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**RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE  
SUBDIVISION BERKSHIRE, SECTION I  
7TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Bob Parks, being the owner in fee simple of the real estate that has been subdivided and named Section I BERKSHIRE Subdivision, according to survey and plat of same made by SEC, Inc., Site Engineering Consultants, which plat is of record in Plat Book 25, page 21, Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, (the "Plat") and which plat is made a part hereof by reference, does hereby agree and bind itself, its successors and assigns, that all the property described in said Plat, as well as any further properties incorporated as hereinafter described shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest to the property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

**A. Association.** Association shall mean and refer to the Berkshire Homeowners Association, its successors and assigns.

**B. Owner.** Owner shall mean and refer to the record owner, (including Declarant) whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any lot which is a part of the property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

**C. Property.** Property (whether singular or plural) means all the land, property and space which is the subject of this instrument (by amendment or otherwise), and all improvements and structures erected, constructed or contained therein or thereon, including the Buildings and all easements, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all furniture, furnishings, fixtures and equipment intended for the mutual use, benefit or enjoyment of the Owner.

**D. Common Areas.** Common areas shall mean all real property and the improvements thereon as designated on the Plats and/or owned or maintained by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

**E. Lot.** Lot shall mean and refer to any numbered plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map for the properties with the exception of the common areas and dedicated streets, if any. Title to lots will be held by an Owner or Owners (the "Lot Owner") in fee simple. Proposed lots in future sections which are added shall become part of the Association when the first lot is sold in the new Section. An Amendment to this Declaration and a new or amended Plat shall be recorded simultaneously.

**F. Residence or Unit.** Residence shall mean and refer to any portion of a building situated upon the properties designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family.

**G. Board of Managers or Board.** Board of Managers or Board shall mean the governing body of the Association as provided in this instrument, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws thereof.

**H. Member.** Member shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

**I. Declarant.** Declarant shall mean and refer to Bob Parks, his successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped lot from the Declarant for the purposes of development. Declarant shall be synonymous with developer for the purposes of this declaration.

**J. Common Expenses.** Common expenses mean and include (a) expenses of administration, operation, management, repair or replacement of the Common Areas of the Property, (b) expenses declared common by the provisions of the instrument or the Charter, or By-Laws of the Association, (c) all sums lawfully assessed by the Board, and (d) expenses as provided in any duly authorized management agreement.

**K. By-Laws.** By-Laws means the By-Laws of Berkshire Homeowners Association.

**L. Plat.** Plat means the plat of survey of the Property of record in Plat Book 25, page 21, Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, showing the section, the number of each Lot and expressing its area, location and other data necessary for identification and any new or amended plats added pursuant to this Declaration. Developer is authorized and empowered irrevocably to amend the Plat (without joinder of any Lot Owner) to reflect as-built construction, to correct mistakes and to more clearly define common elements.

**M. Majority or Majority of the Lot Owners.** Majority or Majority of the Lot Owners means the owners of more than fifty (50%) percent of the undivided membership in the Association present and then eligible to vote. Any specific percentage of Lot Owners means that percentage of Lot Owners who in the aggregate own such specified percentage of the entire undivided membership in the Association, present and then eligible to vote.

**N. Documents.** Documents mean this document which may hereinafter be referred to as Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, the Plat and any amendments or supplements thereto.

## ARTICLE II

### THE ASSOCIATION

#### **A. Organization.**

1. The Association is a non-profit Tennessee corporation charged with the duties and invested with the powers prescribed by law and set forth in the Articles, By-Laws and this Declaration. Neither the Articles nor the By-Laws shall, for any reason, be amended or otherwise changed or interpreted so as to be inconsistent with this Declaration. In the event of any such inconsistency, the provisions of this Declaration shall prevail. The officers and directors of the Association shall be required to be either (i) members of the Association ; or (ii) officers, directors, agents, representatives or employees of Declarant or a successor to Declarant.

2. A Board of Directors of the Association, and such officers as the Board may elect or appoint, shall conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Berkshire documents. The Board shall, except to the extent specified membership approval shall be required by the By-Laws or by this Declaration, act on behalf of the Association in the implementation of this Declaration.

#### **B. Membership.**

1. Qualifications: Each Owner (including Declarant) shall be a member of the Association and shall be entitled to one (1) membership for each lot owned. Ownership of a lot shall be the sole qualification for membership in the Association.

2. **Members Rights and Duties.** Each member shall have the rights, duties and obligations set forth in the applicable Berkshire Documents.

3. **Transfer of Membership.** The Association membership of each Owner (including Declarant) shall be appurtenant to the lot giving rise to such membership, and shall not be assigned, transferred, pledged, conveyed or alienated in any way except upon the transfer of title to said lot and only to the transferee of title to such lot. Any attempt to make a prohibited transfer shall be void. Any transfer of title to a lot shall operate automatically to transfer the membership in the Association appurtenant thereto to the new owner thereof.

**C. Voting Rights - Members, Classes of Members.**

1. **Class A. Members:** Class A Members shall be all owners with the exception of the Declarant; but, in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any lot in this class.

2. **Class B. Members:** Class B Members shall be the Declarant and any successor thereto and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each lot owned. The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership when the total votes outstanding in the Class A Membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B Membership.

**D. Duties of the Association.** The Association shall, in addition to such obligations, duties and functions as are assigned to it by other provisions of this Declaration, have the obligations, duties and functions, (subject to the provisions of this Declaration), to do and perform each and every of the following for the benefit of the Owners and for the maintenance, administration and improvement of the Properties.

1. **Additional Lands.** Accept as part of the property all real estate annexed or added pursuant to this Declaration and accept all owners thereof as members of the Association, subject to the membership requirements set forth herein and in the By-Laws.

2. **Enforcement.** Take such action, whether or not expressly authorized herein or in any other governing instrument, as may reasonably be necessary to enforce the restrictions, limitations, covenants, affirmative obligations, conditions, and other provisions of this Declaration, the plat, the By-Laws and Articles, and the other Berkshire documents.

3. **Operation and Maintenance of Common Area.** To operate, maintain, and otherwise manage or provide for the operation, maintenance and management of the Common Area, together with all easements for operation and maintenance purposes and for the benefit of the Association or its members over and within the Common Area and; to keep all improvements of whatever kind and for whatever purpose from time to time located thereon in good order, condition and repair; and to maintain any parking areas free and clear of obstructions and unsafe conditions for vehicular use at all times.

