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DECLARATION OF
COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
OF
THE LINKS

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# DECLARATION

COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND BASEMENTS
OF
THE LINKS

THIS DECLARATION, made this 30th day of May 1995, by Brandon Properties Partners Ltd. their successors and assigns hereinafter referred to as "Declarant."

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarants are the fee simple Owners of certain real property with improvements thereon, sometimes referred to herein as "THE LINKS," in Hillsborough County, State of Florida which is more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with such additions thereto as may from time to time be designated by Declarant and made subject to this Declaration by amendment hereto, all hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property."

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Property shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, which Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements shall be and are easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions appurtenant running with the land, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, as their respective interests may appear.

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context expressly requires otherwise, the terms listed in this Article I shall have the following meaning whenever used in this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, the Association's Articles of Incorporation, or the Association's By-Laws:

<u>Section 1</u>. "Association" shall mean and refer to THE LINKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a corporation not-for-profit organized or to be organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and its successors and assigns.

<u>Section 2</u>. "Association Documents" shall mean the Association's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as the same may from time to time be amended and exist.

Section 3. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association, whose duties shall be the management of the affairs of the Association subject to this Declaration and Association Documents.

<u>Section 4</u>. "Builder" means a person or entity that acquires a Lot from Developer for the purpose of constructing thereon a single-family residence and appurtenances, for resale in the ordinary course of the business of such person or entity, and not an individual who purchases a lot for construction of a dwelling (hereinafter referred to as "permanent residents").

Section 5. "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including any improvements thereon) which shall from time to time be designated by Declarant for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, or conveyed to the Association in fee simple; together with any improvements, such as a wall located upon the wall easement as shown on the Plat, the rights-of-way, easements, apurtenant, improvements and hereditaments described in this Declaration, all of which shall be and are covenants running with the land at law.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Brandon Properties Partners, Ltd., and its successors and assigns.

<u>Section 7</u>. "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, as the same may be amended, renewed or extended from time to time in the manner herein prescribed.

<u>Section 8</u>. "Dwelling" shall mean any structure built upon a Lot for the purpose of allowing natural persons to reside therein.

Section 9. "Law" shall include any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or order validly created, promulgated or adopted by the United States, or any of its agencies, officers or instrumentalities, or by the State of Florida, or any of its agencies, officers, municipalities or political subdivisions, or by any officer, agency or instrumentality of any such municipality or subdivision, and from time to time applicable to the Property or to any activities on or about the Property.

Section 10. "Lot" shall mean and refer to a plot of land shown and identified by number upon the Plat now or hereafter made

subject to this Declaration, which is intended for single-family residential use.

<u>Section 11</u>. "Member" shall mean a Member of THE LINKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. as set forth in Article III.

<u>Section 12</u>. "Mortgage" shall mean chattel mortgage, bill of sale to secure debt, deed of trust, deed to secure debt and any and all other similar instruments given to secure the payment of an indebtedness.

Section 13. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, and if more than one person or entity, then to them collectively, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, so that for purposes of this Declaration and the Association Documents, as defined herein, each Lot shall be deemed to have one Owner. Both the Declarant and Builders are Owners for all purposes under this Declaration, to the extent of each Lot owned, except where expressly provided otherwise.

<u>Section 14</u>. "Person" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, or any other legal entity.

Section 15. "Plat" shall mean that certain plat entitled THE LINKS recorded or to be recorded in Plat Book 75, Page 30-1 THROUGH 30-4, in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, as well as all future recorded plats, if any, describing those certain parcels of land annexed, as described thereon, and made subject to this Declaration by amendment hereto.

<u>Section 16</u>. "Recorded" shall mean filed for record in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, or such other place

as from time to time is designated by Law for providing constructive notice of matters affecting title of real property in Hillsborough County, Florida.

### Section 17. "Structure" shall mean:

- (a) Any thing or object, the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse, bathhouse, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, fence, curbing, paving, wall, sign, signboard, permanent living quarters or any other temporary or permanent improvement to such Lot.
- (b) Any excavation, grading, fill, ditch, diversion, dam, or other thing or device which affects or alters the flow of any waters in any nature or wash or drainage channel from, upon or across any Lot.

<u>Section 18.</u> "Wall and Planter Easement" shall mean the perpetual easements for construction and maintenance of walls, landscaping, signs and appurtenances thereto as shown on the Plat.

<u>Section 19</u>. "The Work" shall mean the initial development of the Property by Declarant and includes the sale of completed Lots, with or without residential dwellings, in the ordinary course of Declarant's business.

# ARTICLE II

## COMMON AREA

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Conveyance of Common Property</u>. The Declarant may from time to time designate and convey to the Association real

property in fee simple to be the Common Area for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, subject to this Declaration. The Association hereby covenants and agrees to accept from the Declarant title to all easements and all such conveyances of Common Area subject to the terms and conditions of this Declarant and the obligations set forth herein.

Section 2. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a nonexclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot; provided, however, that no Owner shall do any act which interferes with the use and enjoyment of the Common Area by all other Owners; and provided further, said easement shall be subject to the following rights, title and interest:

- (a) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area and to impose reasonable limits upon the number of guests who may use these facilities.
- (b) The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to the use of the Common Area by an Owner for any period during which any Assessment, as defined herein, against his Lot remains unpaid, and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any other infraction of the Association Documents or the rules of the Association.
- (c) The right of Declarant and the Association to grant easements in and to the Common Area for all utility services,

including gas and cable television and other public uses which benefit the subdivision as a whole.

- (d) The right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area or acquiring additional common area property.
- (e) The right of the Association to dedicate, transfer and convey all or any part of its right, title and interest in the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility; or, subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the lot Owners, to any other Person for such purposes.

Section 3. Responsibilities of the Association. veyance, the Association shall be responsible for the Common Area, including but not limited to, its operation, management, care restoration, insurance, renovation, alteration, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, rebuilding, replacement, improvement, taxes and utilities. The Association also has the power to operate and maintain common property, specifically (if applicable) the surface water management system as permitted by the Southwest Florida Management District including all lakes, retention ponds, culverts and related appurtenances. In the event that any portion of the Property constitutes an area subject to the jurisdiction of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, no owner shall undertake any action regarding authorized activities within those areas without first obtaining the approval of the Southwest Florida Management District, Tampa Permitting Department. Association nor an Owner may remove any native vegetation

(including, without limitation, cattails) that become established within any area subject to the jurisdiction of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

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Section 4. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws and the Homeowners Association Rules, his right of enjoyment of the Common Areas and facilities to members of his family, tenants, social and business invitees or contract purchasers who reside on the Property.

Section 5. Destruction of Common Area. In the event of a total or partial destruction of the Common Area, and if available proceeds of insurance carried pursuant to this Declaration are sufficient to cover 85% of the repair or reconstruction, the Common Areas shall be promptly repaired and rebuilt unless within 120 days from the date of such destruction, 75% or more of the Members entitled to vote at a duly called meeting, determine that such reconstruction shall not take place. If the insurance proceeds are less than 85% of the cost of reconstruction, reconstruction may nevertheless take place if, within 120 days from the date of destruction, a majority of the Members elect to rebuild.

