

# Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions of Fieldstone Farms

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## Governing Documents

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This document outlines the Deed Restrictions for homes in the Fieldstone Farms Subdivision of Franklin TN, and along with the Architectural Guidelines and Maintenance Requirements, encompasses the Governing Documents for Fieldstone Farms.

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## **DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF FIELDSTONE FARMS**

THIS DECLARATION, made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1988 by American Fieldstone Venture, a Tennessee Joint Venture, hereinafter called "Declarant", with its principal office in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and desires to create thereon and on other adjacent lands and exclusive residential community to be known as "Fieldstone Farms"; and,

WHEREAS, Fieldstone Farms is intended to be developed in stages or phases containing townhouses, cluster homes, apartments, condominiums and detached single family dwellings, as well as areas to be used for commercial and office purposes; and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide a coordination and continuity among the various phases and the owners of the dwelling units therein, it is deemed appropriate to have an association in which all Owners in those areas within Fieldstone Farms that are subjected to the lien hereof are members; and,

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to have certain areas of the Property owned, maintained and administered by this association for the benefit of all owners within the development, which areas are hereinafter referred to as "COMMUNITY COMMON PROPERTIES"; and,

WHEREAS, Declarant has deemed it desirable for the preservation, protection and enhancement of the Property to insure the residents' enjoyment of the specific rights, privileges and easements in the Community Common Properties, and to also have this association administer and enforce these covenants and restrictions, and collect and disburse the assessments and charges hereinafter created; and,

WHEREAS, Declarant has incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, as a non-profit corporation, Fieldstone Farms Homeowner's Association, Inc., for the purpose of exercising the aforesaid functions.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, and the terms, conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth, the Declarant declares that the real property hereinafter described is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the following restriction, covenants, conditions, easements, assessments and liens, all of which are to be construed as covenants running with the land and which shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the hereafter described property or any part thereof and which shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof. Every person or other party hereafter acquiring any of the within described

property made subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed to any interest in or to said property, shall take such property interest subject to this Declaration and to the terms and conditions hereof, and shall be deemed to have assented to same.

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS

Section 1. The following words when used in this Declaration or any amendment hereto (unless the context shall so prohibit) shall have the following meanings;

- (a) "Fieldstone Farms" shall mean and refer to the lands described upon Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
- (b) "Corporation" shall mean and refer to Fieldstone Inc., its successors and assigns.
- (c) "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and any amendments hereto which are recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Williamson County, Tennessee.
- (d) "Property" shall mean and refer to the lands described upon Exhibit "A" annexed hereto and all other lands within those described upon Exhibit "B" hereto that are subjected by Declarant to the lien hereof, as well as any other lands subjected hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 3. of Article II hereof.
- (e) "Community Common Properties" shall mean and refer to all land, improvements and other properties heretofore or hereafter owned by the Corporation such as open spaces, buffers, greenways, jogging path, private streets, medians and entranceways.
- (f) "Living Unit" shall mean and refer to any structure, or part of a structure designed and built for occupancy as a single family residence, other than one constructed upon a Single Family Lot, and shall include single family residences, townhomes, cluster homes, condominiums and apartments located on the Property, whether attached or detached.
- (g) "Member" shall mean and refer to a member of the Corporation.
- (h) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot or Living Unit, but shall exclude any person or entity having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.
- (i) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to American Fieldstone Venture, its designated successors and assigns.
- (j) "Lot" shall mean and refer to any numbered or lettered tract of land shown upon any plat of a portion of the Property recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Williamson County, Tennessee, as such plat may be amended or modified, and shall include any tract designated for commercial or office use rather than residential use, but shall not include the Community Common Properties, or any tract upon which "Recreational Facilities" have been or are intended to be constructed.
- (k) "General Plan of Development" shall mean and refer to the general plan for development of Fieldstone Farms submitted by Declarant to the City of Franklin, Tennessee.
- (l) "Recreational Facilities" shall mean and refer to those amenities described in Section 4. of Article X hereof.
- (m) "Residential Lot" shall mean and refer to any Lot upon which one or more Living Units has been, or may be, constructed.

- (n) "Commercial Lot" shall mean and refer to any Lot other than a Residential Lot.
- (o) "Single Family Lot" shall mean and refer to a Residential Lot upon which only one Living Unit may be constructed under applicable zoning or other limitations.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION**

**Section 1. Existing Property.** The real property which hereby is, and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to this Declaration are those lands located in Williamson County, Tennessee described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and all other lands within those described upon Exhibit "B" hereto that are subjected by Declarant to the lien hereof, as well as those other lands subjected hereto pursuant to Section 3. below.