4. **Water and Other Utilities.** To acquire, provide and/or pay for water, sewer, garbage disposal, electrical, telephone and gas and other necessary utility services for the Common Area.

5. **Taxes and Assessments.** To pay all real and personal property taxes and assessments (if any) separately levied upon or assessed against the Association and/or any property owned by the Association. Such taxes and assessments may be contested or compromised by the Association; provided, however, that they are paid or a bond insuring a payment is posted prior to the sale or other disposition of any property to satisfy the payment of such taxes. It is the intent of this Declaration in as much as the interest of each Owner's lot is an interest in real property on a proportionate basis appurtenant to each lot, that the value of the interest of each Owner in such Common Area shall be included in the assessment for each

lot, and as a result any assessment directly against such Common Areas should be of a nominal nature reflecting that the full value of the same should be included in the several assessments of the various lots.

6. **Dedication for Public Use.** Upon being directed by Declarant or its successor to do so, as long as Declarant is a Class B Member, to promptly dedicate such streets, roads and drives and such water, sewer or other utility lines or facilities and appropriate easements as may be specified by Declarant or its successor to such municipalities, utility companies, political subdivisions, public authorities or similar agencies or bodies as may be designated by Declarant or its successor.

7. **Insurance.** To obtain and maintain insurance as provided for by either the By-Laws, this Declaration or the mortgagee protective agreement referred to in later sections of this Declaration.

8. **Rule Making.** To make, establish, promulgate, amend and repeal the Association rules as provided for by this Declaration and the other Association documents except as otherwise provided.

9. **Enforcement of Restrictions and Rules.** To perform such other acts, whether or not expressly authorized by this Declaration as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to enforce or effectuate any of the provisions of this Declaration and the Association rules.

10. **Execution of a Mortgagee Protective Agreement.** Upon being directed to do so by Declarant, or by a successor to Declarant, during the period in which Declarant is continuing to develop this project or to areas to be annexed into this project to execute and cause to be recorded from time to time written agreements in favor of holders or insurers of mortgages secured upon portions of the properties, conditioning specified actions of the Association upon specified mortgagee approval, permitting such mortgagees or insurers to take certain actions upon the failure of the Association to take specified action or conforming the Berkshire documents to the requirements of such mortgagees or insurers, providing that any such agreements do not contravene the requirements of the Berkshire documents or any applicable law.

**E. Powers and Authority of the Association.** The Association shall have all of the powers of a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, subject only to such limitations upon the exercise of such powers as are expressly set forth in the Articles, the By-Laws, or this Declaration. The Association shall have the power to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, required or permitted to be done by the Association under this Declaration, the Articles and By-Laws, 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, including the following which are listed without intent to limit the foregoing grant.

1. **Assessments.** To levy assessments on the owners of lots and to enforce payment of such assessments, all in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

2. **Right of enforcement in its own name, on 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 any Berkshire covenants, conditions, obligations or duties and to enforce, by mandatory injunction or otherwise, all the provisions of the Declaration, Articles and By-Laws.

3. **Easements and Rights-of-Way.** To grant and convey to any third party easements and rights-of-way in, on, over or under the Common Areas for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating or maintaining thereon, therein, or thereunder, (1) overhead or underground lines, cables, wires, conduit or other devices for the transmission of electricity

and for lighting, heating, power, telephone, television cables, radio and audio antennae facilities and for other appropriate purposes; (2) public sewers, storm water drains and pipes, water system, sprinkling systems, water, heating and gas lines or pipes; and (3) any similar public or quasi-public improvements or facilities.

4. Employment of Manager and Employees. To employ the services of any person or corporation as manager, together with employees, to manage, conduct and perform the business, obligations and duties of the Association as may be directed by the Board and to enter into contracts for such purpose. Such manager and employees shall have the right of ingress and egress over such portion of the Properties as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of performing such business, duties and obligations.

5. Mortgagee Protective Agreements. To execute and cause to be recorded from time to time agreements in favor of holders or insurers of mortgages secured upon portions of the properties. Such agreements may condition specified action, relevant to this instrument, of the activities of the Association upon approval by a specified group or number of mortgage holders or insurers. Actions and activities which may be so conditioned by such agreement may include, but shall not be limited to the following: (i) any act or omission which seeks to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer the Common Areas or any other real estate or improvements owned, directly or indirectly, by the Association for the benefit of any lots; (ii) any change in the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues or other charges which may be levied against the owners of lots; (iii) any act or omission which may change, waive or abandon any scheme or regulations, or enforcement thereof, pertaining to the architectural design, exterior appearance or exterior maintenance and improvements erected upon the Properties, driveways, or the upkeep of lawns or plantings located upon the Properties; (iv) failure to maintain specified fire and extended coverage insurance on insurable portions of the Common Areas; (v) use of hazard insurance proceeds for losses to any improvement erected upon the Common Areas for other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such improvements; (vi) the failure to maintain kinds of insurance and amounts, from and covering risks as specified by such mortgage holders or insurers; (vii) permitting holders of specified mortgages on lots to jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default which may have become a charge against the Common Area, to pay overdue premiums on hazard insurance lapse of any such policy for such property and permitting mortgagees making any such payments to recover the amount thereof from the Association.

6. Right of Entry. Without liability to any owner of a lot, to cause its agents, independent contractors, and employees after reasonable notice, or without notice in the event of an emergency, to enter upon any lot for the purpose of enforcing any of the rights and powers granted to the Association in the Instruments, Articles and By-Laws, and for the purpose of maintaining or repairing any portion of the Properties if for any reason whatsoever the Owner thereof fails to maintain it in good condition and repair and so as to present an attractive exterior or appearance as required by the documents, or as reasonably required to promote or protect the general health, safety and welfare of the residents and users of the Properties.

7. Maintenance and Repair Contracts. To contract and pay for or otherwise provide for the maintenance, restoration and repair of all improvements of whatsoever kind and for whatsoever purpose from time to time located upon or within the Common Areas or as required for exterior maintenance, sidewalks or lot clean-up in the event owner fails to maintain as required.

8. Insurance. To obtain, maintain and pay for such insurance policies or bonds, whether or not required by any provision of this Instrument or any By-Laws, as the Association shall deem to be appropriate for the protection or benefit of the Association, the members of the Board, the members of any standing committee, their tenants or guests, including, but without limitation, fire and extended insurance coverage covering the Common Areas, liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance and performance of fidelity bonds.

9. Utility Service. To contract and pay for, or otherwise provide for, utility services, including, but without limitation, water, sewer, garbage, electrical, telephone and gas services.

