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THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY**

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THIS DECLARATION FOR THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY (this "**Declaration**") is made by The Ranches at Cooper City, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("**RCC**") and joined in by The Ranches at Cooper City Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation ("**Association**").

R E C I T A L S

- A. RCC is the owner of the real property in Broward County, Florida ("**County**") more particularly described in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto and made a part hereof ("**The Ranches at Cooper City**");
- B. RCC desires to subject The Ranches at Cooper City to the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration;
- C. This Declaration is a covenant running with all of the land comprising The Ranches at Cooper City, and each present and future owner of interests therein and their heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns are hereby subject to this Declaration; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained in this Declaration, RCC hereby declares that every portion of The Ranches at Cooper City is to be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, charges and liens hereinafter set forth.

1. **Recitals.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into and form a part of this Declaration.
2. **Definitions.** In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Declaration, all initially capitalized terms herein shall have the following meanings:

"**ACC**" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee established pursuant to Section 18 hereof.

"**Access Control System**" shall mean any system intended to control access and/or enhance the welfare of The Ranches at Cooper City.

"**Articles**" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of Association filed with the Florida Secretary of State in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.

"**Assessments**" shall mean any assessments made in accordance with this Declaration and as further defined in Section 16.1 hereof.

"**Association**" shall mean The Ranches at Cooper City Homeowners' Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

"**Association Documents**" shall mean this Declaration, the Articles, the By-Laws, the Rules and Regulations, and the Community Standards, as amended from time to time.

"**Board**" shall mean the Board of Directors of Association.

"**Builder**" shall mean any person or entity that purchases a Parcel or Lot from Developer for the purpose of constructing one or more Homes.

"**By-Laws**" shall mean the By-Laws of Association in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.

"**Cable Services**" shall mean "basic service tier" as described in Section 623(b)(7)(A) of the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992, video programming services offered on a per-channel or per-program basis, video programming services offered in addition to basic service tier, any method of delivering video programming to Homes including, without limitation, interactive video programming, and any channel recognized in the industry as premium including, without limitation, HBO, Showtime, Disney, Cinemax and the Movie Channel. By way of example, and not of limitation, the term Cable Services may include cable television, satellite master antenna television, multipoint distribution systems, video dialtone, open video system or any combination thereof.

"**City**" shall mean the City of Cooper City, Florida, a Florida municipal corporation.

"**Common Areas**" shall mean all real property interests and personalty within The Ranches at Cooper City designated as Common Areas from time to time by Plat or recorded amendment to this Declaration and provided for, owned, leased by, or dedicated to, the common use and enjoyment of the Owners within The Ranches at Cooper

City. The Common Areas may include, without limitation, open space areas, the surface water management system, lift stations, retention areas, internal buffers, entrance features, perimeter buffers, perimeter walls and fences, landscaping, improvements, easement areas owned by others, public rights of way, additions, a gatehouse, irrigation pumps, irrigation lines, parks, sidewalks, streets/roads, street lights, service roads, walls, commonly used utility facilities, project signage, parking areas, other lighting, entranceways, and electronic gates. The Common Areas do not include any portion of a Home. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEFINITION OF "COMMON AREAS" AS SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION IS FOR DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND SHALL IN NO WAY BIND, OBLIGATE OR LIMIT DEVELOPER TO CONSTRUCT OR SUPPLY ANY SUCH ITEM AS SET FORTH IN SUCH DESCRIPTION, THE CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLYING OF ANY SUCH ITEM BEING IN DEVELOPER'S SOLE DISCRETION. FURTHER, NO PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RELY UPON SUCH DESCRIPTION AS A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE COMMON AREAS TO BE OWNED, LEASED BY OR DEDICATED TO ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT AFTER CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OR CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUCH ITEM. Further, and without limiting the foregoing, it is possible that certain areas that would otherwise be Common Areas may be conveyed to, or owned by, a special taxing district or the City of Cooper City.

"Community Completion Date" shall mean the date upon which all Homes in The Ranches at Cooper City, as ultimately planned and as fully developed, have been conveyed by Developer and/or Builder to Owners.

"Community Standards" shall mean such standards of conduct, maintenance or other activity, if any, established by the ACC pursuant to Section 18.5 hereof.

"Contractors" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 18.12.2 hereof.

"County" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals hereof.

"Data Transmission Services" shall mean (i) internet access services and (ii) enhanced services as defined in Section 64.702 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended from time to time, and without regard to whether the transmission facilities are used in interstate commerce.

"Declaration" shall mean this Declaration, together with all amendments and modifications thereof.

"Developer" shall mean RCC and any of its designees, successors and assigns who receive a written assignment of all of the rights of Developer hereunder. Developer shall have the right to assign all or a portion of any rights granted to the Developer in this Declaration. Such assignment need not be recorded in the Public Records in order to be effective. In the event of a partial assignment of some, but not all, Developer rights, the assignee shall not be deemed Developer, but may exercise such rights of Developer assigned to it. Additionally any partial assignee that does not assume all of the obligations of Developer shall not be deemed the Developer. Any such assignment may be made on a non-exclusive basis. All assignments of Developer rights (whether full and/or partial) must be in writing.

"Home" shall mean a residential home and appurtenances thereto constructed on a Parcel within The Ranches at Cooper City. A Home shall include, without limitation, a condominium unit, coach home, villa, townhouse unit, single family home and zero lot line home. The term Home may not reflect the same division of property as reflected on a Plat. A Home shall be deemed created and have perpetual existence upon the issuance of a final or temporary Certificate of Occupancy for such residence; provided, however, the subsequent loss of such Certificate of Occupancy (e.g., by casualty or remodeling) shall not affect the status of a Home, or the obligation of Owner to pay Assessments with respect to such Home. The term "Home" includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Home.

"Improvement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 19.1 hereof.

"Individual Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16.2.5 hereof.

"Installment Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16.2.1 hereof.

"Lawn Maintenance Standards" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.

"Lender" shall mean (i) the institutional and licensed holder of a first mortgage encumbering a Parcel or Home or (ii) Developer and its affiliates, to the extent Developer or its affiliates finances the purchase of a Home or Lot initially or by assignment of an existing mortgage.

"Lessee" shall mean the lessee named in any written lease respecting a Home who is legally entitled to possession of any rental Home within The Ranches at Cooper City.

"Lot" shall mean any platted lot shown on a Plat or any legal subdivision of any such platted lot which has been approved by Cooper City.

"Master Plan" shall mean collectively any full or partial concept plan for the development of The Ranches at Cooper City, as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, regardless of whether such plan is currently on file with one or more governmental agencies. The Master Plan is subject to change as set forth herein. The Master Plan is not a representation by Developer as to the development of The Ranches at Cooper City or its amenities, as Developer reserves the right to amend all or part of the Master Plan from time to time.

"Member" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.3 hereof.

"NFIP" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14.1.1 hereof.

"Non-Conforming Pavers" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.14.

"Operating Costs" shall mean all costs and expenses of Association and the Common Areas. Operating Costs may include, without limitation, all costs of ownership; operation; administration; all amounts payable by Association; all amounts required to maintain the Surface Water Management System; all community lighting including, without limitation, lighting provided pursuant to agreements between Association and private utility providers, up-lighting and entrance lighting (if not the obligation of the a special taxing district), all amounts payable in connection with any private street lighting agreements with Florida Power and Light or other provider(s), if any; amounts payable to a Telecommunications Provider for Telecommunications Services furnished to all Owners; utilities; taxes; insurance; bonds; salaries; management fees; professional fees; service costs; supplies; maintenance; repairs; replacements; refurbishments; common area landscape maintenance; and any and all costs relating to the discharge of the obligations hereunder, or as determined to be part of the Operating Costs by Association. By way of example, and not of limitation, Operating Costs shall include all of Association's legal expenses and costs relating to or arising from the enforcement and/or interpretation of this Declaration.

"Owner" shall mean the record owner (whether one or more persons or entities) of fee simple title to any Home. The term "Owner" shall not include Developer, Builder, or a Lender.

"Parcel" shall mean a platted or unplatted lot, tract, unit or other subdivision of real property upon which a Home has been, or will be, constructed. Once improved, the term Parcel shall include all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The term Parcel, as used herein, may include more than one Home.

"Permit" shall mean the permit issued by SFWMD relating to The Ranches at Cooper City, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 4** hereto.

"Plat" shall mean any plat of any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City filed in the Public Records, as the same may be amended by Developer, from time to time.

"Public Records" shall mean the Public Records of County.

"Reserves" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16.2.4 hereof.

"Rules and Regulations" shall mean the Rules and Regulations governing The Ranches at Cooper City as adopted by the Board from time to time.

"SFWMD" shall mean the South Florida Water Management District.

"Special Assessments" shall mean those Assessments more particularly described as Special Assessments in Section 16.2.2 hereof.

"Surface Water Management System" shall mean the collection of devices, improvements, or natural systems whereby surface waters are controlled, impounded or obstructed. This term includes exfiltration trenches, Wetland Conservation Areas, mitigation areas, lakes, retention areas, lift station, water management areas, ditches, culverts, structures, dams, impoundments, reservoirs, drainage maintenance easements, those works defined in Section 373.403(1)-(5) of the Florida Statutes, and those works authorized by SFWMD pursuant to the Permit.

"Telecommunications Provider" shall mean any party contracting with Association to provide Owners with one or more Telecommunications Services. Developer may be a Telecommunications Provider. With respect to any particular Telecommunications Services, there may be one or more Telecommunications Providers. By way of example, with respect to Data Transmission Services, one Telecommunications Provider may provide Association such service while another may own, maintain and service the Telecommunications Systems which allow delivery of such Data Transmission Services.

"Telecommunications Services" shall mean delivered entertainment services; all services that are typically and in the future identified as telecommunication services; Telephony Services; Cable Services; and Data Transmission Services. Without limiting the foregoing, such Telecommunications Services include the development, promotion, marketing, advertisement, provision, distribution, maintenance, transmission, and servicing of any of the foregoing services. The term Telecommunications Services is to be construed as broadly as possible.

"Telecommunications Systems" shall mean all facilities, items and methods required and/or used in order to provide Telecommunications Services to The Ranches at Cooper City. Without limiting the foregoing, Telecommunications Systems may include wires (fiber optic or other material), conduits, passive and active electronic equipment, pipes, pedestals, wireless cell sites, computers, modems, satellite antennae sites, transmission facilities, amplifiers, junction boxes, trunk distribution, feeder cables, lock boxes, taps, drop cables, related apparatus, converters, connections, head-end antennae, earth stations, appurtenant devices, network facilities necessary and appropriate to support provision of local exchange services and/or any other item appropriate or necessary to support provision of Telecommunications Services. Ownership and/or control of all or a portion of any part of the Telecommunications Services may be bifurcated among network distribution architecture, system head-end equipment, and appurtenant devices (e.g., individual adjustable digital units).

"Telephony Services" shall mean local exchange services provided by a certified local exchange carrier or alternative local exchange company, intraLATA and interLATA voice telephony and data transmission.

"The Ranches at Cooper City" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof subject to additions and deletions thereto as permitted pursuant to the terms of this Declaration. Developer may, when amending or modifying the description of real property which is subject to the operation of this Declaration, also amend or modify the definition of The Ranches at Cooper City.

"Title Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24.8 hereof.

"Toll Calls" shall have the meaning given to such term by the Florida Public Service Commission and/or the Federal Communications Commission.

"Turnover Date" shall mean the date on which transition of control of Association from Developer to Owners occurs. Without limiting the foregoing, Developer shall never be obligated to turn over Association prior to date currently required by law.

"Use Fees" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16.2.3 hereof.

3. Plan of Development.

3.1 Generally. The planning process for The Ranches at Cooper City is an ever-evolving one and must remain flexible in order to be responsible to and accommodate the needs of Developer's buyers. Subject to the Title Documents, Developer may wish and has the right to develop The Ranches at Cooper City and adjacent property owned by Developer into residences, comprised of homes, villas, coach homes, townhomes, zero lot line homes, patio homes, multi-family homes, condominiums, rental apartments, and other forms of residential dwellings, as well as commercial development, which may include shopping centers, stores, office buildings, showrooms, industrial facilities, technological facilities, and professional offices. The existence at any point in time of walls, landscape screens, fences, gates or berms is not a guarantee or promise that such items will remain or form part of The Ranches at Cooper City as finally developed.

3.2 Association's Obligation to Cooperate. Association shall at all times cooperate with every entity comprising Developer. Without limiting the foregoing, Association shall provide Developer with such consents and approvals which Developer may reasonably require in connection with (i) the sale of Parcels and/or Lots to Builders, (ii) the development and conveyance of the Common Areas, and (iii) master land development requirements. Additionally, Association shall cooperate with Developer in connection with the turnover of Association control including, but not limited to, signing a turnover receipt in the form to be provided by Developer to Association on the Turnover Date.

4. Amendment.

4.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to this Declaration shall affect the rights of Developer unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer, as applicable, which consent may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to this Declaration, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. All amendments must comply with Section 10.7.2 which benefits SFWMD. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

4.2 No Vested Rights. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home irrevocably waives any claim that such Owner has any vested rights pursuant to case law or statute with respect to this Declaration or any of the other Association Documents. It is expressly intended that Developer and Association have the unfettered right to amend this Declaration and the other Association Documents except as expressly set forth herein.

4.3 Amendments Prior to and Including the Turnover Date. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend this Declaration as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Such amendments may include, without limitation, the creation of easements for Telecommunications Systems, utility, drainage, ingress and egress and roof overhangs over any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City; additions or deletions from the properties comprising the Common Areas; changes in the Rules and Regulations, and modifications of restrictions on the Homes, and maintenance standards for landscaping. Developer's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. By way of example, and not as a limitation, Developer may create easements over Homes conveyed to Owners provided that such easements do not prohibit the use of such Homes as residential homes. In the event that Association shall desire to amend this Declaration prior to and including the Turnover Date, Association must first obtain Developer's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Developer may be adopted by Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover Date. Thereafter, Developer shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at all times after the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend Association Documents unilaterally to correct scrivener's errors.

4.4 Amendments After the Turnover Date. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, this Declaration may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of the Board; and (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) of all of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of Association in which there is a quorum.

5. Annexation and Withdrawal.

5.1 Annexation by Developer. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, additional lands may be made part of The Ranches at Cooper City by Developer, at Developer's sole discretion. Such additional lands to be annexed may or may not be adjacent to The Ranches at Cooper City. Except for applicable governmental approvals (if any), no consent to such annexation shall be required from any other party (including, but not limited to, Association, Owners or any Lenders of any Parcel or Home). Such annexed lands shall be brought within the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of an amendment to this Declaration in the Public Records. The amendment shall subject the annexed lands to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as fully as though the annexed lands were described herein as a portion of The Ranches at Cooper City. Such amendment may contain additions to, modifications of, or omissions from, the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as deemed appropriate by Developer and as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the annexed lands. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, only Developer may add additional lands to The Ranches at Cooper City.

5.2 Annexation by Association. After the Turnover Date, and subject to applicable governmental approvals (if any), additional lands may be annexed with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of the Board; and (ii) seventy-five percent (75 %) of all of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of Association at which there is a quorum.

5.3 Withdrawal. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, any portions of The Ranches at Cooper City (or any additions thereto) may be withdrawn by Developer from the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of an amendment to this Declaration in the Public Records. The right of Developer to withdraw portions of The Ranches at Cooper City shall not apply to any Home which has been conveyed to an Owner unless that right is specifically reserved in the instrument of conveyance or the prior written consent of the Owner is obtained. The withdrawal of any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City shall not require the consent or joinder of any other party (including, but not limited to, Association, Owners, or any Lenders of any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City). Association shall have no right to withdraw land from The Ranches at Cooper City.

6. Dissolution.

6.1 Generally. In the event of the dissolution of Association without reinstatement within thirty (30) days, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any Owner may petition the circuit court of the appropriate judicial circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas in the place and stead of Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association. In the event Association is dissolved, and any portion of the Surface Water Management System is part of the Common Areas, the Surface Water Management System shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government and, if not accepted, then the Surface Water Management System shall be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation.

