE TO HOLD DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS AND THE ASSOCIATION HARMLESS FROM ANY LOSS OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE OCCURRENCE OF ANY CRIME OR OTHER ACT. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER(S) NOR ANY SUCCESSOR OF DECLARANT SHALL IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED INSURERS OR GUARANTORS OF SECURITY OR SAFETY WITHIN THE PROPERTY, AND NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER(S) NOR ANY SUCCESSOR TO DECLARANT OR A PARTICIPATING BUILDERS GUARANTEES OR WARRANTS, EXPRESSLY OR IMPLIEDLY, THE MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR USE OF ANY SUCH MONITORING SYSTEM OR SECURITY SERVICE, OR THAT ANY SYSTEM OR SERVICES WILL PREVENT INTRUSIONS, FIRES, DAMAGE, INJURY, DEATH OR OTHER OCCURRENCES, OR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH OCCURRENCES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SYSTEM OR SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO MONITOR SAME. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS NOR ANY SUCCESSOR TO DECLARANT OR PARTICIPATING BUILDERS SHALL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN, IF ANY. ALL MEMBERS, OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT OR HOME, AND TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS BOARD, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS AND ANY SUCCESSOR TO DECLARANT OR A PARTICIPATING BUILDERS DO NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT: (a) ANY FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM, BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED BY, OR INSTALLED ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS OR THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE COMPROMISED OR CIRCUMVENTED, OR (b) THAT ANY FIRE PROTECTION OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM WILL IN ALL CASES PROVIDE THE DETECTION OR PROTECTION FOR WHICH THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED. EACH MEMBER, OWNER AND OCCUPANT OF ANY LOT OR HOME, AND EACH TENANT, GUEST AND INVITEE OF AN OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS AND ANY SUCCESSOR TO DECLARANT OR A PARTICIPATING BUILDER ARE NOT INSURERS OR GUARANTORS AND THAT EACH MEMBER, OWNER AND OCCUPANT OF ANY LOT OR HOME, AND EACH TENANT, GUEST AND INVITEE OF ANY MEMBER OR OWNER ASSUMES ALL RISKS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS, TO LOTS OR HOMES, AND TO THE CONTENTS OF LOTS OR HOMES AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDERS AND ANY SUCCESSOR TO DECLARANT OR A PARTICIPATING BUILDER HAVE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES

AND/OR GUARANTIES, NOR HAS ANY OWNER, MEMBER, OCCUPANT, TENANT, GUEST OR INVITEE RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, RELATIVE TO ANY FIRE AND/OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS RECOMMENDED OR INSTALLED, IF ANY, OR ANY SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE PROPERTY.

13.15 Covenant Running With The Land

All provisions of this Declaration shall, to the extent applicable and unless otherwise expressly provided herein to the contrary, be construed to be covenants running with the Lots and Homes and the Property and with every part thereof and interest therein, and all of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Declarant and subsequent Owner(s) of the Homes, Lots and Property or any part thereof, or interest therein, and their respective heirs, successors, and assigns. However, the same are not intended to create nor shall they be construed as creating any rights in or for the benefit of the general public, unless specifically provided herein to the contrary. All present and future Owners, lessees, and occupants of the Lots and Homes, as applicable, shall be subject to and shall comply with the provisions of this Declaration and the Articles, Bylaws and applicable rules and regulations as they exist and may from time to time be amended. The acceptance of a deed of conveyance of a Lot and Completed Home, or the entering into a lease of or occupancy of a Home, shall constitute an adoption and ratification by such Owner, lessee, or occupant of the provisions of this Declaration, and the Articles, Bylaws, and applicable rules and regulations of the Association, as they may be amended from time to time. In the event that any easements granted herein shall fail for want of a grantee in being or for any other purpose, the same shall constitute and be covenants running with the land.

13.16 No Public Right or Dedication

Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to be a gift or dedication of all or any portion of the Common Area to the public, or for any public use.

13.17 No Representations or Warranties

NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, HAVE BEEN GIVEN OR MADE BY DECLARANT OR ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES OR BY PARTICIPATING BUILDER OR ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, ITS PHYSICAL CONDITION, ZONING, COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, FITNESS FOR INTENDED USE, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBDIVISION, SALE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, COST OF MAINTENANCE, TAXES OR REGULATION THEREOF, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION.

13.18 Association and Declarant as Attorney-In-Fact

Each Owner, by reason of having acquired ownership of a Lot and Completed Home, whether by purchase, gift, operation of law or otherwise, and each occupant of a Home, by

reason of his or her occupancy, is hereby declared to have acknowledged and agreed to his or her automatic consent to any rezoning, replatting, covenant in lieu of unity of title, change, addition or deletion made in, on or to Trout River by Declarant (hereinafter, collectively, the "Modifications") and, in respect thereto, each Owner of a Lot and occupant of a Home hereby designates the Association to act as agent and attorney-in-fact on behalf of such Owner or occupant to consent to any such Modification. If requested by Declarant, each Owner shall evidence his or her consent to a Modification in writing (provided, however, that any refusal to give such written consent shall not obviate the automatic effect of this provision). Further, each Owner, by reason of having acquired ownership of a Lot and Completed Home, hereby agrees to execute, at the request of Declarant, any document and/or consent which may be required by any government agency to allow Declarant and/or its affiliates to complete the plan of development of Trout River, as such plan may be hereafter amended, and each such Owner hereby further appoints Declarant as such Owner's agent and attorney-in-fact to execute, on behalf and in the name of each such Owner, any and all of such documents and/or consents. This power of attorney is irrevocable and is coupled with an interest. The provisions of this Section 13 shall not apply to Owners that are Participating Builder(s). The provisions of this Section 13 may not be amended without Declarant's prior written consent.

13.19 Declarant's Reservation of Rights.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Governing Documents to the contrary, Declarant reserves the right to change the zoning of any portion of the Property now existing or hereafter changed to be other than single-family residential (e.g., multi-family residential or commercial) and/or to make such uses of all or any part of the Property as shall be permitted by applicable zoning regulations as they may exist from time to time. Declarant, however, is not obligated by this Declaration to cause any portion of the Property to be rezoned or developed for any such uses. In the event Declarant changes the zoning of the Property, Declarant hereby reserves the right to amend this Declaration or to create one or more sub-declarations subjecting such property(ies) to additional or different specified or prohibited uses.

Additionally, in the event Declarant changes the zoning of the Property or any portion thereof to a use other than single-family residential and amends this Declaration or creates a sub-declaration, in order to insure representation on the Board for various groups having dissimilar interests, Declarant reserves the right to establish voting groups for election of Directors to the Board. In such event, each voting group shall be entitled to elect one (1) or more Director(s) to the Board. Each voting group may have different voting rights as determined by Declarant.

In the event Declarant establishes other uses of or for the Property as aforesaid, Declarant reserves the right to change the method pursuant to which Assessments are shared among the Lots and other portions of the Property. The expenses may be divided among each type of property use (e.g., single-family residential, multi-family residential and commercial) based upon, but not necessarily proportional to, the percentage of each type of property use, the level of services received by each type of property use and other relevant factors as determined by Declarant. Additionally, expenses which specifically relate to a specific property use will only be assessed against that type of property. The percentages for each type of property will be based upon the total acreage of the Property.

The portion of the anticipated Operating Expenses which are assessed against the single-family residential property shall be divided equally among the contributing Lots or units by dividing such portion of the Operating Expenses which are being assessed to the single-family residential property by the total number of contributing Lots or units.

The portion of the anticipated Operating Expenses which are assessed against the multi-family residential property shall be divided equally among the contributing multi-family units by dividing such portion of the Operating Expenses which are being assessed to the multi-family residential property by the total number of contributing units.

The portion of the anticipated Operating Expenses which are assessed against the commercial property shall be divided among the owners of the commercial property based upon a fractional formula, the numerator of which is the total square feet of buildings and paved areas of each commercial parcel and the denominator of which is the total square feet of all buildings and paved areas.

13.20 Sales Interference.

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of a Home, hereby acknowledges and agrees that such Owner shall not interfere in any manner whatsoever in the sales process by Declarant or Participating Builders and/or any of their affiliates, including the carrying of signs or other types of demonstrations in Trout River or any public right-of-way adjacent to the Property. Each Owner acknowledges that any such activities interfere with the quiet enjoyment of Trout River by the other Owners, are detrimental to the value of the Homes within Trout River, and interfere with Declarant's or Participating Builders' ability to conduct its business.

13.21 Animal, Reptile and Wildlife Hazards.

Florida's natural areas, which include conservation areas, conservation easement property, preservation areas, lakes and wetlands, provide habitat for many wild animals and reptiles, including possible bears, poisonous snakes and alligators. Animals can be upset by human presence and unexpectedly become aggressive or harmed by efforts to avoid you. Always keep your distance and avoid interaction with all wildlife.

All Owners, and their family members, guests, invitees and lessees, should always follow the suggestions listed below to assist in human protection from a potentially unpleasant experience as well as the protection of our wildlife:

(a) Any wild animal can be dangerous. Always be cautious and observant.

(b) Do not feed the wildlife. Food meant for human consumption can harm an animal. Animals that get food from humans may become aggressive.

(c) Help keep wildlife "wild" by keeping your distance. Move away from animals without disturbing them and do not block an animal's path.

(d) Photograph and observe wildlife from a safe distance, by using binoculars, spotting scopes or telephoto lenses.

(e) If an animal or reptile approaches you, move away and maintain a safe distance.

(f) Do not walk pets within or near any natural area, or near any bodies of water.

(g) Keep young children at a safe distance from natural areas and bodies of water.

BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TROUT RIVER, AND AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF TROUT RIVER, MAY CONTAIN WILDLIFE SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INSECTS, VENOMOUS AND NON-VENOMOUS SNAKES AND OTHER REPTILES, ALLIGATORS, AND OTHER ANIMALS, SOME OF WHICH MAY POSE HAZARDS TO PERSONS OR PETS COMING IN CONTACT WITH THEM. THE DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING SUCH WILDLIFE OR NOTIFYING OWNERS OR OTHER PERSONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SUCH WILDLIFE. EACH OWNER AND HIS OR HER LESSEES, GUESTS AND INVITEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

13.22 Title Documents

Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Lot acknowledges that such Lot is subject to certain land use and title documents recorded in the Public Records of the County (collectively, the "Title Documents"). Declarant's plan of development for Trout River may necessitate from time to time the further amendment, modification and/or termination of the Title Documents. DECLARANT RESERVES THE UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO SEEK AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE TITLE DOCUMENTS. It is possible that a governmental subdivision or agency may require the execution of one or more documents in connection with an amendment, modification, and/or termination of the Title Documents. To the extent that such documents require the joinder of Owners, Declarant by any one of its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent and/or the attorney-in-fact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver any documents required by applicable governmental subdivision or agency; and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint Declarant, through any one of its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorney-in-fact for such purpose. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot: (i) to execute or otherwise join in any documents required in connection with the amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents; and (ii) that such Owner has waived its right to object to or comment on the form or substance of any amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, on or before the Community Completion Date, the Association shall assume all of the obligation of Declarant under the Title Documents unless otherwise provided by Declarant by amendment to this Declaration recorded by Declarant

in the Public Records of the County, from time to time, and in the sole and absolute discretion of Declarant.

13.23 No Vested Rights

Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home irrevocably waives any claim that such Owner has any vested rights pursuant to case law or statute with respect to this Declaration or any of the other Governing Documents. It is expressly intended that Declarant and the Association have the broad right to amend this Declaration and the other Governing Documents, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of the County or except as expressly set forth herein.

13.24 Access Control System

Declarant may install a controlled access facility at one or more access points to Trout River. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contract for the installation of additional Access Control System facilities for Trout River. If provided, all costs associated with any Access Control System will be part of the Operating Expenses. Declarant hereby reserves for itself, and its contractors and suppliers, their respective agents and employees, and any prospective purchasers of Homes or Lots from Declarant, an easement for free and unimpeded access through any such Access Control System, subject only to such controls and restrictions as are agreed to in writing by Declarant. If the Association attempts to restrict or control access into Trout River through means not approved by the Declarant, the Declarant may take any and all measures necessary to eliminate same, including disabling any entry system during any hours desired by the Declarant, and the Declarant shall have no liability in this regard.

THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT AND PARTICIPATING BUILDER SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS CONTROL OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. EACH AND EVERY OWNER AND THE OCCUPANT OF EACH HOME ACKNOWLEDGES THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, ARE NOT INSURERS OF OWNERS OR HOMES, OR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HOMES. THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT AND PARTICIPATING BUILDER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM ANY CASUALTY OR INTRUSION INTO A HOME.

13.25 Monitoring System

The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contract for the provision of services through a Monitoring System. If provided, all costs associated with any Monitoring System will be part of the Operating Expenses. It is extremely difficult and impractical to determine the actual damages, if any, that may proximately result from a failure on the part of Monitoring System service provider to perform any of its obligations with respect to any such Monitoring System and, therefore every Owner agrees Declarant, Participating Builder and Association assume no liability for loss or damage to property or for personal injury or death to

persons due to any reason, including, without limitation, failure in transmission of an alarm, interruption of any community service or failure to respond to an alarm because of (i) any failure of the Monitoring System, (ii) any defective or damaged equipment, device, line or circuit of the Monitoring System, (iii) negligence, active or otherwise, of the Monitoring System service provider or its officers, agents or employees, or (iv) fire, flood, riot, war, act of God or other similar causes which are beyond the control of the Monitoring System service provider. Every Owner further agrees for himself, his grantees, Lessees, guests, invitees, licensees, and family members that if any loss or damage should result from a failure of performance or operation, or from defective performance or operation, or from improper installation, monitoring or servicing of the Monitoring System, or from negligence, active or otherwise, of Monitoring System service provider or its officers, agents, or employees, the liability, if any, of the Declarant, Participating Builder or Association for loss, damage, injury or death sustained shall be limited to a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$250.00), which limitation shall apply irrespective of the cause or origin of the loss or damage and notwithstanding that the loss or damage results directly or indirectly from negligent performance, active or otherwise or non-performance by an officer, agent or employee of Declarant, Participating Builder or Association. Further, in no event will the Declarant, Participating Builder or Association be liable for consequential damages, wrongful death, or personal injury.

THE DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER AND ASSOCIATION DO NOT GUARANTEE OR WARRANT, EXPRESSLY OR IMPLIED, THE MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR USE OF ANY SUCH MONITORING SYSTEM, OR THAT ANY MONITORING OR SERVICES WILL PREVENT INTRUSIONS, FIRES OR OTHER OCCURRENCES, OR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH OCCURRENCES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SYSTEM OR SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO MONITOR SAME; AND EVERY OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF A HOME ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NEITHER DECLARANT, PARTICIPATING BUILDER NOR ASSOCIATION IS AN INSURER OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT'S PROPERTY OR OF THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS LOCATED ON THE PREMISES AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM SUCH OCCURRENCES.

13.26 Sound Transmission with Regard to Attached Homes

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of a Home, hereby acknowledges and agrees that sound transmission in Buildings containing attached Homes is very difficult to control, and that the noises from adjoining and/or nearby Homes and/or mechanical equipment can often be heard in another Home. Declarant and Participating Builder(s) do not make any representation or warranty as to the level of sound transmission between and among Homes and the other portions of Trout River, and each Owner hereby waives and expressly releases any such warranty and claim for loss or damages resulting from sound transmission.

13.27 Street Light Services

Declarant or the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts with any private provider or third party entity (a "Private Street Light Provider") for the provisions of street lighting services, including, but not limited to, solar power street lights, within all or any part of Trout River. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all

contracts between a Private Street Light Provider and the Association shall be subject to the prior written approval of Declarant. If any such contract is established, any fees for such street light services payable to the Private Street Light Provider shall be Operating Expenses and shall be included within the annual budget of the Association.

13.28 Mail Delivery Systems

Individual Lots may not have individual mailboxes. Rather, mailboxes may be grouped together for all or a portion of the Homes as required by the local postmaster (the "Mail Delivery Centers"). Declarant, in its sole discretion, may install one or more Mail Delivery Centers within Trout River and such Mail Delivery Centers may consist of freestanding, pedestal-mounted mailboxes commonly referred to by the United States Postal Service as "Cluster Box Units" or a "Neighborhood Delivery Center" which is freestanding and/or enclosed installation containing a large number of individually locked mailboxes. No mailboxes are permitted except the Mail Delivery Centers originally installed by Declarant or Mail Delivery Centers substantially similar to the Mail Delivery Centers originally installed by Declarant. Mail Delivery Centers, if any, shall be maintained by the Association in accordance with the requirements of the United States Postal Service and any other applicable government authority. All costs associated with the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Mail Delivery Centers shall be part of the Operating Expenses, except for costs of keys or replacement keys which shall be borne solely by the individual Owners. To the extent any Mail Delivery Centers are located on a Lot, Declarant hereby grants to the Association an easement of ingress and egress across such Lot for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such Mail Delivery Centers and Declarant hereby grants to the Owners an easement, but only as reasonably necessary, for access across such Lot for the purpose of accessing and utilizing such Mail Delivery Centers. To the extent any Mail Delivery Centers are located within any facilities or public right-of-way area, the Association is hereby granted an easement of ingress and egress across such area for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such Mail Delivery Centers and the Owners shall have an easement for access across such areas for the purpose of accessing and utilizing such Mail Delivery Centers.

13.29 Energy Conservation Devices

All solar panels and energy conservation equipment must be approved by the ARB prior to installation of such equipment on a Home or Lot by an Owner. At a minimum, all solar heating equipment and apparatus must conform to the standards set forth in the HUD Intermediate Minimum Property Standards Supplement, Solar Heating, and Domestic Water Systems, and any other applicable governmental regulations and/or ordinances. Each Owner understands and agrees that 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 reasonably determined by the ARB, unless otherwise permitted by applicable law. No solar panel, vents, or other roof-mounted, mechanical equipment shall project more than 1.0 feet above the surface of the roof of a Home, and all such equipment, other than solar panels, shall be painted consistent with the color scheme of the portion of the Home for which such equipment is installed, unless otherwise permitted by applicable law. This provision is not intended to prohibit the use of energy conservation devices.

13.30 Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("Fincen") Reporting

As of January 2024, following adoption of the federal Corporate Transparency Act, beneficial owners of entities including homeowners' associations are required to file certain identifying information with FinCEN, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. This includes all current and subsequently elected and appointed Directors. In order to be eligible to serve on the Board, individuals who are current Directors or those elected or appointed to fill a vacant position, shall obtain a FinCEN Identifier by registering with FinCEN online at <https://fincenid.fincen.gov/landing>. The issued FinCEN Identifier shall be promptly provided to the current Board along with all other necessary identifying information to allow the Board to update its Beneficial Ownership Information Report ("BOI Report"). If for any reason, the FinCEN Identifier is not timely provided or the Board is unable to register and update its BOI Report within the deadlines established by FinCEN, then such individual shall not be eligible to serve on the Board and will be removed if currently serving on the Board.

13.31 PUD

Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Lot or Home acknowledges that the Property is subject to the PUD. Due to the integrated nature of the Property and the lands described in the PUD, no Owner, nor any other person or entity shall construct any improvements upon the Property, nor take any action, which in the sole opinion of Declarant, would result in a violation and/or modification of the terms and provisions of the PUD, as same may be amended from time to time, without the prior written consent of Declarant. In the event of any conflict between this Declaration, the Governing Documents and the terms and conditions of the PUD, the more restrictive shall prevail.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Declaration has been signed by Declarant and joined in by the Association on the respective dates set forth below.

WITNESSES AS TO DECLARANT:

DECLARANT:

**FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP
INC., a Delaware corporation**

H Allen

Name: Heather L Allen
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258

By:

Sarah Wicker

Name: Sarah Wicker
Title: Vice President

S. B. Estes

Name: SARAH B. ESTES
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS
COUNTY OF Duval)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, by Sarah Wicker, as Vice President of **FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation**, freely and voluntarily under authority duly vested in him by said corporation, who is personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 28th day of February, 2025.

Heather Brady

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

Heather Brady

Typed, Printed or Stamped Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/13/2027



WITNESSES AS TO ASSOCIATION:

ASSOCIATION:

TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS

ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit

Parker Stastny
Name: Parker Stastny
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258

Seth Klepa
Name: Seth Klepa
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258

By: *Beth A. Grossman*
Name: Beth A. Grossman
Title: President

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS
COUNTY OF Duval)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization by Beth A. Grossman, as President of **TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Florida corporation not for profit, freely and voluntarily under authority duly vested in him by said corporation, who is personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day of 28th February, 2025.

Heather Brady
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
Heather Brady
Typed, Printed or Stamped Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/13/2027

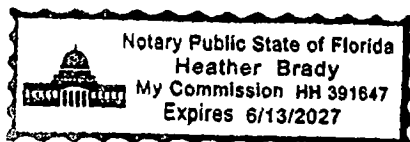


EXHIBIT "A"
Legal Description of Property

LOTS

Lots 1 through 110, inclusive, of TROUT CROSSING, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 84, Page 18, of the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH

COMMON AREA

Tracts "A," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G," and "H," and all Rights of Way, including without limitation, Victoria Creek Lane, Carter Jack Drive, and Gayle Landing Drive, of TROUT CROSSING, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 84, Page 18, of the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

EXHIBIT "B"
Articles of Incorporation of
Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Corporations

TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2ND FAX
14785 OLD ST AUGUSTINE RD
SUITE #300
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32258US

The Articles of Incorporation for TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. were filed on February 26, 2025 and assigned document number N25000002357. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office regarding the above corporation.

PLEASE NOTE: Compliance with the following procedures is essential to maintaining your corporate status. Failure to do so may result in dissolution of your corporation.

To maintain "active" status with the Division of Corporations, an annual report must be filed yearly between January 1st and May 1st beginning in the year following the file date or effective date indicated above. If the annual report is not filed by May 1st, a \$400 late fee will be added. It is your responsibility to remember to file your annual report in a timely manner.

A Federal Employer Identification Number (FEI/EIN) will be required when this report is filed. Apply today with the IRS online at:

<https://sa.www4.irs.gov/modiein/individual/index.jsp>.

Should your corporate mailing address change, you must notify this office in writing, to insure important mailings such as the annual report notices reach you.

Should you have any questions regarding corporations, please contact this office at (850) 245-6052.

Meikel Swatts, Regulatory Specialist II

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A Florida Corporation Not For Profit)**

In order to form a corporation not for profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporates this corporation not for profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and, to that end, the undersigned, by these Articles of Incorporation, certifies as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases when used in these Articles of Incorporation (unless the context clearly reflects another meaning) shall have the following meanings, or if not defined below as defined in the Declaration:

1. "Articles" means these Articles of Incorporation and any amendments hereto.
2. "Assessments" means the assessments for which all Owners are obligated to the Association and includes "Individual Home Assessments" and "Special Assessments" (as such terms are defined in the Declaration), and any and all other assessments, including but not limited to "Benefited Assessments" (as such term is defined and discussed in the Declaration) which are levied by the Association in accordance with the Governing Documents.
3. "Association" means Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit. The "Association" is NOT a condominium association and is not intended to be governed by Chapter 718, the Condominium Act, Florida Statutes.
4. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.
5. "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.
6. "Common Area" or "Common Property" means the property more particularly described in Article I of the Declaration.
7. "County" means Duval County, Florida.
8. "Declarant" means Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor or assign thereof to which Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., specifically assigns all or part of the rights of Declarant under the Declaration by an express written assignment, whether recorded in the Public Records of the County or not. The written assignment may give notice as to which rights of Declarant are to be

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exercised and as to which portion of the Property. In any event, any subsequent declarant shall not be liable for any default or obligations incurred by any prior declarant, except as may be expressly assumed by the subsequent declarant.

9. "Declaration" means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Trout River, which is intended to be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County, and any amendments thereto.

10. "Director" means a member of the Board.