**Section 2. Mergers.** Upon a merger or consolidation of the Corporation with another organization as provided by its by-laws, its properties, rights and obligations may be transferred to another surviving or consolidated corporation or, alternatively, the properties, rights and obligations of another corporation may, by operation of law, be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Corporation, as a surviving corporation, pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated corporation may commonly administer these Covenants and Restrictions with respect to the Property, together with the Covenants and Restrictions established upon any other lands. No such merger or consolidation, however, shall affect any revocation, change or addition to these Covenants and Restrictions with respect to the Property, except as hereinafter provided.

**Section 3.** Declarant may, by amendment hereto recorded with the Register of Deeds of Williamson County, Tennessee, subject to the lien hereof additional lands within those described upon Exhibit "B" hereto, as well as any other lands adjacent to the lands described upon Exhibit "B" acquired by Declarant, which additional lands shall thereupon become portions of the "Property".

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Those Entitled to Membership.** Every person or entity who is record Owner of a Lot or Living Unit, including contract sellers, but excluding persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, shall be a member of the Corporation. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, the ownership of a Lot or Living Unit. Ownership of such Lot or Living Unit shall be the sole qualification for membership.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

**Section 1. Classes of Voting Membership.** The Corporation shall have three classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall consist of all Owners of Residential Lots except for Declarant. Each Class A Member shall be entitled to one vote for each Single Family Lot owned by it, and for each Living Unit which may be constructed upon a Residential Lot other than a Single Family Lot under the more restrictive of: (a) applicable zoning or (b) issued building permits. If more than one person or entity owns an interest in any Residential Lot or Living Unit, all such persons and entities shall be Members, however, the vote for such Lot or Living Unit shall be exercised as the majority of such persons among themselves determine. At any meeting of the Members, a representation by any of such persons (or entities) that a majority of such persons (and entities) have agreed as to the vote for such Lot or Living Unit shall be conclusive, unless another of such persons (or entities) contests such representation at such meeting, prior to the casting of a vote.

Class B. Class B Members shall consist of all Commercial Lot Owners except Declarant. Each Class B Member shall be entitled to one vote for each 500 square feet of area of each Commercial Lot owned by it. If more than one person or entity owns an interest in any Commercial Lot, all such persons and entities shall be Members, however, the votes for such Lot shall be exercised as the majority of such persons among themselves determine. At any meeting of the Members, a representation by any of such persons (and entities) that a majority of such persons (and entities) have agreed as to the votes for such Lot shall be conclusive, unless another of such persons (or entities) contests such representation at such meeting, prior to the casting of a vote.

Class C. The Class C Member shall be Declarant. The Class C Member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for: a) each Single Family Lot owned by it; b) each Living Unit which may be constructed upon a Residential Lot owned by it, other than a Single Family Lot under the more restrictive of: (1) Applicable zoning or (2) issued building permits; and (c) each 500 square feet of area of each Commercial Lot owned by it. The Class C membership shall cease, and be converted to Class A membership or Class B membership, as the case may be, on the happening of the earlier of:

- (a) the total votes outstanding in Class A and Class B memberships equalling the total votes outstanding in Class C membership.
- (b) seven years following the conveyance of the first Living Unit to the first owner thereof, other than the entity constructing such Living Unit.

**Section 2. Limitations on votes of Commercial Lot Owners.** The foregoing section notwithstanding, at no time shall the total number of votes which may be cast by Class B Members and by the Class C Member by reason of its ownership of Commercial Lots, exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes which may be cast by all Members. In the event the total number of votes which may be cast by Class B members and by the Class C Member by reasons of its ownership of Commercial Lots exceeds ten percent (10%) of the total votes which may be cast, the number of votes which may be cast by each Class B member and by the Class C member by reason of its ownership of commercial Lots shall be proportionately reduced, so that the total of votes which may be cast by Class B Members and by the Class C Member by reason of its ownership of Commercial Lots will be equal to ten percent (10%) of the total votes which may be cast by all members.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **TITLE TO AND USE OF THE COMMUNITY COMMON PROPERTIES**

Section 1. Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its successors and assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to the Community Common Properties to the Corporation, free and clear of all financial encumbrances and liens, prior to the conveyance by Declarant of the first Lot, such conveyance however

to be subject to taxes for the year of conveyance, restrictions, covenants and easements of record, including those contained herein, and encumbrances for utility service, access, storm drainage and other similar service and utility easements.