6.2 Applicability of Declaration after Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of Association, The Ranches at Cooper City and each Home therein shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this Declaration, including, without limitation, the provisions respecting Assessments specified in this Declaration. Each Owner shall continue to be personally obligated to the successors or assigns of Association for Assessments to the extent that Assessments are required to enable the successors or assigns of Association to properly maintain, operate and preserve the Common Areas. The provisions of this Section shall only apply with regard to the maintenance, operation, and preservation of those portions of The Ranches at Cooper City which had been Common Areas and continue to be so used for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

7. Binding Effect and Membership.

7.1 Term. This Declaration and all covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration are equitable servitudes, perpetual and run with the land. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Home or Parcel, and any person claiming by, through or under such Owner (i) agrees to be subject to the provisions of this Declaration and (ii) irrevocably waives any right to deny, and any claim, that this Declaration and all covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration are not enforceable under the Marketable Record Titles to Real Property Act, Chapter 712 of the Florida Statutes. It is expressly intended that the Marketable Record Titles to Real Property Act will not operate to extinguish any encumbrance placed on The Ranches at Cooper City by this Declaration. It is further expressly intended that no re-filing or notice of preservation is necessary to continue the applicability of this Declaration and the applicability of all covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration. This provision is not subject to amendment except by Developer.

7.2 Transfer. The transfer of the fee simple title to a Home, whether voluntary or by operation of law, terminating the Owner's title to that Home shall terminate the Owner's rights to the use of and enjoyment of the Common Areas as it pertains to that Home and shall terminate such Owner's membership in Association. An Owner's rights and privileges under this Declaration are not assignable separately from a Home. The Owner of each Home is entitled to the benefits of, and is burdened with the duties and responsibilities set forth in, the provisions of this Declaration. All parties acquiring any right, title and interest in and to any Home shall be fully bound by the provisions of this Declaration. In no event shall any Owner acquire any rights that are greater than the rights granted to, and limitations placed upon its predecessor in title pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. In the event that any Owner desires to sell or otherwise transfer title of his or her Home, such Owner shall give the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior written notice of the name and address of the purchaser or transferee, the date on which such transfer of title is to take place, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. The transferor shall remain jointly and severally liable with the transferee for all obligations of the Owner and the Home

pursuant to this Declaration including, without limitation, payment of all Assessments accruing prior to the date of transfer. Until written notice is received as provided in this Section, the transferor and transferee shall be jointly and severally liable for Assessments accruing subsequent to the date of transfer. In the event that upon the conveyance of a Home an Owner fails in the deed of conveyance to reference the imposition of this Declaration on the Home, the transferring Owner shall remain liable for Assessments accruing on the Home from and after the date of conveyance.

7.3 Membership. Upon acceptance of title to a Home, and as more fully provided in the Articles and By-Laws, each Owner shall be a member of the Association. Membership rights are governed by the provisions of this Declaration, the deed to a Home, the Articles and By-Laws. Membership shall be an appurtenance to and may not be separated from, the ownership of a Home. Developer rights with respect to the Association are set forth in this Declaration, the Articles and the By-Laws.

7.4 Ownership by Entity. In the event that an Owner is other than a natural person, that Owner shall, prior to occupancy of the Home, designate one or more persons who are to be the occupants of the Home and register such persons with Association. All provisions of this Declaration and the other Association Documents shall apply to both such Owner and the designated occupants.

7.5 Voting Interests. Voting interests in Association are governed by the provisions of the Articles and By-Laws.

7.6 Document Recordation by Owners Prohibited. Neither Association nor any Owner, nor group of Owners, may record any documents which, in any way, affect or restrict the rights of Developer or conflict with the provisions of this Declaration or the other Association Documents.

7.7 Composition of the Board. Developer reserves the right to change, from time to time prior to and including Turnover Date, the composition of Board. Without limiting the foregoing, Developer may change the number of Board members, the effect of a vote by a Board member, or how a Board member is elected or appointed prior to and including Turnover Date.

7.8 Conflicts. In the event of any conflict among this Declaration, the Articles, the By-Laws or any of the Association Documents, this Declaration shall control.

8. Paramount Right of Developer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Community Completion Date Developer shall have the paramount right to dedicate, transfer, and/or convey (by absolute conveyance, easement, or otherwise) portions of The Ranches at Cooper City for various public purposes or for the provision of Telecommunications Systems, or to make any portions of The Ranches at Cooper City part of the Common Areas, or to create and implement a special taxing district which may include all or any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City. In addition, the Common Areas of The Ranches at Cooper City may include decorative improvements, berms, and waterbodies. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the waterbodies may be dry during certain weather conditions or during certain times of the year. Developer may remove, modify, eliminate or replace these items from time to time in its sole discretion. SALES BROCHURES, SITE PLANS, AND MARKETING MATERIALS ARE CURRENT CONCEPTUAL REPRESENTATIONS AS TO WHAT FACILITIES, IF ANY, WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMMON AREAS. DEVELOPER SPECIFICALLY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE LAYOUT, COMPOSITION, AND DESIGN OF ANY AND ALL COMMON AREAS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE AT ITS DISCRETION.

9. Operation of Common Areas.

9.1 Prior to Conveyance. Prior to the conveyance, identification and/or dedication of the Common Areas to Association as set forth in Section 9.4 herein, any portion of the Common Areas owned by Developer shall be operated, maintained, and administered at the sole cost of Association for all purposes and uses reasonably intended, as Developer in its sole discretion deems appropriate. During such period, Developer shall own, operate, and administer the Common Areas without interference from any Owner or Lender of a Parcel or any other person or entity whatsoever. Owners shall have no right in or to any Common Areas referred to in this Declaration unless and until same are actually constructed, completed, and conveyed to, leased by, dedicated to, and/or maintained by Association. The current conceptual plans and/or representations, if any, regarding the composition of the Common Areas are not a guarantee of the final composition of the Common Areas. No party should rely upon any statement contained herein as a representation or warranty as to the extent of the Common Areas to be owned, leased by, or dedicated to Association. Developer, so long as it controls Association, further specifically retains the right to add to, delete from, or modify any of the Common Areas referred to herein in its sole discretion and without notice.

9.2 Construction of Common Areas Facilities. Developer has constructed or will construct, at its sole cost and expense, certain facilities and improvements as part of the Common Areas, together with equipment and personalty contained therein, and such other improvements and personalty as Developer determines in its sole discretion. Developer shall be the sole judge of the composition of such facilities and improvements. Prior to the Community Completion Date Developer reserves the absolute right to construct additional Common Areas facilities and improvements within The Ranches at Cooper City, from time to time, in its sole discretion, and to remove, add to modify and change the boundaries, facilities and improvements now or then part of the Common Areas. Developer is not obligated to, nor has it represented that it will, modify or add to the facilities, improvements, or Common Areas as they are contemplated as of the date hereof. Developer is the sole judge of the foregoing, including the plans, specifications, design, location, completion schedule, materials, size, and contents of the facilities, improvements, appurtenances, personalty (e.g., furniture), color, textures, finishes, or Common Areas, or changes or modifications to any of them.

9.3 Use of Common Areas by Developer. Until the Community Completion Date Developer shall have the right to use any portion of the Common Areas, without charge, for any purpose deemed appropriate by Developer.

9.4 Conveyance.

9.4.1 Generally. Simultaneously with the Plat being recorded, the Common Areas shall be dedicated by Plat(s) and created in the form of easements. Within sixty (60) days following turnover, the Common Areas shall be conveyed by written instrument or by Quitclaim Deed recorded in the Public Records, from Developer to Association. Association shall pay all of the costs of the conveyance. The dedication, creation by easement, or conveyance shall be subject to easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations, and declarations of record, real estate taxes for the year of conveyance, zoning, land use regulations and survey matters. Association shall be deemed to have assumed and agreed to pay all continuing obligations and service and similar contracts relating to the ownership operation, maintenance, and administration of the conveyed portions of Common Areas and other obligations relating to the Common Areas imposed herein. Association shall, and does hereby, indemnify and hold Developer harmless on account thereof. Association, by its joinder in this Declaration, hereby accepts such dedication(s) or conveyance(s) without setoff, condition, or qualification of any nature. The Common Areas, personal property and equipment thereon and appurtenances thereto shall be dedicated or conveyed in "as is, where is" condition WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR BY LAW, AS TO THE CONDITION, FITNESS OR MERCHANTABILITY OF THE COMMON AREAS BEING CONVEYED.

9.4.2 Form of Deed. Each deed of the Common Areas shall be subject to the following provisions:

9.4.2.1 a perpetual nonexclusive easement in favor of governmental agencies for the maintenance and repair of existing road, speed and directional signs, if any;

9.4.2.2 matters reflected in the plat(s) of The Ranches at Cooper City;

9.4.2.3 perpetual non-exclusive easements in favor of Developer, its successors, and assigns in, to, upon and over all of the Common Areas for the purpose of vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress, installation of utilities, landscaping and/or drainage, without charge, including, without limitation, the right to use such roadways for construction vehicles and equipment. The easements reserved in the deed shall run in favor of Developer, and its employees, representatives, agents, licensees, guests, invitees, successors and/or assigns;

9.4.2.4 all restrictions, easements, covenants and other matters of record;

9.4.2.5 in the event that Association believes that Developer shall have failed in any respect to meet Developer's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of Developer's obligations under law or the Common Areas conveyed herein are defective in any respect, Association shall give written notice to Developer detailing the alleged failure or defect. Once Association has given written notice to Developer pursuant to this Section, Association shall be obligated to permit Developer and their agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by Developer to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of Developer to repair or address, in Developer's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by Developer during its inspections of the Common Areas. Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage Developer. At this time, it is impossible to determine the actual damages Developer might suffer. Accordingly, if Association fails to comply with its obligations under this Section in any respect, Association shall pay to Developer liquidated damages in the amount of \$250,000.00 which Association and Developer agree is a fair and reasonable remedy; and

9.4.2.6 a reservation of right in favor of Developer (so long as Developer owns any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City) to require that Association reconvey all or a portion of the Common Areas conveyed by quitclaim deed in favor of Developer in the event that such property is required to be owned by Developer for any purpose, including, without limitation, the reconfiguration of any adjacent property by replating or otherwise.

9.5 Operation After Conveyance. After the conveyance or dedication of any portion of the Common Areas to Association, the portion of the Common Areas so dedicated shall be owned, operated and administered by Association for the use and benefit of the owners of all property interests in The Ranches at Cooper City including, but not limited to, Association, Developer, Owners and any Lenders. Subject to Association's right to grant easements, and other interests as provided herein, Association may not convey, abandon, alienate, encumber, or transfer all or a portion of the Common Areas to a third party without (i) if prior to and including the Turnover Date, the approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) the consent of Developer, or (ii) from and after the Turnover Date, approval of (a) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (b) seventy-five percent (75%) of all of the votes in Association.

9.6 Paved Areas. The Common Areas may contain certain paved areas. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, Association is responsible for the maintenance and/or resurfacing of all paved surfaces, including but not limited to, roads, pathways, bicycle paths, and sidewalks forming a part of the Common Areas, if any. Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. Association shall have

the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for an annual inspection of all paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas by a licensed paving contractor and/or engineer. The cost of such inspection shall be a part of the Operating Costs of Association. Association shall determine annually the parameters of the inspection to be performed, if any. By way of example, and not of limitation, the inspector may be required to inspect the roads and sidewalks forming part of the Common Areas annually for deterioration and to advise Association of the overall pavement conditions including any upcoming maintenance needs. Any patching, grading, or other maintenance work should be performed by a company licensed to perform the work. From and after the Community Completion Date, Association should monitor the roads and sidewalks forming the Common Areas monthly to ensure that vegetation does not grow into the asphalt and that there are no eroded or damaged areas that need immediate maintenance.

9.7 Delegation and Managers. Once conveyed or dedicated to Association, the Common Areas and facilities and improvements located thereon shall, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the document of conveyance or dedication, at all times be under the complete supervision, operation, control, and management of Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing Association may delegate all or a portion of its obligations hereunder to a licensed manager or professional management company. Association specifically shall have the right to pay for management services on any basis approved by the Board (including bonuses or special fee arrangements for meeting financial or other goals). Developer, its affiliates and/or subsidiaries shall have the right to manage Association. Owners and Association acknowledge that it is fair and reasonable to have Developer, its affiliates and/or subsidiaries manage Association. Further, in the event that a Common Area is created by easement, Association's obligations and rights with respect to such Common Area may be limited by the terms of the document creating such easement.

9.8 Use.

9.8.1 Nonexclusive Use. The Common Areas shall be used and enjoyed by the Owners on a non-exclusive basis in common with other persons, entities and corporations (who may, but are not required to be, members of Association) entitled to use those portions of the Common Areas. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Developer, and thereafter, Association, has the right, at any and all times, and from time to time, to further provide and make the Common Areas available to other individuals, persons, firms, or corporations, as it deems appropriate. The granting of such rights shall not invalidate this Declaration, reduce or abate any Owner's obligations pursuant to this Declaration, or give any Owner the right to avoid any of the covenants, agreements or obligations to be performed hereunder.

9.8.2 Right to Allow Use. Developer and/or Association may enter into easement agreements or other use or possession agreements whereby the Owners, Telecommunications Providers, Association and/or others may obtain the use, possession of, or other rights regarding certain property, on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis, for certain specified purposes. Association may agree to maintain and pay the taxes, insurance, administration, upkeep, repair, and replacement of such property, the expenses of which shall be Operating Costs. Any such agreement by Association prior to the Community Completion Date shall require the consent of Developer. Thereafter, any such agreement shall require the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.

9.8.3 Waterbodies. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE WATER LEVELS OF ALL WATERBODIES, IF ANY, MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY DEVELOPER, BUILDERS OR ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME; AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT. Developer and Association shall not be obligated to erect fences, gates, or walls around or adjacent to any waterbody or waterfall within The Ranches at Cooper City, if any. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Owner may erect a fence adjacent to the boundary of a waterbody but within the boundary of a Home with the prior approval of the ACC. No fence or other structure may be placed within any lake maintenance easement, if any. Swimming and boating will not be permitted in any waterbody within The Ranches at Cooper City, if any. No private docks may be erected within any waterbody, if any, forming part of the Common Areas.

9.8.4 Obstruction of Common Areas. No portion of the Common Areas may be obstructed, encumbered, or used by Owners for any purpose other than as permitted by Association.

9.8.5 Assumption of Risk. Without limiting any other provision herein, each person within any portion of the Common Areas accepts and assumes all risk and responsibility for noise, liability, injury, or damage connected with use or occupancy of any portion of such Common Areas, including, without limitation, (a) noise from maintenance equipment, (b) use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, (c) view restrictions caused by maturation of trees and shrubbery, (d) reduction in privacy caused by the removal or pruning of shrubbery or trees within The Ranches at Cooper City, and (e) design of any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City. Each person entering onto any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless Developer, Association, Builders and their employees, directors, representatives, officers, agents, partners, affiliates and attorneys (collectively, "**Indemnified Parties**") from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the person's use of the Common Areas, including for attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and costs, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals. Without limiting the foregoing, all persons using the Common Areas, including without limitation, all waterbodies, lakes, pools or areas adjacent to a lake, do so at their own risk. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMMON AREAS MAY CONTAIN WILDLIFE SUCH AS ALLIGATORS, DOGS, RACCOONS, SNAKES, DUCKS, DEER, SWINE, TURKEYS, AND FOXES. DEVELOPER, BUILDERS, AND ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING SUCH WILDLIFE OR NOTIFYING OWNERS OR OTHER

PERSONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SUCH WILDLIFE. EACH OWNER AND HIS OR HER GUESTS AND INVITEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

9.8.6 Owner's Obligation to Indemnify. Each Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties against all actions, injury, claims, loss, liability, damages, costs and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever ("Losses") incurred by or asserted against any of the Indemnified Parties from and after the date hereof, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, as a result of or in any way related to the Common Areas including, without limitation, use of the lakes and other waterbodies within The Ranches at Cooper City by Owners, and their guests, family members, invitees, or agents, or the interpretation of this Declaration and/or exhibits attached hereto and/or from any act or omission of Developer, Builders, Association, or of any of the Indemnified Parties. Should any Owner bring suit against Developer, Builders, Association, or any of the Indemnified Parties for any claim or matter and fail to obtain judgment therein against such Indemnified Parties, such Owner shall be liable to such parties for all Losses, costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Parties in the defense of such suit, including attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and costs, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals.