11. "Governing Documents" means in the aggregate the Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws, the Plat, and any additional plat, any rules and regulations of the Association which may be promulgated, and all of the instruments and documents referred to therein.

12. "Home" means one (1) of the single family attached residential dwelling units contained within multiple buildings ("Buildings") constructed or to be constructed within Trout River, each of which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a single-family residence.

13. "Lot" means any parcel of land within Trout River as shown on the Plat or any additional plat upon which a Home is permitted to be constructed, together with the Improvements thereon. Upon completion of construction of a Home on a Lot, such Lot and the Improvements thereon are sometimes collectively referred to as a Lot in the Declaration and the Governing Documents.

14. "Member" means the Owner of a Lot in Trout River.

15. "Owner" means the record owner, whether one (1) or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot or Home within Trout River, and includes Declarant for as long as Declarant owns fee simple title to a Lot or Home, but excluding therefrom those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.

16. "Participating Builder" means D.R. Horton, Inc. - Jacksonville, a Delaware corporation, or its successors or assigns, and any affiliate of D.R. Horton, Inc. - Jacksonville and any other entity(ies) Declarant may designate as a Participating Builder. Declarant shall have the right to assign, in whole or in part, any of its rights hereunder to a Participating Builder(s). "Participating Builders" shall mean Participating Builder and any other entity(ies) designated as a Participating Builder.

17. "Plat" initially means the plat of TROUT CROSSING, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 84, Page 18 of the Public Records of the County. In the event an additional plat is recorded in the Public Records of the County with respect to the Additional Property made subject to the Declaration pursuant to a Supplemental Declaration, then the term "Plat" as used herein shall also mean the additional plat. Not all of the property shown on the Plat is subject to the Declaration. The term Plat shall also mean any replat of all or any portion of the Property.

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18. "St. Johns River Water Management District Permit" or "District Permit" means that certain permit issued by the St. Johns River Water Management District affecting the Property, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "D" to the Declaration, as same may be amended or modified from time to time.

19. "Surface Water or Stormwater Management System" means a system which is designed, constructed, or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use, or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, overdrainage, environmental degradation and water pollution, or to otherwise affect the quality and quantity of discharge from the system, as permitted pursuant to Section 373.416(2), Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code. The Association is responsible to maintain, repair and operate the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System located on the Property in accordance with the applicable governmental regulations, the District Permit and the Declaration.

20. "Trout River" means that planned residential development located in the County, which encompasses the Property and is intended to comprise single family attached Homes and the Common Area, but subject to change in accordance with this Declaration.

Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Declaration are incorporated herein by reference and shall appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appears in these Articles.

ARTICLE II NAME

The name of this corporation shall be TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, whose principal address and mailing address is c/o Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd, Suite #300, Jacksonville, Florida 32258.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to take title to, administer, operate, maintain, finance, repair, replace, manage and lease the Common Area in accordance with the terms of, and purposes set forth in, the Governing Documents and to carry out the covenants and enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents.

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ARTICLE IV POWERS

The Association shall have the following powers and shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit.

B. The Association shall have all of the powers granted to the Association in the Governing Documents. All of the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws which grant powers to the Association are incorporated into these Articles.

C. The Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To perform any act required or contemplated by it under the Governing Documents.

2. To make, establish, amend, abolish (in whole or in part) and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Property.

3. To make, levy and collect Assessments for the purpose of obtaining funds from its Members to pay Operating Expenses and other costs defined in the Declaration and costs of collection, and to use and expend the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association. The foregoing shall include the power to levy and collect adequate Assessments for the costs of maintenance, repair and operation of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, including but not limited to, cost associated with maintenance, repair and operation of retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements.

4. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the Members and the provisions of the Governing Documents.

5. To employ personnel, retain independent contractors and professional personnel, and enter into service contracts to provide for the maintenance, operation, administration and management of the Property and to enter into any other agreements consistent with the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, agreements with respect to professional management of the Property and to delegate to such professional manager certain powers and duties of the Association.

6. To enter into the Declaration and any amendments thereto and instruments referred to therein.

7. To provide, to the extent deemed necessary by the Board, any and all services and do any and all things which are incidental to or in furtherance of things

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listed above or to carry out the Association mandate to keep and maintain Trout River in a proper and aesthetically pleasing condition and to provide the Owners with services, amenities, controls and enforcement which will enhance the quality of life at Trout River.

8. To borrow money and to obtain such financing as is necessary to maintain, repair and replace the Property in accordance with the Declaration and, as security for any such loan, to collaterally assign the Association's right to collect and enforce Assessments levied for the purpose of repaying any such loan.

9. To exercise and enforce architectural control, maintenance and use restrictions in accordance with the Declaration.

10. To operate, maintain and manage the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System in a manner consistent with the District Permit, as such District Permit may be amended, modified or reissued from time to time, and applicable District rules, and to assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained therein.

11. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in order to prevent the Board from incurring expenses not contemplated by the Governing Documents, for which the Owners will be responsible, the Association shall be required to obtain the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of all Members (at a duly called meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present) prior to the engagement of legal counsel by the Association for the purpose of suing, or making, preparing or investigating any lawsuit, or commencing any lawsuit other than for the following purposes:

- (a) the collection of Assessments;
- (b) the collection of other charges which Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Governing Documents;
- (c) the enforcement of any applicable use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Governing Documents;
- (d) dealing with an emergency when waiting to obtain the approval of the Members creates a substantial risk of irreparable injury to the Property or to Member(s) (the imminent expiration of a statute of limitations shall not be deemed an emergency obviating the need for the requisite vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Members); or
- (e) filing a compulsory counterclaim.

The costs of any legal proceedings initiated by the Association, which are not included in the above exceptions shall be financed by the Association only with monies that are collected for that purpose by Special Assessment(s) and the Association shall not borrow money, use reserve funds, or use monies collected for other Association obligations

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ARTICLE V
MEMBERS AND VOTING

The qualification of Members of the Association, the manner of their admission to membership, the manner of the termination of such membership and the manner of voting by Members shall be as follows:

A. Until such time as the first deed of conveyance of a Home from Declarant to an Owner is recorded amongst the Public Records of the County ("First Conveyance"), the membership of the Association shall be comprised solely of Declarant. Until the First Conveyance, Declarant shall be entitled to cast the one (1) and only vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership.

B. Upon the First Conveyance, Declarant shall be a Member as to each of the remaining Lots until each such Lot is conveyed to another Owner, and thereupon and thereafter each and every Owner, including Declarant as to Lots owned by Declarant, shall be a Member and exercise all of the rights and privileges of a Member.

C. Membership in the Association for Owners other than Declarant shall be established by the acquisition of ownership of fee simple title to a Lot as evidenced by the recording of an instrument of conveyance amongst the Public Records of the County. Where title to a Lot is acquired by conveyance from a party other than Declarant by means of sale, gift, inheritance, devise, bequest, judicial decree or otherwise, the person, persons or entity thereby acquiring such Lot shall not be a Member unless or until such Owner shall deliver a true copy of a deed or other instrument of acquisition of title to the Association.

D. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

1. Class "A" Members shall be all Members, with the exception of Declarant while Declarant is a Class "B" Member, each of whom shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

2. Class "B" Member shall be Declarant, who shall be entitled to three (3) times the total number of votes of all Class "A" Members plus one (1) vote. Class "B" membership shall cease and be converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Turnover Date"):

(a) three (3) months after the conveyance of ninety percent (90%) of the "Total Developed Lots" (as defined below) by Declarant, as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Homes amongst the Public Records of the County;

(b) upon the Class "B" Member abandoning or deserting its responsibility to maintain and complete the amenities or infrastructure as disclosed in the Governing Documents. There is a rebuttable presumption that Declarant has abandoned and deserted the Property if Declarant has unpaid Assessments or

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guaranteed amounts under Section 720.308 of the HOA Act for a period of more than two (2) years:

(c) upon the Class "B" Member filing a petition seeking protection under Chapter 7 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

(d) upon the Class "B" Member losing title to the Property through a foreclosure action or the transfer of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless the successor owner has accepted an assignment of developer rights and responsibilities first arising after the date of such assignment;

(e) upon a receiver for the Class "B" Member being appointed by a circuit court and not being discharged within 30 days after such appointment, unless the court determines within 30 days after such appointment that transfer of control would be detrimental to the Association or the Members; or

(f) when, in its discretion, the Class "B" Member so determines.

On the Turnover Date, Class "A" Members, including Declarant, shall assume control of the Association and elect not less than a majority of the Board.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Class "A" Members are entitled to elect at least one (1) member of the Board when fifty percent (50%) of the Total Developed Lots have been conveyed to Members other than Declarant.

E. The designation of different classes of membership are for purposes of establishing the number of votes applicable to certain Lots, and nothing herein shall be deemed to require voting solely by an individual class on any matter which requires the vote of Members, unless otherwise specifically set forth in the Governing Documents.

F. No Member may assign, hypothecate or transfer in any manner his/her membership in the Association except as an appurtenance to his/her Lot.

G. Any Member who conveys or loses title to a Lot by sale, gift, devise, bequest, judicial decree or otherwise shall, immediately upon such conveyance or loss of title, no longer be a Member with respect to such Lot and shall lose all rights and privileges of a Member resulting from ownership of such Lot.

H. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Lot, except for the Class "B" Member as set forth herein. If there is more than one (1) Member with respect to a Lot as a result of the fee interest in such Lot being held by more than one (1) person, such Members collectively shall be entitled to only one (1) vote. The vote of the Owners of a Lot owned by more than one (1) natural person or by a corporation or other legal entity shall be cast by the person named in a certificate signed by all of the Owners of the Lot, or, if appropriate, by properly designated officers, partners or principals of the respective legal entity ("Voting Representative"), and filed with the Secretary of the Association, and such

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certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate. If such a certificate is not filed with the Secretary of the Association, the vote of such Lot shall not be considered for a quorum or for any other purpose.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, whenever any Lot is owned by a husband and wife they may, but shall not be required to, designate a Voting Representative. In the event a certificate designating a Voting Representative is not filed by the husband and wife, the following provisions shall govern their right to vote:

1. When both are present at a meeting, each shall be regarded as the agent and proxy of the other for purposes of casting the vote for each Lot owned by them. In the event they are unable to concur in their decision upon any topic requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that topic at that meeting, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

2. When only one (1) spouse is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the Lot vote without establishing the concurrence of the other spouse, absent any prior written notice to the contrary by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

3. When neither spouse is present, the person designated in a "Proxy" (as defined in the Bylaws) signed by either spouse may cast the Lot vote, when voting by Proxy is allowed, absent any prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

4. Except for special meetings of the Members where a quorum of the Members shall consist of Members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members, a quorum of the Members for regular meetings of the Members shall consist of Members entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes of the Members.

ARTICLE VI TERM

The term for which this Association is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the Association (unless same is reinstated), other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of the assets of the Association shall be conveyed to a similar homeowners association or a public agency having a similar purpose, or any Member may petition the appropriate circuit court of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties in the place and stead of the dissolved Association and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties.

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In the event and upon dissolution of the Association, if the Veterans Administration ("VA") is guaranteeing or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is insuring the mortgage on any Lot, then unless otherwise agreed to in writing by HUD or VA, and only to the extent, if at all, required by such governmental agencies rules and regulations, any remaining real property of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that acceptance of such dedication is refused, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust, or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes. Such requirement shall not apply if VA is not guaranteeing and HUD is not insuring any mortgage and/or if not required by HUD or VA regulations; provided if either agency has granted project approval for Trout River, then HUD and/or VA shall be notified of such dissolution, if and as required by HUD and/or VA applicable rules and regulations.

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 62-330 F.A.C. (Florida Administrative Code), and be approved by the District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles is: Sandra E. Krumbein, 201 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 2200, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the President of the Association, assisted by the Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer, and, if any, by the Assistant Secretary(ies) and Assistant Treasurer(s), subject to the directions of the Board. Except for officers elected prior to the Turnover Date, officers must be Members, or the parents, children or spouses of Members.