#### ARTICLE III

#### THE LINKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Purpose</u>. The Association shall be formed for the purpose of maintaining the Common Area, and for such other purposes as set forth herein.

# Section 2. Membership.

- (a) Each Owner, by virtue of being an Owner and for so long as he is an Owner, shall automatically be a Member of the Association. Association membership shall be an interest appurtenant to title of each Lot and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment, as set forth herein, and shall be transferable only as part of the fee simple title to each Lot.
- (b) The rights, duties, privileges and obligations of an Owner as a member of the Association shall be those set forth in, and shall be exercised and imposed in accordance with, the provisions of this Declaration and the Association Documents, provided, that, if a conflict arises between the Declaration and the Association Documents, the Declaration shall take priority.

<u>Section 3. Voting.</u> The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. So long as there is Class B membership, Class A Members shall be all Owners, except the Declarant, and shall not be entitled to vote. Upon termination of Class B membership, Class A Members shall be all Owners, including Declarant so long as Declarant is an Owner, and each Owner shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. If more than one (1) person owns an interest in any Lot, all such persons are Members; but there may be only one (1) vote cast with respect to such Lot. Such vote may be exercised as the Owners determine among themselves; but no split vote is permitted.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and as long as there is a Class B voting membership the Declarant shall have the sole voting power. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on occurrence of the earlier of the following dates:

- (a) When all the Lots in THE LINKS as shown on the Plat have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents (persons other than Declarant); or
  - (b) On January 1, 2000; or
- (c) When the Declarant, in its sole discretion, terminates its Class B voting membership.

Section 4. Rights and Obligations of the Association.

Besides those responsibilities to the Common Area outlined in Article II the Association must also manage, operate, maintain, repair, service, replace and renew all rights-of-way for common use within the Property, and all improvements therein including lighting, to the extent such activities are not performed by any public authority or utility. The Association, in any event, shall have the duty and responsibility to maintain all irrigation systems and landscaping and signs constructed by the Declarant servicing the Common Area. The Association also may provide other services, such as, but not limited to security services, as the Association deems appropriate.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Services.</u> The Association may obtain and pay for the services of any Person to manage its affairs to the extent the Board deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Board

determines are necessary or desirable, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by any Person with whom it contracts. Without limitation, the Board may obtain and pay for legal and accounting services necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Property or the enforcement of this Declaration, the Association Documents or THE LINKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION RULES.

Section 6. Capital Improvements. Except for: (1) the replacement or repair of items installed by Declarant as part of the Work, if any; (2) the repair and replacement of any personal property related to the Common Area; or (3) as set forth in Article II, Section 5, the Association may not expend funds for capital improvements to the Common Area without the prior approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Members authorized to vote thereon.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>Personal Property.</u> The Association may acquire, hold and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property, subject to such restrictions as from time to time may be contained in the Declaration and the Association Documents.

Section 8. THE LINKS Homeowners' Association Rules. The Association from time to time may adopt, alter, amend, rescind, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots, Common Area, or any combination thereof, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. These regulations shall be binding upon Owners and the Association may impose reasonable monetary fines and other sanctions for violations of the rules which may be

collected by lien and foreclosure as provided herein. All rules and regulations initially may be promulgated by the Board, subject to amendment or rescission by a majority of both classes of membership present and entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting convened for such purposes. The Association's procedures for enforcing its rules and regulations at all time shall provide the affected Owner with reasonable prior notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard, in person and through representatives of such Owner's choosing.

Section 9. Powers and Authority. The Association shall have the power and authority to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, required or permitted to be done by the Association under and by virtue of this Declaration and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for or incidental to the exercise of any of the express powers of the Association for the safety and/or general welfare of the Owners. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the power and authority at any time and from time to time, and without liability to any Owner, to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of enforcing any and all of the provisions called for herein, or for the purpose of maintaining and repairing any such Lot if for any reason whatsoever the Owner thereof fails to maintain and repair such Lot as required. The Association shall also have the power and authority from time to time, in its own name, or its own behalf or on behalf of any Owner or Owners who consent thereto, to commence and maintain actions and suits to restrain and enjoin any

breach or threatened breach of this Declaration, the Association Documents and rules of the Association and to enforce, by mandatory injunction or otherwise, the provisions of this Declaration, the Association Documents, and rules of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, hereinafter referred to as "Annual Assessments," (2) special assessments for capital improvements, hereinafter referred to as "Special Assessments," and (3) specific assessment for acquired indebtedness hereinafter referred to as "Specific Assessments" such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The Annual, Special and Specific Assessments, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assessments," together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each Assessment is made. The Assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the Assessments However, the personal obligation of an Owner for fell due.

delinquent Assessments shall not pass to said Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed in writing by such successor.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of carrying out the rights and obligations of the Association as defined in this Declaration, including but not limited to the acquisition, management, insurance, improvement, restoration, renovation, reconstruction, replacement, and maintenance of the Common Area; the maintenance of a reserve fund for the replacement of the Common Area and all improvements thereon, anticipated to be required in the future; the enforcement of the Declaration and Association Documents; the enforcement of Design Standards of the Architectural Control Committee; the payment of operating costs and expenses of the Association; and the payment of all principal and interest when due and all debts owed by the Association.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Annual Assessment.</u> The Annual Assessment shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Property, including (i) the operation, management, maintenance, repair, servicing, security, renewal, replacement and improvements of the Common Area and those other responsibilities as outlined herein, and (ii) all other general activities and expenses of the Association, including the enforcement of this Declaration. The Annual Assessment commencing January 1, 1995 shall be Three hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$325.00).

Section 4. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until January 1, 1996, the Annual Assessment will not exceed Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$325.00) per year per Lot due at the transfer from builder At least thirty (30) days before the expiration of each year, the Board will prepare and distribute to each Owner a proposed budget for the Association's operations during the next ensuring year. If such budget requires an Annual Assessment of not more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Annual Assessment then in effect, the assessment so proposed will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing year without further notice to any Owner. If such budget requires an Annual Assessment that is more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Annual Assessment then in effect, however, the Board must call a membership meeting as stated herein. A majority of those Members present and authorized to vote and voting is sufficient for such approval, and the assessment approved will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing fiscal year without notice to any Owner. If the proposed assessment is disapproved, a majority of the Members present who are authorized to vote and voting will determine the Annual Assessment for the next ensuing fiscal year, which may be any amount not exceeding that stated in the meeting notice. Each Annual Assessment may be payable in such number of installments, or without interest, as the Board determines. In the absence of any valid action by the Board or the membership to the contrary prior to the commencement of any fiscal year, the Annual

Assessment then in effect automatically will continue for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the Annual Assessments authorized above, the Association 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, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, or the perimeter screening as referred to herein, provided that any such Special Assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of those Members entitled to vote, as defined herein, who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Any such Special Assessment may be payable in one or more installments with or without interest as determined at the meeting.