**Section 2. Each Owner shall have the right to use the Community Common Properties**, together with the rights of access, ingress and egress, both pedestrian (and vehicular where applicable), on and over the drives, trails, walkways and parking areas of the Community Common Properties, all of which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot and Living Unity, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) the right of the Corporation to dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Community Common Properties to any public agency, authority or utility, subject to such conditions as may be agreed by the Members. No such dedication, sale or transfer, nor any mortgage or other hypothecation of the Community Common Properties, shall be effective unless it has been approved by sixty-seven percent (67%) of each class of Members, and an instrument duly executed by the Corporation reflecting such transaction has been recorded with the Register of Deeds, Williamson County, Tennessee, containing a certification by the Secretary of the Corporation that a sixty-seven percent (67%) of each class of Members have approved the dedication, sale or transfer. Provided, however, that conveyances and easement for general utility purposes may be made without consent of the Members;
- (b) the right of the Corporation, in accordance with its Articles and By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Community Common Properties, and in connection therewith to encumber said properties.
- (c) the right of the Corporation in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to impose rules and regulations governing the use of the Community Common Properties and improvements thereon, which rules and regulation may further restrict the use of the Community Common Properties.

**Section 3. Any Owner may delegate**, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation, his rights of enjoyment and use of the Community Common Properties to members of his family, his tenants, his guests or contract purchasers of his Lot or Living Unit who reside on the property.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.** The Declarant, with respect to each Lot and Living Unit owned by Declarant, hereby covenants and agrees, and each Owner of a Lot and of a Living Unit, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed to pay to the Corporation; (1) annual assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments for extraordinary maintenance and capital improvements; and to the appropriate governmental taxing authority, a pro rata share of assessments against the Community Common Properties, if the Corporation shall default in payment thereof, all as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments against each Lot and Living Unit, together with interest and costs, and reasonable attorney's fees for collection, shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interests, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment was made. The personal obligation for a delinquent assessment shall not pass to a successor in title, unless expressly assumed by such successor.

The Corporation shall also have the authority, through the Board of Directors, to establish, fix and levy a fine, special assessment or similar monetary assessment on any Lot or Living Unit following a breach by the Owner of such Lot or Living Unit of any of the provisions of this Declaration.

Each Owner covenants for himself, his heirs, successors and assigns, to pay each assessment levied by the Corporation on his Lot or Living Unit within ten (10) days after receipt of an invoice for the same, and further covenants that if said charge shall not be paid within thirty (30) days from the date that said invoice is deposited, postage prepaid in the United States mail, in an envelope addressed to such Owner at the address of the Lot or Living Unit, or to such other address as said Owner shall have designated to Corporation in writing received by the Corporation, the amount of such charge shall become a lien upon said Owner's Lot or Living Unit, and shall continue to be such lien, until fully paid.

**Section 2. Reserves and Purpose of Assessments.** The Corporation is required to establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of improvements to the Community Common Properties and any other areas the Corporation may be obligated to maintain. The assessments levied by the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Community Common Properties, including the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision, the establishment of an adequate reserve fund for such work, the payment of taxes and public assessments assessed against the Community Common Properties, the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation, the employment of counsel, accountants and other professionals for the Corporation when necessary, and other reasonable costs of the Corporation as may arise.

**Section 3. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements.** In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Corporation may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, restoration, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Community Common Properties, or the extraordinary maintenance of any property for which the Corporation is responsible, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

**Section 4. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 3.** Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking action authorized under this Article shall be sent to all Members not less than 30 days, not more than 60 days, in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members, or of proxies, entitled to cast forty percent (40%) of the total votes which may be cast shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, but the requirement quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

**Section 5. Uniform Rate of Assessment.** Both annual and special assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Single Family Lots and Living Units. With respect to Lots other than Single Family Lots:

- (a) A Residential Lot other than a Single Family Lot shall be assessed for each Living Unit which may be constructed thereon pursuant to a building permit issued for construction thereon.
- (b) A Commercial Lot shall be assessed as if one Living Unit had been constructed thereon for each 500 square feet of gross area of such Lot.
- (c) Assessments for Lots or Living Units owned by Declarant which are not under a completed roof, may be in a lesser amount, as fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, but shall not be less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the same assessments for other Lots and Living Units.



- (d) Assessments shall be collected on a monthly basis unless a less frequent basis, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation is approved by the Federal National Mortgage Association.

**Section 6. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates.** The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot upon the issuance of a building permit for construction thereon. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot and Living Unit at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Corporation shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Corporation setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot or Living Unit have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Corporation as to the status of assessments on a Lot or Living Unit shall be binding upon the Corporation as of the date of issuance.

**Section 7. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Corporation.** Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the highest rate then permitted by Tennessee law, or such lower rate as determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Corporation may bring an action at law against any Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property subject thereto. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by the nonuse of the Community Common Properties or abandonment of his Lot or Living Unit.