The Board shall elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall, from time to time, determine. The President shall be elected from amongst the membership of the Board, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two (2) or more offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the office of President and a Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person.

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ARTICLE IX
FIRST OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President	Beth Grossman
Vice President	Jenny Grose
Secretary/Treasurer	Mikel Denton

ARTICLE X
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The number of Directors on the first Board of Directors of the Association ("First Board") and the "Initial Elected Board" (as hereinafter defined) shall be three (3). The number of Directors elected by the Members subsequent to the "Declarant's Resignation Event" (as hereinafter defined) shall be not less than three (3) nor more than five (5), as the Board shall from time to time determine prior to each meeting at which Directors are to be elected. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses or officers or directors of Members. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Director.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors on the First Board are as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Beth Grossman	Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc. 14785 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida 32258
Jenny Grose	Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc. 14785 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida 32258
Mikel Denton	Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc. 14785 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida 32258

Declarant reserves the right to replace and/or designate and elect successor Directors to serve on the First Board for so long as the First Board is to serve, as hereinafter provided.

C. Declarant intends that Trout River, if and when ultimately developed, will contain one hundred ten (110) Lots with Homes constructed thereon (collectively, "Total Developed Lots"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Declarant has reserved the

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right in the Declaration to modify the plan of development for Trout River and the right to, among other things, modify the site plan and the right to change the recreational facilities, amenities, Home product types and the number of Homes to be constructed within Trout River) and/or the right to add land to Trout River or to withdraw land from Trout River, all in its sole and absolute discretion.

D. Upon the Turnover Date, the Members other than Declarant ("Purchaser Members") shall be entitled to elect not less than a majority of the Board. The election of not less than a majority of the Board by the Purchaser Members shall occur at a special meeting of the membership to be called by the Board for such purpose ("Initial Election Meeting"). The First Board shall serve until the Initial Election Meeting.

E. The Initial Election Meeting shall be called by the Association, through the Board, within sixty (60) days after the Purchaser Members are entitled to elect a majority of Directors as provided in Paragraph D hereof. A notice of meeting shall be forwarded to all Members in accordance with the Bylaws; provided, however, that the Members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior notice of such meeting. The notice shall also specify the number of Directors which shall be elected by the Purchaser Members and the remaining number of Directors designated by Declarant.

F. At the Initial Election Meeting, Purchaser Members, who shall include all Members other than Declarant, the number of which may change from time to time, shall elect two (2) of the Directors, and Declarant, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, shall be entitled to (but not obligated to) designate one (1) Director (same constituting the "Initial Elected Board"). Declarant reserves and shall have the right, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, to name the successor, if any, to any Director it has so designated.

G. The Board shall continue to be so designated and elected, as described in Paragraph F above, at each subsequent "Annual Members' Meeting" (as defined in the Bylaws), until the Annual Members' Meeting following the Declarant's Resignation Event or until a Purchaser Member-elected Director is removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

A Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote or the agreement in writing of a majority of the voting interests of Purchaser Members for any reason deemed to be in the best interests of the Purchaser Members. A meeting of the Purchaser Members to so remove a Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) shall be held upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Purchaser Members. Any such recall shall be effected and a recall election shall be held, if applicable, as provided in the HOA Act.

H. Upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Declarant's Resignation Event"), Declarant shall cause all of its designated Directors to resign:

1. When Declarant no longer holds at least five percent (5%) of the Total Developed Lots for sale in the ordinary course of business and all Lots sold by

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Declarant have been conveyed as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Lots amongst the Public Records of the County; or

2. When Declarant causes the voluntary resignation of all of the Directors designated by Declarant and does not designate replacement Directors.

Upon Declarant's Resignation Event, the Directors elected by Purchaser Members shall elect a successor Director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation or removal of Declarant's designated Director. This successor Director shall serve until the next Annual Members' Meeting and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. In the event Declarant's Resignation Event occurs prior to the Initial Election Meeting, the Initial Election Meeting shall be called in the manner set forth in Paragraph E of this Article X, and all of the Directors shall be elected by the Purchaser Members at such meeting.

I. At each Annual Members' Meeting held subsequent to Declarant's Resignation Event, all of the Directors shall be elected by the Members. At the first Annual Members Meeting held after the Initial Election Meeting, a "staggered" term of office of the Board shall be created as follows:

1. a number equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Directors rounded to the nearest whole number is the number of Directors whose term of office shall be established at two (2) years and the Directors serving for a two (2) year term will be the Directors receiving the most votes at the meeting; and

2. the remaining Directors' terms of office shall be established at one (1) year.

At each Annual Members' Meeting thereafter, as many Directors of the Association shall be elected as there are Directors whose regular term of office expires at such time, and the term of office of the Directors so elected shall be for two (2) years, expiring when their successors are duly elected and qualified.

J. The resignation of a Director who has been designated by Declarant or the resignation of an officer of the Association who has been elected by the First Board shall be deemed to remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge such officer or Director of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Association or Purchaser Members had, now have or will have or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of the Association or Purchaser Members hereafter can, shall or may have against said officer or Director for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day of such resignation, except for such Director's or officer's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

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ARTICLE XI
INDEMNIFICATION

Each and every Director and officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including attorney and paralegal fees at all trial and appellate levels and post judgment proceedings, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him/her in connection with any negotiation, proceeding, arbitration, litigation or settlement in which he/she becomes involved by reason of his/her being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, and the foregoing provision for indemnification shall apply whether or not such person is a Director or officer at the time such cost, expense or liability is incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of any such settlement, the indemnification provisions provided in this Article XI shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement for the costs and expenses of such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association, and in the event a Director or officer admits that he/she is or is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his/her duties, the indemnification provisions of this Article XI shall not apply. The foregoing right of indemnification provided in this Article XI shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director or officer of the Association may be entitled under statute or common law.

ARTICLE XII
BYLAWS

The Bylaws shall be adopted by the First Board, and thereafter may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the Bylaws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

A. Prior to the First Conveyance, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by Declarant of these Articles and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

B. After the First Conveyance, and prior to the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended solely by a majority vote of the Board, without the prior written consent of the Members, at a duly called meeting of the Board.

C. After the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:

1. (a) The Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be at either the Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting. Any number of

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proposed amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at one (1) meeting.

(b) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of meetings.

(c) At such meeting, a vote of the Members shall be taken on the proposed amendment(s). The proposed amendment(s) shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the total voting interests present at such meeting.

2. An amendment may be adopted by a written statement (in lieu of a meeting) signed by all Members and all members of the Board setting forth their intention that an amendment to the Articles be adopted.

D. These Articles may not be amended without the written consent of a majority of the members of the Board.

E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, these Articles shall not be amended in any manner which shall prejudice the rights of: (i) Declarant, without the prior written consent thereto by Declarant, for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Home or Lot; (ii) any "Institutional Mortgagee" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee, or (iii) Participating Builders without the prior written consent of such Participating Builders.

F. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall be adopted which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of Declarant or a Participating Builders without the prior written consent of Declarant or the Participating Builder, including, but not limited to, Declarant's right to designate and select members of the First Board or otherwise designate and select Directors as provided in Article X above, nor shall any other amendment be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Lot.

G. Any instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular article or articles being amended and shall provide a reasonable method to identify the amendment being made. A certified copy of each such amendment shall be attached to any certified copy of these Articles, and a copy of each amendment certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

ARTICLE XIV MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS

Subject to the provisions of the Declaration applicable to the Property and to the extent permitted by law, the Association may participate in mergers and consolidations

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with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall be approved in the manner provided by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. For purposes of any vote of the Members required pursuant to said statutes, for so long as Declarant shall own any portion of the Property, any such merger or consolidation shall require Declarant's prior approval.

ARTICLE XV
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

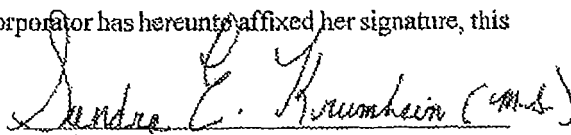
The name and street address of the initial registered agent of the Association is Beth Grossman, 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd, Suite #300, Jacksonville, Florida 32258.

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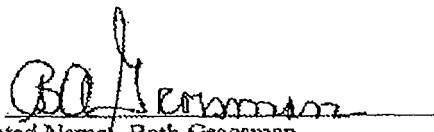
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto affixed her signature, this
25th day of FEBRUARY 2025.


 Sandra E. Krumbein, Incorporator

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in Article XV of these Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

By: 
 Printed Name: Beth Grossman
 Dated: 2/25/25

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EXHIBIT "C"
Bylaws of
Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc.

**BYLAWS
OF
TROUT RIVER VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Section 1. Identification of Association

These are the Bylaws of Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") as duly adopted by its Board of Directors ("Board"). The Association is a corporation not for profit, organized pursuant to Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes.

1.1. The office of the Association shall be for the present at c/o Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd, Suite #300, Jacksonville, Florida 32258 and thereafter may be located at any place designated by the Board.

1.2. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

1.3. The seal of the Association shall bear the name of the Association, the word "Florida" and the words "Corporation Not For Profit."

Section 2. Explanation of Terminology

The terms defined in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association ("Articles") as well as in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Trout River ("Declaration") are incorporated herein by reference and shall appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appear in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Membership; Members' Meetings; Voting and Proxies

3.1. The qualification of Members, the manner of their admission to membership in the Association, the manner of termination of such membership and the voting by Members shall be as set forth in the Articles.

3.2. The Members shall meet annually ("Annual Members' Meeting"). The Annual Members' Meeting shall be held at the office of the Association or at such other place in the County as the Board may determine and on such day and at such time as designated by the Board in the notice of such meeting commencing with the year following the year in which the Articles are filed with the Secretary of State. The purpose of the Annual Members' Meeting shall be to hear reports of the officers, elect members of the Board (when that shall be appropriate as determined by the provisions of the Articles) and transact any other business authorized to be transacted at such Annual Members' Meeting.

3.3. Special meetings (meetings other than the Annual Members' Meeting) of the Members shall be held at the office of the Association or at such other place within the County whenever called by the President or Vice President or by a majority of the Board. A special

meeting must be called by such President or Vice President upon receipt of a written request from Members having the right to vote at least one-third (1/3) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by Members at any such special meeting.

3.4. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles, a written notice of each Members' meeting, whether an Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting (collectively "Meeting"), shall be given to each Member entitled to vote thereat at his designated mailing address and shall be mailed or hand delivered to the said address or electronically transmitted to the Member's e-mail address not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than forty five (45) days prior to the date of the Meeting. Proof of such mailing, delivery or electronic transmission shall be given by the affidavit of the person giving the notice. Any notice given hereunder shall state the time and place of the Meeting and the purposes for which the Meeting is called. The notices of all Annual Members' Meetings shall, in addition, specify the number of Directors of the Association to be designated by Declarant and the number of Directors to be elected by the Members, if applicable. Notwithstanding any provisions hereof to the contrary, notice of any Meeting may be waived before, during or after such Meeting by a Member or by the person entitled to vote for such Member by signing a document setting forth the waiver of such notice.

3.5. The Members may, at the discretion of the Board, act by written response in lieu of a Meeting provided written notice of the matter or matters to be agreed upon is given to the Members or duly waived in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. Unless some greater number is required under the Governing Documents and except as to the election of Directors, which shall be accomplished by plurality vote, the decision of a majority of the votes cast by Members as to the matter or matters to be agreed or voted upon shall be binding on the Members provided a quorum is either present at such Meeting or submits a response if action is taken by written response in lieu of a Meeting, as the case may be. The notice with respect to actions to be taken by written response in lieu of a Meeting shall set forth the time period during which the written responses must be received by the Association.

3.6. (a) Except for special meetings of the Members where a quorum of the Members shall consist of Members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members, a quorum of the Members for regular meetings of the Members shall consist of Members entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes of the Members. Except for special meetings of any class of Members where a quorum of of any class of Members shall consist of class Members of such class entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the class, a quorum of any class of Members for regular meetings of a class, shall consist of class Members of such class entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes of the class. Limited "Proxies" and general "Proxies" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 3.10) may be used to establish a quorum.