Section 6. Specific Assessments. Any and all accrued, liquidated indebtedness of any Owner to the Association arising under any provision of this Declaration, or by contract, express or implied, or because of any act or omission of any Owner or person for whose conduct such Owner is legally responsible, also may be assessed by the Association against such Owner's Lot after such Owner fails to pay such indebtedness within thirty (30) days after written demand.

Section 7. Property Taxes. Because no person other than an Owner has the right to the beneficial use and enjoyment of the Common Area, Declarant intends that the value of the interest of

each Owner in the Common Area entitled to its use be included in the assessment of each such Lot for local property tax purposes against the Common Area, and that the separate valuation of said Common Area, if any, shall be for a nominal amount only, reflecting that the full value thereof is included in the several assessments of the various Lots. If the local taxing authorities refuse to so assess the Common Area with the result that local real property taxes in any given year are assessed to the Association with respect to the Common Area in excess of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00), and in the event the Annual Assessment does not include any such excess property taxes on the Common Area, then the amount of such excess may be specially assessed by the Board of Directors in its discretion in the following manner: the amount of such excess with respect to the Common Area shall be divided by the number of Lots within the Property and the quotient shall be the amount of such special assessment may be payable in a lump sum within thirty (30) days after notice or may be amortized without interest over such number of months as the Board deems advisable. Each year the Board shall determine whether such assessment shall be levied, and its amount, without interest over such number of months as the Board deems advisable. Each year the Board shall determine whether such assessment shall be levied, and its amount, within forty-five (45) days after receiving notice of the amount of taxes due.

Section 8. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under

Article IV. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose

of taking action authorized to increase the Annual Assessment shall be sent to all Members authorized to vote not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days in advance of the meeting; and for all other Assessments notice shall be sent to all Members authorized to vote not less than 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Section 9. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both Annual and Special Assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and will be collected on a yearly basis, except that Declarant, in its sole discretion, in lieu of paying Annual Assessments may contribute to the Association such amounts as are necessary to fund any difference between the Association's operating expenses (excluding reserves and assessments for capital expenditures) and the Annual Assessments collected from Owners other than Declarant.

Section 10. Accumulation of Funds Permitted. The Association shall not be obligated to spend in any calendar year all sums collected in such year by way of Annual Assessments or otherwise, and may carry forward, as surplus, any balances remaining; nor shall the Association be obligated to apply such surplus to the reduction of the amount of the Annual Assessments in any succeeding year but may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Board may deem to be desirable for the greater financial security of the Association and the effectuation of its purpose.

<u>Section 11. Date of Commencement</u>. The Annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots as of the first day of the month following the recording of this Declaration.

Section 12. Certificate as to Status of Payment. Upon written request of an Owner, the Association shall, within a reasonable period of time, issue a certificate to that Owner giving the status of all Assessments, including penalties, interest and costs, if any, which have accrued to the date of the certificate. The Association may make a reasonable charge for the issuance of such certificate. Any such certificate, when duly issued as herein provided shall be conclusive and binding with regard to any matter therein stated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a bona fide purchaser of a Lot from an Owner to whom such a certificate has been issued shall not be liable for any Assessments that became due before the date of the certificate that are not reflected thereon and the Lot acquired by such a purchaser shall be free of the lien created by this Article to the extent any such Assessment is not reflected.

Section 13. Assessment Lien. All sums assessed to any Lot, together with interest and all costs and expenses of collection (including reasonable attorneys' fees for trial and all appellate proceedings), are secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. Such lien is subject and inferior to the lien for all sums secured by any first Mortgage encumbering such Lot, as provided herein; but all other Persons acquiring liens on any Lot after this Declaration is recorded are deemed to consent that such liens are inferior to the lien established by this Declaration whether or not such consent is set forth in the instrument creating such lien. The recording of this Declaration constitutes

constructive notice to all subsequent purchasers and creditors, or either, of the existence of the Association's lien and its priority. The Association from time to time may, but is not required to, record a notice of lien against any Lot to further evidence the lien established by this Declaration.

Section 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any Assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or at such rate as the Board may from time to time establish provided, however, that in no event shall the Association have the power to establish a rate of interest in violation of the law of the State of Florida. Additionally, delinquent assessments and installments thereof not paid when due shall bear an administrative late fee in an amount, set by the Board. The Board may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Property. A suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments may be maintained without foreclosing, waiving, or otherwise impairing the Associations' lien or its priority., No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of All payments made shall first be credited to interest, late fees, costs and attorney fees, if any, and then to the principal amount due.

Section 15. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the Assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the

lien of any first Mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect an Assessment lien, except the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to the foreclosure of a first Mortgage or any proceeding or conveyance in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such Assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer, without prejudice however, to the Association's right to collect such amounts from the Owner personally liable for their payment. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any Assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Any encumbrancer holding a lien on a Lot may pay, but is not required to pay, any amount secured by the lien created by this Article; and such encumbrancer then will subrogate to all rights of the Association with respect to such lien, including priority, to the extent of such payment.

Section 16. Homesteads. By acceptance of a conveyance of title to any Lot, each Owner is deemed to acknowledge conclusively that (i) the assessments established by this Article are for the improvement and maintenance of any homestead thereon; (ii) the Association's lien for such assessments has priority over any such homestead; and (iii) such Owners irrevocably waive the benefit of any homestead exemption otherwise available with respect to all amounts validly secured by such lien.

#### ARTICLE V

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Section 1, Creation and Composition. The "Architectural Control Committee" shall mean, as follows: Until all the Lots in THE LINKS have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Architectural Control Committee shall mean the Declarant. At such time as all of the Lots in THE LINKS have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Declarant shall notify the Board and all the Owners of Lots in THE LINKS to that effect, and, thereupon, the Declarant's rights and obligations as the Architectural Control Committee shall forthwith terminate. Thereafter, the Board shall have the right, power, authority, and obligation to either establish it as the Committee or establish a successor Architectural Control Committee as a committee of the Association in accordance with the Association Documents and prescribe rules and regulations pursuant to which such Committee shall act.

Section 2. Design Standards. The Architectural Control Committee shall from time to time, subject to this declaration and the Association Documents, adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke, and enforce guidelines, hereafter referred to as the "Design Standards" for the purpose of:

(i) governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval pursuant to this Declaration;

- (ii) governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specification; and
- (iii) establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction, location and size of any Structure and all other matters that require approval by the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to this Declaration.

Review and Approval of Plans. Except for the Section 3. initial construction on a lot by a Builder, no Structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained on any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or alteration thereof be made until the plans and specification showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for written approval (i) as to conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the existing standards of the neighborhood and with the standards of THE LINKS, (ii) as to the location of the Structure in relation to surrounding Structures and topography and finished ground elevation, and (iii) shall be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration. In the event the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within forty-five (45) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted in writing, the proposal shall be deemed to be disapproved by the Architectural Control Committee. In all events,

approval must be in writing. The Committee shall have the authority to impose a fee for the costs involved with such approval.

Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be reasonably required by the Architectural Control Committee including, without being limited to:

- (a) a site plan showing the location of all proposed and existing Structures on the Lot including building setbacks, open space, driveways, walkways and parking spaces including the number thereof;
  - (b) a foundation plan;
  - (c) a floor plan;
- (d) exterior elevations of any proposed Structure and alterations to existing Structures, as such Structures will appear after all backfilling and landscaping are completed;
- (e) specifications of materials, color scheme, lighting schemes and other details affecting the exterior appearance of any proposed Structure and alterations to existing Structures; and
- (f) plans for landscaping and grading, especially if the proposed Structure consists of such landscaping or grading.

Upon approval by the Architectural Control Committee of any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration, a copy of such plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the Architectural Control Committee and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing, shall be returned to the applicant submitting

the same. Approval for use in connection with any Lot or Structure of any plans and specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the Architectural Control Committee's right, in its discretion, to disapprove similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements included therein if such plans, specifications, features or elements are subsequently submitted for use in connection with any other Lot or Structure. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot or Structure, however, shall be final as to that Lot or Structure and such approval may not be reviewed or rescinded thereafter, provided that there has been adherence to, and compliance with, such plans and specifications, as approved, and any conditions attached to any such approval.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Architectural Control Committee may request changes in any plans or Structures that are completed or being built if required by Law and neither the Declarant nor the Architectural Control Committee shall be liable for damages.

In regards to any plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Control Committee, shall be personally responsible or liable in any way for any defects in any plans or specifications, nor for any structural defects in any work done according to such plans and specifications nor for the failure of the plans and specifications to comply with any Law. Further, neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Control

Committee shall be personally liable in damages to anyone by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications or the exercise of any other power or right or the Architectural Control Committee provided for in this Declaration. Every Person who submits plans or specifications to the Architectural Control Committee for approval agrees, by submissions of such plans and specifications, and every Owner of any Lot agrees, that he will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, or any member of the Architectural Control Committee, to recover for any such damage.

Any employee or agent of the Architectural Control Committee may, after reasonable notice, at any reasonable time, enter upon any Lot and Structure thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether the installation, construction, alteration, or maintenance of any Structure or the use of any Lot or Structure is in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration; and neither the Architectural Control Committee, nor any such agent shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act by reason of such entry or inspection.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Building Construction</u>. Not more than one single-family dwelling, not to exceed two and one-half (2-1/2) stories in height, shall be erected on any Lot unless otherwise approved, in writing, by the Architectural Control Committee.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Certificates.</u> At the request of any Owner, the Association from time to time will issue, without charge a written certification that the improvements, landscaping and other exterior items situated upon such Owner's Lot have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee, if such is the case.

Section 6. Violations. If any Structure shall be erected, placed, maintained or altered upon any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such erection, placement, maintenance or alteration shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this Article and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the Architectural Control Committee such violation shall have occurred, the Architectural Control Committee shall notify the Board. If the Board shall agree with the determination of the Architectural Control Committee with respect to the violation then the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the required remedial action within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have and be entitled to, in addition to any other rights set forth in this Declaration, all rights and remedies at law or in equity.

#### ARTICLE VI

### GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements are herewith imposed on the Property:

Section 1. Residential Use of Property. All Lots shall be used for single-family, residential purposes only, and no business or business activity shall be carried on or upon any Lot at any time, except with the written approval of the Architectural Control Committee; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent Declarant or Builder of homes in THE LINKS from using any Lot owned by Declarant or such Builder of homes for the purpose of carrying on business related to the development, improvement and sale of Lots; provided, further, private offices may be maintained in dwellings located on any of the Lots so long as such use is incidental to the primary residential use of the dwellings.

# Section 2. Setbacks and Building Lines.

(a) <u>Dwellings</u>: Each dwelling which shall be erected on any Lot shall be situated on such Lot in accordance with the building and setback lines shown on the plat or required by Law. In no event shall any dwelling be erected and located upon any such Lot in a manner which violates or encroaches upon the building and setback lines shown on the Plat or required by Law. Front, rear and side setback requirements as established by law at the time of recordation of this Declaration or as subsequently approved by government agencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each dwelling shall have a minimum front setback requirement of 20 feet;

provided, however, that the Architectural Control Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may waive said 20 feet front setback requirement on a case by case basis.

- (b) <u>Walls and Fences</u>: All fences and walls shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee, and shall comply with all governmental requirements. Wood fences shall be placed so that the posts shall be placed on the inside of the fence and the side without any supports shall face out from the lot. Fences in the rear yard on Lots bordering the golf course shall be four (4) feet in height. No fence or wall shall be erected, placed, or altered on any Lot nearer to any street than the minimum building setback line unless the same be a retaining wall of masonry construction which does not in any event rise above the finished grade elevation of the earth embankment so retained, reinforced, or stabilized, except that this restriction shall not apply to fences or walls which have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to this Declaration.
- (c) <u>Terraces</u>, <u>Eaves and Detached Garages</u>: For the purpose of determining compliance or noncompliance with the foregoing building line requirements, terraces, stoops, eaves, wing-walls, and steps extending beyond the outside wall of a Structure, shall not be considered as a part of the Structure. No side yard shall be required for any detached garage or accessory outbuilding which has been approved, in writing, by the Architectural Control Committee; provided, all such detached Structures must not encroach upon any

side or rear setback line or upon the Lot of an adjacent Owner or upon any easement as set forth herein.

Section 3. Building Requirements. The living areas of the main structure, exclusive of open porches, garages, carports, patios, gazebos and breezeways, shall be 2,000 square feet.

Section 4. Delivery Receptacles and Property Identification Markets. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to approve the location, color, size, design, lettering and all other particulars of receptacles for the receipt of mail, newspapers or similarly delivered materials, and of name signs for such receptacles, as well as property identification markers.

Section 5. Use of Outbuildings and Similar Structures. No Structure of a temporary nature shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot, and no trailer, camper, shack, tent, garage, barn or other structure of a similar nature shall be used as a residence, either temporarily or permanently; provided, this Section shall not be construed to prevent the Declarant and those engaged in construction from using sheds or other temporary structures during construction.

Section 6. Completion of Construction. The Association shall have the right to take appropriate Court action, whether at law or in equity, to compel the immediate completion of any residence or Structure not completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of construction. The construction of any dwelling, or repair or replacement of any dwelling damaged by fire or otherwise, or other Structure must be promptly undertaken and pursued

diligently and continuously to substantial completion by its Owner without unreasonable delay. Without limitation, if any Owner leaves any dwelling or Structure in an incomplete condition for a period of more than six (6) months, then the Association may complete all required restoration or construction, or may raze and otherwise remove the incomplete Structure from such Owner's Lot, by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board after reasonable notice to, and reasonable opportunity to be heard by, the Owner affected. All costs so incurred by the Association may be specifically assessed against such Lot as provided in Article IV, herein.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>Livestock.</u> No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that two (2) dogs, or two (2) cats or other small common conventional household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes. Such household pets must not constitute a nuisance or cause unsanitary conditions.