**Section 8. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages and Ad Valorem Taxes.** The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage (or deed of trust) and ad valorem taxes. The sale or transfer of any Lot or Living Unit shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot or Living Unit pursuant to mortgage or tax foreclosure, or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot or Living Unit from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

**Section 9. Exempt Property.** All lands dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority, and all properties owned by the Corporation or by a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Tennessee shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

**Section 10. Working Capital.** At the closing of the first sale of any Living Unit or residence built upon a Single Family Lot after construction thereof, an amount equal to two months assessments for such unit or residence shall be paid to the Corporation for the use and benefit of the Corporation. Amounts paid pursuant to this section are not to be considered as advance payment of regular assessments. The purpose of this section is to ensure that the Corporation will have adequate working capital available to meeting unforeseen costs and to acquire additional equipment or services as deemed necessary or desirable.

## ARTICLE VII

### USE RESTRICTIONS

**Section 1. Rules and Regulations.** The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to formulate, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the Property and the Community Common Properties. Such rules and regulations may

provide for imposition of fines or penalties for the violation thereof, or for the violation of any of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration.

**Section 2. Use of Property.** No portion of the Property, other than Commercial Lots, (except for the temporary offices of Declarant and other builders, model units used by Declarant and other builders, for the temporary storage of construction materials and equipment, and for signs and parking areas of Declarant and other builders) shall be used other than for residential purposes and purposes incidental or accessory thereto.

**Section 3. Quiet Enjoyment.** No obnoxious or offensive activity shall be permitted upon the Property, nor shall anything be done which may be, or may become, a nuisance or annoyance to the neighborhood.

**Section 4. Animals.** No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or in any Living Unit, except that dogs, cats and other household pets may be kept thereon, provided that they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes and are controlled in accordance with applicable government ordinances.

**Section 5. Utility Connections; Satellite Dishes.** Unless otherwise approved by Declarant, all telephone, electric, cable television and other utility lines and connections located on a lot shall be located underground. No satellite dish may be erected or placed on any house without prior written approval of Declarant (or if the Declarant no longer owns any Lots, the Corporation). Conditions to approval imposed by the Declarant or Corporation may include, but are not limited to, requiring that the satellite dish be concealed from view by screening or otherwise by the Lot Owner.

**Section 6. Garbage and Refuse Disposal.** No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Incinerators shall not be used or permitted to be erected or placed on any Lot. Trash, garbage or other waste shall only be kept in sanitary containers. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be concealed from view by screening or otherwise by the Lot Owner, subject to the review and approval of the Declarant, and be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that Lot Owners may, as reasonably necessary, place trash and recycling containers upon the curb for pickup by applicable refuse collection agencies; however, any Lot Owner permitting trash containers to remain on the street or at the curb in a manner so that it is not concealed within twelve (12) hours following pickup of trash or recyclables, shall be subject to a fine as may be determined by the Declarant or the Corporation, as applicable. Further, the Declarant or the Corporation may remove any trash containers or recycling containers which remain on the street or at the curb beyond the approved period of time, and such removal shall be at the cost of the Owner.

**Section 7. Restrictions Regarding Play Equipment.** With respect to the use of play equipment by any Lot Owner, the type, structure and design of play equipment must be approved by the Declarant (or if the Declarant no longer owns any Lots, the Corporation) prior to installation upon any Lot. No trampolines shall be erected or placed on any Lot without the prior written approval of Declarant (or if the Declarant no longer owns any Lots, the Corporation). Conditions to approval may include, but are not limited to, requiring that the trampoline be concealed from view by screening, fencing, or otherwise by the Lot Owner.



**Section 8. Garage Doors.** All residents on the Property shall take all steps necessary to leave garage doors closed except for such limited and reasonable periods of time which may be necessary for repair and/or access. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any garage door that cannot be closed as a result of faulty operations shall be repaired within twenty-four (24) hours of any disruption in its operation.