10. Professional Services. To contract and pay for, or otherwise provide for the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement or refinishing of any roads, drives or other paved areas upon any portion of the Properties not dedicated to any governmental unit and on the lots in the event the owners fail to keep such paved area maintained and repaired.

11. Protective Services. To contract and pay for, or otherwise provide for, fire, security and such other protective services as the Association shall from time to time deem appropriate for the benefit of the Properties, the Owners and their guests.

12. General Contracts. To contract and pay for, or otherwise provide for, such materials, supplies, furniture, equipment and labor as and to the extent the Association deems necessary.

13. Liens. To pay and discharge any and all liens from time to time placed or imposed upon any Common Areas on account of any work done or performed by the Association and the fulfillment of any of its obligations and duties of maintenance, repair, operation or administration.

14. Condemnation. The Association shall represent the Owners in any condemnation proceedings or in negotiations, settlements and agreements with the condemning authority or acquisition of any of the common areas or any part thereof. In the event of a taking or acquisition of part or all of the common areas by any condemning authority, the award or proceeds of settlement shall be paid to the Association for the use and benefit of the lot owners and their mortgagees as their interests may appear. All owners, by the acceptance of a Deed conveying a lot, irrevocably constitute and appoint the Association their true and lawful attorney in their name, place and stead for the purpose of dealing with any condemning authority in any condemnation proceeding. Title to the lots is declared and expressly made subject to such irrevocable appointment of the power of attorney. Any distribution of funds in connection with the condemnation of any part of the common area shall be made on a reasonable and equitable basis by the Board or by a special committee appointed by the Board for that purpose.

### ARTICLE III

#### PROPERTY RIGHTS

A. **Owner's Easement of Enjoyment.** Every owner in addition to a perpetual unrestricted right of ingress and egress to his own lot which passes with title shall have the right and easement of enjoyment in and to the common areas which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every lot, subject to the following provisions:

1. The right of the Association to permit the use of and to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facilities situated upon the Common Area; and to limit the number of guests and adopt rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas.

2. The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities, if any, by an Owner for any period in which any assessment against his lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days after notice and hearing as may be provided for in the By-Laws or rules for an infraction of its published rules and regulations.

3. The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer any part of the common area to any public agency, authority, or utility for the purpose of providing utilities, streets, or any similar purpose.

**B. Delegation of Use.** Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his rights of enjoyment of the common area and the facilities to the members of his family, or contract purchasers, who reside on the property.

**C. Parking Rights.** The use of parking areas, if any, within the Common Area, together with the terms and conditions with regard to such use, shall be subject to the Association rules as same are in effect from time to time.

**D. Land Use.** No lot shall be used except for residential purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANTS FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

##### **A. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.**

1. The Declarant, for each lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner for any lot, by said 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, or (2) special assessments for capital improvements or losses, or for failure to maintain and repair, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided.

2. All 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 property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment together with interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for the delinquent assessment shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them, but no such assumption shall relieve any Owner personally obligated from his personal liability.

##### **B. General Assessments.**

1. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Properties; the improvement, operation and maintenance of the Common Area; the duties and exercise of the powers of the Association; the payment of the proper expenses of the Association and all costs incurred in the performance by the Association of its duties, and the establishment of reasonable reserves for the maintenance repair and replacement of paved areas within the common areas, landscaping and other improvements upon the Common Area.

2. General Assessments levied by the Association for each fiscal year shall be adequate to finance the operation and activities of the Association, to satisfactorily maintain the Common Area, and maintain adequate repair and replacement reserves.

**C. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements.** In addition to the annual assessment authorized above, the Association may levy in any calendar 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, provided that any such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

**D. Notice and Quorum for any Action Authorized under Section B. and C.**

Written notice for any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section B. and/or C. shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting and shall state the purpose of such meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all votes of such class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirements, and the required 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 sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

**E. Rate of Annual Assessment.** Annual assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all lots and may be collected on a monthly or quarterly basis or otherwise at the discretion of the board.

**F. Date and Commencement of Annual Assessments.**

1. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Common Areas. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. At least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment, the Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment of every Owner subject thereto. Written notice of such assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment, but failure to fix or to notify shall not constitute a waiver of this right or of owner's obligation to pay. The due date shall be established by the Board of Directors.

2. The Association shall, upon demand, and for reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth when the assessment on a specified lot has been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of the assessments on a lot is binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

**G. Effect of Non-payment 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 highest rate allowed by state law and shall be a lien against the lot, and shall further be the personal obligation of the person owning the lot at the time the assessment comes due. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, cost and reasonable attorneys' fees of such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such assessments. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of the lot.

1. And now, for the purpose of better and more effectually securing the payment of said lien indebtedness, rendering unnecessary court proceedings for the enforcement of said lien in the event of the non-payment of said indebtedness and payments thereof, as they become due, and for the consideration of One Dollar paid in cash, receipt of which is acknowledged, the said Lot Owners, their heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as trustors, hereby transfer and convey unto David W. Kiouss, Trustee, his successors and assigns, the real estate hereinbefore described and specifically the property owned by the owner subject to this Declaration, with the appurtenances, estate, title and interest thereto belonging upon the following uses and trusts:

Trustors agree to pay their prorata share of Common Expenses when due and further agree to pay all taxes and assessments thereon, general or special, and to pay them when due, and, upon demand of said trustee or the lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness, to pay, discharge, or remove, any and all liens (except a First Mortgage or Deed of Trust) which may be hereafter placed against said property and which shall adversely affect the lien of this instrument or enforcement of the terms and provisions hereof; to keep the



improvements on said property in good repair and preservation pursuant to the requirements of this Declaration and the rules and regulations adopted by the Association, and in case the trustee or his successors or the lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness shall hereafter be required to appear in any court or tribunal to enforce, or defend the title to, or possession of, said property, or the lien of this instrument, or appear in any court to prove the above indebtedness, all the costs and expenses of such appearance or proceedings, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, shall be allowed, and be payable by trustors upon demand of the trustee or lawful owner or holder of said indebtedness, and, upon failure to do any of these things, then said trustee, or the lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness may do any or all of these things and the amounts so paid shall bear interest at the rate of 18% per annum, or at the then highest contract rate of interest then legally collectible in Tennessee from the date of payment and shall be and become a part of the indebtedness secured hereby.