<u>Section 8. Offensive Activities</u>. No noxious, offensive or illegal activities shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the Owners of other Lots in THE LINKS.

<u>Section 9.</u> <u>Signs.</u> No advertising signs or billboard shall be erected on any Lot or displayed to the public on any Lot except One (1) professional customary sign of not more than four (4) square feet in area may be used to advertise the Lot for sale or rent. Said sign shall be placed in the front yard only. This restriction

shall not apply to signs used to identify and advertise the subdivision as a whole, nor to signs for selling Lots and/or houses during the development and construction period, provided such signs are approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Also, the provisions of this Article shall not apply to anyone who becomes the Owner of any Lot as purchaser at a judicial or foreclosure sale conducted with respect to a first Mortgage or as transferee pursuant to any proceeding in lieu thereof.

Section 10. Perimeter Screening. Any and all walls, fencing, landscaping, or other screening installed by Declarant on or along the perimeter of the Property as part of the Work and any signs located thereon, except the walls, fencing, landscaping, other screening and signs on the Wall and Planter Easements, will constitute an improvement to each Lot upon or along which it is situated and the property of the Owner of such Lot, who will be responsible for all costs of maintaining, repairing and replacing both the exterior and interior portion situated on or along such Any such wall shall be considered part of the perimeter screening regardless of whether it is located in a public right-ofway on a Lot. To assure visual uniformity on the side of all walls, fencing, or other screening facing the exterior perimeter of the Property, the Architectural Control Committee will establish when, how and with what materials any required maintenance, repair or replacement in the manner reasonably directed by the Architectural Control Committee with respect to such Owner's Lot, the Association may perform it at such Owner's expense and assess

its cost to such Owner's Lot as provided in Article IV herein. The Association shall be responsible for all costs of maintaining, repairing, and replacing the walls, fencing, signs and landscaping located on the Wall and Planter Easements until such time as taken over by Maintenance District.

Section 11. Aesthetics, Nature Growth, Screening, Underground Utility Service. Trees which have a diameter in excess of six (6") inches measured two (2') feet above ground level, and distinctive flora, shall not be intentionally destroyed or removed except with the prior approval, in writing, of the Architectural Control Committee. All fuel tanks, garbage cans and equipment, shall be screened to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots and streets. Clotheslines, of any nature, are prohibited. All residential utility service, including but not limited lines, pipes and wiring, to residences shall be underground. Any solar energy collector or related item must be located so that it is not visible from the street (s) in front of, or on the side of, the house on which said equipment or device is located.

<u>Section 12.</u> <u>Swimming Pools.</u> No above ground swimming pools are allowed. Swimming pools must be located to the rear of the main building unless a different location is authorized in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. Swimming pools must conform to the setback and building requirements as shown on the Plat and as required by applicable law.

Section 13. Maintenance. Each Owner shall keep and maintain each Lot and Structure owned by him, including all landscaping

located thereon, in good condition and repair, including, but not limited to (i) the repairing and painting (or other appropriate external care) of all Structures; (ii) the sodding, watering, mowing and edging of all lawns; and (iii) the pruning and trimming of all trees, hedges and shrubbery to give a neat appearance, and so that the same do not obstruct the view by motorists, pedestrians or street traffic. If in the opinion of the Architectural Control Committee any Owner shall fail to perform the duties imposed by this Section, the Architectural Control Committee shall notify the If the Board shall agree with the determination of the Architectural Control Committee then the Board shall give written notice by certified mail to the Owner to remedy the condition in question, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the condition and the specific action or actions needed to be taken to remedy such condition. If the Owner shall fail to take substantive steps to remedy the condition within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, the Architectural Control Committee and the Board shall have, in addition to all other rights set forth in this Declaration, at law or in equity, a Right of Abatement as provided in Article VIII, Section 1 hereof.

Section 14. Antennae. No radio, television transmission or satellite reception antennae or dishes, or tower shall be erected on the Property or any Lot or Structure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a satellite dish eighteen inches (18") in diameter or smaller installed on the back side of the home or in the rear yard

with proper landscape screening shall be allowed and no approval of the Architectural Control Committee approval shall be required.

Section 15. Window Air Conditioners. No window air conditioning units shall be installed without prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 16. Trailers, Trucks, School Buses, Boats, Boat Trailers. No house trailers, mobile homes, habitable vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers, boats or boat trailers, school buses, trucks or commercial vehicles over one (1) ton capacity, shall be kept, stored or parked overnight either on any street or on any Lot, except within enclosed garages or substantially screened from view. The Board shall have the exclusive authority to determine compliance with the foregoing and promulgate definitions of all such vehicles and such determination and definitions shall be conclusive. Notwithstanding the foregoing, passenger automobiles may be parked in driveways, if the number of vehicles owned by the Owner exceeds the capacity of the garage. The foregoing will not be interpreted, construed, or applied to prevent the temporary nonrecurrent parking of any vehicle, boat or trailer for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours upon any Lot. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power may be parked on the Property for more than forty-eight (48) hours. No vehicle that is not currently licensed for proper operation on the streets and highways of the state of Florida, and which displays same as required by law may be parked on the Property.

Section 17. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers designed for that purpose. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such waste material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. If such litter or other materials are found on any Lot, the same will be removed by the Owner of such Lot, at the Owner's expense, upon written request of the Architectural Control Committee or the Board. Trash for pickup may only be put out twenty-four (24) hours or less prior to pickup, and such containers must be stored not more than twenty-four (24) hours thereafter.

<u>Section 18.</u> Changing Elevations. No Owner shall excavate or extract earth from a lot for any business or commercial purpose. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade of surrounding Lots, unless approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.

<u>Section 19. Water System.</u> Water shall be supplied through municipal system or type approved by appropriate State and local agencies.

Section 20. Utility Facilities. Declarant reserves the right to approve the necessary construction, installation and maintenance of utility facilities, including but not limited to water, cable, gas, telephone and sewage systems, within this proposed area, which may be in variance with these restrictions.

<u>Section 21</u>. <u>Driveways and Entrance to Garage</u>. All driveways and entrances to garages shall be concrete, asphalt or a paved substance approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee and of a uniform quality.

<u>Section 22. Garages.</u> Each dwelling must have a garage of sufficient size to house at least two (2) passenger automobiles. All garages must be substantial and conform architecturally to the dwelling to which they relate. When garages are not in use, garage doors shall be closed. Garages shall be used only for parking motor vehicles, hobbies and storing Owner's household goods.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **EASEMENTS**

Lots subjected to this Declaration shall be subject to:

- (a) Those easements, if any, shown as set forth on the Plat thereof; and
- (b) Easements over, under, across and through the landscape easement area as shown on the plat or survey of each lot for the erection, installation, construction, and maintenance of such signs and plantings as the holder of this easement may deem appropriate. Within these easements, no Structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of the easements.