**Section 9. Vehicles**

- (a) Recreational Vehicles – No boat, boat trailer, house trailer, horse trailer, trailer, camper, motor home, recreational vehicle or any similar item shall be stored on or at any Lot for a period of time in excess of twenty-four (24) hours, unless housed in a garage.
- (b) Commercial Trucks – No commercial truck, vehicle or equipment shall be permitted to be parked or to be stored at any place on the Property. This prohibition shall not apply to temporary parking of trucks and commercial vehicles used for pick-up, delivery and the furnishing of services to any Lot or improvement thereon while parked.
- (c) Remedies for Vehicle and Recreational Equipment Violations – Any vehicle or recreational equipment parked in violation of these covenants or any rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted by Declarant, may be towed as ordered by Declarant at the expense of the Owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment. Declarant shall not be liable to the owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment for trespass, conversion or otherwise, nor be guilty of any criminal act by reason of such towing, and neither its removal nor the failure of the owner thereof to receive any notice of said violation shall be grounds for relief of any kind.
- (d) Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – No maintenance or repairs of vehicles other than washing and cleaning of automobiles shall be performed upon any portion of the Property, unless performed in a garage, except in an emergency situation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all repairs to disabled vehicles within the Property must be completed within four (4) hours from its immobilization or the vehicle must be removed by its owner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant shall be allowed to maintain and store its service, construction, and maintenance vehicles on the Property.
- (e) Parking Limitations; Operable and Inoperable Vehicles – No inoperable vehicles may be kept within the Property. Moreover, except as provided in the next sentence, no Lot Owner shall permit any vehicle (operable or inoperable) owned by such Lot Owner or by any person occupying his dwelling or by a person on his premises as guest or invitee to remain parked on any street within the Property for a period of more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. Any vehicle which remains parked on the street in violation of these covenants or any rules or regulations now or hereafter adopted by the Declarant, may be towed as ordered by the Declarant at the expense of the Owner of such vehicle or Owner of the Lot adjacent to which such vehicle is parked. Declarant shall not be liable to the owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment for trespass, conversion or otherwise, nor be guilty of any criminal act by reason of such towing, and neither its removal nor the failure of the owner thereof to receive any notice of said violation shall be grounds for relief of any kind. The term vehicle as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, boats, trailer, motorcycles, scooters, trucks, campers, buses and automobiles.

## ARTICLE VIII

### EASEMENTS

**Section 1. Utility Easements.** All of the Property, including Lots, Living Units, and Community Common Properties shall be subject to such easements for water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage facilities, cable television lines, gas lines, telephone lines, electric power lines, and other utilities as shall be established by the Declarant or by its predecessors in title prior to the recordation of this Declaration; and the Corporation shall have the power and authority to grant and establish upon, over, under and across the Community Common Properties such further easements as are required for the convenience, use and enjoyment of the Property, without approval of the membership, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.

**Section 2. Adjoining Areas.** Each Owner is hereby declared to have an easement, and the same is hereby granted by the Declarant, on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, over all adjoining Lots, and the Community Common Properties for the purpose of accommodating any encroachment due to engineering errors, errors in original construction, settlement or shifting of a building, or any other similar cause. There shall be a continuing easement for the maintenance of said encroachment, settlement or shifting; provided however, that in no event shall an easement for encroachment be created in favor of an Owner, if said encroachment occurred due to the willful act of said Owner.

**Section 3. Overhanging Roofs and Eaves.** Each Lot and Living Unit and the Owner thereof, shall have an easement, and the same is hereby granted by the Declarant, on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, over each adjoining Lot and the Community Common Properties, as the case may be, for overhanging roofs and eaves, and for the maintenance thereof.

**Section 4. Easement for the Benefit of the City of Franklin.** An easement is hereby established for the benefit of the City of Franklin over all portions of the Property for the setting, removing and reading of water meters, for maintaining and replacing water, sewage and drainage facilities, for police protection, fire fighting and garbage collection and the rendering of such other services as are appropriate and necessary for the use and enjoyment of the Property. In no case shall the City of Franklin be responsible for failing to provide any emergency or regular fire, police, or other public service to the Property or to any of its occupants, when such failure is due to the lack of access to such area as a result of inadequate design or construction, blocking of access routes, or any other factor within the control of the Developer, the Corporation, or any Owner or occupant of a Lot or Living Unit.

**Section 5. Priority of Easements.** Each of the easements hereinabove referred to shall be deemed to be established upon the recordation of this Declaration, and shall thereafter be covenants running with the land, for the use and benefit of the Lots, Living Units, and the Community Common Properties, and their Owners, as the case may be, superior to all other encumbrances which may thereafter exist against, or in favor of the Property, or any portion thereof.

## ARTICLE IX

### INSURANCE AND FIDELITY BOND

The Corporation shall acquire and maintain property damage, public liability and flood insurance and fidelity bonds in such amounts and with such provisions as are set forth below. Said insurance and Fidelity Bond coverage shall be in conformance with the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association Lending Guide, Chapter 3, Part 5, Insurance Requirements.