Now, if trustors shall pay their prorata share of Common Expenses aforesaid when due, and pay any and all sums when due, as aforesaid, then this trust conveyance shall be of no further force or effect. But if said indebtedness, or any payment thereof, or interest thereon, is not paid promptly when due, or if, failing to pay said other sums when due, as herein provided, trustors fail to reimburse the trustee, or lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness for all sums, with interest, so expended by said trustee, or lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness, within thirty days from date of such payment, this trust conveyance shall remain in full force and effect, and the said trustee, or his successor in trust, is hereby authorized and empowered, upon giving twenty days notice by three publications in any newspaper, daily or weekly, published in Rutherford County, Tennessee, to sell said property at the east door of the Courthouse in said County to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the equity or right (statutory or otherwise) of redemption, homestead, dower, spouse's elective share and all other rights and exemptions of every kind, which are hereby expressly waived; and the said trustee, or his successor in trust, is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a deed to the purchaser. The Association may bid at any sale under this trust conveyance. The Trustee may, at any time after default in the payment of any of said indebtedness, enter and take possession of said property, and shall only account for the net rents actually received by him. It is further agreed that, in the event the trustee fails, before selling said property, as herein provided, to enter and take possession thereof, the purchaser shall be entitled to immediate possession thereof upon the delivery to him by the trustee of a deed for said property. In case of sale hereunder, the proceeds will be applied by the trustee as follows:

- 1st. To the full and complete satisfaction of the interest of the first mortgage holder, unless arrangements have been made for the assumption of the first mortgage by the subsequent purchaser.
- 2nd. To the payment of all costs, charges and expenses of executing this conveyance and enforcing said lien as herein provided; also reasonable attorney's fees for advice in the premises, or for instituting or defending any litigation which may arise on account of the execution of this conveyance, or the enforcement of said lien; also the expenses of any such litigation.
- 3rd. To the payment of all taxes which may be unpaid on said premises.
- 4th. To the payment of all unpaid indebtedness herein secured, and any and all sums expended in the protection of said property, as herein authorized.
- 5th. The residue, if any, will be paid to trustor(s) legally entitled thereto, their order, representatives or assigns.

In case of the death, absence, inability, or refusal to act of said trustee at any time when action under the foregoing power and trusts may be required or for any other reason, the lawful owner and holder of said lien is hereby authorized and empowered to name and appoint a successor to execute this trust by an instrument in writing to be recorded in the

Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, and the title herein conveyed to the above named trustee shall be vested in said successor.

The word "Trustors" when used herein shall apply to parties both singular and plural.

**H. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages.**

1. This transfer and conveyance, and the lien for common expenses payable by a Lot Owner which is secured by the transfer and conveyance shall both be subordinate to the lien of a recorded First Mortgage or Deed of Trust on the interest of such Lot Owner, regardless of whether the First Mortgage or Deed of Trust was recorded before or after this instrument, except for the amount of the proportionate share of common expenses which become due and payable from and after the date on which the Mortgagee or Beneficiary accepts a conveyance of any interest therein (other than as security) or forecloses its Mortgage or Deed of Trust. While the lien for assessments may be extinguished, the personal indebtedness therefor shall remain and be the personal obligation of the Lot Owner who owned the lot when the assessment came due. Any delinquent assessments (after lien extinguishment) may be reallocated and assessed among all Lots as a common expense. This subparagraph shall not be amended, changed, modified or rescinded except for the appointment of a substitute Trustee without the prior written consent of all First Mortgagees and Beneficiaries of record.

2. For purposes of this section a sale or transfer of a lot or unit shall occur on the date of recordation of an instrument of title evidencing the conveyance of record title.

**I. Exempt Property.** All property dedicated to, and adopted and accepted by a local public authority shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to any dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments in any case.

**J. Mortgage Protection Clause.** No breach of the covenants, conditions, or restrictions herein contained for the enforcement of any lien provisions herein shall defeat or render invalid the lien of any prior mortgage given in good faith and for value, but said covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be binding upon and effective against any Owner whose title is derived through foreclosure or other judicial sale or in lieu of such of any prior mortgage.

**K. Owners Shall Indemnify.** Each Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the other Owners and the Association from any liability arising from the claim of any lien claimant or judgment debtor against the lot of any other Owner or of the Common Area. The Association or any affected owner may enforce this obligation which includes reasonable costs and attorney fees in the manner of a special assessment or by action at law including all rights granted to the Association under Article IV.

**L. Exemptions.** Notwithstanding the prior provisions of this Article IV, the declarant shall be exempt from 75% of all assessments; and, therefore, shall pay for each lot he owns only 25% of all such assessments and costs of each and every kind levied by the Association. Builders shall also be exempt from assessments only during the first year of ownership beginning with date of deed; however, subsequent transfer of title during the first year shall not relieve the new owner from liability for assessments from date of the new owner's deed forward.

**ARTICLE V**  
**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL**

**A. Approval of Plans and Architectural Committee.**

1. No construction, reconstruction, remodeling alteration or addition to any structure, building, fence, wall, driveway, path, sidewalk or other improvement of any nature on any lot shall be constructed or undertaken without obtaining the prior written approval of the Board of Directors through the Architectural Committee appointed by the Board as to the intended location of same and as to its plans and specifications showing the nature, shape, height, materials and such other specifics as may be required including its architectural style. For this purpose, the Board of Directors shall establish an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more members appointed by the Board which shall have full authority to review and act upon requests for approval of such requests. As a prerequisite to consideration for such approval, and prior to the beginning of the contemplated work, the applicant must submit a set of plans and specifications directly to Mark Lynn d/b/a Creative Home Designs (or other entity designated by the Board) with a written request for their approval and an application fee as determined by the Board. The Architectural Committee shall be the sole arbiter of same and may withhold approval for any reason including purely esthetic considerations. In the event the Board, or its designated Architectural Committee fails to approve or disapprove the plans for design and location within thirty (30) days after they have been submitted, approval will not be required and this section will be deemed to have been fully complied with. Upon approval being given, construction shall commence within one hundred twenty (120) days thereafter, and shall be processed to completion promptly and in strict compliance with the approved plans; otherwise the approval shall be void. Each Owner acknowledges that the decor, color scheme, landscaping, and design of the property has been selected in such a manner as to be consistent and harmonious with other lots and residences in the subdivision and agrees to maintain and perpetuate the visual harmony of the Properties.