(b) When a quorum is present at any Meeting and a question which raises the jurisdiction of such Meeting is presented, the holders of a majority of the voting rights present in person or represented by written Proxy shall be required to decide the question. However, if the question is one upon which a vote other than the majority vote of a quorum is

required by express provision of the Governing Documents or by law, then such express provision shall govern and control the required vote on the decision of such question.

3.7. At any Annual Members' Meeting when elections of Directors are to occur, written ballots are to be supplied to Members for such purposes. Members may vote for Directors in person or by Proxy. Members are not permitted to vote for Directors by absentee ballot. Furthermore, at any Annual Members' Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, the "Chairman" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 7.2) shall appoint an "Election Committee" consisting of three (3) Members to supervise the election, count and verify ballots, disqualify votes if such disqualification is justified under the circumstances and certify the results of the election to the Board. The Election Committee shall be able to determine questions within its jurisdiction by plurality vote of all three (3) members, but matters resulting in deadlocked votes of the Election Committee shall be referred to the entire Board for resolution.

3.8. If a quorum is not in attendance at a Meeting, the Members who are present, either in person or by Proxy, may adjourn the Meeting from time to time until a quorum is present with no further notice of such adjourned Meeting being required unless otherwise determined by the Board.

3.9. Minutes of all Meetings shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by the Members and Directors at all reasonable times. The Association shall retain minutes in the manner and for the period of time as required by the HOA Act.

3.10. Voting rights of Members shall be as stated in the Articles with respect to the election of all Boards other than the First Board. Such votes may be cast in person or by absentee ballot. Proxies may be used to vote on other agenda items at meetings at which Directors are to be elected, and may also be used to establish a quorum. "Proxy" is defined to mean an instrument containing the appointment of a person who is substituted in the place and stead of the person or authorized representative of an entity entitled to vote. Proxies shall be in writing signed by the person or authorized representative of an entity giving the same and shall be valid only for the particular Meeting designated therein and, if so stated in the Proxy, any adjournments thereof, provided, however, any proxy automatically expires ninety (90) days after the date of the meeting for which it was originally given. A Proxy must be filed with the Secretary of the Association before the appointed time of the Meeting in order to be valid. Any Proxy may be revoked prior to the time a vote is cast in accordance with such Proxy.

3.11. The voting on any matter at a Meeting shall be by secret ballot upon request of the holders of twenty percent (20%) of the votes represented at such Meeting and entitled to be cast on such matter, if such request is made prior to the vote in question.

3.12. Remote Participation at Members' Meetings. The President may designate any Members' Meetings, including the annual meeting and any and all special members' meetings, as one at which remote participation will be permitted. At such a remote participation Meeting, some or all of the Members may participate through any means of communication at the President's

election by which all Members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the Meeting. Such a Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the following special rules for debate in remote participation Meetings:

- (a) A quorum shall exist in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (b) Members shall be provided an opportunity to be heard in the order and manner directed by the President; and
- (c) Minutes shall be taken.

At a remote participation Members' Meeting, the Association may transact its business, including but not limited to voting, with the same force and effect as at a Members' Meeting held without remote participation.

3.13. Electronic Voting. The Association may permit Members who desire to do so the ability to utilize electronic voting in conformance with the requirements of Section 720.317 of the Act.

(a) The Board or its President may determine that utilizing electronic voting is not in the best interest of the Association as to any particular meeting. Accordingly, there shall be no obligation for the Association to utilize electronic voting at any particular Members' Meeting or election.

(b) Notice to Owners of the opportunity to vote through an online voting system shall be provided as required by the HOA Act.

(c) The Association hereby adopts the following forms which are incorporated into these Bylaws by reference:

(i) The "Consent to Electronic Voting," attached as **Exhibit A** hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, which consent form an Owner must sign and file in writing or electronically with the Association or be affirmed by the Owner in order for such Owner to be entitled to vote by electronic means; and,

(ii) The "Revocation of Consent to Electronic Voting," attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference, which revocation form an Owner must sign and file with the Association or be affirmed by the Owner to revoke his or her consent to electronic voting.

If permitted by the HOA Act, an electronic notification from an Owner to the Association may be used in lieu of a signed consent or revocation form, in which case the terms of the attached consent forms are incorporated by reference and shall be deemed affirmed by the Owner when consent is given or revoked by electronic means.

(d) In order to implement electronic voting, the Association may contract with an outside vendor or other party that provides electronic voting services. The Board shall use reasonable judgment to ensure that such vendor's services comply with the requirements of the HOA Act.

(e) At such time as the Association contracts with or otherwise arranges for a vendor to provide electronic voting services, or if the Association changes vendors, the Association or its agent shall notify the Owners who have consented to electronic voting, by electronic mail or U.S. mail (or both), at the discretion of the Association, as to the identity of such vendor, including such contact or other information (including, but not limited to a vendor e-mail address or website), as the Association reasonably believes sufficient, to enable Owners to communicate directly with the vendor to engage in electronic voting.

(f) Owners who consent to vote by electronic means may still vote in person, if they choose, by paper means (use of proxies and ballots), or may send proxies to the Association by facsimile transmission or electronic mail, to the extent the Association otherwise receives and accepts proxies through such media. In the event of multiple votes cast by an Owner as to the same matter, the following priority shall prevail: (a) votes cast in person; (b) paper documents; (c) proxies sent by e-mail or facsimile transmission; and (d) on-line/internet/electronic votes.

(g) By signing or affirming the consent form attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, each Owner recognizes that the Association cannot control the practices of third parties regarding internet communications and use of the Owner's e-mail address. As such, and as a condition of the Association's agreement to permit electronic voting, each Owner who consents to electronic voting releases and waives any claim against the Association pertaining to such voting, including but not limited to the transmission or placement of "viruses," "malware," "spyware," "cookies," and the like. Each Owner who consents to electronic voting also consents to the Association's publication of their e-mail address, as well as other information (including necessary personal identifying information) to vendors or other third parties to the extent and as may be reasonably necessary to enable the use of electronic voting processes. Such information shall not be considered an official record of the Association and shall not be available for inspection unless otherwise required by applicable law.

(h) By signing or affirming the consent form attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, each Owner further recognizes that internet/electronic communications may be subject to failure, interruptions, or other problems due to a variety of reasons, including but not limited to Owner operator error, vendor system or server failures, "spam" blockers, power outages, and the like. As such, and as a condition of the Association's agreement to permit electronic voting, each Owner who consents to electronic voting releases and waives any claim or challenge to such voting, including but not limited to situations where an Owner vote was not received or counted by the Association due to no fault of the Board of the Association or management company.

3.14. If and as required by the HOA Act, the Association shall maintain the official records on a website.

Section 4. Board; Directors' Meetings

4.1. The business and administration of the Association shall be by its Board.

4.2. The election and, if applicable, designation of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the Articles. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses of Members. Newly elected or appointed Directors must complete any educational curriculum required by the HOA Act.

4.3. (a) Any person elected or designated as a Director shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of a Director of the Association.

(b) The term of a Director's service shall be as stated in the Articles and, if not so stated, shall extend until the next Annual Members' Meeting and thereafter until his/her successor is duly elected and qualified or until he/she resigns or is removed in the manner elsewhere provided.

4.4. The organizational meeting of a newly elected Board shall be held within ten (10) days of its election at such place and time as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which they were elected. Provided the organizational meeting is held directly following the Annual Members' Meeting, no further notice of the organizational meeting shall be necessary; if not, however, notice of the organizational meeting shall be given in accordance with Section 720.303(2) of the HOA Act.

4.5. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times and places at the office of the Association or at such other place in the County as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the discretion of the President or the Vice President. Special meetings must be called by the Secretary at the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Directors. Any such special meeting may be held at the office of the Association or at such other place in the County at such time and place as determined by the Directors requesting such meeting or in such other place as all of the Directors shall agree upon.

4.6. Notice of the time and place of regular and special meetings of the Board, or adjournments thereof, shall be given to each Director personally, by mail, telephone or electronically transmitted if correctly directed to an electronic mail address at which the Director has consented to receive notice at least three (3) days prior to the day named for such meeting unless such notice is waived before, during or after such meeting. Any Director may waive notice of the meeting in writing before, during or after a meeting and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the receipt of notice by such Director.

4.7. Notice of all Board meetings must specifically identify agenda items for the meetings and must be given to the Members in accordance with the HOA Act.

4.8. A quorum of the Board shall consist of the Directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the entire Board. Matters approved by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the official acts of the Board, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles or elsewhere herein. If at any meeting of the Board there shall be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. At any meeting that takes place on account of a previously adjourned meeting, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted. In the case of the adjournment of a meeting, no further notice of the adjourned meeting need be given unless otherwise determined by the Board.

4.9. The presiding officer at all Board meetings shall be the President. In the absence of the President, the Directors shall designate any one of their number to preside.

4.10. Directors' fees, if any, shall be determined by the Members.

4.11. Minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by Members and Directors at all reasonable times.

4.12. The Board shall have the power to appoint an "Executive Committee(s)" of the Board consisting of not less than three (3) Directors. An Executive Committee(s) shall have and exercise such powers of the Board as may be delegated to such Executive Committee(s) by the Board.

4.13. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members. The Board may also hold closed meetings to the extent permitted by applicable law, including, by way of example but not by way of limitation, when the discussion at a meeting is governed by attorney-client privilege. Members shall have the right to participate in meetings with reference to all designated agenda items in accordance with the HOA Act and any rules and regulations promulgated by the Association. In the event a Member conducts himself or herself in a manner detrimental to the carrying on of the meeting, then any Director may expel said Member from the meeting by any reasonable means which may be necessary to accomplish said Member's expulsion. Also, any Director shall have the right to exclude from any meeting of the Board any person who is not able to provide sufficient proof that he or she is a Member or a duly authorized representative, agent or proxy holder of a Member, unless said person has been specifically invited by any of the Directors to participate in such meeting.

4.14. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, specifically setting forth the action to be taken, shall be signed by all the Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors, provided, however, whenever assessments are to be considered, they may be considered only at a meeting of the Directors properly noticed in accordance with the HOA Act.

4.15. Remote Participation at Board Meetings. The President may designate any Board meeting, whether regular or special, as one at which remote participation will be permitted. At such a remote participation Board meeting, some or all of the Board members may participate through any means of communication at the President's election by which all Board members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the Board meeting. Such a Board meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the following special rules for debate in remote participation Board meetings:

- (a) A quorum shall exist in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (b) Directors shall be provided an opportunity to be heard in the order and manner directed by the President;
- (c) Members who are not Board members may attend as observers; and
- (d) Minutes shall be taken.

At a remote participation Board meeting, the Association may transact its business, including but not limited to voting, with the same force and effect as at a Board meeting held without remote participation.

Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Board

5.1. All of the powers and duties of the Association shall be exercised by the Board. Such powers and duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, all powers and duties set forth in the Governing Documents, as well as all of the powers and duties of a director of a corporation not for profit not inconsistent therewith, including Section 617.0830, Florida Statutes

5.2. The Association may employ a manager to perform any of the duties, powers or functions of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may not delegate to the manager the power to conclusively determine whether the Association should make expenditures for capital additions or improvements chargeable against the Association funds. The members of the Board shall not be personally liable for any omission or improper exercise by the manager of any duty, power or function delegated to the manager by the Association.

5.3. As of January 2024, following adoption of the federal Corporate Transparency Act, beneficial owners of entities including homeowners' associations are required to file certain identifying information with FinCEN, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. This includes all current and subsequently elected and appointed Directors of the Association. In order to be eligible to serve on the Board, individuals who are current Directors or those elected or appointed to fill a vacant position, shall obtain a FinCEN Identifier by registering with FinCEN online at <https://fincenid.fincen.gov/landing>. The issued FinCEN Identifier shall be promptly provided to the current Board along with all other necessary identifying information to

allow the Board to update its Beneficial Ownership Information Report ("BOI Report"). If for any reason, the FinCEN Identifier is not timely provided or the Board is unable to register and update its BOI Report within the deadlines established by FinCEN, then such individual shall not be eligible to serve on the Board and will be removed if currently serving on the Board. It shall be the Board's obligation to timely update its BOI Report following any changes in Board membership. In accordance with FinCEN regulations, changes in Board membership, specifically the current beneficial ownership information for any new Directors, shall be reported within 30 days. If a newly elected or appointed Director fails to timely provide its FinCEN Identifier or the necessary identifying information for the Board to update its BOI Report, that individual shall no longer be eligible to serve on the Board. Similarly, in reporting for existing Directors, a noncompliant Director shall be removed from the Board if they fail to timely provide a FinCEN Identifier and the necessary information to update the Association's BOI Report.