#### Section 1. Property Damage Insurance.

- (a) **Required Coverage:** The Corporation shall acquire and maintain a policy of property insurance which shall protect against loss or damage by fire and all other hazards that are normally covered by the standard extended coverage endorsement, and all other perils customarily covered for similar types of projects, including those covered by the standard “all risk” endorsement. The policy shall cover all of the Community Common Properties except for those that are normally excluded from coverage, such as land, foundations, excavations, etc. Fixtures and building service equipment that are considered part of the Community Common Properties, as well as personal property and supplies owned by the Corporation, shall be covered. Premiums for such insurance shall be paid by the Corporation as a common expense.
  - (b) **Amount of Insurance:** The policy shall cover 100% of the current replacement costs of the above described insurable facilities owned by the Corporation. Unless a higher maximum deductible amount is required by state law, the maximum deductible amount shall be lesser of \$10,000. or 1% of the policy face amount. Funds to cover the deductible amounts shall be included in the Corporation’s operating reserve account.
  - (c) **Special Endorsements:** The following endorsements shall be required:
    - i. “Agreed amount and inflation guard endorsement”, when it can be obtained;
    - ii. “Construction code endorsement”, if there is a construction code provision that requires changes to undamaged portions of the building even when only part of the project is destroyed by an insured hazard. Typical endorsements also include “demolition cost endorsement”, “contingent liability from operation of building laws endorsement”, and “increased cost of construction endorsement”;
    - iii. “Steam boiler and machinery coverage endorsement”, if applicable, which provides that the insurer’s minimum liability per accident at least equals the lesser of \$2,000,000.00 or the insurable value of the building(s), housing the boiler(s) or machinery.
  - (d) **Name Insured.** The “loss payable” clause should show the Corporation as the named insured.
  - (e) **Notices of Changes or Cancellation.** The insurance policy shall require the insurer to notify the Corporation in writing at least ten days before it cancels or substantially changes the policy.
2. **Liability insurance.** The Corporation shall acquire and maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy covering all Community Common Properties, public ways, and any other areas that are under its supervision. The policy shall provide coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury and property damage for any single occurrence. The policy shall provide coverage for bodily injury and property damage that results from the

operation, maintenance, or use of the Community Common Properties and any legal liability that results from lawsuits related to employment contracts to which the Corporation is a party. If the policy does not include “severability of interest” in its terms, then a specific endorsement is required to preclude the insurer’s denial of an owner’s claim, cost of negligent acts of the Corporation or other owners. The policy must provide for at least ten days written notice to the Corporation before the insurer can cancel or substantially change the policy.

**Section 3. Flood Insurance.** If any part of the Community Common Properties is in a special flood hazard area, the Corporation must maintain a “master” or “blanket” policy of flood insurance and provide for the premiums to be paid as a common expense. The amount of insurance should be at least equal to the lesser of 100% of the insurable value of the facilities located in the flood hazard area or the maximum coverage available under the appropriate national flood insurance administration program. Unless a higher maximum deductible amount is required by the state law, the maximum deductible amount is required by state law, the maximum deductible amount shall be the lesser of \$5,000.00 or 1% of the policy face amount. Funds to cover this deductible amount shall be included in the Corporation’s operating reserve account.

**Section 4. Fidelity Bonds.** The Corporation shall procure and maintain blanket fidelity bonds for anyone who either handles or is responsible for funds held or administered by the Corporation, whether or not he or she receives compensation for his or her services. The Corporation’s bonds shall name the Corporation as the obligee and the premium shall be paid as a common expense of the Corporation. Any management agent that handles funds for the Corporation shall be covered by its own fidelity bond, which must provide the same coverage required of the Corporation. The Corporation shall be named as an additional obligee in the management agent’s bond. The fidelity bonds shall cover the maximum funds that will be in the custody of the Corporation or its management agent at any time while the bond is in force. In addition, fidelity bond coverage must at least equal the sum of three months assessments against all Owners, plus the Corporation’s reserve funds. Each bond must include a provision that calls for ten days written notice to the Corporation before the bond can be cancelled or substantially modified for any reason. The same notice must also be given to each servicer that services a FNMA mortgage in the project.

## **ARTICLE X**

**Section 1. Enforcement.** The Corporation and each Owner shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. The failure of the Corporation or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction hereby contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

**Section 2. Severability.** The invalidation of any one or more of the covenants or restrictions herein contained by judgment or court order, shall in no way affect the other provisions hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Amendment.** The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for unlimited successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless terminated by an instrument executed by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Owners. Except for an Amendment whose sole purpose is to subject additional lands to the lien hereof, as described in Article II hereof ("Article II Amendments"), this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by not less than sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Owners; provided that prior to the conveyance by Declarant of any portion of the Property, this Declaration may be amended solely by the Declarant. No amendment which would change or delete any provision herein required by any governmental authority shall become effective, until submitted to and approved by that authority. As long as there is a Class C membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: Annexation of additional properties, other than those within the lands described upon Exhibit "B", dedication of Community Common Properties, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, other than Article II Amendments.