9.9 Rules and Regulations.

9.9.1 Generally. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer, and thereafter Association, shall have the right to adopt Rules and Regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and The Ranches at Cooper City. The Rules and Regulations need not be recorded in the Public Records. The Common Areas shall be used in accordance with this Declaration and Rules and Regulations promulgated hereunder.

9.9.2 Developer Not Subject to Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations shall not apply to Developer, and the same shall not be applied in a manner which would prohibit or restrict the development or operation of The Ranches at Cooper City or adversely affect the interests of Developer. In addition to the foregoing, Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to exempt other Builders from the Rules and Regulations pursuant to a written assignment (or partial assignment) of Developer rights which specifically exempts such Builder from such Rules and Regulations. Without limiting the foregoing, Developer shall have the right to: (i) develop and construct commercial, club uses and industrial uses, Homes, Common Areas and related improvements within The Ranches at Cooper City, and make any additions, alterations, improvements, or changes thereto; (ii) maintain sales offices (for the sale and re-sale of (a) Homes and (b) residences and properties located outside of The Ranches at Cooper City), general office and construction operations within The Ranches at Cooper City; (iii) place, erect or construct portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structure within The Ranches at Cooper City for sales, construction storage or other purposes; (iv) temporarily deposit, dump or accumulate materials, trash, refuse and rubbish in connection with the development or construction of any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City; (v) post, display, inscribe or affix to the exterior of any portion of the Common Areas or portions of The Ranches at Cooper City owned by Developer, signs and other materials used in developing, constructing, selling or promoting the sale of any portion The Ranches at Cooper City including, without limitation, Parcels and Homes; (vi) excavate fill from any lakes or waterways within and/or contiguous to The Ranches at Cooper City by dredge or dragline, store fill within The Ranches at Cooper City and remove and/or sell excess fill; (vii) grow or store plants and trees within, or contiguous to, The Ranches at Cooper City and use and/or sell excess plants and trees; and (viii) undertake all activities which, in the sole opinion of Developer, are necessary for the development and sale of any lands and improvements comprising The Ranches at Cooper City.

9.10 Public Facilities. The Ranches at Cooper City may include one or more facilities which may be open and available for the use of the general public. By way of example, there may be a public park, fire station, police station, lift station or other facility within the boundaries of The Ranches at Cooper City; provided, however, no such facility shall result in expense to the general taxpayers of the City or the County or assumption by the City or the County of any responsibility for maintenance of any portion thereof.

9.11 Water Mains. In the event that City or any of its subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove any portion of a Home driveway which is constructed of pavers within any portion of the Common Areas, for repair or replacement of water mains or the water distribution system, then Association shall replace or repair such damage at the expense of the Owner of the affected Home and such cost shall be billed to such Owner as an Individual Assessment, unless, and only to the extent that, such cost is not paid by City or such other subdivisions, agencies and/or divisions.

9.12 Default by Another Owner. No default by any Owner in the performance of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration or by any person using the Common Areas or any other act of omission by any of them shall be construed or considered (a) a breach by Developer or Association or a non-defaulting Owner or other person or entity of any of their promises or covenants in this Declaration; or (b) an actual, implied or constructive dispossession of another Owner from the Common Areas; or (c) an excuse, justification, waiver or indulgence of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration.

9.13 Special Taxing Districts. For as long as Developer controls Association, Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to dedicate or transfer or cause the dedication or transfer of all or portions of the Common Areas of Association to a special taxing district, or a public agency or authority under such terms as Developer deems appropriate in order to create or contract with special taxing districts and community development districts (or others) for lighting, perimeter walls, entrance features, roads, landscaping, irrigation areas, lakes, waterways, ponds, surface water management systems, wetlands mitigation areas, parks, recreational or other services, security or communications, or other similar purposes deemed appropriate by Developer including, without limitation, the maintenance and/or operation of any of the foregoing; provided, however, that any such dedication or transfer shall not result in expense to the general taxpayers of the County or assumption by the County of any

responsibility for maintenance of any portion of the Common Areas. As hereinafter provided, Developer may sign any taxing district petition as attorney-in-fact for each Owner and Builder. Each Owner's obligation to pay taxes associated with such district shall be in addition to such Owner's obligation to pay Assessments and/or other monetary obligations to Association. Any special taxing district shall positively provide for the proper and continuous payment of taxes for Common Areas and maintenance thereof without expense to the general taxpayers of the County and shall be created pursuant to all applicable ordinances of County and all other applicable governing entities having jurisdiction with respect to the same.

9.14 Water Transmission and Distribution Facilities Easement and Repair. Developer hereby grants and conveys to City, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right, privilege and easement to construct, reconstruct, lay, install, operate, maintain, relocate, repair, replace, improve and inspect water transmission and distribution facilities and sewer collection facilities and all appurtenances thereto, and all appurtenant equipment, with the full right of ingress thereto and egress therefrom, within The Ranches at Cooper City (excluding such facilities located inside a Home) in accordance with plans approved by Developer or Association. Certain water transmission and distribution facilities and sewer collection facilities may be covered with decorative brick pavers that do not conform to City regulations ("Non-Conforming Pavers") in the course of construction of Homes and Common Areas, as and to the extent permitted under the terms of this Declaration. In the event City or any of its subdivisions, agencies and/or divisions shall damage any Non-Conforming Pavers as a result of construction, repair or maintenance operations of the water and/or sewer facilities or the City's use of its easement rights granted in this Section 9.14, then Association shall replace or repair such damage at the expense of the Owner of the affected Home and such cost shall be billed to such Owner as an Individual Assessment, unless, and only to the extent that, such cost is not paid by City or such other subdivisions, agencies and/or divisions. Association shall indemnify and hold harmless City and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which City or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance by Association of Association's obligations under this Section 9.14.

9.15 Association's Obligation to Indemnify. Association and Owners each covenant and agree jointly and severally to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Developer its officers, directors, shareholders, representatives, agents, partners, affiliates and any related persons or corporations and their employees from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, causes of action or damages arising from any personal injury, loss of life, or damage to property, sustained on or about the Common Areas or other property serving Association, and improvements thereon, or resulting from or arising out of activities or operations of Association or Owners, and from and against all costs, expenses, court costs, attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals), expenses and liabilities incurred or arising from any such claim, the investigation thereof, or the defense of any action or proceedings brought thereon, and from and against any orders, judgments or decrees which may be entered relating thereto. The costs and expense of fulfilling this covenant of indemnification shall be Operating Costs to the extent such matters are not covered by insurance maintained by Association.

9.16 Site Plans and Plats. The Ranches at Cooper City may be subject to one or more plats (each individually, a "Plat"). The Plat may identify some of the Common Areas within The Ranches at Cooper City. The description of the Common Areas on a Plat is subject to change (contingent upon receipt of the appropriate plat approval(s)) and the notes on a Plat are not a guarantee of what facilities will be constructed on such Common Areas. Site plans used by Developer in its marketing efforts illustrate the types of facilities which may be constructed on the Common Areas, but such site plans are not a guarantee of what facilities will actually be constructed. Each Owner should not rely on a Plat or any site plans used for illustration purposes as the Declaration governs the rights and obligations of Developer and Owners with respect to the Common Areas.

10. Maintenance by Association.

10.1 Common Areas. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration to the contrary, Association shall at all times maintain, repair, replace and insure the Common Areas, and all improvements placed thereon including, without limitation, all Common Area landscaping and irrigation.

10.2 Irrigation and Sprinkler Systems. Association shall be responsible to maintain the irrigation and sprinkler systems within the Common Areas. Owners shall be responsible for maintaining the sprinkler system within each Lot. Owners will be limited to irrigating Lots during scheduled times established by the Association from time to time.

10.3 Adjoining Areas. Except as otherwise provided herein, Association shall also maintain those drainage areas, swales, lake maintenance easements, driveways, lake slopes and banks, and landscape areas that are within the Common Areas, provided that such areas are readily accessible to Association.

10.4 Perimeter Walls, Wing Walls, Fencing and Sign Walls. Association shall be responsible for maintaining any perimeter and/or wing walls or fencing serving The Ranches at Cooper City. More specifically, perimeter walls which run along the rear of Lots shall be owned and maintained by Association. Association shall be responsible for maintaining, if any, any sign wall located in the median of the entrance road. An easement is hereby created in favor of the Association for maintenance, inspection and/or replacement purposes (including access to perform such maintenance, inspection and/or replacement) over and across The Ranches at Cooper City (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance, inspection and/or replacement of such wing walls, sign walls or fencing serving The Ranches at Cooper City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining any fencing within his or her Lot.

10.5 Private Roads. All roads which are privately owned shall be maintained by Association.

10.6 Public Roads. It is possible that Association may maintain the rights-of-way, medians and swales of all public roads pursuant to an agreement with the appropriate governmental entities. The cost of such maintenance by Association shall be an Operating Cost.

10.7 Surface Water Management System.

10.7.1 Duty to Maintain. The Surface Water Management System within The Ranches at Cooper City will be owned, maintained and operated by Association as permitted by SFWMD. If owned by Association as Common Areas, the costs of the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water Management System shall be part of the Operating Costs of Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, SFWMD has the right to take enforcement action, including a civil action for an injunction and penalties against Association to compel it to correct any outstanding problems with the Surface Water Management System facilities or in mitigation or conservation areas under the responsibility or control of Association. Association shall accept any and all transfer of permits from Developer. Association shall cooperate with Developer with any applications, certifications, documents or consents required to effectuate any such transfer of permits to Association.

10.7.2 Amendments to Association Documents. Any proposed amendment to the Association Documents which will affect the Surface Water Management System, including any environmental conservation area and the water management portions of the Common Areas, must have the prior written approval of SFWMD. Association's registered agent shall maintain copies of all Surface Water Management System permits and correspondence respecting such permits, and any future SFWMD permit actions shall be maintained by Association's registered agent for Association's benefit.

10.7.3 Yard Drains. To the extent that yard drains are installed in any drainage swales within The Ranches at Cooper City, the Association shall be obligated to clean and maintain the same, unless such maintenance or replacement is required as a direct or indirect result of an Owner's (or such Owner's contractors) actions or inactions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association in its sole and absolute discretion. Owners shall not make any changes or alterations to any such yard drains even if such yard drain is located within the Owner's Lot. An easement is hereby created in favor of the Association for maintenance, inspection and/or replacement purposes (including access to perform such maintenance and/or inspection) over and across The Ranches at Cooper City (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance, inspection and/or replacement of yard drains.

10.8 Adjoining Areas. Except as otherwise provided herein, Association shall also maintain those drainage areas, swales, lake maintenance easements, driveways, lake slopes and banks, and landscape areas that are within the Common Areas, and gated access to such areas must be made available to Association by Owners of any adjoining Lots. Under no circumstances shall Association be responsible for maintaining any areas within fences or walls that form a part of a Home.

10.9 Negligence. The expense of any maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the Common Areas necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or persons utilizing the Common Areas, through or under an Owner shall be borne solely by such Owner and the Home and/or Parcel owned by that Owner shall be subject to an Individual Assessment for that expense. By way of example, and not of limitation, an Owner shall be responsible for the removal of all landscaping and structures placed within easements or Common Areas without the prior written approval of Association.

10.10 Right of Entry. Developer and Association are granted a perpetual and irrevocable easement over, under and across The Ranches at Cooper City (including all Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the purposes herein expressed, including, without limitation, for inspections to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, and for the performance of any maintenance, alteration or repair which it is entitled to perform. In connection with the foregoing easement, Owners must provide Developer and Association with gated access to their respective Lots and/or Homes for the purposes herein expressed. Without limiting the foregoing, Developer specifically reserves easements for all purposes necessary to comply with any governmental requirement or to satisfy any condition that is a prerequisite for a governmental approval. By way of example, and not of limitation, Developer may construct, maintain, repair, alter, replace and/or remove improvements; install landscaping; install utilities; and/or remove structures on any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City if Developer is required to do so in order to obtain the release of any bond posted with any governmental agency.

10.11 Maintenance of Property Owned by Others. Association shall, if designated by Developer (or by Association after the Community Completion Date) by amendment to this Declaration or any document of record including, without limitation declaration(s) of condominium, maintain vegetation, landscaping, sprinkler system, community identification/features and/or other areas or elements designated by Developer (or by Association after the Community Completion Date) upon areas which are within or outside of The Ranches at Cooper City. Such areas may abut, or be proximate to, The Ranches at Cooper City, and may be owned by, or be dedicated to, others including, but not limited to, a utility, governmental or quasi-governmental entity. These areas may include (for example and not limitation) swale areas, landscape buffer areas, berm areas or median areas within the right-of-way of public streets, roads, drainage areas, community identification or entrance features, community signage or other identification and/or areas within canal rights-of-ways or other abutting waterways. To the extent there is any agreement between Developer and Association for the maintenance of any lakes or ponds outside The Ranches at Cooper City, Association shall maintain the same as part of the Common Areas.

10.12 Swale Tree Maintenance. In order to comply with Cooper City Code, certain Parcels within The Ranches at Cooper City other than lots, may contain swale trees. Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of such swale trees to the extent required, unless such replacement is required as a direct or indirect result of an Owner's actions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association in its sole and absolute discretion. In the event a swale tree is required to be replaced as a result of an Owner's actions, the Association shall assess such Owner the cost of the replacement as an Individual Assessment.

10.13 Rights of City of Cooper City. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, the obligation of the Developer and Association, as applicable, to maintain, administer, operate and insure and replace the Common Areas shall not be diminished, reduced or deleted without the prior written consent of the City following a public hearing. In the event the Developer and/or Association fails or refuses to perform its obligations hereunder with respect to the Common Areas, the City shall have the right, but not the obligation, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure by the Developer and/or Association, as applicable, to enforce the terms and provisions of this Declaration by any procedure at law or in equity against the Developer, Association, and/or Owners, including the right to levy and enforce assessments and fines in connection with any such enforcement action. The expense of any litigation arising out of this Section shall be borne by the party against whom enforcement is sought provided such proceeding results in a finding that such person failed to perform its obligations hereunder and/or was in violation of the Declaration. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, the provisions of this Section may not be amended, modified, repealed or altered without the prior written consent of the City after a public hearing.

11. Maintenance by Owners. All lawns, landscaping and sprinkler systems and any property, structures, improvements and appurtenances within a Lot shall be well maintained and kept in first class, good, safe, clean, neat and attractive condition consistent with the general appearance of The Ranches at Cooper City by the Owner of each such Lot. Each Owner is specifically responsible for maintaining all grass, landscaping and improvements within any portion of their Home in accordance with the standards set forth below.

11.1 Lawn Maintenance Standards. The following maintenance standards (the "Lawn Maintenance Standards") apply to landscaping maintained by Owners.

11.1.1 Trees. Trees are to be pruned as needed, except as provided within Section 11.1.15.

11.1.2 Shrubs. All shrubs are to be trimmed as needed.

11.1.3 Grass.

11.1.3.1 Cutting Schedule. Grass shall be maintained in a neat and appropriate manner. In no event shall an Owner's lawn get in excess of five inches (5") in height.

11.1.3.2 Edging. Edging of all streets, curbs, beds and borders shall be performed as needed. Chemical edging shall not be permitted.