Section 6. Late Fees

An Owner who fails to timely pay any Assessment shall be charged a late charge of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) or five percent (5%) of the past due amount, whichever is greater, by the Association for such late Assessment. This amount is subject to change in the Board's sole discretion. In addition, any party who fails to pay any Assessment within ten (10) days of the due date shall be charged interest thereon from the date due until paid at 18% per annum. Owners shall be responsible to pay all Legal Fees incurred in connection with the collection of late Assessments whether or not an action at law to collect said Assessment and foreclose the Association's lien has been commenced.

Section 7. Officers of the Association

7.1. Executive officers of the Association shall be the President, who shall be a Director, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board. Any officer may be removed without cause from office by vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board. The Board may, from time to time, elect such other officers and assistant officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the Association. One person may hold any two offices simultaneously, except when the functions of such offices are incompatible, but no person shall hold the office of President and any of the following offices simultaneously: Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary. Any person permitted to serve as a Director shall be permitted to serve as an officer of the Association.

7.2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He/She shall have all of the powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of an association or a corporation not for profit, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint such committees from among the Members at such times as he/she may, in his/her discretion, determine appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association. If in attendance, the President ("Chairman") shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Members; provided, however, that the President may appoint a substitute.

7.3. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. If there is more than one (1) Vice President, the Board shall designate which Vice President is to perform which duties. The Vice President(s) shall also generally assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Board. In the event there shall be more than one Vice President elected by the Board, then they shall be designated as "First Vice President", "Second Vice President", etc., and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the presidency in such order.

7.4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Members, which minutes shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by Members and Directors at all reasonable times. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the Association and affix the same to instruments requiring such seal when duly authorized and directed to do so. The Secretary shall be custodian for the corporate records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Secretary of the Association as may be required by the Board or the President. The Assistant Secretary, if any, shall perform the duties of the Secretary when the Secretary is absent and shall assist the Secretary under the supervision of the Secretary.

7.5. The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the monies of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. The Treasurer shall keep the assessment rolls and accounts of the Members and shall keep the books of the Association in accordance with good accounting practices and he/she shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is absent and shall assist the Treasurer under the supervision of the Treasurer.

7.6. The compensation, if any, of the officers and other employees of the Association shall be fixed by the Board. This provision shall not preclude the Board from hiring a Director as an employee of the Association or preclude contracting with a Director or a party affiliated with a Director for the management or performance of contract services for all or any part of Trout River.

Section 8. Resignations

Any Director or officer may resign his/her post at any time by written resignation, delivered to the President or Secretary, which shall take effect upon its receipt unless a later date is specified in the resignation, in which event the resignation shall be effective from such date unless withdrawn. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be required to make it effective. The conveyance of all Homes owned by any Director or officer (other than appointees of Declarant) shall constitute a written resignation of such Director or officer.

Section 9. Accounting Records; Fiscal Management

9.1. The Association shall prepare financial reports and maintain accounting records in accordance with the HOA Act. The accounting records of the Association shall be open to inspection by Members and Institutional Mortgagees or their respective authorized representatives at reasonable times and in accordance with, but subject to the limitations of, the HOA Act. Such authorization as a representative of a Member must be in writing and signed by the person giving the authorization and dated within sixty (60) days of the date of the inspection. Such records shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a record of all receipts and expenditures; (ii) an account for each Lot within Trout River which shall designate the name and address of the Owner thereof, the amount of Individual Lot Assessments and all other Assessments, if any, charged to the Lot, the amounts and due dates for payment of same, the amounts paid upon the account and the dates paid, and the balance due; (iii) any tax returns, financial statements and financial reports of the Association; and (iv) any other records that identify, measure, record or communicate financial information.

9.2. The Board shall adopt a Budget (as defined and provided for in the Declaration) of the anticipated Operating Expenses for each forthcoming calendar year (the fiscal year of the Association being the calendar year) at a special meeting of the Board ("Budget Meeting") called for that purpose to be held during the month of November or December of the year preceding the year to which the Budget applies. Prior to the Budget Meeting, a proposed Budget for the Operating Expenses shall be prepared by or on behalf of the Board. Within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Budget, a copy thereof shall be furnished to each Member, upon request, and each Owner shall be given notice of the Individual Home Assessment applicable to his/her Home(s). The copy of the Budget, if requested, shall be deemed furnished and the notice of the Individual Home Assessment shall be deemed given upon its delivery or upon its being mailed to the Owner's designated mailing address and/or as otherwise required by the HOA Act.

9.3. In administering the finances of the Association, the following procedures shall govern: (i) the fiscal year shall be the calendar year; (ii) any monies received by the Association in any calendar year may be used by the Association to pay expenses incurred in the same calendar year; (iii) there shall be apportioned between calendar years on a *pro rata* basis any expenses which are prepaid in any one calendar year for Operating Expenses which cover more than such calendar year; (iv) Assessments shall be made quarterly in amounts no less than are required to provide funds in advance for payment of all of the anticipated current Operating Expenses and for all unpaid Operating Expenses previously incurred; and (v) items of Operating Expenses incurred in a calendar year shall be charged against income for the same calendar year regardless of when the bill for such expenses is received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Assessments for Operating Expenses and any periodic installments thereof shall be of sufficient magnitude to ensure an adequacy and availability of cash to meet all budgeted expenses in any calendar year as such expenses are incurred in accordance with the accrual basis method of accounting.

9.4. Individual Home Assessments shall be payable as provided in the Declaration.

9.5. No Board shall be required to anticipate revenue from Assessments or expend funds to pay for Operating Expenses not budgeted or which shall exceed budgeted items, and no Board is required to engage in deficit spending. Should there exist any deficiency which results from there being greater Operating Expenses than monies from Assessments, then such deficits shall be carried into the next succeeding year's Budget as a deficiency or shall be the subject of a Special Assessment or an upward adjustment to the Individual Home Assessment.

9.6. The depository of the Association shall be such bank or banks as shall be designated from time to time by the Board in which the monies of the Association shall be deposited. Withdrawal of monies from such account shall be only by checks signed by such persons as are authorized by the Board.

9.7. A report of the accounts of the Association shall be made annually by an accountant and a copy of the report shall be furnished to each Member who requests same in writing no later than the first day of April of the year following the year for which the report is made. The report shall be deemed to be furnished to the Member upon its delivery or mailing to the Member's designated mailing address and/or as otherwise permitted under the HOA Act.

Section 10. Rules and Regulations

The Board may at any meeting of the Board adopt rules and regulations or amend, modify or rescind then existing rules and regulations for the operation of Trout River; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the terms or provisions of the Governing Documents. Copies of any rules and regulations promulgated, amended or rescinded shall be mailed or delivered to all Members at such Members designated mailing addresses at the time of such delivery or mailing and shall not take effect until forty-eight (48) hours after such delivery or mailing, or, in the event both forms of notification are used, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when rules and regulations are to regulate the use of a specific portion of the Property, same shall be conspicuously posted and such rules and regulations shall be effective immediately upon such posting. Care shall be taken to ensure that posted rules and regulations are conspicuously displayed and easily readable and that posted signs or announcements are designed with a view toward protection from weather and the elements. Posted rules and regulations which are torn down or lost shall be promptly replaced.

Section 11. Parliamentary Rules

The then latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Members and the Board; provided, however, if such rules of order are in conflict with any of the Governing Documents, Robert's Rules of Order shall yield to the provisions of such instrument.

Section 12. Roster of Owners

Each Owner shall file with the Association a copy of the deed or other document showing his ownership interest in Trout River. The Association shall maintain a current roster of all Members and their designated mailing addresses and parcel identifications. An Owner's designated mailing address is the Owner's property address, unless the Owner has sent written notice to the Association requesting that a different mailing address be used for all required notices. The Association shall also maintain the e-mail addresses and the facsimile numbers designated by Owners for receiving notice sent by electronic transmission of those Owners consenting to receive notice by electronic transmission. An Owner's e-mail address is the e-mail address the Owner provided when consenting in writing to receiving notice by electronic transmission, unless the Owner has sent written notice to the Association requesting that a different e-mail address be used for all required notices. The e-mail addresses and facsimile numbers provided by Owners to receive notice by electronic transmission must be removed from Association records when the Owner revokes consent to receive notice by electronic transmission. The Association may rely on the accuracy of such information for all purposes until notified in writing of changes therein.

Section 13. Amendment of the Bylaws

13.1. These Bylaws may be amended as hereinafter set forth in this Section 13.

13.2 After the Turnover Date, any Bylaw of the Association may be amended or repealed, and any new Bylaw of the Association may be adopted by either:

(i) a majority vote of the Members at any Annual Members' Meeting or any special meeting of the Members called for that purpose or by majority action of the Members who have acted by written response in lieu of a Meeting as permitted by these Bylaws; or

(ii) by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any regular meeting of the Board or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose or by written instrument signed by all of the Directors as is permitted by these Bylaws, provided that the Directors shall not have any authority to adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw if such new Bylaw or such amendment or the repeal of a Bylaw would be inconsistent with any Bylaw previously adopted by the Members.

13.3. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Section 13 to the contrary, until the Turnover Date, all amendments or modifications to these Bylaws and adoption or repeal of Bylaws shall only be made by action of the First Board as described in the Articles, which First Board shall have the power to amend, modify, adopt and repeal any Bylaws without the requirement of any consent, approval or vote of the Members.

13.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 13, there shall be no amendment to these Bylaws which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of: (i) Declarant, without the prior written consent thereto by Declarant for so long as Declarant holds

title to at least one (1) Home; or (ii) any Institutional Mortgagee without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee.

13.5. Any instrument amending, modifying, repealing or adding Bylaws shall identify the particular section or sections affected and give the exact language of such modification, amendment or addition or of the provisions repealed. A copy of each such amendment, modification, repeal or addition attested to by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

Section 14. Mediation

Pursuant to the HOA Act, mandatory mediation before the Department of Business and Professional Regulation ("Department") shall be required prior to institution of court litigation for disputes involving certain actions or inactions, as described therein.

Section 15. Recall of Board Members and Election Disputes

Pursuant to the HOA Act, mandatory binding arbitration before the Department shall be required for election disputes and disputes involving the recall of any member of the Board. Any member of the Board may be recalled and removed from office as provided for and described in the HOA Act.

Section 16. Interpretation

In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control; and in the event of any conflict between the Articles and the Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

The foregoing Bylaws of Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc. were adopted by the Board of Directors as of the date of filing the Articles of Incorporation for the Association.

EXHIBIT A

CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC VOTING

The undersigned, being all the Owners, or the eligible voter(s) for the Home and Lot located at _____, of Trout River, hereby consent(s) in writing (by signing this form or agreeing to electronic voting by e-mail) to voting electronically at meetings for the Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") to the fullest extent permitted by law, pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association.

My/Our e-mail address that will be used for electronic voting is: _____.

The undersigned hereby understand(s) and agree(s) that in order to be valid, this consent form must be on file with the Association or an equivalent affirmation on file with the service which conducts electronic voting no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting or election in which the Owner wishes to vote by electronic means.

All Owners of the Home and Lot or the eligible voter thereof, please complete and sign below.

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Home/Lot Number: _____
Date: _____

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Home/Lot Number: _____
Dated: _____

EXHIBIT B

REVOCATION OF CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC VOTING

The undersigned, being all the Owners, or the eligible voter(s) for the Home and Lot located at (insert property address), of Trout River, has/have previously consented to electronic voting at meetings for the Trout River Villas Owners Association, Inc. ("Association"), as permitted by law by consent form dated _____, 20____, duly filed with the Association.