The appearance of any easement area on a Lot and all improvements in or on it (other than signs and landscaping installed pursuant to the above Wall and Planter Easement) shall be

maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot. Each Owner is responsible for damage to or destruction of the easement area and all improvements on it caused directly or approximately by the acts or omissions of such Owner and any guests, invitees, residents or other persons occupying or present upon said Lot.

To extent that any land or improvement which constitutes part of the Property, now or hereafter supports or contributes to the support of any land or improvement constituting another part of the Property, the aforesaid land or improvement, or both land and improvement is hereby burdened with an easement for support for the benefit of the Property or Lot as the case may be. The easement for support shall be an easement appurtenant and run with the land at law.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. Each Lot Owner shall comply strictly with the covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements set forth in this Declaration. In the event of a violation or breach, or threatened violation or breach, of any of the same, the Declarant, the Architectural Control Committee, the Association or any aggrieved Lot Owner, jointly and severally, shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity for the recovery of damages, or for injunctive relief, or both. If any Owner or the Association is the prevailing party in any litigation (at both trial and appellate levels) involving this Declaration, then that party also

has a right to recover all costs and expenses incurred (including reasonable attorney's fees). However, no Owner has the right to recover attorney's fees from or against the Association, unless provided by Law. Failure by the Declarant, the Architectural Control Committee, the Association or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

In addition to the above rights, the Association and the Architectural Control Committee shall have a Right of Abatement if the Owner fails to take reasonable steps to remedy any violation or breach within fifteen (15) days after written notice sent by certified mail. A Right of Abatement, as used in this Section means the right of the Association or Architectural Control Committee, through its agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any Lot or Structure, as to which a violation, breach or other condition to be remedied exists, and to take the actions specified in the notice to the Owner to abate, extinguish, remove, or repair such violation, breach or other condition which may exist thereon contrary to the provisions hereof, without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act by reason of such entry and such actions; provided, such entry and such actions are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The cost thereof including the costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees, together with interest thereon at eighteen percent (18%) per annum, shall be a

binding personal obligation of such Owner, enforceable at law, and shall be a lien on such Owner's lot enforceable as provided herein.

Section 2. Severability. If any term or provision of this Declaration of the Association Documents or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining terms and provisions of this Declaration and the Association Documents, and the applications thereof, shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect and to such extent shall be severable.

Section 3. Duration. This Declaration, inclusive of all easements reserved by or on behalf of the Declarant or Association, shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective heirs, legal representative, successors and assigns, for a term of Twenty-Five (25) years from the date this Declaration is filed for record in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, after which time this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of twenty-five (25) years unless an instrument signed by the then record Owners of all of the Lots has been recorded, agreeing to change this Declaration in whole or in part. This Declaration may be terminated upon unanimous vote of all Owners and Mortgagees.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Amendment.</u> So long as Declarant owns a Lot subject to this Declaration, or additional realty of Declarant as set forth in Article VIII, Section 5 herein of this Declaration, Declarant may, in its sole discretion amend this Declaration so

long as such amendment is not in violation of the laws of Florida and shall not impair the interest of any Mortgagee of a Lot unless said Mortgagee shall consent in writing to such modification or recision of their rights and interests. Such consent shall be filed with such amendment. The Declaration, as amended, shall be rights and interests appurtenant to the realty owned by Declarant referred to hereinabove and shall run with the land at law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any amendment of this Declaration which would affect the surface water management system, including but not limited to the water management portions of the Common Areas, must have the prior written approval of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

In addition to the foregoing, this Declaration may be amended by a vote of 75% of the Owners, entitled to vote, at a duly called meeting of the Association, provided, that (1) any such amendment shall not be effective until recorded on the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, (2) any such amendment shall not adversely affect any rights or interests of Declarant under this Declaration, as the same may be amended by Declarant as provided herein, unless agreed to in writing by Declarant, (3) any such amendment shall not have priority over any amendment made by Declarant, as long as Declarant owns a lot, and (4) any such amendment shall not alter, modify or rescind any right, title, interest or privilege herein granted or accorded to any Mortgagee of a Lot affected thereby unless such holder shall consent in writing thereto, which consent shall be filed with such amendment.

Every purchaser or grantee of any interest in any real property now or hereafter subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that this Declaration may be amended as provided in this Section.

Section 5. Mergers. The Association may merge into or consolidate with another homeowner's association, and upon such merger or consolidation, the Association's Properties, rights, and obligations shall be transferred to the surviving or consolidated association, or the properties, rights and obligations of another association may be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated association shall administer the covenants and restrictions applicable to the properties of the other association, as on scheme. No such merger or consolidation, however, shall effect any revocation, change or addition to the covenants established by this Declaration.

Section 6. Amplification. The provisions of this Declaration are amplified by the Association Documents and By-Laws; but no such amplification shall alter or amend any of the rights or obligations of the Owners set forth in this Declaration. Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration on the one hand, and the Association Documents on the other be interpreted, construed, and applied to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results. If such conflict necessarily results, however, Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration control anything in the Articles and that the Articles shall control anything in the By-Laws to the contrary.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>Permission.</u> When any act by any party affected by this Declaration, which by the terms of this Declaration requires the permission or consent of the Declarant, such permission or consent shall only be deemed given when it is in written form, executed by the Declarant.

<u>Section 8.</u> <u>Joinder.</u> First Union National Bank of Florida, as Mortgagee holding a valid first mortgage lien on the Property, hereby consents to this declaration, and joins in the execution of same for the purposes of subordinating its lien to the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

<u>Section 9. Applicable Law.</u> The law of the State of Florida shall govern the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

<u>Section 10. Definitions.</u> Whenever used herein and appropriate, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and any gender shall include the others.

<u>Section 11</u>. <u>Captions</u>. The captions in this Declaration are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be part of this Declaration or construed as in any manner limiting the terms and provisions of this Declaration to which they relate.

<u>Section 12.</u> Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Declaration shall be in writing sent by prepaid, first class mail to such address of the Person to be notified as such Person may have designated or as would be reasonably anticipated to effectuate receipt of the notice, unless otherwise stated herein. Any such notice shall be effective upon

mailing in conformity with this Declaration. If any Person consists of more than one Person or entity, notice to one as provided herein shall be notice to all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarants, Brandon Properties Partners, Ltd., have caused these presents to be executed in their names properly attested on the day and year first above written.

Executed and declared in the presence of:

Witness

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Print Name

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D. Kay mills

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D. Kay Mills Print Name Brandon Properties Partners, a Florida Limited

Partnership, by Shimberg Cross Company as General

Partner

By Clen Cross, President

Attest Noreen Folsom, Secretary

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA

By:

RAIS H. CARRIER

VICE PRESIDENT

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30% day of 700%, 1995 by She F. Comp.

President, Shimberg Cross Company as General Partner for Brandon Properties Partners, a Florida Limited Partnership. Re/she is personally known to me or has produced (type of identification) as identification and did (did not) take an oafh.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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NOREEN S. FOLSOM Notary Public, State of Florida My Connn. Expires July 5, 1997 No. CG283121 Ronded thru Sonce ins

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of June, 1995 by Craig H. Carrier Vice Praydent of First (Inview National Sank of Florida He/she is personally known to me or has produced (type of identification) as identification and did (did not) take an oath.