11.1.3.3 Dead Grass. Owner shall be responsible to replace dead grass. Neither Developer nor Association shall be responsible to replace dead grass.

11.1.4 Mulch. Mulch is to be turned two (2) times per year and shall be replenished as needed on a yearly basis.

11.1.5 Insect Control and Disease. Disease and insect control shall be performed on an as needed basis.

11.1.6 Fertilization. Fertilization of all turf, trees, shrubs, and palms shall be performed at a minimum of three (3) times a year during months of February, June and October, or as otherwise determined by the Board from time to time in its discretion.

11.1.7 Irrigation. Owners shall be responsible to irrigate grass. Owners shall maintain all sprinklers located on their respective Lot(s). Pump stations and valves shall be checked as needed by an independent contractor to assure proper automatic operation.

11.1.8 Post Lights. Each Owner shall maintain all post lights (whether gas or electric) which are located within the boundaries of his or her Home.

11.1.9 Weeding. All beds are to be weeded upon every cut. Weeds growing in joints in curbs, driveways, and expansion joints shall be removed as needed. Chemical treatment is permitted.

11.1.10 Trash Removal. Dirt, trash, plant and tree cuttings and debris resulting from all operations shall be removed and all areas left in clean condition before the end of the day.

11.1.11 Right of Association to Enforce. Each Owner grants Association an easement over his or her Home for the purpose of insuring compliance with the requirements of this provision and the Lawn Maintenance Standards. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, Association may perform the necessary maintenance to the lawn and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. Association shall have the right to enforce the foregoing Lawn Maintenance Standards by all necessary legal action. In the event that Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the Lawn

Maintenance Standards, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, and costs, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals.

11.1.12 Landscaping and Irrigation of Lots: Removal of Sod and Shrubbery, Additional Planting.

11.1.12.1 Without the prior consent of the ACC, no sod, topsoil, tree or shrubbery shall be removed from The Ranches at Cooper City, and there shall be no change in the plant landscaping, elevation, condition of the soil or the level of the land of such areas which results in any change in the flow and drainage of surface water which the ACC, in its sole discretion, considers detrimental or potentially detrimental to person or property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners who install improvements to the Home (including, without limitation, concrete or brick pavers) which result in any change in the flow and/or drainage of surface water shall be responsible for all of the costs of drainage problems resulting from such improvement. Further, in the event that such Owner fails to pay for such required repairs, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in fixing such drainage problems including, without limitation, removing excess water and/or repairing the Surface Water Management System.

11.1.12.2 No landscape lighting shall be installed by an Owner without the prior written approval of the ACC.

11.1.13 Weeds and Refuse. No weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to be grown or remain upon any Home. No refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain upon any Home.

11.1.14 Driveway and Sidewalk Repair. Each Owner shall be responsible to timely repair, maintain and/or replace the driveway which comprises part of a Home and the sidewalk abutting the front Lot or side of the Home including, but not limited to, any damage caused by Developer, Association or by the holder of any easement over which such driveway or sidewalk is constructed. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Home, shall be deemed to have agreed to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Association and the holder of any such easement including, without limitation, all applicable utility companies and governmental agencies, their agents, servants, employees and elected officials, from and against any and all actions or claims whatsoever arising out of the use of the Common Areas and any easement or the construction and/or maintenance of any driveway or sidewalk in that portion of the Common Areas, easement area, or in a public right-of-way between the boundary of such Owner's Home and the edge of the adjacent paved roadway. Further, each Owner agrees to reimburse Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to such driveway or sidewalk in the event that such Owner fails to make the required repairs, together with interest at the highest rate allowed by law.

11.1.15 Swale Tree Maintenance. In order to comply with Cooper City Code, certain Lots within The Ranches at Cooper City, which are not fronted by swales, shall contain a required yard tree. This yard tree where so designated shall be in conformance with the swale trees planted elsewhere in The Ranches at Cooper City. Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of such swale trees to the extent required, unless such replacement is required as a direct or indirect result of an Owner's actions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association in its sole and absolute discretion. Each Owner with a required yard tree on his/her Lot hereby grants the Association an easement across his/her Lot for the purposes of maintaining the required yard tree. Owner understands and agrees that for any such yard tree planted on his/her Lot as required to meet the requirements set forth herein, the Owner may not remove, alter or damage such yard tree. The Association's maintenance obligations notwithstanding, any such yard tree planted to meet the requirements set forth herein shall be irrigated by the Owner's irrigation installed on such Lot. The Association's maintenance obligations notwithstanding, any such swale tree planted in a swale to meet the requirements set forth herein shall be irrigated by the Owner's irrigation installed on such adjacent Lot.

12. Use Restrictions. Each Owner must comply with the following:

12.1 Alterations and Additions. No material alteration, addition or modification to a Parcel or Home, or material change in the appearance thereof, shall be made without the prior written approval of the ACC, as required by this Declaration.

12.2 Animals. No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept within The Ranches at Cooper City for commercial purposes. Association may prohibit breeds of dogs that the Board considers dangerous in its sole discretion. Otherwise, Owners may keep domestic pets as permitted by County ordinances and otherwise in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by the Board from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pets may be kept or harbored in a Home only so long as such pets or animals do not constitute a nuisance. A determination by the Board that an animal or pet kept or harbored in a Home is a nuisance shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. All pets shall be walked on a leash. No pet shall be permitted outside a Home unless such pet is kept on a leash or within an enclosed portion of the yard of a Home, as approved by the ACC. Electronic fencing shall be permitted upon the written approval of the ACC. No pet or animal shall be "tied out" on the exterior of the Home or in the Common Areas, or left unattended in a yard or on a balcony, porch, or patio. No dog runs or enclosures shall be permitted on any Home. When notice of removal of any pet is given by the Board, the pet shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the giving of the notice. All pets shall defecate only in the "pet walking" areas within The Ranches at Cooper City designated for such purpose, if provided by Association, or on that Owner's Home. The person walking the pet or the Owner shall clean up all matter created by the pet. Each Owner shall be responsible for the activities of its pet. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, seeing eye dogs shall not be governed by the restrictions contained in this Section.

12.3 Artificial Vegetation. No artificial grass, plants or other artificial vegetation, or rocks or other landscape devices, shall be placed or maintained upon the exterior portion of any Home or Parcel, unless approved by the ACC.

12.4 Cars and Trucks.

12.4.1 Parking. Owners' automobiles shall be parked in the garage or driveway, if provided, and shall not block the sidewalk. No vehicles of any nature shall be parked on any portion of the Common Areas including, without limitation, on the grass, medians, swales, streets, or sidewalks. To the extent The Ranches at Cooper City has any guest parking, Owners may park in such guest parking spaces. No vehicles used in business for the purpose of transporting goods, equipment and the like, or any trucks or vans which are larger than one (1) ton shall be parked in The Ranches at Cooper City except during the period of a delivery. Recreational vehicles, personal street vans, personal trucks of one (1) ton capacity or smaller, and personal vehicles that can be appropriately parked within standard size parking stalls may be parked in The Ranches at Cooper City.

12.4.2 Repairs and Maintenance of Vehicles. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain on The Ranches at Cooper City for more than twenty-four (24) hours, except in the garage of a Home. No repair or maintenance, except emergency repair, of vehicles shall be made within The Ranches at Cooper City, except in the garage of a Home. No vehicles shall be stored on blocks. No tarpaulin covers on vehicles shall be permitted anywhere within the public view.

12.4.3 Prohibited Vehicles. No commercial vehicle, limousines, boat, trailer including, but not limited to, boat trailers, house trailers, and trailers of every other type, kind or description, or camper, may be kept within The Ranches at Cooper City except in the garage of a Home. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a boat and/or boat trailer may be kept within the fenced yard of a Home so long as the boat and/or boat trailer, when located within a fenced yard, are fully screened from view by such fence. The term commercial vehicle shall not be deemed to include law enforcement vehicles or recreational or utility vehicles (i.e., Broncos™, Blazers™, Explorers™, Navigators™, etc.) or clean "non-working" vehicles such as pick-up trucks, vans, or cars if they are used by the Owner on a daily basis for normal transportation. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the foregoing provisions shall not apply to construction vehicles in connection with the construction, improvement, installation, or repair by Developer or Builder of Homes, Common Areas, or any other The Ranches at Cooper City facility. No vehicles displaying commercial advertising shall be parked within the public view. No vehicles bearing a "for sale" sign shall be parked within the public view anywhere on The Ranches at Cooper City. For any Owner who drives an automobile issued by the County or other governmental entity (i.e., police cars), such automobile shall not be deemed to be a commercial vehicle and may be parked in the garage or driveway of the Home. No vehicle shall be used as a domicile or residence either temporarily or permanently. No vehicles with expired registration or license plates may be kept within public view anywhere within The Ranches at Cooper City. The use of powered scooters, ATV's, ATC's and/or other similar motorized vehicles shall be prohibited in The Ranches at Cooper City. Subject to applicable laws and ordinances, any vehicle parked in violation of these or other restrictions contained in this Declaration or in the Rules and Regulations now or subsequently adopted may (without obligation) be towed by Association at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle. Association shall not be liable to the owner of such vehicle for trespass, conversion, or otherwise, nor guilty of any criminal act, by reason of such towing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner acknowledges that such Owner and its family, guests, tenants, and invitees shall abide by all parking regulations issued by the local governing authority having jurisdiction.

12.5 Casualty Destruction to Improvements. In the event that a Home or other improvement is damaged or destroyed by casualty loss or other loss, then within a reasonable period of time after such incident, the Owner thereof shall either commence to rebuild or repair the damaged Home or improvement and diligently continue such rebuilding or repairing until completion, or properly clear the damaged Home or improvement and restore or repair the Home as approved by the ACC. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ACC.

12.6 Commercial Activity. Except for normal construction activity, sale, and re-sale of a Home, sale or re-sale of other property owned by Developer, administrative offices of Developer or Builders, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted in the Common Areas or any Home within The Ranches at Cooper City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to applicable statutes and ordinances, an Owner may maintain a home business office within a Home for such Owner's personal use; provided, however, business invitees, customers, and clients shall not be permitted to meet with Owners in Homes unless the Board provides otherwise in the Rules and Regulations. No Owner may actively engage in any solicitations for commercial purposes within The Ranches at Cooper City. No solicitors of a commercial nature shall be allowed within The Ranches at Cooper City, without the prior written consent of Association. No garage sales are permitted, except as permitted by Association. No day care center or facility may be operated out of a Home. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Association shall not permit any garage sales without the prior written consent of Developer.

12.7 Completion and Sale of Homes or Units. No person or entity shall interfere with the completion and sale of Homes within The Ranches at Cooper City. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER, BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, AGREES THAT ACTIONS OF OWNERS MAY IMPACT THE VALUE OF HOMES; THEREFORE EACH OWNER IS BENEFITED BY THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTION: PICKETING AND POSTING OF NEGATIVE SIGNS OR POSTING OF NEGATIVE WEBSITES ON THE INTERNET, NEGATIVE ADVERTISING, NEGATIVE INFORMATION PROVIDED OR POSTED AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF THE HOMES IN THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY AND THE RESIDENTIAL ATMOSPHERE THEREOF.

12.8 Control of Contractors. Except for direct services which may be offered to Owners (and then only according to the Rules and Regulations relating thereto as adopted from time to time), no person other than an Association officer or representative of the management company retained by Association shall direct, supervise, or in any manner attempt to assert any control over any contractor of Association.

12.9 Cooking. No cooking shall be permitted nor shall any goods or beverages be consumed on the Common Areas except in areas designated for those purposes by Association. The ACC shall have the right to prohibit or restrict the use of grills or barbeque facilities throughout The Ranches at Cooper City.

12.10 Decorations. No decorative objects including, but not limited to, birdbaths, windchimes, figurines, light fixtures, sculptures, statues, weather vanes, or flagpoles shall be installed or placed within or upon any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City without the prior written approval of the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no statues, sculptures or birdbaths of any kind can be installed or placed within the front yard of a Home or visible from the street. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holiday lighting and decorations shall be permitted to be placed upon the exterior portions of the Home and upon the Lot in the manner permitted hereunder commencing on Thanksgiving and shall be removed not later than January 15th of the following year. The ACC may establish standards for holiday lights. The ACC may require the removal of any lighting that creates a nuisance (e.g., unacceptable spillover to adjacent Home).

12.11 Disputes as to Use. If there is any dispute as to whether the use of any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City complies with this Declaration, such dispute shall, prior to the Community Completion Date, be decided by Developer, and thereafter by Association. A determination rendered by such party with respect to such dispute shall be final and binding on all persons concerned.

12.12 Drainage System. Drainage systems and drainage facilities may be part of the Common Areas and/or Homes. The maintenance of such systems and/or facilities within the Common Areas shall be the responsibility of the Association. Once drainage systems or drainage facilities are installed by Developer, the maintenance of such systems and/or facilities thereafter within the boundary of a Home shall be the responsibility of the Owner of the Home which includes such system and/or facilities. In the event that such system or facilities (whether comprised of swales, pipes, pumps, waterbody slopes, yard drains or other improvements) is adversely affected by landscaping, fences, structures (including, without limitation, pavers), or additions, the cost to correct, repair, or maintain such drainage system and/or facilities shall be the responsibility of the Owner of each Home containing all or a part of such drainage system and/or facilities. By way of example, and not of limitation, if the Owner of one Home plants a tree (pursuant to ACC approval) and the roots of such tree subsequently affect pipes or other drainage facilities within the Common Areas or another Home, the Owner that plants the tree shall be solely responsible for the removal of the roots that adversely affect the adjacent Home. Likewise, if the roots of a tree located within the Common Areas adversely affect an adjacent Home, Association shall be responsible for the removal of the roots and the costs thereof shall be Operating Costs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Association and Developer shall have no responsibility or liability for drainage problems of any type whatsoever.

12.13 Driveway Repair. Each Owner shall be responsible to timely repair, maintain and/or replace the driveway comprising part of a Home including, but not limited to, any damage caused by Developer, Association or by the holder of any easement over which such driveway is constructed. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Home, shall be deemed to have agreed to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Association and the holder of any such easement including without limitation, all applicable utility companies and governmental agencies, their agents, servants, employees and elected officials, from and against any and all actions or claims whatsoever arising out of the use of the Common Areas and any easement or the construction and/or maintenance of any driveway in that portion of the Common Areas, easement area, or in a public right-of-way between the boundary of such Owner's Home and the edge of the adjacent paved roadway. Further, each Owner agrees to reimburse Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to such driveway in the event that such Owner fails to make the required repairs, together with interest at the highest rate allowed by law.

12.14 Extended Vacation and Absences. In the event a Home will be unoccupied for an extended period, the Home must be prepared prior to departure by: (i) notifying Association in writing; (ii) removing all removable furniture, plants and other objects from outside the Home; and (iii) designating a responsible firm or individual to care for the Home, should the Home suffer damage or require attention, and providing a key to that firm or individual. The name of the designee shall be furnished to Association. Neither Association nor Developer shall have any responsibility of any nature relating to any unoccupied Home.

12.15 Fences and Walls. No walls or fences shall be erected or installed without prior written consent of the ACC. No chain link fencing of any kind shall be allowed. All enclosures of balconies or patios, including, without limitation addition of vinyl windows, and decks shall require the prior written approval of the ACC. Fences shall be six (6) feet or less, bronze aluminum picket fence and must be approved by the ACC.

12.16 Fuel Storage. No fuel storage shall be permitted within The Ranches at Cooper City, except as may be necessary or reasonably used for swimming pools, spas, barbecues, fireplaces, emergency generators or similar devices and as otherwise permitted by this Declaration.

12.17 Garages. Each Home may have its own garage. No garage shall be converted into a general living area. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times except when vehicular or pedestrian access is required.