2. Prior to the formation of the Architectural Committee, the Declarant or his successors and assigns shall constitute or may appoint a person or persons to act as the Architectural Committee.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**INSURANCE**

**A. Casualty Insurance.** The Association shall keep all insurable improvements and fixtures on the common area insured against loss and damage by fire for the full insurable replacement cost thereof, and shall obtain insurance against such other hazards and casualties as the Association may deem desirable as well as a general liability insurance policy covering all common areas with coverage of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or property damage for any single occurrence as well as coverage for any legal liability that results from lawsuits related to employment contracts in which the Association is a party. All policies shall provide that they may not be cancelled or substantially modified without ten (10) days written notice to all insureds including the mortgagees if any. The Association shall also insure any other property whether real personal, owned by the Association, against loss or damage by fire or casualty and such other hazards as the Association may deem desirable, with the Association as the owner and beneficiary of such insurance. All casualty, liability and fidelity bond coverage shall be in such manner and in such amount as required by the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), and their requirements thereto as set forth in Sections 501-504, FNMA Lending Guide or as thereafter amended, are adopted herein by reference. Any insurance coverage with respect to the common area or otherwise shall be written in the name of, and the proceeds thereof, shall be payable to the Association. Insurance proceeds shall be used by the Association for the repair or replacement of the property for which the insurance was carried. Premiums for all such insurance carried by the Association are common expenses included in the common assessments made by the Association.

**B. Replacement or Repair of Property.** In the event of damage to or destruction of any part of the common area improvements, the Association shall repair or replace same from the insurance proceeds available. If such insurance proceeds are insufficient to cover the cost of repair or replacement of the property damaged or destroyed,

the Association may make a special assessment against all owners to cover the additional cost of repair or replacement not covered by the insurance proceeds, in addition to any other common assessments made against such lot Owner.

**C. Other Insurance.** The Association may also maintain and pay for insurance policies or bonds that are appropriate for the protection and benefit of the Association, members of the Board and any standing Committee, tenants or guests, including, but without limitation, workers compensation, malicious mischief, and performance of fidelity bonds.

**D. Annual Review of Policies.** All insurance policies shall be reviewed at least annually by the Board of Directors in order to ascertain whether the coverage contained in the policies is sufficient to make any necessary repairs or replacement of property which may be damaged or destroyed.

**E. Hazard, Flood, Homeowners, and Fire Insurance.** Each owner shall obtain and maintain in effect fire and appropriate damage and physical loss insurance, all in an amount equal to the then current full replacement value of each residence and improvement owned by such owner, which may be established from time to time by the Board or the Association by resolution. Such additional insurance requirements may be set forth in agreements or other undertakings which the Board of Association may enter into with or for the benefit of holders or insurers of mortgages secured upon portions of the Properties.

**F. Obligation to Repair and Restore.**

1. Subject only to the rights of an institutional holder of the first mortgage lien on the damaged lot, insurance proceeds from any insurance policy covering a lot shall be first applied to the repair, restoration, or replacement of such residence. Each Owner shall be responsible for the repair, restoration, or replacement of each residence owned by such owner pursuant to the terms hereof. Any such repair, restoration or replacement shall (subject to advances and changes in construction techniques and materials generally used in such construction and in currently generally accepted design criteria) be generally harmonious with the other Berkshire residences, and reconstruction must be consistent with plans approved by the Architectural Committee. Such repair and restoration will be commenced as soon as possible.

2. If the proceeds of insurance are insufficient to pay for the cost of repair, restoration, or replacement of a residence or improvement, the owner of such residence shall be responsible for the payment of any such deficiency necessary to complete the repair, restoration or replacement.

**G. Association Rights.** If any owner fails to obtain the insurance required in this article, or fails to pay the premiums therefor when and as required or fails to otherwise perform the obligations of an owner under this article the Association may (but shall not be obligated to in any manner) obtain such insurance, make such payments for any such owner, and/or perform such obligations, and add the cost of such payments or performance, as a special assessment, to the assessments of such owner and enforce the payment of the assessment in a like manner as a general assessment.

**H. Proof of Insurance.** At the discretion and at the request of the Association, each owner shall provide the Association with a copy of an appropriate insurance policy and a paid receipt thereof, showing that the Owner has proper hazard, fire, flood and homeowners insurance coverage. Failure to so provide such insurance proof on an annual basis or at such other times as the Association may reasonable require will be construed as a default of the obligations under this article, and the Association may take whatever reasonable steps it deems necessary, including the procurement of insurance on said residence, with the Owner to be liable for such procurement as set forth above. All such insurance shall contain a provision for the notification of the Berkshire Homeowners Association, and each mortgage

holder named in the mortgage clause, at least ten (10) days prior to the cancellation, or substantial change, of coverage. Nothing herein shall be construed so as to require the Association to procure, insure or be a guarantor that insurance is procured or in force on any lot.

I. **Notice to First Mortgagees.** In the event of substantial damage to or destruction of any part of the Common Elements, the institutional holder of any first deed of trust or mortgage on a lot will be entitled to timely written notice of any such damage or destruction and no provision of any document will entitle the owner of a lot or other party to priority over such institutional holder with respect to the distribution to such Lot Owner of any insurance proceeds.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**

A. **Maintenance of Common Elements.** Maintenance of, repairs to and replacements to the Common Elements shall be the responsibility of and shall be furnished by the Association. The cost of maintenance of, repairs to and replacements to the Common Elements shall be part of the common expenses, subject to the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Association. If, due to the act or neglect of a Lot Owner, or of his agent, servant, tenant, family member, invitee, licensee or household pet, damage shall be caused to the Common Elements, to the sidewalks, or to a Lot owned by others, or maintenance, repair or replacement are required which would otherwise be a common expense, then such Lot Owner shall pay for such damage or such maintenance, repair and replacements, as may be determined by the Association, to the extent not covered by the Association's insurance or sufficient proceeds are not collected from the insurance carrier or to the extent any such claim raises insurance premiums.

In addition to the utility and maintenance easements as may appear on the Plat, the authorized representatives of the Association, Board or of the Managing Agent with approval of the Board shall be entitled to reasonable access to the individual lots as may be required in connection with the preservation of any individual lot in the event of an emergency, or in connection with maintenance of, repairs or replacements of the Common Elements or any equipment, facilities or fixtures affecting or serving other lots and the Common Elements or to make any alteration required by any governmental authority.

B. **Mailboxes.** All mailboxes shall be provided by the developer at owners expense and remain uniform throughout the development; however, a Section of the development may contain mailboxes of different design than another Section.