**Section 4. Recreational Facilities.** Recreational facilities will be constructed upon the parcel within Fieldstone Farms designated "Recreation" upon the site plan of Fieldstone Farms filed with the City of Franklin. These recreational facilities will be owned and operated by a separate entity ("Operator") upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith, as the Operator may deem reasonable. The Operator may charge dues and/or membership fees and may require that current payment thereof be made in order for a resident or a non-resident to use such facilities. No Owner shall be required to use the Recreational Facilities, nor to pay any dues or membership fees therefor, unless such Owner desires to use the Recreational Facilities.

**Section 5. Availability of Documents.** The Corporation shall maintain current copies of this Declaration, its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and any other rules and regulations affecting the Property, and of all of the Corporation's books, records and financial statements, all of which shall be available for inspection during normal business hours by all Owners and by the holders, insurers and guarantors of mortgages and deeds of trust encumbering portions of the Property. Furthermore, any holder of a first mortgage is entitled, upon written request, to a financial statement for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

**Section 6. Rights of Eligible Mortgage Holders.** Eligible Mortgage Holders are those holders of a first mortgage of deed of trust encumbering a Lot or Living Unit who have requested the Corporation to notify them of any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgage Holders hereunder. The term "Eligible Mortgage Holder" includes the Federal National Mortgage Association. Any amendments of this Declaration or of the by-laws of the Corporation, other than Article II Amendments, shall require the approval of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Eligible Mortgage Holders. The termination of this Declaration or of the existence of the Corporation, for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation of the Property, shall require the approval of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Eligible Mortgage Holders.

An Eligible Mortgage Holder shall be entitled to timely written notice of:

- (a) Any condemnation or casualty loss that affects a material portion of the Property;

- (b) Any sixty-day delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by the owner of any Lot or Living Unit upon which it holds a mortgage or deed of trust.
- (c) A lapse, cancellation or material modification of an insurance policy of fidelity bond maintained by the Corporation; and
- (d) Any proposed action that requires the consent of a specified percentage or Eligible Mortgage holders.

To obtain this information, the mortgage holder must send a written request to the Corporation, stating both its name and address and a legal description or address of the Lot or Living Unit encumbered by its mortgage or deed of trust.

**Section 7. Condemnation.** If all or any part of the Community Common Properties shall be taken by an entity having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, the award made for such taking shall be payable to the Corporation. Unless otherwise required by law at the time of such taking, any award made therefore shall be disbursed by the Corporation as hereinafter provided. If at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of each class of the Members shall decide within sixty (60) days after such taking to replace the condemned improvements, or any part thereof on the remaining lands which are part of the Community Common Properties, then the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall arrange for such replacement, and the Corporation shall disburse the proceeds of such award, to the extent necessary, as to pay the cost of such replacement. Any remainder of such funds shall be disbursed by the Corporation to the Members, with an equal share being paid to the owner of each Lot and Living Unit. If at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Members of the Corporation shall not decide within sixty (60) days after such taking to replace the condemned improvements, or if the taking is confined to the Community Common Properties on which no improvements have been constructed, then the Corporation shall disburse all proceeds of the award as above provided.

**Section 8.** During the period when the Declarant may cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast, the Corporation shall not be bound either directly or indirectly to any contract or lease (including a management contract) unless such contract or lease contains a right of termination, without cause, which is exercisable without penalty at any time after transfer of control of the Corporation, upon not more than 90 days' notice to the other party.

**Section 9. Declarant's Approval Rights.** To the extent that any provision of this Declaration reserves approval or consent rights to the Declarant, the Declarant may, in its discretion, delegate to the Corporation any specific or consent rights that Declarant has hereunder, which delegation shall be in writing, setting forth with specificity the approval or consent rights that have been delegated to the Corporation, and subject to any reservations that Declarant may deem appropriate.



## **ARTICLE XI**

### **ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

Declarant reserves the right to subject the Property to contracts with appropriate utility suppliers for the installation of underground electric cables and/or the installation of street lighting, either or both of which may require an initial payment and/or a continuing monthly payment to such utility suppliers by the Owner of each Lot and/or Living Unit.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL AND INSPECTION**

No site preparation or construction, erection, or installation or any improvements, including, but not limited to, residences, outbuildings, fences, walls and other structures, shall be undertaken within the Property, unless and until the plans and specifications therefore, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the proposed improvements shall have been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Corporation and expressly approved in writing by it. No subsequent alteration of improvements may be undertaken without prior review and express written approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and expressly approved in writing by it. No subsequent alteration of improvements may be undertaken without prior review and express written approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have the right to delegate its right of approval hereunder to an "Architectural Committee" composed of three (3) or more (but always an odd number of) representatives appointed by the Board.