12.18 Garbage Cans. Trash collection and disposal procedures established by Association shall be observed. If Association ever provides for garbage pick-up, the cost of the same shall be part of the Operating Costs. No outside burning of trash or garbage is permitted. No garbage cans, supplies or other similar articles shall

be maintained on any Home so as to be visible from outside the Home or Parcel. Each Owner shall be responsible for properly depositing his or her garbage and trash in garbage cans and trash containers sufficient for pick-up by the appropriate collection agencies in accordance with the requirements of any such agency. All such trash receptacles shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be shielded from the view of adjacent properties and streets. Garbage cans and trash containers shall not be placed outside the Home for pick-up earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding the pick-up and must be returned to the Homes so that they are not visible from outside the Home on the day of pickup.

12.19 General Use Restrictions. Each Home, the Common Areas and any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City shall not be used in any manner contrary to the Association Documents.

12.20 Hurricane Shutters. Any hurricane shutters or other protective devices visible from outside a Home shall be of a type as approved in writing by the ACC. Panel, accordion and roll-up style hurricane shutters may not be left closed during hurricane season (nor at any other time). Any such approved hurricane shutters may be installed or closed up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the expected arrival of a hurricane and must be removed or opened within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of a hurricane watch or warning or as the Board may determine otherwise. Except as the Board may otherwise decide, shutters may not be closed at any time other than a storm event. An approval by the ACC shall not be deemed an endorsement of the effectiveness of hurricane shutters.

12.21 Irrigation. The water used in the irrigation system is not suitable for drinking or water sports. Children and pets should not play in such water. Due to water quality, irrigation systems may cause staining on Homes, other structures, paved areas, or vehicles. It is each Owner's responsibility to treat and remove any such staining. Association may require from time to time, that Owners adopt systems to prevent stains (e.g., automatic deionization systems). The yard of each Home may be equipped with irrigation lines, depending on the model of the Home. No Owner whose Home adjoins a waterway or lake, if any, may utilize the waterway or lake to irrigate unless so provided by Developer as part of original construction, subject to applicable permitting. Use of lake water, if any, by Owners is prohibited and is at the Owner's sole risk as chemicals are used to control aquatic vegetation in lakes. Association may use waterways and lakes, if any, to irrigate Common Areas, subject to applicable permitting and Developer shall not be liable for same. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR PARCEL, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE WATER LEVELS OF ALL LAKES AND WATERBODIES MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY DEVELOPER OR ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME. Developer and/or Association shall have the right to use one or more pumps to remove water from lakes and/or waterbodies for irrigation purposes at all times, subject to applicable permitting. Developer may utilize a computerized loop system to irrigate the Common Areas and/or Homes. Any computerized loop irrigation system that is not specifically the maintenance obligation of an Owner, shall be the maintenance obligation of Association and shall be deemed part of the Common Areas.

12.22 Laundry. Subject to the provisions of Section 163.04 of the Florida Statutes, to the extent applicable, no rugs, mops or laundry of any kind, or any other similar type article, shall be shaken, hung or exposed so as to be visible outside the Home or Parcel. Clotheslines may be installed in the rear yard of a Home so long as not visible from the front of the Home.

12.23 Lawful Use. No immoral, improper, offensive, unlawful or obnoxious use shall be made in any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City. All laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental entities having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. The responsibility of meeting the requirements of governmental entities for maintenance, modification or repair of a portion of The Ranches at Cooper City shall be the same as the responsibility for maintenance and repair of the property concerned.

12.24 Leases. Homes may be leased, licensed or occupied only in their entirety and no fraction or portion may be rented. No bed and breakfast facility may be operated out of a Home. Individual rooms of a Home may not be leased on any basis. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Home. All leases or occupancy agreements shall be in writing and a copy of all leases of Homes shall be provided to Association. All leases shall be on forms approved by or otherwise acceptable to the Association and shall provide (or if not provided, shall automatically be deemed to provide) that Association shall have the unilateral right to terminate the lease upon default by the tenant in observing any of the provisions of the Association Documents or other applicable provisions of any agreement, document or instrument governing The Ranches at Cooper City or administered by Association. Each Owner hereby acknowledges and agrees that any and all leases entered into by such Owner in connection with his or her Home shall be deemed to incorporate by this reference a collateral assignment of rents and leases in favor of Association, which collateral assignment of rents and leases shall provide that in the event such Owner leasing his or her Home is past due in the payment of his or her Assessments, Association shall have the power and authority to take actions including, but not limited to: (i) collecting rents now due or that become due directly from such Owner's tenant(s) (or other party in possession of the Home); and/or (ii) pursuing any and all legal remedies available against such Owner and/or such Owner's tenant(s) including, but not limited to, actions for eviction of such Owner's tenant(s). Owners are responsible for providing their tenants with copies of all such Association Documents or instruments at such Owner's sole cost and expense. Leasing of Homes shall also be subject to the prior written approval of Association, as more particularly explained in Section 23 hereof. No Home may be subject to more than two (2) leases in any twelve (12) month period, regardless of the lease term. No lease term shall be less than ninety (90) days. No subleasing or assignment of lease rights by the tenant is permitted. In no event shall occupancy of a leased Home (except for temporary occupancy by visiting guests) exceed two (2) persons per bedroom. Each Owner shall be jointly and severally liable with the tenant to Association for all costs incurred by Association for the repair of any damage to Common Areas or to pay any claim for injury or damage to property caused by tenants. Association shall repair any such damage and the cost of such repair shall be invoiced as an Individual Assessment to the Owner. Additionally, as a condition to the approval by Association of a proposed

lease of a Home, Association has the authority to require that a security deposit in an amount not to exceed the equivalent of one (1) month's rent be deposited into an account maintained by Association. The security deposit shall protect against damages to the Common Areas or Association Property. A security deposit held by Association under this Section shall be governed by Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes, as it may be renumbered from time to time. Association may also charge a reasonable fee of no more than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars to offset the costs of a background check on tenant. All leases shall also comply with and be subject to the provisions of Section 23 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not apply to a situation where an Owner or resident of a Home receives in-home care by a professional caregiver residing within the Home.

12.25 Minor's Use of Common Areas. Each Owner shall be responsible for all actions of minor children dwelling in and/or visiting his or her Home. Developer and Association shall not be responsible for any use of the Common Areas by anyone, including minors.

12.26 Nuisances. No nuisance or any use or practice that is the source of unreasonable annoyance to others or which interferes with the peaceful possession and proper use of The Ranches at Cooper City is permitted. Nuisances shall include, without limitation, the playing of loud music or the gathering in front of Homes or Common Areas by an Owner or permitted occupant thereof, his or her immediate family, guests, tenants and invitees. No firearms shall be discharged within The Ranches at Cooper City. Nothing shall be done or kept within the Common Areas, or any other portion of The Ranches at Cooper City, including a Home or Lot which will increase the rate of insurance to be paid by Association.

12.27 Oil and Mining Operations. No oil, drilling development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or on any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or on any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted on any Lot.

12.28 Paint. Homes shall be repainted by each Owner, at such Owner's sole cost and expense, within forty-five (45) days of notice by the ACC. In the event an Owner fails to repaint their Home within the above referenced time frame, Association may, but shall not be obligated to, repaint such Owner's Home and the costs of same shall be charged as an Individual Assessment to the Owner whose Home is repainted.

12.29 Personal Property. All personal property of Owners or other occupants of Homes shall be stored within the Homes. No personal property, except usual patio furniture, may be stored on, nor any use made of, the Common Areas, any Parcel or Home, or any other portion of The Ranches at Cooper City, which is unsightly or which interferes with the comfort and convenience of others.

12.30 Pools. No above-ground pools shall be permitted. All in-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and appurtenances installed shall require the prior written approval of the ACC as set forth in this Declaration. The design must incorporate, at a minimum, the following: (i) the composition of the material must be thoroughly tested and accepted by the industry for such construction; (ii) any swimming pool constructed on any Lot shall have an elevation at the top of the pool of not over two (2) feet above the natural grade unless approved by the ACC; (iii) pool cages and screens must be of a design, color and material approved by the ACC and shall be no higher than twelve (12) feet unless otherwise approved by the ACC; and (iv) pool screening shall in no event be higher than the roof line of the Home. Pool screening shall not extend beyond the sides of the Home without the express approval of the ACC. All pools shall be adequately maintained and chlorinated (or cleaned with similar treatment). Unless installed by Developer, no diving boards, slides, or platforms shall be permitted without the approval of the ACC.

12.31 Removal of Soil and Additional Landscaping. Without the prior approval of the ACC, no Owner shall remove soil from any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City, change the level of the land within The Ranches at Cooper City, or plant landscaping which results in any permanent change in the flow and drainage of surface water within The Ranches at Cooper City. Owners may place additional plants, shrubs, or trees within any portion of their Home, but not within any drainage easement, and only with the prior approval of the ACC.

12.32 Roofs, Driveways and Pressure Cleaning. Roofs and/or exterior surfaces and/or pavement, including, but not limited to, walks and drives, shall be pressure cleaned within thirty (30) days of notice by the ACC. No surface applications to driveways shall be permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC as to material, color and pattern. Such applications shall not extend beyond the front Lot line or include the sidewalk. No oil stains, stains or weeds are permitted on driveways or Lots. Each Owner shall be responsible to pressure clean between paintings.

12.33 Satellite Dishes and Antennas. No exterior visible antennas, radio masts, towers, poles, aerials, satellite dishes, or other similar equipment shall be placed on any Home or Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC as required by this Declaration. The ACC may require, among other things, that all such improvements be screened so that they are not visible from adjacent Homes, or from the Common Areas. Each Owner agrees that the location of satellite dishes, antennas and other equipment under this Section must be first approved by the ACC in order to address the welfare of the residents of The Ranches at Cooper City. No Owner shall operate any equipment or device which will interfere with the radio or television reception of others and satellite dishes must be on the fascia board when possible with no exposed wires. All antennas not permitted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules are prohibited. Installation, maintenance, and use of all antennas shall comply with restrictions adopted by the Board and shall be governed by the then current rules of the FCC.

12.34 Signs and Flags. No sign (including brokerage or for sale/lease signs), flag, banner, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of The Ranches at Cooper City that is visible from the outside without the prior written approval from the ACC as required by this

Declaration; and without the prior written approval thereof by governmental agencies, if necessary (e.g., permit boards); provided, however, signs required by governmental agencies and approved by the ACC may be displayed. "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs must be approved by the ACC and shall be no larger than 12" x 12". Notwithstanding the foregoing, no broker, "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in or upon any part of The Ranches at Cooper City while the Developer still holds any Homes for sale in the ordinary course of business. No sign may be placed in the window of a Home. Developer and Builders are exempt from this Section. No in-ground flag poles (except as Developer may use) shall be permitted within The Ranches at Cooper City, unless written approval of the ACC is obtained. Notwithstanding the foregoing, flags which are no larger than 24" x 36" attached to a Home and displayed for the purpose of a holiday, and United States of America flags shall be permitted without ACC approval.

12.35 Sports Equipment. No recreational, playground or sports equipment shall be installed or placed within or about any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City without prior written approval of the ACC. No basketball backboards, skateboard ramps, or play structures will be permitted without written approval of the ACC. Such approved equipment shall be located at the rear of the Home or on the inside portion of corner Homes within the setback lines. Tree houses or platforms of a similar nature shall not be constructed on any part of a Home. No basketball hoops shall be attached to a Home and any portable basketball hoops must be stored inside the Home. No tennis courts are permitted within Lots.

12.36 Storage. No temporary or permanent utility or storage shed, storage building, tent, or other structure or improvement shall be permitted and no other structure or improvement shall be constructed, erected, altered, modified or maintained without the prior approval of the ACC, which approval shall conform to the requirements of this Declaration. Water softeners, trash containers, propane tanks and other similar devices shall be properly screened from the street in a manner approved by the ACC.

12.37 Subdivision and Regulation of Land. No portion of any Home, Lot or Parcel shall be divided or subdivided or its boundaries changed without the prior written approval of Association. No Owner shall inaugurate or implement any variation from, modification to, or amendment of governmental regulations, land use plans, land development regulations, zoning, or any other development orders or development permits applicable to The Ranches at Cooper City, without the prior written approval of Developer, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

12.38 Substances. No flammable, combustible or explosive fuel, fluid, chemical, hazardous waste, or substance shall be kept on any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City or within any Home or Parcel, except those which are required for normal household use. All propane tanks and bottled gas for household and/or pool purposes (excluding barbecue grill tanks) must be installed underground or in a manner to be screened from view by landscaping or other materials approved by the ACC.

12.39 Use of Homes. Each Home is restricted to residential use as a residence by the Owner or permitted occupant thereof, its immediate family, guests, tenants and invitees.

12.40 Visibility on Corners. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these restrictions, no obstruction to visibility at street intersections shall be permitted and such visibility clearances shall be maintained as required by the ACC and governmental agencies. No vehicles, objects, fences, walls, hedges, shrubs or other planting shall be placed or permitted on a corner Lot where such obstruction would create a traffic problem.

12.41 Water Intrusion. Florida experiences heavy rainfall and humidity on a regular basis. Each Owner is responsible for making sure his or her Home remains watertight including, without limitation, checking caulking around windows and seals on doors. Each Owner acknowledges that running air conditioning machinery with windows and/or doors open in humid conditions can result in condensation, mold and/or water intrusion. Neither Developer nor Association shall have liability under such circumstances for any damage or loss that an Owner may incur.

12.42 Wells. Wells are not permitted unless through the prior written approval of the ACC.

12.43 Wetlands Areas. The Ranches at Cooper City may contain preserves, wetlands, and/or mitigation areas. No Owner or other person shall take any action or enter onto such areas so as to adversely affect the same. Such areas are to be maintained in their natural state.

12.44 Windows or Wall Units. No window or wall air conditioning unit may be installed in any window or wall of a Home.

12.45 Window Treatments. Window treatments shall consist of drapery, blinds, decorative panels, or other window covering, and no newspaper, aluminum foil, sheets or other temporary window treatments are permitted, except for periods not exceeding one (1) week after an Owner or tenant first moves into a Home or when permanent window treatments are being cleaned or repaired. No security bars shall be placed on the windows of any Home without prior written approval of the ACC. No awnings, canopies or shutters shall be affixed to the exterior of a Home without the prior written approval of the ACC. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes on windows shall be permitted unless approved by the ACC. Window treatments facing the street shall be of a neutral color, such as white, off-white or wood tones.

12.46 Workers. Workers hired by any Owner for any purpose including, without limitation, maintenance, landscaping, and/or housekeeping may not congregate in or about the Common Areas or make any personal use of such Common Areas.

13. Easement for Unintentional and Non-Negligent Encroachments. If any other building or improvement on a Home shall encroach upon another Home by reason of original construction by Developer, then an easement for such encroachment shall exist so long as the encroachment exists. It is contemplated that each Home shall contain an improvement with exterior walls, footings, and other protrusions which may pass over or underneath an adjacent Home. A perpetual nonexclusive easement is herein granted to allow the footers for such walls and such other protrusions and to permit any natural water run off from roof overhangs, eaves and other protrusions onto an adjacent Home.

14. Requirement to Maintain Insurance.

14.1 Association. Association shall maintain the following insurance coverage:

14.1.1 Flood Insurance. If the Common Areas are located within an area which has special flood hazards and for which flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"), coverage in appropriate amounts, available under NFIP for all buildings and other insurable property within any portion of the Common Areas located within a designated flood hazard area.

14.1.2 Liability Insurance. Commercial general liability insurance coverage providing coverage and limits deemed appropriate. Such policies must provide that they may not be canceled or substantially modified by any party, without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Developer (until the Community Completion Date), and Association.

14.1.3 Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Each member of the Board shall be covered by directors and officers liability insurance in such amounts and with such provisions as approved by the Board.

14.1.4 Other Insurance. Such other insurance coverage as appropriate from time to time. All coverage obtained by Association shall cover all activities of Association and all properties maintained by Association, whether or not Association owns title thereto.

14.1.5 Developer. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right, at Association's expense, to provide any such insurance coverage it deems appropriate under its master insurance policy in lieu of any of the foregoing.