C. **Additional Requirements.** Each Lot Owner is responsible for all exterior maintenance on his own lot. Each owner shall repair, maintain or replace all exteriors on any building in a good and husbandlike manner. Additionally all landscaping, plants, shrubs, driveways, walks, yards, sidewalk adjacent to the street, etc. shall be maintained in a neat, orderly condition and in a good state of repair and maintenance. All exterior maintenance, including painting, shall be done in the color, method and design that is suitable and approved by the Architectural Committee. The Architectural Committee can base its decision solely on esthetic considerations.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**USE AND BUILDING RESTRICTIONS**

The following restrictions are in addition to the restrictions and conditions on lot usages aforementioned:

1. **Residential Structures Only.** No lot may be used for any purpose except for the construction and maintenance of a residential building, and no such residential structure on any such lot shall be designed, constructed or used for more than one family.

2. No Resubdivision. No lot shall be resubdivided, but shall remain as shown on the recorded plat. A slight variance in the property lines may be made by adjacent owners, but not for the purpose of subdividing into more lots.

3. Noxious or Offensive Conduct. No noxious or offensive operations shall be conducted or maintained on any lot and nothing shall be constructed, reconstructed or kept on any lot which may constitute an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

4. Animals. No animals or livestock of any kind shall be allowed or maintained on any lot, except that dogs, domestic cats, or other household domestic pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept for commercial purposes. No poultry of any kind or description shall be allowed or maintained on any lot at any time for any purpose.

5. Trailers. No trailer, basement house, tent, garage, barn, or other outbuilding shall be erected or used as either a temporary or permanent residence.

6. Signage. No sign of any kind shall be displayed on any lot except one non-illuminated sign of not more than four square feet advertising the property for sale or rent.

7. 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. All such containers for the storage of such material shall be kept in a neat, clean and sanitary condition.

8. Lawful Use. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of the common area or lots and living units nor any part thereof; and all valid laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed.

9. Commercial Businesses. No commercial business may be maintained on the common area or on the lots.

10. Alterations. Nothing shall be altered or constructed in or removed from the common area except upon the written consent of the Association. No landscaping shall be altered or disturbed on the common area without prior written approval of the Board.

11. Rules of the Common Area. The Board is authorized to adopt rules for the use of the common areas and such rules shall be furnished in writing to the Owners. All such use of the common areas shall be subject to said rules as adopted.

12. Driveway. Driveway surface material, construction and design, must be approved by the Architectural Committee. In no event shall driveways be unfinished or paved with asphalt. Driveways must be of concrete or other materials approved by the architectural review committee, and all driveways must be completed prior to occupancy.

13. Minimum Square Feet. The minimum square feet of living area in any residence, exclusive of garages, porches and terraces or the like, shall be as follows:

	<u>First Floor</u>	<u>Second Floor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Section I	1100	300	1400
Section II	1200	600	1800
Section III	1500	700	2200

14. Facade Material. In Section I, the facade material must be of 6" beaded upgrade vinyl, brick, stone, stucco or hardy plank. In Section II and Section III, the facade material must be at least 75% brick, stone, stucco or hardy plank. Notwithstanding these

facade material, the amount thereof, and the type and style of material as used in each dwelling.

15. Roof Pitch. Single story residences shall have a minimum roof pitch of 8 and 12, and 1-1/2 story or 2 story residences shall have a minimum roof pitch of 6 and 12, unless otherwise permitted by the Architectural Committee.

16. Garages. In Section I, the garage entrance shall be from the front, side or of motorcourt style.

The garage door shall be of the highest esthetic quality and design and the owner shall be required to install and maintain an operational garage door opener, and all garage doors shall remain closed, except for actual ingress or egress therein. There shall be no detached garages or other accessory buildings constructed or located on the premises unless prior approval in writing is granted by the Architectural Committee. Furthermore, all garages must be of at least double car garage size.

17. Prefabricated Homes. Preassembled structures for residential purposes shall not be permitted even though said structure may meet all minimum square footage and other requirements.

18. Building Encroachments. Clean Construction Site. No building shall be constructed or maintained on any lot (i) in any reserved drainage utility or landscape easement area; or (ii) closer to the street than the setback line as shown on the recorded plat; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, unclosed porches, either covered or uncovered, bay windows, steps, or terraces shall be permitted to extend across the setback lines; PROVIDED, FURTHER, HOWEVER, that the main structure does not violate the setback line. Once construction has commenced, it shall proceed diligently. Owner and/or its builder shall be responsible for maintaining a neat and orderly construction site; otherwise, the Board may determine in its discretion to hire third parties to clean the site and charge the expense of same to the Owner.

19. Fences. A. The only fences which shall be permitted on lots shall be those erected with the express written approval of the Architectural Committee, which is charged to ensure that said fences conform to the general character and atmosphere of the neighborhood. Under no circumstances shall chain link fences be permitted. The Architectural Committee may require, as a condition of approval, the use of hedges or other greenery as screening for the fence. All fences must be maintained in good repair, and owners agree to abide by reasonable requests for repairs and maintenance as may be made by the Architectural Committee.

B. On all lots except corner lots, no fence shall be permitted between the front building or setback line and the street. However, the use of hedges, shrubbery or evergreens as a fence, or in lieu of a fence, and extending to the front or sides of any lot is permitted, PROVIDED such hedges, shrubbery or evergreens shall not be permitted to be in excess of forty-two (42) inches in height. On all corner lots, no fence shall be permitted between either building or setback line and either street. In the event an owner incorporates any utility, landscape or drainage easement shown on the plat within the boundaries of a fence, the inclusion of this area shall be done in such a manner so as not to interfere with any drainage or other use of said easement.

20. Driveway Entrance. All driveway entrances from the street to each lot shall conform to the following standards: The entrances from the street to each lot shall be sixteen (16) feet in width tapering back to no less than twelve (12) feet in width. The sixteen (16) foot apron shall extend to the inside edge of the sidewalk and said apron is to be of broom finish concrete only.

21. Side Lot Line. No dwelling in Section I shall be constructed on any lot closer than ten ( 10 ) feet to either side lot line.

22. Unauthorized Structures. No lot owner may construct or place any outbuilding, clothes line, satellite dish, solar panels, fence or any other structure, pen or enclosure, (specifically excluding basketball goals as long as the goal is placed in the backyard only), on the lot owner's property without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee. The Architectural Committee shall have the power to grant conditional variances to this restriction.