I/We hereby revoke my/our consent.

The undersigned hereby understand(s) and agree(s) that in order to be valid, this revocation of consent form must be on file with the Association or an equivalent affirmation on file with the service which conducts electronic voting no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting in which the Owner wishes to revoke consent to vote by electronic means.

All Owners of the Home and Lot or the eligible voter thereof, please complete and sign below.

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Home/Lot Number: _____
Date: _____

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Home/Lot Number: _____
Dated: _____

EXHIBIT "D"
Water Management District Permit



St. Johns River Water Management District

Michael A. Register, P.E., Executive Director

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January 09, 2024

Barry Stewart
Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society
5901 Trout River Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32219-2518

SUBJECT: 205475-1
Trout River Development

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is your consolidated Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) and written authorization to Use State Owned Sovereign Submerged Lands (SSL) issued by the St. Johns River Water Management District on January 09, 2024. This permit is a legal document and should be kept with your other important documents. Permit issuance does not relieve you from the responsibility of obtaining any necessary permits from any federal, state, or local agencies for your project.

Technical Staff Report:

If you wish to review a copy of the Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the District's staff analysis of your permit application, you may view the TSR by going to the Permitting section of the District's website at www.sjrwmd.com/permitting. Using the "search applications and permits" feature, you can use your permit number or project name to find information about the permit. When you see the results of your search, click on the permit number.

Noticing Your Permit:

For noticing instructions, please refer to the noticing materials in this package regarding closing the point of entry for someone to challenge the issuance of your permit. Please note that if a timely petition for administrative hearing is filed, your permit will become nonfinal and any activities that you choose to undertake pursuant to your permit will be at your own risk. Please refer to the attached Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's agency action.

Compliance with Permit Conditions:

To submit your required permit compliance information, go to the District's website at www.sjrwmd.com/permitting. Under the "Apply for a permit or submit compliance data" section, click to sign-in to your existing account or to create a new account. Select the "Compliance Submittal" tab, enter your permit number, and select "No Specific Date" for the Compliance Due Date Range. You will then be able to view all the compliance submittal requirements for your project. Select the compliance item that you are ready to submit and then attach the appropriate information or form.

GOVERNING BOARD

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FLEMING ISLAND

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Doug Bourmique
VERO BEACH

Douglas Burnett
ST. AUGUSTINE

Ron Howse
COCOA

Janet Price
FERNANDINA BEACH

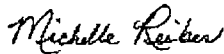
The forms to comply with your permit conditions are available at www.sjrwmd.com/permitting under the section "Handbooks, forms, fees, final orders". Click on forms to view all permit compliance forms, then scroll to the ERP application forms section and select the applicable compliance forms. Alternatively, if you have difficulty finding forms or need copies of the appropriate forms, please contact the Bureau of Regulatory Support at (386) 329-4570.

Transferring Your Permit:

As required by a condition of your permit, you must notify the District within 30 days of any sale, conveyance or other transfer of a permitted system or facility, or within 30 days of any transfer of ownership or control of the real property where the permitted system or facility is located. You will need to provide the District with the information specified in District rule 40C-1.612, Florida Administrative Code (name and address of the transferee and a copy of the instrument effectuating the transfer). Please note that a permittee remains liable for any corrective actions that may be required as a result of any permit violations that occur before the sale, conveyance, or other transfer of the system or facility, so it is recommended that you request a permit transfer in advance.

Thank you and please let us know if you have additional questions. For general questions contact e-permit@sjrwmd.com or (386) 329-4570.

Sincerely,



Michelle Reiber, Bureau Chief
Division of Regulatory Services
St. Johns River Water Management District
525 Community College Parkway, S.E.
Palm Coast, FL 32909
(321) 409-2129

Enclosures: Permit
Notice of Rights
List of Newspapers for Publication

cc: District Permit File

Consultant: Cody Smith
Halff Associates, Inc.
9995 Gate Pkwy N
Ste 200
Jacksonville, FL 32246-1899

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Post Office Box 1429
Palatka, Florida 32178-1429

PERMIT NO: 205475-1 **DATE ISSUED:** January 09, 2024
PROJECT NAME: Trout River Development

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT (ERP) AUTHORIZING:

Construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for an 11.11-acre project known as Trout River Development as per plans received by the District on December 11, 2023.

AUTHORIZATION TO USE SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS (SSL):

LOCATION:

Section(s): 18 Township(s): 1S Range(s): 26E

Duval County

ISSUED TO:

Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society
5901 Trout River Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32219-2518

Permittee agrees to hold and save the St. Johns River Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise from permit issuance. Said application, including all plans and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof.

This permit does not convey to permittee any property rights nor any rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any law, regulation or requirement affecting the rights of other bodies or agencies. All structures and works installed by permittee hereunder shall remain the property of the permittee.

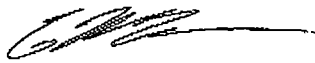
This permit may be revoked, modified or transferred at any time pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes:

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT AND SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS
AUTHORIZATION IS CONDITIONED UPON:**

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A", dated January 09, 2024

AUTHORIZED BY: St. Johns River Water Management District

By:



Craig McCammon
Supervising Regulatory Scientist

"EXHIBIT A"
CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 205475-1
Trout River Development
DATED January 09, 2024

REGULATORY CONDITIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT (ERP):

1. All activities shall be implemented following the plans, specifications and performance criteria approved by this permit. Any deviations must be authorized in a permit modification in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, F.A.C. Any deviations that are not so authorized may subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.
2. A complete copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity during the construction phase, and shall be available for review at the work site upon request by the District staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to beginning construction.
3. Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed immediately prior to, and be maintained during and after construction as needed, to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Such practices shall be in accordance with the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), and the Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), which are both incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-330.050(9)(b)5, F.A.C., unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved or other water quality control measures are required as part of the permit.
4. At least 48 hours prior to beginning the authorized activities, the permittee shall submit to the District a fully executed Form 62-330.350(1), "Construction Commencement Notice," (October 1, 2013) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02505>), incorporated by reference herein, indicating the expected start and completion dates. A copy of this form may be obtained from the District, as described in subsection 62-330.010(5), F.A.C., and shall be submitted electronically or by mail to the Agency. However, for activities involving more than one acre of construction that also require a NPDES stormwater construction general permit, submittal of the Notice of Intent to Use Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities, DEP Form 62-621.300(4)(b), shall also serve as notice of commencement of construction under this chapter and, in such a case, submittal of Form 62-330.350(1) is not required.
5. Unless the permit is transferred under Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C., or transferred to an operating entity under Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., the permittee is liable to comply with the plans, terms and conditions of the permit for the life of the project or activity.
6. Within 30 days after completing construction of the entire project, or any independent portion of the project, the permittee shall provide the following to the Agency, as applicable:

- a. For an individual, private single-family residential dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex — “Construction Completion and Inspection Certification for Activities Associated with a Private Single-Family Dwelling Unit” [Form 62-330.310(3)]; or
 - b. For all other activities — “As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operation Phase” [Form 62-330.310(1)].
 - c. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this certification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
7. If the final operation and maintenance entity is a third party:
 - a. Prior to sales of any lot or unit served by the activity and within one year of permit issuance, or within 30 days of as-built certification, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit, as applicable, a copy of the operation and maintenance documents (see sections 12.3 thru 12.3.4 of Volume I) as filed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations and a copy of any easement, plat, or deed restriction needed to operate or maintain the project, as recorded with the Clerk of the Court in the County in which the activity is located.
 - b. Within 30 days of submittal of the as- built certification, the permittee shall submit “Request for Transfer of Environmental Resource Permit to the Perpetual Operation and Maintenance Entity” [Form 62-330.310(2)] to transfer the permit to the operation and maintenance entity, along with the documentation requested in the form. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this transfer requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
8. The permittee shall notify the District in writing of changes required by any other regulatory District that require changes to the permitted activity, and any required modification of this permit must be obtained prior to implementing the changes.
9. This permit does not:
 - a. Convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges, or any other rights or privileges other than those specified herein or in Chapter 62-330, F.A.C.;
 - b. Convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any interest in real property;
 - c. Relieve the permittee from the need to obtain and comply with any other required federal, state, and local authorization, law, rule, or ordinance; or
 - d. Authorize any entrance upon or work on property that is not owned, held in easement, or controlled by the permittee.
10. Prior to conducting any activities on state-owned submerged lands or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.
11. The permittee shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities that may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any project authorized by the permit.

12. The permittee shall notify the District in writing:
 - a. Immediately if any previously submitted information is discovered to be inaccurate; and
 - b. Within 30 days of any conveyance or division of ownership or control of the property or the system, other than conveyance via a long-term lease, and the new owner shall request transfer of the permit in accordance with Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. This does not apply to the sale of lots or units in residential or commercial subdivisions or condominiums where the stormwater management system has been completed and converted to the operation phase.
13. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, District staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the project or activities to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications authorized in the permit.
14. If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, stone tools, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section (DHR), at (850) 245-6333, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Project activities shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S. For project activities subject to prior consultation with the DHR and as an alternative to the above requirements, the permittee may follow procedures for unanticipated discoveries as set forth within a cultural resources assessment survey determined complete and sufficient by DHR and included as a specific permit condition herein.
15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Rule 62-330.201, F.A.C., provides otherwise.
16. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all components of the stormwater management system to remove trapped sediments and debris. Removed materials shall be disposed of in a landfill or other uplands in a manner that does not require a permit under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or cause violations of state water quality standards.
17. This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information that reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource-related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. If any adverse impacts result, the District will require the permittee to eliminate the cause, obtain any necessary permit modification, and take any necessary corrective actions to resolve the adverse impacts.
18. A Recorded Notice of Environmental Resource Permit may be recorded in the county public records in accordance with Rule 62-330.090(7), F.A.C. Such notice is not an encumbrance upon the property.

19. All wetland areas or water bodies that are outside the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit must be protected from erosion, siltation, scouring or excess turbidity, and dewatering.
20. This permit does not authorize the permittee to cause any adverse impact to or "take" of state listed species and other regulated species of fish and wildlife. Compliance with state laws regulating the take of fish and wildlife is the responsibility of the owner or applicant associated with this project. Please refer to Chapter 68A-27 of the Florida Administrative Code for definitions of "take" and a list of fish and wildlife species. If listed species are observed onsite, FWC staff are available to provide decision support information or assist in obtaining the appropriate FWC permits. Most marine endangered and threatened species are statutorily protected and a "take" permit cannot be issued. Requests for further information or review can be sent to FWCConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com.
21. This permit for construction will expire five years from the date of issuance.
22. At a minimum, all retention and detention storage areas must be excavated to rough grade prior to building construction or placement of impervious surface within the area to be served by those facilities. To prevent reduction in storage volume and percolation rates, all accumulated sediment must be removed from the storage area prior to final grading and stabilization.
23. The operation and maintenance entity shall inspect the stormwater or surface water management system once within two years after the completion of construction and every two years thereafter to determine if the system is functioning as designed and permitted. The operation and maintenance entity must maintain a record of each required inspection, including the date of the inspection, the name and contact information of the inspector, and whether the system was functioning as designed and permitted, and make such record available for inspection upon request by the District during normal business hours. If at any time the system is not functioning as designed and permitted, then within 30 days the entity shall submit a report electronically or in writing to the District using Form 62-330.311(1), "Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification," describing the remedial actions taken to resolve the failure or deviation.
24. Before the start of any construction, the permittee must provide the District with documentation demonstrating that 1.22 freshwater forested mitigation credits have been debited from the Highlands Ranch Mitigation Bank ledger.
25. In the event that the permittee does not successfully complete the transaction to obtain 1.22 freshwater forested mitigation credits from Highlands Ranch Mitigation Bank, the permittee must obtain a permit modification to provide alternative mitigation.
26. All impacts must be constructed per the plans received by the District on December 11, 2023.
27. The surface water management system shall be constructed and operated in accordance with plans received by the District on December 11, 2023.