14.2 Homes.

14.2.1 Requirement to Maintain Insurance. Each Owner shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate insurance of his or her Home. Such insurance shall be sufficient for necessary repair or reconstruction work, and related costs or shall cover the costs to demolish a damaged Home as applicable, remove the debris, and to resod and landscape land comprising the Home. Upon the request of Association, each Owner shall be required to supply the Board with evidence of insurance coverage on his Home which complies with the provisions of this Section. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of Association, Association shall specifically have the right to bring an action to require an Owner to comply with his or her obligations hereunder.

14.2.2 Requirement to Reconstruct or Demolish. In the event that any Home is destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Owner of such Home shall do one of the following: the Owner shall commence reconstruction and/or repair of the Home ("Required Repair"), or Owner shall tear the Home down, remove all the debris, and resod and landscape the property comprising the Home as required by the ACC ("Required Demolition") to the extent permitted under law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such work must be commenced within thirty (30) days of the Owner's receipt of the insurance proceeds respecting such Home. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Demolition, the Required Demolition must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole discretion subject to extension if required by law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such reconstruction and/or repair must be completed in a continuous, diligent, and timely manner. Association shall have the right to inspect the progress of all reconstruction and/or repair work. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of Association, Association shall have a right to bring an action against an Owner who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements. By way of example, Association may bring an action against an Owner who fails to either perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition on his or her Home within the time periods and in the manner provided herein. Each Owner acknowledges that the issuance of a building permit or a demolition permit in no way shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements set forth herein, which are independent of, and in addition to, any requirements for completion of work or progress requirements set forth in applicable statutes, zoning codes, and/or building codes.

14.2.3 Standard of Work. The standard for all demolition, reconstruction, and other work performed as required by this Section shall be in accordance with the Community Standards and any other standards established by Association with respect to any casualty that affects all or a portion of The Ranches at Cooper City.

14.2.4 Additional Rights of Association. If an Owner refuses or fails, for any reason, to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition as herein provided, then Association, in its sole discretion, by and through its Board is hereby irrevocably authorized by such Owner to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition. All Required Repair performed by Association pursuant to this Section shall be in conformance with the original plans and specifications for the Home. Association shall have the absolute right to perform the Required Demolition to a Home pursuant to this Section if any contractor certifies in writing to Association that such Home

cannot be rebuilt or repaired. The Board may levy an Individual Assessment against the Owner in whatever amount sufficient to adequately pay for Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by Association.

14.2.5 Rights of County. In the event that any Home is destroyed by fire or other casualty, County or other authorized governmental agency shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter such Owner's Lot and/or Home for the purpose of inspecting and assessing the damage to such Home. County shall further have the right to enforce any local laws and/or ordinances with regard to the Required Repair or the Required Demolition of the Home.

14.2.6 Association Has No Liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, Association, its directors and officers, shall not be liable to any Owner should an Owner fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage on a Home. Moreover, Association, its directors and officers, shall not be liable to any person if Association does not enforce the rights given to Association in this Section.

14.3 Fidelity Bonds. If available, a blanket fidelity bond for all officers, directors, trustees and employees of Association, and all other persons handling or responsible for funds of, or administered by, Association. In the event Association delegates some or all of the responsibility for the handling of the funds to a professional management company or licensed manager, such bonds shall be required for its officers, employees and agents, handling or responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of Association. The amount of the fidelity bond shall be based upon reasonable business judgment. The fidelity bonds required herein must meet the following requirements (to the extent available at a reasonable premium):

14.3.1 The bonds shall name Association as an obligee.

14.3.2 The bonds shall contain waivers, by the issuers of the bonds, of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation from the definition of "employee" or similar terms or expressions.

14.3.3 The premiums on the bonds (except for premiums on fidelity bonds maintained by a professional management company, or its officers, employees and agents), shall be paid by Association.

14.3.4 The bonds shall provide that they may not be canceled or substantially modified (including cancellation for non-payment of premium) without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Developer (until the Community Completion Date), and Association.

14.4 Association as Agent. Association is irrevocably appointed agent for each Owner of any interest relating to the Common Areas to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by Association and to execute and deliver releases upon the payment of claims.

14.5 Casualty to Common Areas. In the event of damage to the Common Areas, or any portion thereof, Association shall be responsible for reconstruction after casualty. In the event of damage to a Parcel or Home, or any portion thereof, the Owner shall be responsible for reconstruction after casualty.

14.6 Nature of Reconstruction. Any reconstruction of improvements hereunder shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications of the original improvement, or as the improvement was last constructed, subject to modification to conform with the then current governmental regulation(s).

14.7 Additional Insured. Developer and the respective Lender(s) shall be named as additional insured on all policies obtained by Association, as their interests may appear.

14.8 Cost of Insurance. The costs of all insurance maintained by Association hereunder, and any other fees or expenses incurred which may be necessary or incidental to carry out the provisions hereof are Operating Costs. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provisions in this Declaration, expenses incurred during the guarantee period which result from a natural disaster or an act of God occurring during such guarantee period, which are not covered by proceeds from insurance maintained by Association (i.e., the costs of any deductible, the costs incurred which are in excess of the Association's coverage, etc.), shall not be Operating Costs (and as such, are not part of the Developer's deficit funding obligation under its guarantee, if any) and may be charged as a Special Assessment against all Owners of record as of the date that the Special Assessment is assessed.

15. Property Rights.

15.1 Owners' Easement of Enjoyment. Every Owner, and its immediate family, tenants, guests and invitees, and every owner of an interest in The Ranches at Cooper City shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to those portions of the Common Areas which it is entitled to use for their intended purpose, subject to the following provisions:

15.1.1 Easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations and declarations of record, now or hereafter existing, and the provisions of this Declaration, as amended.

15.1.2 Rules and Regulations adopted governing use and enjoyment of the Common Areas.

15.1.3 The right of Association to suspend an Owner's rights hereunder or to impose fines in accordance with Section 720.305, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

15.1.4 The right to suspend the right to use all (except vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and necessary utilities) or a portion of the Common Areas by an Owner, its immediate family, etc. for any period during which any Assessment against that Owner remains unpaid.

15.1.5 The right of Developer and/or Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective prior to the Community Completion Date without prior written consent of Developer.

15.1.6 The right of Developer and/or Association to modify the Common Areas as set forth in this Declaration.

15.1.7 The perpetual right of Developer to access and enter the Common Areas at any time, even after the Community Completion Date, for the purposes of inspection and testing of the Common Areas. Association and each Owner shall give Developer unfettered access, ingress and egress to the Common Areas so that Developer and/or its agents can perform all tests and inspections deemed necessary by Developer. Developer shall have the right to make all repairs and replacements deemed necessary by Developer. At no time shall Association and/or an Owner prevent, prohibit and/or interfere with any testing, repair or replacement deemed necessary by Developer relative to any portion of the Common Areas.

15.1.8 The rights of Developer and/or Association regarding The Ranches at Cooper City as reserved in this Declaration, including the right to utilize the same and to grant use rights, etc. to others.

15.1.9 An Owner relinquishes use of the Common Areas at any time that a Home is leased to a Lessee.

15.1.10 The right of Association to evict occupants, tenants, guests and invitees as provided in this Declaration.

15.2 Ingress and Egress. An easement for ingress and egress is hereby created for pedestrian traffic over, and through and across sidewalks, paths, walks, driveways, passageways, and lanes as the same, from time to time, may exist upon, or be designed as part of, the Common Areas, and for vehicular traffic over, through and across such portions of the Common Areas as, from time to time, may be paved and intended for such purposes.

15.3 Development Easement. In addition to the rights reserved elsewhere herein, Developer reserves an easement for itself or its nominees over, upon, across, and under The Ranches at Cooper City as may be required in connection with the development of The Ranches at Cooper City and other lands designated by Developer and to promote or otherwise facilitate the development, construction and sale and/or leasing of Parcels and Homes, or any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City, and other lands designated by Developer. Without limiting the foregoing, Developer specifically reserves the right to use all paved roads and rights of way within The Ranches at Cooper City for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from construction sites and for the construction and maintenance of any Telecommunications Systems provided by Developer. Specifically, each Owner acknowledges that construction vehicles and trucks may use portions of the Common Areas. Developer shall have no liability or obligation to repave, restore, or repair any portion of the Common Areas as a result of the use of the same by construction traffic, and all maintenance and repair of such Common Areas shall be deemed ordinary maintenance of Association payable by all Owners as part of Operating Costs. Without limiting the foregoing, at no time shall Developer be obligated to pay any amount to Association on account of Developer's use of the Common Areas for construction purposes. Developer intends to use the Common Areas for sales of new and used Homes. Further, Developer may market other residences and commercial properties located outside of The Ranches at Cooper City from Developer's sales facilities located within The Ranches at Cooper City. Developer has the right to use all portions of the Common Areas in connection with its marketing activities including, without limitation, allowing members of the general public to inspect model Homes, installing signs and displays, holding promotional parties and picnics, and using the Common Areas for every other type of promotional or sales activity that may be employed in the marketing of new and used residential Homes or the leasing of residential apartments. The easements created by this Section, and the rights reserved herein in favor of Developer, shall be construed as broadly as possible and supplement the rights of Developer set forth in Section 20 of this Declaration. At no time shall Developer incur any expense whatsoever in connection with its use and enjoyment of such rights and easements. Developer may non-exclusively assign its rights hereunder to each Builder.

15.4 Public Easements. Fire, police, school transportation, health, sanitation and other public service and utility company personnel and vehicles shall have a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Areas, and each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to Developer and, thereafter, Association the right to enter into the customary Right of Entry Agreement and Public Safety Ingress/Egress Easement (the "Right of Entry Agreement") with the City for traffic enforcement and disaster recovery, and the Association, upon request of the City Manager, shall immediately, and from time to time, enter into said Right of Entry Agreement. In addition, Telecommunications Providers shall also have the right to use all paved roadways for ingress and egress to and from Telecommunications Systems within The Ranches at Cooper City.

15.5 Delegation of Use. Every Owner shall be deemed to have delegated its right of enjoyment to the Common Areas to occupants or lessees of that Owner's Home subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations, as may be promulgated, from time to time. Any such delegation or lease shall not relieve any Owner from its responsibilities and obligations provided herein.

15.6 Easement for Encroachments. In the event that any improvement upon Common Areas, as originally constructed, shall encroach upon any other property or improvements thereon, or for any reason, then an easement appurtenant to the encroachment shall exist for so long as the encroachment shall naturally exist.

15.7 Permits, Licenses and Easements. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Developer, and thereafter Association shall, in addition to the specific rights reserved to Developer herein, have the right to grant, modify, amend and terminate permits, licenses and easements over, upon, across, under and through The Ranches at Cooper City (including Parcels and/or Homes) for Telecommunications Systems, utilities, swale maintenance, roads and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful as it determines, in its sole discretion. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to Developer and, thereafter, Association an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

15.8 Support Easement and Maintenance Easement. An easement is hereby created for the existence and maintenance of supporting structures (and the replacement thereof) in favor of the entity required to maintain the same. An easement is hereby created for maintenance purposes (including access to perform such maintenance) over and across The Ranches at Cooper City (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance of Common Areas, swale trees, utilities, cables, wires and other similar facilities.

15.9 Drainage. A non-exclusive easement shall exist in favor of Developer, Association, and their designees, and any applicable water management district, state agency, county agency and/or federal agency having jurisdiction over The Ranches at Cooper City over, across and upon The Ranches at Cooper City for drainage, irrigation and water management purposes. A non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and access exists as shown on the Plat for such parties to enter upon and over any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City (including Homes) in order to construct, maintain, inspect, record data on, monitor, test, or repair, as necessary, any water management areas, conservation areas, mitigation areas, irrigation systems and facilities thereon and appurtenances thereto. No structure, landscaping, or other material shall be placed or be permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the drainage or irrigation of The Ranches at Cooper City and/or installation or maintenance of utilities or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through The Ranches at Cooper City and/or water management areas and facilities or otherwise interfere with any drainage, irrigation and/or easement provided for in this Section or the use rights set forth elsewhere in this Declaration.

15.10 Blanket Easement in Favor of Association. Association is hereby granted an easement over all of The Ranches at Cooper City, including all Homes and Lots, for the purposes of (a) constructing, maintaining, replacing and operating all Common Areas, including, but not limited to, lakes, perimeter walls and fences and (b) performing any obligation of an Owner for which Association intends to impose an Individual Assessment.

15.11 No Structural Change. No Owner shall cut a window or any opening in a wall nor shall any Owner make any structural changes in any wall, including, but not limited to, change of exterior paint color, without the express written approval of the ACC.

15.12 Damage by Owner of Adjacent Home. In the event that a wall is damaged by the Owner of an adjacent Home, the Owner of the adjacent Home shall be responsible for repairing such damage in a timely manner and in accordance with the standards established by the ACC. In the absence of specific standards, the repair shall be accomplished as soon as reasonably possible, and at the sole expense of the Owner causing the damage. In the event that an Owner shall fail to make the repairs as required herein, or if Association has the reasonable belief that such repairs will not be made in a timely manner, then Association shall have the right at reasonable times to enter the adjacent Home to effect such repair, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the adjacent Owner as an Individual Assessment.

15.13 Construction Easement. Developer reserves an easement over all Homes for all construction purposes. By way of example, Developer and Developer's construction crews may be required to enter onto a completed Home in order to complete construction of an adjacent Home. This easement shall be construed as broadly as possible.

15.14 Duration. All easements created herein or pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be perpetual unless stated to the contrary.

16. Assessments.

16.1 Types of Assessments. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title in any manner (whether or not so expressed in the deed), including any purchaser at a judicial sale, shall hereafter be deemed to have covenanted and agreed to pay to the Association at the time and in the manner required by the Board, assessments or charges and any special assessments as are fixed, established and collected from time to time by Association (collectively, the "Assessments"). All Owners shall pay Assessments. So long as Developer deficit funds Association, neither Developer nor any Builder shall pay Assessments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the time which Developer deficit funds the Association, Developer may require Builders to pay such portion of the Operating Costs which directly benefits any Lot(s) or Parcel(s) owned by such Builder(s), as mutually agreed to by the Builder(s) and the Developer, from time to time; provided however, that the portion of Operating Costs to be paid by a Builder shall never exceed such Builder's pro-rata share of Operating Costs based upon the number of Lots and/or Parcels owned by such Builder. If at any time prior to the Turnover Date Developer does not deficit fund the Association, Builders shall be required to pay reduced Assessments on their Lots and/or Parcels (as mutually agreed to by the Builder(s) and the Developer, from time to time) as vacant Lots and/or Parcels may not receive certain services. From and after the Turnover Date, Builders shall be obligated to pay reduced Assessments on their Homes, Lots and Parcels (as mutually agreed to by the

Builder(s) and the Board, from time to time). The Statutory rights afforded to Association including, without limitation, the right of Association to file liens, bring actions for foreclosure and/or the right of Association to accelerate the amount of Assessments due upon the non-payment of Assessments or other monetary obligations to the Association, shall also apply to Assessments and/or pro-rata share of the Operating Costs owed by Builders with respect to Homes and/or Lots owned by such Builders. Additionally, all legal fees, late fees, interest and attorneys' fees and costs relating to the collection of Assessments from Builders shall be fully recoverable by Association against Builders.