23. Repair of vehicles. No vehicles of any type shall be parked upon the properties or in the vicinity of any residence or in the common area for purposes of accomplishing repairs thereto. This restriction shall also apply to all vehicles not in operating condition regardless of whether or not such vehicles are being repaired.

24. Prolonged Parking and Recreational Vehicles. There shall be no prolonged outside parking of recreational vehicles, including, but not limited to camping trailers, boats, and motor homes on any lot, street or common area. Prolonged outside parking of any type of vehicle is prohibited on any lot, street or common area when such interferes with the esthetic quality of the subdivision. The Board shall have absolute discretion, power and authority to determine if this restriction is being violated.

25. Technology Connection. Every owner shall be required to install, during construction, a minimum technology package for the dwelling consisting of cabling and receptacles for transmitting and receiving technology services such as cable television, the Internet, local networking services and security system. The Owner and/or Builder must contact the Architectural Committee regarding details of this requirement and the technology packages that are available.

26. Sodding. All yard areas shall be sodded in front yard and seed and straw in the back and side yards. Corner lots shall be sodded in both front and side yard fronting the street.

27. Sidewalk Construction. Owners, during the construction phase of the dwelling and prior to occupancy, shall construct at their separate cost a sidewalk of uniform four foot (4') width and design along the entire length of their respective street frontage. If the City of Murfreesboro building codes or other regulatory agency of the City requires a wider sidewalk within any areas of the subdivision, then such codes shall control.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, COMMON AREA**

**A. General Assessment.** An easement on all lots is hereby reserved for installation and maintenance of utilities and for drainage within the areas as shown on the Plat.

**B. Sidewalks.** There shall be an easement for sidewalks within the subdivision running generally four feet (4') in width (or width as otherwise required by the City of Murfreesboro) parallel, adjacent to and within the front lot line of each lot and adjacent to and within the side lot line fronting the street of each corner lot. The area from the edge of the street curb to the lot line of approximately seven (7') feet shall be maintained by the lot owner as if said lot hypothetically extended to the edge of the street. Thus, all grass area within the hypothetically extended area of the lot shall be neatly maintained, the sidewalk shall be kept clean and unobstructed and the lot owner shall make all repairs and pay for the maintenance of the sidewalk regardless of fault or damage caused by others. Additionally, any sidewalk or curb damaged shall be repaired without delay, and should the necessary repair or maintenance of the sidewalk or grass area not be completed, then the developer and/or Association may make said repair or maintenance and charge the cost of same to the lot owner. This easement is for the use and benefit of all owners in the subdivision.



**C. Entrance Sign.** The Common Areas at the entrance to the subdivision shall be restricted for the purpose of constructing and maintaining any necessary subdivision entrance signs. The cost of maintaining and/or replacing said sign or signs and assessment therefor shall be as provided by the Berkshire Homeowners Association.

**D. Easements for Utilities.** Easements for installation of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat and as set forth herein or as required by later amendments. Within these easements, no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, or which may change the direction or flow of drainage channels in the easements, or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels and easements.

**E. Common Areas.** The Common Areas as shown on the Plat shall be conveyed to the Association in fee simple for the use, enjoyment and convenience of all Owners. Each lot and residence is hereby declared to have, subject to the provisions of this Declaration, a non-exclusive easement over all the Common Areas for the benefit of such lot or residence, the Owners of such lot or unit and each of them, and for their respective families, guests, invitees and contract purchasers, for recreation and other appropriate intended purposes and uses and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for ingress and egress over and through the common areas, subject to the right of the Association to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for such use. In furtherance of the establishment of this easement, the individual grant deeds and mortgages to each lot may, but shall not be required to, set forth the foregoing easement. Except as otherwise provided for by this Declaration, the Common Area may be alienated, released, transferred, or otherwise encumbered only with the written approval of all Owners and each holder of a first mortgage on any lot.

**F. Association Functions.** There is hereby reserved to Declarant, any successor to Declarant, and the Association, or the duly authorized agents, representatives and managers of the Association, such easements as are necessary to perform the duties and obligations of the Association as are set forth in this Declaration.

**G. Ingress and Egress.** In addition, there is reserved to Declarant, his successors and assigns for the use and benefit of any adjoining property of Declarant or property that may be added as a new section to Berkshire or is intended to be added as a new section, a right of ingress and egress over the streets, a right to attach to and use sewer and utility easements and such other easements as may be necessary to develop said property.

**H. Covenants Running with Land.** Each of the easements provided for in this Declaration shall be deemed to have been established upon the recordation of this Declaration, and shall thenceforth be deemed to be covenants running with the land for the use and benefit of the lots and units, and common areas as the case may be, superior to all other encumbrances applied against or in favor of any portion of the Properties which is the subject of this Declaration.

**I. Subject to Prior Utility Easements.** Notwithstanding anything herein expressed or implied to the contrary, this Declaration shall be subject to all easement heretofore or hereafter granted by Declarant for ingress or egress and for the installation and maintenance of utilities, sewers, television cables, drainage, and similar facilities that are necessary or appropriate for the development of the Properties.

**J. Utility Easements, Duties and Rights.** The rights and duties of the Owners of lots with respect to sanitary sewers and water, electricity, television cables, gas and telephone, shall be governed by the following:

1. Whenever sanitary sewer house connections and/or water house connections or electricity, television, gas or telephone lines are installed within the Properties, which connections or any portion thereof lie in or upon lots owned by others, then the Owners of the lot served by said connections, shall have the right, and are hereby granted an easement

to the full extent necessary therefor, to enter upon said lots or to have the utility company enter upon the lots within the Properties in or upon which said connections, or any portion thereof lie, to repair, replace and generally maintain said connections as and when the same may be necessary.

2. When sanitary sewer house connections and/or water house connections or electricity, television cables, gas or telephone lines are installed within the Properties, which connections serve more than one (1) lot, the Owner of each lot served by said connections shall be entitled to full use and enjoyment of such portions of said connections as service his lot.

#### **ARTICLE X** **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. **Enforcement.** The Association, Declarant, or any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, the restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by this Declaration. The expense of enforcement shall be chargeable to the Owner of the lot violating the provisions hereof and shall constitute a lien on the lot collectable in the same manner as a general assessment. Failure by the Association, the Declarant or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event constitute a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Any lot owner shall likewise have a right of action against the Association for failure to comply with its duties.