In the event that the Board of Directors or Architectural Committee, as the case may be, fails to approve or disapprove the site or design of any proposed improvements within thirty (30) days after plans and specifications therefor have been submitted and received, approval of the submitted items will be deemed granted, and the requirements of this Article will be deemed to have been fully met; provided, however, that the plans and specifications required to be submitted shall not be deemed to have been received by the Board of Directors, or Architectural Committee, as the case may be, if they contain erroneous data or fail to present adequate information upon which the Board of Directors or Architectural Committee, as the case may be, can arrive at a decision.

The Board of Directors and Architectural Committee, and their designees shall have the right, at their election, but shall not be required to, enter upon any Lot or building site during site preparation, construction, erection or installation of improvements to inspect the work being undertaken, and to determine that such work is being performed in conformity with the approved plans and specifications and in a good and workmanlike manner, utilizing approved methods and materials of an appropriate quality.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**

It shall be the duty of each Owner to properly maintain his Lot and Living Unit, and all improvements constructed thereon. If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, any Owner shall fail to maintain the Lot or Living Unit owned by him in a manner which is reasonably neat and orderly, or shall fail to keep the improvements constructed thereon in a state of repair so as not to be unsightly, the Corporation, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors and following ten (10) day written notice to the Owner, may enter upon and make, or cause to be made, repairs to any improvements and perform such maintenance on a Lot as the removal of trash, cutting of grass, pruning of shrubbery, and seeding and correction of items of erosion control. Furthermore, the Corporation shall have a reasonable right of entry into any Lot or Living Unit for the purpose of making emergency repairs, without prior notice. The Corporation shall have an easement for the purpose of accomplishing the foregoing. All costs incurred by the Corporation in rendering all such services, plus a service charge of fifteen percent (15%) of such costs, shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Lot or Living Unit is subject.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **REGULATION BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN**

Each Owner hereby agrees that the City of Franklin, Tennessee, is authorized and empowered to require the Corporation and each Owner, jointly and/or severally, to provide for the orderly maintenance and upkeep of the Community Common Properties. In the event that the City of Franklin, Tennessee, or any agent thereof, determines that the Community Common Properties are being maintained in a manner which is dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the community, pursuant to the provisions of the Franklin Municipal Charter and Code, the City of Franklin, Tennessee and its agents, may upon ten (10) days' notice to the Corporation enter upon the Community Common Properties and make any repairs or improvements to the Community Common Properties which City of Franklin and its agents deem necessary to remedy such conditions. Thereafter, the Corporation and each Owner shall be obligated to pay to the City of Franklin its costs for all improvements, work, and/or labor, supplied or furnished to the Community Common Properties. The obligation to pay said costs shall be a personal obligation of the Corporation and each Owner, jointly and severally. All such costs shall be paid to the City of Franklin, Tennessee within five (5) days of receipt from the City of Franklin, Tennessee of a statement for such costs, which receipt shall be required to be served upon the President of the Corporation only. All Unit Owners hereby waive notice of receipt of said statement for such costs. In order to secure payment at and after the due date, there shall arise a continuing lien and charge against each lot in favor of the City of Franklin, the amount of which shall include costs and reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent permissible by law. The City of Franklin, Tennessee may bring an action at law against the Corporation and/or any Owner, or foreclose the lien against any property owned by an Owner. Neither the Corporation nor any Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the cost incurred by the City of Franklin, Tennessee as described herein.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto set its hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1998.

American Fieldstone Venture (SEAL)

A Tennessee Joint Venture

By Fieldstone Farms Associates

Limited Partnership

By Harlon- East Properties, Inc.

a North Carolina Corporation,

General Partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President

and

By American General Reality

Investment Corporation,

a Texas Corporation

By: W.G. Orr

W.G. Orr

Senior Vice President

STATE OF Tennessee

COUNTY OF Davidson

Personally appeared before me, Jennifer Hoffstedder, a Notary Public, Victor M. Pintodesousa, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained, and who further acknowledged that \_he is the Vice President of Harlon-East Properties, Inc., a corporation that is the general partner of Fieldstone Farms Associates Limited Partnership, a venture in American Fieldstone Venture, a joint venture, and is authorized by the corporation, the corporation being authorized by the joint venture, to execute this instrument on behalf of the joint venture.

WITNESS my hand, at office, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1998.

Jennifer Hoffstedder

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

My Commission Expires March 11, 1991



STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Harris

Personally appeared before me, Suzette Freeman, a Notary Public, W.G. Orr, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained, and who further acknowledged that \_he is the Senior Vice President of American General Reality Investment Corporation, a corporation that is a venturer in American Fieldstone Venture, a joint venture, and is authorized by the corporation, the corporation being authorized by the joint venture, to execute this instrument on behalf of the joint venture.

WITNESS my hand, at the office, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1988.

Suzette Freeman

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

SUZETTE FREEMAN

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires 1-4-92