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#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land lying in Section 18, Township 30 South, Range 21 East, Hillsborough County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

From the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18, run thence along the North boundary of said Section 18, 5.89 39'53"W., 40.00 feet to a point on a curve on the East right-ofway line of Culbreath Road, as recorded in Official Record Book 4910, Page 1910, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida; thence along said East right-of-way line of Culbreath Road, the following three (3) courses: 1) Southerly, 108.98 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 2535.00 feet and a central angle of 02 27'47" (chord bearing S.01 03'40"E., 108.97 feet) to a point of reverse curvature; 2) Southerly, 110.30 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 2465.00 feet and a central angle of 02 33'50" (chord bearing S.01 00'39"E., 110.29 feet) to a point of tangency; 3) 5.00 16'16"W., 50.49 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue along said East rightof-way line of Culbreath Road, S.00 16'16"W., 292.30 feet; thence S.89 39'58"W., 390.00 feet; thence S.00 16'16"W., 600.00 feet; thence N.89 43'44"W., 701.02 feet; thence N.81 51'00"W., 72.46 feet; thence N.08 09'00"E., 22.00 feet; thence N.81 51'00"W., 75.00 feet; thence N.36 00'00"W., 65.39 feet; thence N.70 00'00"E., 23.56 feet; thence N.06 14'00"W., 394.00 feet; thence S.89 26'30"E., 183.92 feet to a point on a curve; thence Southerly, 8.90 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 375.00 feet and a central angle of 01 21'33" (chord bearing 5.00 07'17"E., 8.90 feet) to a point of compound curvature; thence Southeasterly, 38.80 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet and a central angle of 88 55'41" (chord bearing \$.45 15'54"E., 35.02 feet) to a point of tangency; thence continue S.89 43'44"E., 111.06 feet; thence N.00 16'16"E., 177.16 feet; thence N.07 21'00"E., 8.61 feet; thence S.89 43'44"E., 124.19 feet to a point on a curve; thence Northerly, 52.51 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 425.00 feet and a central angle of 07 04'44" (chord bearing N.03 48'38"E., 52.48 feet); thence S.82 39'00"E., 170.00 feet; thence N.07 21'00"E., 184.00 feet; thence S.82 39'00"E., 131.95 feet to a point on a curve; thence Northerly, 75.92 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 575.00 feet and a central angle of 07 33'56" (chord bearing N.13 14'44"E., 75.87 feet); thence S.80 32'14"E., 50.00 feet; thence S.89 43'44"E., 333.03 feet; thence S.00 16'16"W., 13.00 feet; thence S.89 43'44"E., 125.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 16.183 acres, more or less.

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# CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF THE LINKS

We, Linda Hagan, as President and Joe Cole, as Secretary of The Links Homeowners Association, Inc., do hereby certify that by action of the Board of Directors on November 17, 1999, the Board of Directors has accepted 85 duly executed Joinder and Censent forms from the membership reflecting 78 approvals and 7 disapprovals as written action of the members in lieu of a meeting or ballots, the total of which exceeds 75 percent of the owners and therefore the following amendment was duly approved:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR THE LINKS IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5. <u>Use of Outbuildings and Similar Structures</u>. No structure of a temporary nature shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot, and no trailer, camper, shack, tent, garage, barn or other structure of a similar nature shall be used as residence, either temporarily or permanently; provide, this section shall not be construed to prevent the Declarant and those engaged in construction from using sheds or other temporary structures during construction. <u>Jungle gyms will be permitted with written approval from the Architectural Control Committee subject to guidelines which will be published from time to time and which will include location, width, height—and footprints.</u>

CODING: The full text to be amended is stated: <u>New words to be inserted are double underlined</u>, words to be deleted are lined through with hyphene

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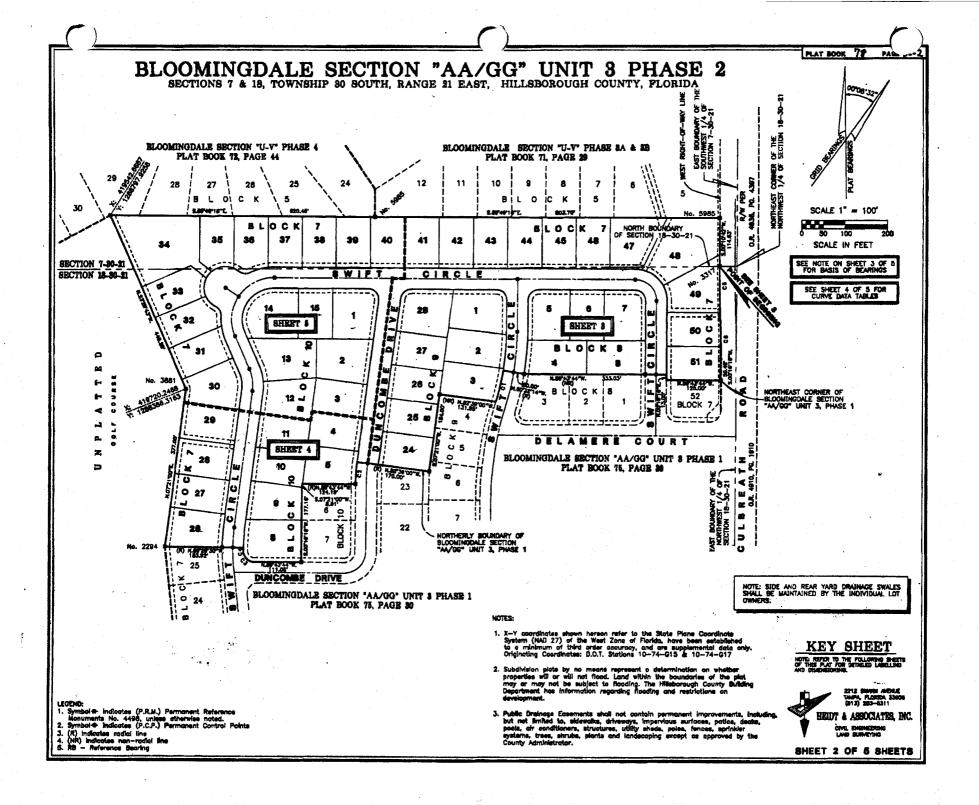
PLATS PERTAINING HERETO ARE ARE RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 75 PAGES 30-1 THROUGH 30-4, AND THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS IS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 7779, PAGE 53, ET SEQ, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