16.2 Purpose of Assessments. The Assessments levied by Association shall be used for, among other things, the purpose of promoting the recreation, health and welfare of the residents of The Ranches at Cooper City, and in particular for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Areas and any easement in favor of Association, including, but not limited to the following categories of Assessments as and when levied and deemed payable by the Board:

16.2.1 Any monthly or quarterly assessment (as determined by the Board) or charge for the purpose of operating Association and accomplishing any and all of its purposes, as determined in accordance herewith including, without limitation, payment of Operating Costs and collection of amounts necessary to pay any deficits from prior years' operation (hereinafter "Installment Assessments");

16.2.2 Any special assessments for capital improvements, major repairs, emergencies the repair or replacement of the Common Areas, or nonrecurring expenses (hereinafter "Special Assessments");

16.2.3 Any specific fees, dues or charges to be paid by Owners for any special services provided to or for the benefit of an Owner or Home, for any special or personal use of the Common Areas, or to reimburse Association for the expenses incurred in connection with that service or use (hereinafter "Use Fees"); and

16.2.4 Assessments of any kind for the creation of reasonable reserves for any of the aforesaid purposes. At such time as there are improvements in any Common Areas for which Association has a responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace, the Board may, but shall have no obligation to, include a "Reserve for Replacement" in the Installment Assessments in order to establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of improvements comprising a portion of the Common Area (hereinafter "Reserves"). Assessments pursuant to this Section shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by Association, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Reserves are approved. Until the Community Completion Date, Reserves shall be subject to the prior written approval of Developer, which may be withheld for any reason.

16.2.5 Assessments for which one or more Owners (but less than all Owners) within The Ranches at Cooper City is subject ("Individual Assessments") such as costs of special services provided to a Home or Owner or cost relating to enforcement of the provisions of this Declaration or the architectural provisions hereof as it relates to a particular Owner or Home. By way of example, and not of limitation, all of the Owners within a Plat may be subject to Individual Assessments for maintenance, repair and/or replacement of facilities serving only the residents of such Plat. Further, in the event an Owner fails to maintain the exterior of his Home (other than those portions of a Home maintained by Association) in a manner satisfactory to Association, Association shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon the Home and to repair, restore, and maintain the Home as required by this Declaration. The cost thereof, plus the reasonable administrative expenses of Association, shall be an Individual Assessment. The lien for an Individual Assessment may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other Assessment. As a further example, if one or more Owners receive optional Telecommunications Services such as Toll Calls, Cable Services and/or Data Transmission Services, and Association pays a Telecommunications Provider for such services, then the cost of such services shall be an Individual Assessment as to each Owner receiving such services. Further, in the event that Association decides it is in the best interest of The Ranches at Cooper City that Association perform any other obligation of an Owner under this Declaration, the cost of performing such obligation shall be an Individual Assessment. The lien for an Individual Assessment may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other Assessment.

16.3 Designation. The designation of Assessment type shall be made by Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any such designation must be approved by Developer. Such designation may be made on the budget prepared by Association. The designation shall be binding upon all Owners.

16.4 Allocation of Operating Costs.

16.4.1 For the period until the adoption of the first annual budget, the allocation of Operating Costs shall be as set forth in the initial budget prepared by Developer.

16.4.2 Commencing on the first day of the period covered by the annual budget, and until the adoption of the next annual budget, the Installment Assessments shall be allocated so that each Owner shall pay his pro rata portion of Installment Assessments, Special Assessments, and Reserves based upon a fraction, the numerator of which is one (1) and the denominator of which is the total number of Homes in The Ranches at Cooper City conveyed to Owners or any greater number determined by Developer from time to time. Developer, in its sole discretion may change such denominator from time to time. Under no circumstances will the denominator be less than the number of Homes owned by Owners other than Developer.

16.4.3 In the event the Operating Costs as estimated in the budget for a particular fiscal year are, after the actual Operating Costs for that period is known, less than the actual costs, then the difference shall, at the election of Association: (i) be added to the calculation of Installment Assessments, as applicable, for the next

ensuing fiscal year; or (ii) be immediately collected from the Owners as a Special Assessment. Association shall have the unequivocal right to specially assess Owners retroactively on January 1st of any year for any shortfall in Installment Assessments, which Special Assessment shall relate back to the date that the Installment Assessments could have been made. No vote of the Owners shall be required for such Special Assessment (or for any other Assessment) except to the extent specifically provided herein.

16.4.4 Each Owner agrees that so long as it does not pay more than the required amount it shall have no grounds upon which to object to either the method of payment or non-payment by other Owners of any sums due.

16.5 General Assessments Allocation. Except as hereinafter specified to the contrary, Installment Assessments, Special Assessments and Reserves shall be allocated equally to each Owner.

16.6 Use Fees and Individual Assessment. Except as hereinafter specified to the contrary, Use Fees and Individual Assessments shall be made against the Owners benefiting from, or subject to the special service or cost as specified by Association.

16.7 Commencement of First Assessment. Assessments shall commence as to each Owner on the day of the conveyance of title of a Home to an Owner. The applicable portion of Assessments shall commence as to each Builder on the day of the conveyance of title of a Lot to the Builder.

16.8 Deficit Funding, Shortfalls and Surpluses. Each Owner acknowledges that because Installment Assessments, Special Assessments, and Reserves are allocated based on the formula provided herein, the total number of Homes to be included in The Ranches at Cooper City, or upon the number of Homes conveyed to Owners on or prior to September 30 of the prior fiscal year (as determined in Developer's discretion), it is possible that Association may collect more or less than the amount budgeted for Operating Costs. Any time (and from time to time) prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the option ("Developer's Option") to either (i) fund all or any portion of the shortfall in Installment Assessments not raised by virtue of all Installment Assessments due from Owners and other income received by Association pursuant to Section 16.8.1 of the Declaration or (ii) to pay Installment Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by Developer. In the event that Developer elects to fund all or a portion of the shortfall in Installment Assessments, as stated above, Developer shall have no obligation to fund bad debt expenses relating to the payment of Assessments including, without limitation, estimates for bad debt allowance and actual write-offs of Owner balances. If Developer has cumulatively overfunded Operating Costs and/or prepaid expenses of Association including, but not limited to, loaning Association uncollected Assessments due from Owners which are not timely paid, Association shall refund such amounts to Developer immediately upon such prepaid or loaned amounts being received by Association (through legal collection efforts or otherwise), but in no event later than the Turnover Date or as soon as possible thereafter (e.g. once the amount is finally determined), or, in Developer's sole and absolute discretion, pursuant to terms and conditions (e.g., payment plan) approved by Developer. Developer shall never be required to (i) pay Installment Assessments if Developer has elected to fund the deficit instead of paying Installment Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by Developer, (ii) pay Special Assessments, management fees or Reserves, or (iii) pay amounts due from, but not paid by, Owners, as referenced above. In addition to the foregoing, Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to exempt Builders from the obligation to pay (i) Installment Assessments (if Developer has elected to fund the deficit instead of paying Installment Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by Developer), (ii) Special Assessments, management fees, Reserves, and/or (iii) amounts due from, but not paid by Owners (as referenced above), pursuant to a written assignment or partial assignment of Developer rights which specifically provides the Builder with such exemption(s). Any surplus Assessments collected by Association may be (i) allocated towards the next year's Operating Costs, (ii) used to fund Reserves, whether or not budgeted, (iii) retained by Association, and/or (iv) used for any other purpose, in Association's sole and absolute discretion, to the creation of Reserves, whether or not budgeted. Under no circumstances shall Association be required to pay surplus Assessments to Owners.

16.8.1 Without limiting Developer's Option under Section 16.8 of the Declaration, Developer shall be excused from the payment of the share of the Installment Assessments relating to Homes it is offering for sale, for a period beginning with the recording of this Declaration and ending the earlier of the Turnover Date or December 31 of the year in which the Declaration is recorded (the "**Guarantee Expiration Date**"), provided that the Installment Assessments for Operating Costs equally imposed on each Owner other than Developer shall not increase during such period over \$1,000.00 per month and provided further that Developer shall be obligated to pay any amount of Operating Costs actually incurred during such period and not produced by the Installment Assessments at the guaranteed level receivable from Owners. The period that Developer is excused from the payment of the share of Installment Assessments relating to Homes it is offering for sale may be unilaterally extended by Developer for one or more successive periods of three months each.

16.8.2 If an audit of the Association's financial records, performed for the period which includes the Guarantee Expiration Date (including any extensions thereof), reveals that Developer has funded a greater amount (e.g. including, without limitation, pre-paid amounts, deposits for utilities, Developer's funding of delinquent Installment Assessments, or portion thereof, not paid by Owners, etc.) than required under this Section, then any such excess shall be promptly refunded to the Developer by Association.

16.9 Budgets. The initial budget prepared by Developer is adopted as the budget for the period of operation until adoption of the first annual Association budget. Thereafter, annual budgets shall be prepared and adopted by Association. To the extent Association has commenced or will commence operations prior to the date this Declaration is recorded or the first Home is closed, the Operating Costs may vary in one or more respects from that set forth in the initial budget. A Builder shall pay Assessments and/or its share of Operating Costs as per the budget for each Lot owned by such Builder commencing from the date the Builder obtained title to such Lot.

Developer shall fund entirely all Operating Costs not covered by Builder payments until the month prior to the closing of the first Home. Thereafter, Assessments shall be payable by each Owner and Builder as provided in this Declaration. THE INITIAL BUDGET OF ASSOCIATION IS PROJECTED (NOT BASED ON HISTORICAL OPERATING FIGURES). THEREFORE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ACTUAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE LESSER OR GREATER THAN PROJECTED.

16.10 Establishment of Assessments. Assessments shall be established in accordance with the following procedures;

16.10.1 Installment Assessments shall be established by the adoption of a twelve (12) month operating budget by the Board. The budget shall be in the form required by Section 720.303(6) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Written notice of the amount and date of commencement thereof shall be given to each Owner not less than ten (10) days in advance of the due date of the first installment thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the budget may cover a period of less than twelve (12) months if the first budget is adopted mid-year or in order to change the fiscal year of Association.

16.10.2 Special Assessments and Individual Assessments against the Owners may be established by Association, from time to time, and shall be payable at such time or time(s) as determined. Until the Community Completion Date, no Special Assessment shall be imposed without the consent of Developer.

16.10.3 Association may establish Use Fees, from time to time, by resolution, rule or regulation, or by delegation to an officer or agent, including, a professional management company. The sums established shall be payable by the Owner utilizing the service or facility as determined by Association.

16.11 Initial Contribution. The first purchaser of each Lot, Home or Parcel, at the time of closing of the conveyance from Developer (or other party as directed by Developer from time to time) to the purchaser, shall pay to Association an initial contribution in an amount of up to three (3) months Assessments (the "Initial Contribution"), as determined by Developer in its sole and absolute discretion. The funds derived from the Initial Contributions shall be used at the discretion of Developer for any purpose, including but not limited to, future and existing capital improvements, operating expenses, support costs and start-up costs. Developer may waive this requirement for some Lots, Homes and/or Parcels, if the first purchaser is a subsequent Developer and/or Builder, and the Builder and/or subsequent Developer become unconditionally obligated to collect and pay the Initial Contribution upon the subsequent sale of each Lot, Home or Parcel to an end purchaser.

16.12 Assessment Estoppel Certificates. No Owner shall sell or convey its interest in a Home unless all sums due Association have been paid in full and an estoppel certificate in recordable form shall have been received by such Owner. Association shall prepare and maintain a ledger noting Assessments due from each Owner. The ledger shall be kept in the office of Association, or its designees, and shall be open to inspection by any Owner. Within ten (10) days of a written request therefor, there shall be furnished to an Owner an estoppel certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments have been paid and/or the amount which is due as of any date. As to parties other than Owners who, without knowledge of error, rely on the certificate, the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of any Assessment therein stated. The Owner requesting the estoppel certificate shall be required to pay Association a reasonable sum to cover the costs of examining records and preparing such estoppel certificate. Each Owner waives its rights (if any) to an accounting related to Operating Costs or Assessments.

16.13 Payment of Home Real Estate Taxes. Each Owner shall pay all taxes and obligations relating to its Home which, if not paid, could become a lien against the Home which is superior to the lien for Assessments created by this Declaration.

16.14 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title to a Home, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed that the Assessments, and/or other charges and fees set forth herein, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, shall be a charge and continuing lien in favor of Association encumbering the Home and all personal property located thereon owned by the Owner against whom each such Assessment is made. The lien is effective from and after recording a claim of lien in the Public Records stating the legal description of the Home, name of the Owner, and the amounts due as of that date, but shall relate back to the date that the Original Declaration of Covenants was recorded. The claim of lien shall also cover any additional amounts which accrue thereafter until satisfied. Each Assessment, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, and other costs and expenses provided for herein, shall be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Home at the time when the Assessment became due, as well as the Owner's heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns.

16.15 Subordination of Lien to Mortgages. The lien for Assessments shall be a lien superior to all other liens save and except tax liens and, except as set forth in this Section, mortgage liens, provided such mortgage liens are first liens against the property encumbered thereby, subject only to tax liens, and secure indebtedness which is amortized in monthly or quarter-annual payments over a period of not less than ten (10) years. An acquirer of title to a Home, whether by foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, or otherwise, shall be liable for all unpaid Assessments, interest, late fees and reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Association in the collection of unpaid amounts that became due prior to such acquirer's acquisition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to a Lender or its successor or assignees who acquire title to a Home by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, such Lender's liability respecting the unpaid Assessments (but not late fees, interest or reasonable attorney's fees or costs incurred by the Association in the collection of unpaid amounts) that became due prior to the Lender's acquisition of title shall be limited to the lesser of: (i) the Home's unpaid Assessments which accrued or came due

during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the acquisition of title and for which payment in full has not yet been received by Association; or (ii) one percent (1%) of the original mortgage debt. The limitations on Lender liability provided in this Section apply only if the Lender filed suit against the Owner and initially (and not through amendment or re-foreclosure) joined the Association as a defendant in the Lender's foreclosure action when such action was first filed with a court. Joinder of the Association is not required if, on the date the complaint is filed, the Association was dissolved or did not maintain an office or agent for service of process at a location that was known to or reasonably discoverable by the Lender. In addition to the foregoing, any acquirer of title to a Home including, without limitation, a Lender or other third party, shall be liable for all late fees and interest charged against the former Owner of the Home and all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by Association in collection efforts against the former Owner of the Home. Unless specifically provided otherwise by Association in writing from time to time and in its sole and absolute discretion, late fees, interest and reasonable attorney's fees and costs shall not be considered Assessments as that term is used in this Section. The Lender or its successor or assignees acquiring title to a Home shall pay all of the foregoing amounts owed including, but not limited to, Assessments (as the same may be limited above), late fees, interest, attorneys fees and costs owed to Association within thirty (30) days after transfer of title. Failure to pay the full amount due when due shall entitle Association to record a claim of lien against the Home and proceed in the same manner as provided in this Declaration for the collection of unpaid Assessments and other amounts. The provisions of this Section shall not be available to shield a Lender from liability for Assessments and other amounts in any case where the unpaid Assessments and other amounts sought to be recovered by Association are secured by a lien recorded prior to the recording of the mortgage. Additionally, in order to be afforded the limitations of liability for Lenders included in this Section, a Lender must give written notice to Association if the mortgage held by such Lender is in default. Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure such default within the time periods applicable to Owner. In the event Association makes such payment on behalf of an Owner, Association shall, in addition to all other rights reserved herein, be subrogated to all of the rights of Lender. All amounts advanced on behalf of an Owner pursuant to this Section shall be added to the Assessments payable by such Owner with appropriate interest. Any unpaid Assessments for which an acquirer of title is not liable (i.e., where a Lender takes title to a Home, any past due Assessment amounts which exceed the lesser of 12 months of Assessments or one percent (1%) of the original mortgage debt) may be reallocated and assessed to all Owners (including such acquirer of title) as part of Operating Costs included within Assessments. Any sale or transfer pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise) shall not relieve the acquiring party from liability for, nor the Home from the lien of any Assessments made thereafter. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as releasing the party liable for any delinquent Assessments from the payment thereof, or the enforcement of collection by means other than a foreclosure.

16.16 Acceleration. In the event of a default in the payment of any Assessment, Association may accelerate the Assessments then due for up to the next ensuing twelve (12) month period.