PROPRIETARY CONDITIONS - SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS (SSL):

Notice Of Rights

1. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code, the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within fourteen (14) days of the District depositing the notice of District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within fourteen (14) days of the District emailing the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within fourteen (14) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax), as explained in paragraph no. 4 below.
2. Please be advised that if you wish to dispute this District decision, mediation may be available and that choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing. If you wish to request mediation, you must do so in a timely-filed petition. If all parties, including the District, agree to the details of the mediation procedure, in writing, within 10 days after the time period stated in the announcement for election of an administrative remedy under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, shall be tolled to allow mediation of the disputed District decision. The mediation must be concluded within 60 days of the date of the parties' written agreement, or such other timeframe agreed to by the parties in writing. Any mediation agreement must include provisions for selecting a mediator, a statement that each party shall be responsible for paying its pro-rata share of the costs and fees associated with mediation, and the mediating parties' understanding regarding the confidentiality of discussions and documents introduced during mediation. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the District will enter a final order consistent with the settlement agreement. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the District will notify all the parties in writing that the administrative hearing process under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, is resumed. Even if a party chooses not to engage in formal mediation, or if formal mediation does not result in a settlement agreement, the District will remain willing to engage in informal settlement discussions.
3. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to an informal administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, where no material facts are in dispute. A petition for an informal hearing must also comply with the requirements set forth in Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code.
4. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency

Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at sjrwmd.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

5. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite timeframe shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code).
6. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the District's final action has the right to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.
7. Pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, a party to the proceeding before the District who is adversely affected by final District action may seek review of the action in the District Court of Appeal by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, within 30 days of the rendering of the final District action.
8. A District action is considered rendered, as referred to in paragraph no. 7 above, after it is signed on behalf of the District and filed by the District Clerk.
9. Failure to observe the relevant timeframes for filing a petition for judicial review as described in paragraph no. 7 above will result in waiver of that right to review.

NOTICING INFORMATION

Please be advised that the St. Johns River Water Management District has not published a notice in the newspaper advising the public that it has issued a permit for this project.

Newspaper publication, using the District's form, notifies members of the public of their right to challenge the issuance of the permit. If proper notice is given by newspaper publication, then there is a 14-day time limit to file a petition challenging the issuance of the permit.

To close the point of entry for filing a petition, you may publish (at your own expense) a one-time notice of the District's decision in a newspaper of general circulation within the affected area as defined in Section 50.011 of the Florida Statutes. If you do not publish a newspaper notice, the time to challenge the issuance of your permit will not expire.

A copy of the notice and a partial list of newspapers of general circulation are attached for your convenience. However, you are not limited to those listed newspapers. If you choose to close the point of entry and the notice is published, the newspaper will return to you an affidavit as proof of publication. Please submit a scanned copy of the affidavit by emailing compliancesupport@sjrwmd.com (preferred method) or send the original affidavit of publication to:

Office of Records and Regulatory Support
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, FL 32177

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Records and Regulatory Support at (386) 329-4570.

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on _____:

(Name and address of applicant) _____
 permit# _____. The project is located in _____ County, Section
 _____, Township _____ South, Range _____ East. The permit authorizes a surface
 water management system on _____ acres for _____
 _____ known as
 _____. The receiving water body is _____.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within fourteen (14) days of the District depositing the notice of intended District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within fourteen (14) days of the District emailing notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within fourteen (14) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwmd.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

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If you wish to do so, please visit <http://www.sjrwmd.com/noticEOFrights/> to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's intended decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Office of Records and Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386) 329-4570.

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The Alachua County Record, Legal Advertising
P. O. Box 806
Gainesville, FL 32602
352-377-2444/ fax 352-338-1986

BRAFORD

Bradford County Telegraph, Legal Advertising
P. O. Drawer A
Starke, FL 32901
904-964-6305/ fax 904-964-8628

CLAY

Clay Today, Legal Advertising
1560 Kinsley Ave., Suite 1
Orange Park, FL 32073
904-264-3200/ fax 904-264-3285

FLAGLER

Flagler Tribune, c/o News Journal
P. O. Box 2831
Daytona Beach, FL 32120-2831
386- 681-2322

LAKE

Daily Commercial, Legal Advertising
P. O. Drawer 490007
Leesburg, FL 34749
352-365-8235/fax 352-365-1951

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Fernandina Beach, FL 32035
904-261-3696/fax 904-261-3698

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633 N. Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801
407-420-5160/ fax 407-420-5011

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Palatka, FL 32178
386-312-5200/ fax 386-312-5209

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Sanford Herald, Legal Advertising
300 North French Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771
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Baker County Press, Legal Advertising
P. O. Box 598
MacLennny, FL 32063
904-259-2400/ fax 904-259-6502

BREVARD

Florida Today, Legal Advertising
P. O. Box 419000
Melbourne, FL 32941-9000
321-242-3832/ fax 321-242-6618

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Daily Record, Legal Advertising
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Jacksonville, FL 32201
904-356-2466 / fax 904-353-2628

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Port St. Lucie, FL 34986
772-283-5252

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2121 SW 19th Avenue Road
Ocala, FL 34474
352-867-4010/fax 352-867-4126

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Okeechobee News, Legal Advertising
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Okeechobee, FL 34973-0639
863-763-3134/fax 863-763-5901

OSCEOLA

Little Sentinel, Legal Advertising
633 N. Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801
407-420-5160/ fax 407-420-5011

ST. JOHNS

St. Augustine Record, Legal Advertising
P. O. Box 1630
St. Augustine, FL 32085
904-819-3436

VOLUSIA

News Journal Corporation, Legal Advertising
P. O. Box 2831
Daytona Beach, FL 32120-2831
(386) 681-2322

CERTIFICATE REGARDING RECEIPT FOR PAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

This is to certify that all real estate taxes due and owing on the "Property" as described in the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Trout River ("Declaration") have been paid as of the date of recordation of the Declaration.

Signed in the presence of:

FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation

H Allen
Name: Heather L Allen
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258

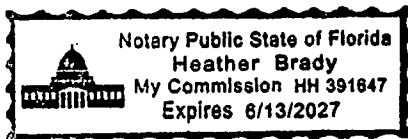
By: Sarah Wicker
Name: Sarah Wicker
Title: Vice President

SAUGNE B. ESTES
Name: SAUGNE B. ESTES
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF Duval) SS:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, by Sarah Wicker, as Vice President of **FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation**, freely and voluntarily under authority duly vested in him by said corporation, who is personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 28th day of February, 2025.



My Commission Expires: 06/13/27

Heather Brady
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
Heather Brady
Typed, Printed or Stamped Name of Notary Public

CONSENT OF MORTGAGEE

This Consent of Mortgagee ("Consent") is given as of the 18th day of February, 2025, on behalf of D.R. HORTON, INC. - JACKSONVILLE, a Delaware corporation ("Mortgagee"), being the owner and holder of that certain Mortgage and Security Agreement, dated April 2, 2024 and recorded April 12, 2024 in Official Records Book 21013, Page 2486 of the Public Records of the County (as same may be amended or modified from time to time, and including any and all other documents securing the indebtedness referenced in the mortgage, the "Mortgage") securing the Property described in the foregoing Declaration.

WHEREAS, Mortgagee has been requested to consent to the recording of the foregoing Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mortgagee hereby consents to the foregoing Declaration.

Mortgagee makes no warranty or any representation of any kind or nature concerning the foregoing Declaration, any of its terms or provisions, or the legal sufficiency thereof, and disavows any such warranty or representation and does not assume and shall not be responsible for any of the obligations or liabilities contained in the foregoing Declaration or other documents used in connection therewith. None of the representations contained in the foregoing Declaration or other documents shall be deemed to have been made by Mortgagee, nor shall they be construed to create any obligations on Mortgagee to any person relying thereon. Nothing contained herein shall affect or impair the rights and remedies of Mortgagee as set forth in the Mortgage in connection with the Property or in the Declaration.

Made as of the day and year first above written.

Witnessed by:

**D.R. HORTON, INC. -
JACKSONVILLE**, a Delaware
corporation

Name: Beth A. Grossman
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd
STE 300, JACKSONVILLE FL 32258

By: [Signature]
Name: John E. Zakoske
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Name: [Signature]
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd
STE 300, JACKSONVILLE FL 32258

(NOTARY FOLLOWS)

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
 COUNTY OF St. Johns)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, by JOHN Zakoske the Vice President of D.R. HORTON, INC. - JACKSONVILLE, a Delaware corporation, who ☒ is personally known to me or ☐ has produced _____ as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day of February 28, 2025.

HL Allen
 Name: Heather L Allen

My Commission Expires: Notary Public, State of FLORIDA
 Commission No. HH 506638



HEATHER L. ALLEN
 Commission # HH 506638
 Expires July 20, 2028

This Instrument Prepared by and Return to:

J. Paul Fanning, Esq.
Shutts & Bowen LLP
201 East Las Olas Blvd.
Suite 2200
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

*Cross Reference to Declaration Recorded in Official Records Book
21380, Page 1995, et seq., of the Public Records of Duval County,
Florida*

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**DECLARANT'S AMENDMENT
TO
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS
AND EASEMENTS FOR TROUT RIVER**

This instrument ("Amendment") is made as of this 9th day of JUNE, 2025,
by FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation ("Declarant"),
having an office located at 14785 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32258.

WHEREAS, Declarant has executed that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Trout River (as same may be amended or supplemented (collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration"), recorded in Official Records Book 21380, Page 1995, of the Public Records of Duval County ("County"), Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration provides in Section 13.8.1 that, among other things, until the "Turnover Date," all amendments or modifications shall only be made by Declarant without the requirement of the "Association's" consent or the consent of the "Owners" so long as such amendments do not materially impair the common plan of development of "Trout River" (all such terms as defined in the Declaration); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration further provides in Section 13.8.1 that no amendment shall be made by Declarant which impairs the rights and privileges of a "Participating Builder(s)" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) or adversely affects a Participating Builder(s) without the prior written consent of the Participating Builder(s); and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to amend the Declaration with regard to certain matters contained in the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Turnover Date has not occurred as of the date first above written; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment does not materially impair the common plan of development of Trout River, does not impair the rights and privileges of a Participating Builder(s), nor does it adversely affect a Participating Builder(s), and therefore the prior written consent of the Participating Builder(s) is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Declaration is hereby amended as follows (underlining indicates additions and ~~struck through~~ type indicates deletions):

1. The recitations set forth herein are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise defined herein, each term defined in the Declaration and used herein shall have its meaning as defined in the Declaration.

2. Section 6.3 of the Declaration is hereby amended as follows:

6.3. Collection of Assessments

In the event any Owner shall fail to pay any Assessment, or installment thereof, charged to such Owner within ten (10) ~~fifteen (15)~~ days after the same becomes due, then the Association, through its Board, shall have any and all of the following remedies to the extent permitted by law, which remedies are cumulative and which remedies are not in lieu of, but are in addition to, all other remedies available to the Association:

3. This Amendment shall become effective upon recording amongst the Public Records of the County.

4. As modified hereby, the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof.

[Signatures appear on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been signed by Declarant on the date set forth above.

WITNESSES AS TO DECLARANT:

DECLARANT:

FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE
GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation

HA Allen
Print Name Heather L. Allen
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd.
STE 3, JACKSONVILLE FL 32258

By: Sarah Wicker
Name: Sarah Wicker
Title: Vice President

Beth A Grossman
Print Name Beth A Grossman
Address: 14785 Old St. Augustine Rd.
STE 3, JACKSONVILLE FL 32258

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF Duval) SS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence
or ☐ online notarization this 9th day of June, 2025,
by Sarah Wicker as Vice President of FORESTAR (USA) REAL
ESTATE GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He/She is (X)
personally known to me or () has produced _____ as
identification.

(NOTARY SEAL)



JARED PRICE
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH514401
Expires 4/10/2028

Jared Price
Notary Public, State of Florida
Print Name: Jared Price
Commission No.: HH514401
My Commission Expires: 4/10/28