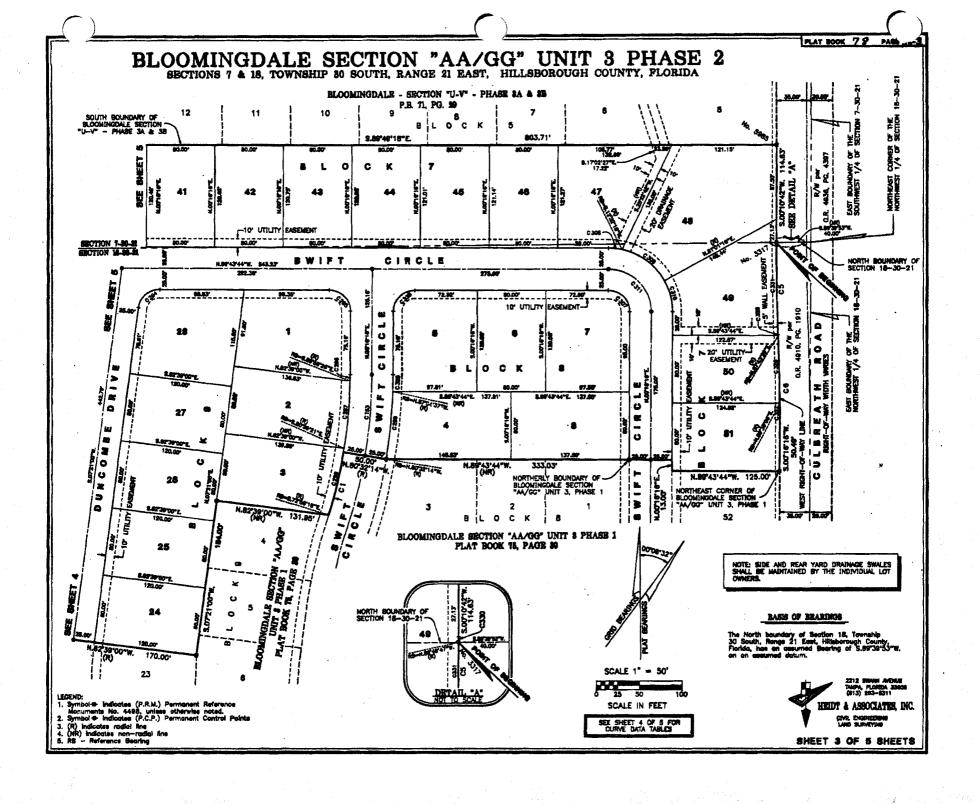
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	THE LINKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
	By: Linda Hagan, President
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STATE OF FLORIDA ) COUNTY OF PINELLAS )	
cath under the laws of the State of Florida, we to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, acknowledged the execution thereof to be the	oe Cole, President and Secretary, respectively, of THE INC., who are personally known to me or who have as identification, who did take an who executed the foregoing Certificate of Amendment Restrictions and Easements of The Links and severally heir free act and deed as such officers, for the uses and ffixed thereto the official seal of said corporation, and
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BLOOMINGDALE SECTION "AA/GG" UNIT 3 PHASE 2 SECTIONS 7 & 18, TOWNSHIP 80 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CURVE DATA TABLE

MC.	RADIUS	DELTA	ARC	TANGENT	CHORD	BEARING
	575.00	07'33'56"	75.92	38.02	75,57	\$.1314'44"W.
2	425.00	07'04'44"	52.51	26,29	52,48	S.03'48'36"W.
3	25.00	88"55"41"	38,80	24.54	36.02	N.45'15'54"W.
4	378.00	01'21'33"	8.90	4.48	8,90	N.00'07'17"W.
8	2635.00	022747	108.98	54.50	108.67	3.01°03'40"L
-	2465.00	02'33'50"	110.30	55.16	110.29	\$.0100030°E.
148	400.00	06'47'30"	47,41	23.74	47.30	N.035715"E
147	100.00	30"49"43"	53.81	27.87	53.16	3.08'03'52"E.
148	100.00	113'44'69"	196.53	153.25	187.50	3.33723'46"W.
148	100.00	56'49'43"	99.18	84.10	95.17	N.04'50'08'E.
150	100.00	56'55'16"	99.35	54.21	96,31	N.61'48'38"E.
153	800,00	09"11"30"	96.25	48.23	\$4,15	3.04°52'01"W.
278	425.00	05'47'30"	50.36	25.22	80.35	M.OJ5715"E.
277	375,00	08.08.03.	53.35	28,72	53.30	NOT16'28"L
278	125.00	19"11"43"	41.88	21.14	41,66	8.135252°E
279	125,00	11"38'00"	25.38	12,73	25,34	5.01°32'00"W.
280	78.00	30'49'43"	40.35	20.46	30.67	S.08'03'52"€.
281	128.00	16"08"04"	36,20	17.72	35.00	N.15'24'41"W.
262	125.00	10'50'15°	23.84	11.86	23.61	N.01'56'31"W.
283	25.00	85'29'11"	28.57	16.06	27.04	S.29"14"59"E.
284	\$0.00	38'30'31"	33.61	17.47	32.96	N.42'44'06"W.
285	\$0.00	50'22'4	43.97	23.52	42.56	N.01'42'42"E
286	50.00	23'04'20	20,14	10.21	20.00	N.38'28'18"E,
287	50.00	02'44'04	54.75	30.46	62.05	N.81'20'35"E
206	80,00	15"58"56"	13.95	7.02	13.90	3.5917'55"E.
200	26,00	85'29'11"	20.57	16.00	27.04	N.8403027W.
290	125.00	19"48"57"	43.23	21,43	43.02	N.73'06'51"E.
291	125.00	07'14'56"	15.81	7.02	15,80	H.86'36'48"E.
292	75.00	113'44'59"	148.90	114,94	125.62	N.332746 E
293	25.00	97'04'44"	42.38	28.30	\$7.47	5.4111722"E.
294	25.00	62'35'18"	38,18	22.09	33,11	N.48'48'36"E.
295	25,00	80,00,00,	30.27	25.00	36.54	5.44°43'44°E
296	575,00	00'45'18"	7.58	3,79	7.50	\$.00°36'55"W,
297	575.00	07'09'05"	80,13	40.13	80.07	3.05'01'07"W.
298	575.00	050102	80.48	40.30	80.39	9.130110W.
299	825,00	07'22'23"	80.43	40.27	80.37	9.05'46'35"W.
308	25.00	80,00,000,	30.27	25.00	35,36	\$,44°43°44°E
308	75,00	12"18"02"	16.06	8.06	16.03	S.83'35'43"E
300	75.00	45"28"56"	83.48	33.77	81.50	5.53131315E
310	75.00	2515.00-	38.29	19.57	37,67	3.14 21 14 E.
311	50.00	80.00.00.	78.54	50.00	70,71	5.44'43'44"E.
325	825.00	01°49'07"	19.84	9,92	19.84	3.01"10"50"W.
326	2485.00	01'51'37"	80.04	40.02	80.03	3.01"20"42"€
327	2485.00	00'41'10"	29.52	14,70	29.52	9.00'04'19"€.
328	25.00	80,00,00	38.27	25.00 8.34	38.36	S.45"16"16"W.
	2465.00	00'01'03"	0.75			9.0217'02"E.
330	2535,00	00'00'29"	0.38	0.18	0.34	\$.00°10'26"W.
331	2535,00	02'26'15"	109.33	84.88	109.33	N.01'03'26'W.

LECENC:

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5. RB - Reference Bearing

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