B. **Severability.** Invalidation of any one of the covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

C. **Amendment.** The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of 30 years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of 10 years. The Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the lot Owners, provided that no amendment shall alter any obligation to pay ad valorem taxes or assessments for public improvements as herein provided, or effect any lien for the payment thereof established herein. Any amendment must be properly recorded to be valid. Notwithstanding the preceding amendment requirements, the Declarant shall have the authority to amend the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration during the two years following recordation of this Declaration or until 75% of the lots in the Section in which such amendment is being made have been deeded, whichever first occurs.

#### **ARTICLE XI** **ANNEXATION AND/OR ADDITION OF OTHER AREA TO PROPERTY**

A. **General.** Declarant or his successors and assigns, shall be allowed to annex additional property by way of sections to Berkshire without the consent of the Association or its members over any mortgagees or other lien holders; (other than those holding mortgages and liens on the real property being annexed) by the recordation of a supplementary Declaration. Such supplementary Declaration may also provide for modifications to the Covenants herein for specific application to lots in the section being annexed. Upon such annexation, the Association shall take whatever measures are necessary to add such annexed property and lots into the regime on an equal basis with the original property included hereunder.

B. **Membership in Association.** Upon the recording of any supplementary declaration, those lot owners contained therein shall become members of the Association obtaining all rights due members of the Association and becoming liable for all assessments and fees as set forth herein and/or in the Supplemental Declaration.


C. **Common Area.** All common areas, if any, in any annexed property will be deeded to the Association in fee simple to be held in accordance with this Declaration.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**RIGHTS OF MORTGAGE HOLDERS, INSURERS OR GUARANTORS**

A. The holder, insurer or guarantor of the first mortgage on any lot shall be given notification in writing by the Association upon its sending to the Association a written request stating its name, address and address of the lot it has the mortgage on, of any of the following actions: Any condemnation or casualty loss that affects either a material portion of the project or the lot securing its mortgage; any sixty-day delinquency in the payment of assessment or charges owed by the Owner of any lot on which it holds a mortgage; a lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Owner's Association.

B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the declarations, Declarant reserves the right to make any modification, amendments, and changes necessary in the documents to conform to F.N.M.A., F.H.L.M.C. and V.A. requirements and guidelines.

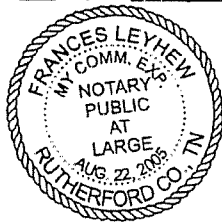
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto executed this instrument on this the 19th day of February, 2002.

  
BOB PARKS

STATE OF TENNESSEE     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD    )

Personally appeared before me, BOB PARKS, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand this 19th day of February, 2002.



Frances Leyhew  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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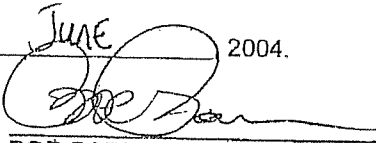
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**SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION**  
**ANNEXING AND PROVIDING RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**  
**FOR BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION, SECTION VI**

BOB PARKS, being the owner in fee simple of the real estate that has been subdivided and named BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION SECTION VI, according to a survey and plat of same made by S.E.C. INC. ENGINEERING, which plat is of record in Plat Book 27, Page 233 Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, and which plat is made a part hereof by reference, does hereby annex said property into the BERKSHIRE plan pursuant to ARTICLE XI of the RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE SUBDIVISION BERKSHIRE, SECTION I, 7<sup>th</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE and as recorded in Record Book 136, Page 2475 of the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, and as thereafter amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the undersigned hereby declares that all of BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION, SECTION VI of record in Plat Book 27, Page 233 of said Register's Office shall now be under the same Restrictive Covenants and Conditions as applying to BERKSHIRE, SECTION II, said plat being of record in Plat Book 12, Page 96 of said Register's Office. The Restrictive Covenants and Conditions herein referred to which all of the lots in Section VI are now subject are of record in Record Book 136, Page 2475 and as amended in Record Book 160, Page 1746 of the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied verbatim.

WITNESS my signature this 7<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2004.

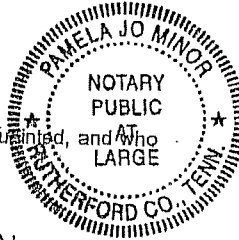
  
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BOB PARKS

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

Personally appeared before me, BOB PARKS, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS MY HAND this 7<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2004.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 11-19-2007



This instrument was prepared by:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**

**APPLYING TO BERKSHIRE, SECTIONS VII and VIII**

The undersigned, Bob Parks, being the developer of the property described herein known as Berkshire, Sections VII and VIII of record in Plat Book 29, Page 28 and Plat Book 29, Page 29, in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, desiring to subject the property known as Berkshire, Section VII to the restrictions for Berkshire, Section II and Berkshire, Section VIII to the restrictions for Berkshire, Section III, each being previously of record in the Register's Office for Rutherford County, Tennessee, in Record Book 136, 2475 as supplemented and amended in Record Book 160, page 1746 and any subsequent amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual benefits applying to the parties and the property, it is **AGREED**:


1. Berkshire, Section VII, as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 29, page 28, in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, shall be subject to the Restrictive Covenants applying to Berkshire, Section II of record in Record Book 136, page 2475 as supplemented and amended in Record Book 160, page 1746 and any and all amendments thereto in the Registers Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

2. Berkshire, Section VIII, as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 29, page 29, in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, shall be subject to the Restrictive Covenants applying to Berkshire, Section III of record in Record Book 136, page 2475 as supplemented and amended in Record Book 160, page 1746 and any and all amendments thereto in the Registers Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

3. Any and all lot owners of Berkshire, Sections VII and VIII shall be members of the Berkshire Homeowners Association and have the rights and obligations associated thereto as provided in the above-referenced instruments.

3. Bob Parks reserves the right to unilaterally amend the restrictions to Berkshire Sections VII and VIII for a period of five (5) years from the date of the execution of this instrument or so long as Bob Parks owns any lots in Berkshire, Sections VII or VIII, whichever is longer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Bob Parks has caused this instrument to be executed this the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2005.

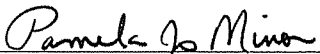
  
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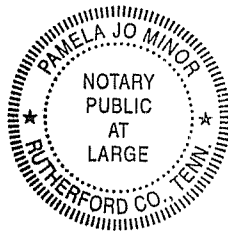
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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, BOB PARKS, the within named, with whom I am personally acquainted, and he acknowledged that he executed the within instrument (SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS APPLYING TO BERKSHIRE, Sections VII and VIII) for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal on this the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2005.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 11-19-2007



Jennifer M Gerhart, Register  
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