16.17 Non-Payment of Assessments. If any Assessment is not paid within fifteen (15) days (or such other period of time established by the Board) after the due date, a late fee of \$25.00 per month (or such greater amount established by the Board), together with interest in an amount equal to the maximum rate allowable by law (or such lesser rate established by the Board), per annum, beginning from the due date until paid in full, may be levied. The late fee shall compensate Association for administrative costs, loss of use of money, and accounting expenses. Association may, at any time thereafter, bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, and/or foreclose the lien against the Home, or both. Association shall not be required to bring such an action if it believes that the best interests of Association would not be served by doing so. To the extent permitted by Florida law, the lien granted to Association may be established and foreclosed in the Circuit Court in and for the County, and in any suit for the foreclosure of such lien, Association shall be entitled to seek an order of court that it is entitled to (i) collect a reasonable rent from the Owner, if the Owner remains in possession of a Home after a judgment of foreclosure is entered and (ii) obtain the appointment of a receiver for such Home to collect the rent if the Home is leased or rented during the pendency of the foreclosure action. There shall be added to the Assessment all costs expended in preserving the priority of the lien and all costs and expenses of collection, including attorneys' fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, collection and bankruptcy. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for Assessments provided for herein by non-use of, or the waiver of the right to use the Common Areas by abandonment of a Home.

16.18 Exemption. Developer, at Developer's sole option, may pay Assessments on Homes owned by it, or fund the deficit, if any, as set forth in Section 16.8 herein. In addition, the Board shall have the right to exempt any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City subject to this Declaration from the Assessments, provided that such part of The Ranches at Cooper City exempted is used (and as long as it is used) for any of the following purposes:

16.18.1 Any easement or other interest therein dedicated and accepted by the local public authority and devoted to public use;

16.18.2 Any real property interest held by a Telecommunications Provider;

16.18.3 Any Association Common Areas or property (other than a Home); and

16.18.4 Any of The Ranches at Cooper City exempted from ad valorem taxation by the laws of the State of Florida or exempted from Assessments by other provisions of this Declaration.

16.19 Collection by Developer. If for any reason Association shall fail or be unable to levy or collect Assessments, then in that event, Developer shall at all times have the right, but not the obligation: (i) to advance such sums as a loan to Association to bear interest and to be repaid as hereinafter set forth; and/or (ii) to levy and collect such Assessments by using the remedies available as set forth above, which remedies, including, but not limited to, recovery of attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including

appeals, shall be deemed assigned to Developer for such purposes. If Developer advances sums, it shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement, on demand, from Association for such amounts so paid, plus interest thereon at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two percent (2%), plus any costs of collection including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals.

16.20 Rights to Pay Assessments and Receive Reimbursement. Association, Developer, and any Lender of a Home shall have the right, but not the obligation, jointly and severally, and at their sole option, to pay any Assessments or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a lien or charge against any Home. If so paid, the party paying the same shall be subrogated to the enforcement rights of Association with regard to the amounts due.

16.21 Mortgagee Right. Each Lender may request in writing that Association notify such Lender of any default of the Owner of the Home subject to the Lender's mortgage under the Association Documents which default is not cured within thirty (30) days after Association learns of such default. A failure by Association to furnish notice to any Lender shall not result in liability of Association because such notice is given as a courtesy to a Lender and the furnishing of such notice is not an obligation of Association to Lender.

16.22 Collection of Assessments. Installment Assessments shall be paid by each Owner directly to Association. Any collection proceedings for an Owner's failure to pay Assessments shall be the sole responsibility of Association. Each Owner shall be responsible to pay all Assessments to Association on time and in full.

17. Information to Lenders and Owners.

17.1 Availability. There shall be available for inspection upon request, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, to Owners and Lenders current copies of the Association Documents.

17.2 Copying. Any Owner and/or Lender shall be entitled, upon written request, and at its cost, to a copy of the documents referred to above.

17.3 Notice. Upon written request by a Lender (identifying the name and address of the Lender and the name and address of the applicable Owner), the Lender will be entitled to timely written notice of:

17.3.1 Any condemnation loss or casualty loss which affects a material portion of a Home to the extent Association is notified of the same;

17.3.2 Any delinquency in the payment of Assessments owed by an Owner of a Home subject to a first mortgage held by the Lender, which remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days;

17.3.3 Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained hereunder;

17.3.4 Any proposed action (if any) which would require the consent of a specific mortgage holder.

18. Architectural Control.

18.1 Architectural Control Committee. The ACC shall be a permanent committee of Association and shall administer and perform the architectural and landscape review and control functions relating to The Ranches at Cooper City. The ACC shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members who shall initially be named by Developer and who shall hold office at the pleasure of Developer. The ACC shall have the right to form subcommittees consisting of representatives from the Association or otherwise. The ACC shall oversee such subcommittees and shall take precedence over any decision made by such subcommittees. Until the Community Completion Date, Developer shall have the right to change the number of members on the ACC, and to appoint, remove, and replace all members of the ACC. Developer shall determine which members of the ACC shall serve as its chairman and co-chairman. In the event of the failure, refusal, or inability to act of any of the members appointed by Developer, Developer shall have the right to replace any member within thirty (30) days of such occurrence. If Developer fails to replace that member, the remaining members of the ACC shall fill the vacancy by appointment. From and after the Community Completion Date, the Board shall have the same rights as Developer with respect to the ACC.

18.2 Membership. There is no requirement that any member of the ACC be an Owner or a member of Association.

18.3 General Plan. It is the intent of this Declaration to create a general plan and scheme of development of The Ranches at Cooper City. Accordingly, the ACC shall have the right to approve or disapprove all architectural, landscaping, and improvements within The Ranches at Cooper City by Owners and Builders other than Developer. The ACC shall have the right to evaluate all plans and specifications as to harmony of exterior design, landscaping, location of any proposed improvements, relationship to surrounding structures, topography and conformity with such other reasonable requirements as shall be adopted by the ACC. The ACC may impose standards for construction and development which may be greater or more stringent than standards prescribed in applicable building, zoning, or other local governmental codes. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any additional standards or modification of existing standards shall require the consent of Developer, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

18.4 Master Plan. Developer has established an overall Master Plan. However, notwithstanding the above, or any other document, brochures or plans, Developer reserves the right to modify the Master Plan and/or any site plan for The Ranches at Cooper City at any time as it deems desirable in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, DEVELOPER AND/OR BUILDERS MAY PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC OR TO OWNERS RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS RESPECTING THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY. SUCH RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS ARE NOT A GUARANTEE OF HOW THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY WILL APPEAR UPON COMPLETION AND DEVELOPER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING AT ANY TIME AS DEVELOPER DEEMS NECESSARY IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION.

18.5 Community Standards. Each Builder, Owner and their respective contractors and employees shall observe, and comply with, the Community Standards which now or may hereafter be promulgated by the ACC and approved by the Board from time to time. The Community Standards shall be effective from the date of adoption; shall be specifically enforceable by injunction or otherwise; and shall have the effect of covenants as if set forth herein verbatim. The Community Standards shall not require any Owner to alter the improvements previously constructed by Developer. Until the Community Completion Date, Developer shall have the right to approve the Community Standards, which approval, may be granted in its sole discretion.

18.6 Quorum. A majority of the ACC shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting. The action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the ACC. In lieu of a meeting, the ACC may act in writing.

18.7 Power and Duties of the ACC. No improvements shall be constructed on a Parcel, no exterior of a Home shall be repainted, no landscaping, sign, or improvements erected, removed, planted, or maintained on a Parcel, nor shall any material addition to or any change, replacement, or alteration of the improvements as originally constructed by Developer (visible from the exterior of the Home) be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, color scheme, and the location of same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC.

18.8 Procedure. In order to obtain the consent of the ACC, each Owner and/or Builder shall observe the following:

18.8.1 Each applicant shall submit an application to the ACC with respect to any proposed improvement or material change in an improvement, together with the required application(s) and other fee(s) as established by the ACC. The applications shall include such information as may be required by the application form adopted by the ACC. The ACC may also require submission of samples of building materials and colors proposed to be used. At the time of such submissions, the applicant shall, if requested, submit to the ACC, such site plans, plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, prepared and stamped by a registered Florida architect or residential designer, and landscaping and irrigation plans, prepared by a registered landscape architect or designer showing all existing trees and major vegetation stands and surface water drainage plan showing existing and proposed design grades, contours relating to the predetermined ground floor finish elevation, pool plans and specifications and the times scheduled for completion, all as reasonably specified by the ACC.

18.8.2 In the event the information submitted to the ACC is, in the ACC's opinion, incomplete or insufficient in any manner, the ACC may request and require the submission of additional or supplemental information. The Owner shall, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, comply with the request.

18.8.3 No later than thirty (30) days after receipt of all information required by the ACC for final review, the ACC shall approve or deny the application in writing. The ACC shall have the right to refuse to approve any plans and specifications which are not suitable or desirable, in the ACC's sole discretion, for aesthetic or any other reasons or to impose qualifications and conditions thereon. In approving or disapproving such plans and specifications, the ACC shall consider the suitability of the proposed improvements, the materials of which the improvements are to be built, the site upon which the improvements are proposed to be erected, the harmony thereof with the surrounding area and the effect thereof on adjacent or neighboring property. In the event the ACC fails to respond within such thirty (30) day period, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved by the ACC.

18.8.4 In the event that the ACC disapproves any plans and specifications, the applicant may request a rehearing by the ACC for additional review of the disapproved plans and specifications. The meeting shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after written request for such meeting is received by the ACC, unless applicant waives this time requirement in writing. The ACC shall make a final written decision no later than thirty (30) days after such meeting. In the event the ACC fails to provide such written decision within such thirty (30) days, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved.

18.8.5 Upon final disapproval, the applicant may appeal the decision of the ACC to the Board within thirty (30) days of the ACC's written review and disapproval. Review by the Board shall take place no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the receipt by the Board of the Owner's request therefor. If the Board fails to hold such a meeting within thirty (30) days after receipt of request for such meeting, then the plans and specifications shall be deemed approved. The Board shall make a final decision no later than sixty (60) days after such meeting. In the event the Board fails to provide such written decision within such sixty (60) days after such meeting, such plans and specifications shall be deemed approved. The decision of the ACC, or if appealed, the Board, shall be final and binding upon the applicant, its heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

18.8.6 Construction of all improvements shall be completed within the time period set forth in the application approved by such the ACC.

18.9 Alterations. Any and all alterations, deletions, additions and changes of any type or nature whatsoever to then existing improvements or the plans or specifications previously approved by the ACC shall be subject to the approval of the ACC in the same manner as required for approval of original plans and specifications.

18.10 Variances. Association or ACC shall have the power to grant variances from any requirements set forth in this Declaration or from the Community Standards, on a case by case basis, provided that the variance sought is reasonable and results from a hardship upon the applicant. The granting of a variance shall not nullify or otherwise affect the right to require strict compliance with the requirements set forth herein or in the Community Standards on any other occasion.

18.11 Permits. The Owner and/or Builder is solely responsible to obtain all required building and other permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

18.12 Construction by Owners. The following provisions govern construction activities by Builders and Owners after consent of the ACC has been obtained:

18.12.1 Each Builder or Owner shall deliver to the ACC, if requested, copies of all construction and building permits as and when received by the Builder or Owner. Each construction site in The Ranches at Cooper City shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition throughout construction. Construction activities shall be performed on a diligent, workmanlike and continuous basis. Roadways, easements, swales, Common Areas and other such areas in The Ranches at Cooper City shall be kept clear of construction vehicles, construction materials and debris at all times. No construction office or trailer shall be kept in The Ranches at Cooper City and no construction materials shall be stored in The Ranches at Cooper City subject, however, to such conditions and requirements as may be promulgated by the ACC. All refuse and debris shall be removed or deposited in a dumpster on a daily basis. No materials shall be deposited or permitted to be deposited in any canal or waterway or Common Areas or other Homes in The Ranches at Cooper City or be placed anywhere outside of the Home upon which the construction is taking place. No hazardous waste or toxic materials shall be stored, handled and used, including, without limitation, gasoline and petroleum products, except in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, and shall not be deposited in any manner on, in or within the construction or adjacent property or waterways. All construction activities shall comply with the Community Standards. If a contractor or Owner shall fail in any regard to comply with the requirements of this Section, the ACC may require that such Owner or contractor post security with Association in such form and amount deemed appropriate by the ACC in its sole discretion.

18.12.2 There shall be provided to the ACC, if requested, a list (name, address, telephone number and identity of contact person), of all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers (collectively, "Contractors") and changes to the list as they occur relating to construction. Each Builder and all of its employees and Contractors and their employees shall utilize those roadways and entrances into The Ranches at Cooper City as are designated by the ACC for construction activities. The ACC shall have the right to require that each Builder's and Contractor's employees check in at the designated construction entrances and to refuse entrance to persons and parties whose names are not registered with the ACC.

18.12.3 Each Builder and Owner is responsible for insuring compliance with all terms and conditions of these provisions and of the Community Standards by all of its employees and Contractors. In the event of any violation of any such terms or conditions by any employee or Contractor, or, in the opinion of the ACC, the continued refusal of any employee or Contractor to comply with such terms and conditions, after five (5) days' notice and right to cure, the ACC shall have, in addition to the other rights hereunder, the right to prohibit the violating employee or Contractor from performing any further services in The Ranches at Cooper City.

18.12.4 The ACC may, from time to time, adopt standards governing the performance or conduct of Builders, Owners, Contractors and their respective employees within The Ranches at Cooper City. Each Builder, Owner and contractor shall comply with such standards and cause its respective employees to also comply with same. The ACC may also promulgate requirements to be inserted in all contracts relating to construction within The Ranches at Cooper City and each Owner shall include the same therein.

18.13 Inspection. There is specifically reserved to Association and ACC and to any agent or member of either of them, the right of entry and inspection upon any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City at any time within reasonable daytime hours, for the purpose of determination whether there exists any violation of the terms of any approval or the terms of this Declaration or the Community Standards.

18.14 Violation. Without limiting any other provision herein, if any improvement shall be constructed or altered without prior written approval, or in a manner which fails to conform with the approval granted, the Builder or Owner shall, upon demand of Association or the ACC, cause such improvement to be removed, or restored until approval is obtained or in order to comply with the plans and specifications originally approved. The Builder or Owner shall be liable for the payment of all costs of removal or restoration, including all costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred by Association or ACC. The costs shall be deemed an Individual Assessment and enforceable pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The ACC and/or Association are specifically empowered to enforce the architectural and landscaping provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards, by any legal or equitable remedy.

18.15 Court Costs. In the event that it becomes necessary to resort to litigation to determine the propriety of any constructed improvement or to cause the removal of any unapproved improvement, Association and/or ACC shall be entitled to recover court costs, expenses and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, in connection therewith.

18.16 Certificate. In the event that any Builder or Owner fails to comply with the provisions contained herein, the Community Standards, or other rules and regulations promulgated by the ACC, Association and/or ACC may, in addition to all other remedies contained herein, record a Certificate of Non-Compliance against the Home stating that the improvements on the Home fail to meet the requirements of this Declaration and that the Home is subject to further enforcement remedies.

18.17 Certificate of Compliance. If requested by a Builder or Owner, prior to the occupancy of any improvement constructed or erected on any Home by other than Developer, or its designees, the Builder or Owner thereof shall obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the ACC, certifying that the Owner has complied with the requirements set forth herein. The ACC may, from time to time, delegate to a member or members of the ACC, the responsibility for issuing the Certificate of Compliance. The issuance of a Certificate of Compliance does not abrogate the ACC's rights set forth in Section 18.13 herein.

18.18 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or in the Community Standards, any improvements of any nature made or to be made by Developer including, without limitation, improvements made or to be made to the Common Areas or any Home, shall not be subject to the review of the ACC, Association, or the provisions of the Community Standards. In addition to the foregoing, Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to exempt other Builders from the provisions of the Community Standards and the ACC requirements contained herein pursuant to a written assignment (or partial assignment) of Developer rights which expressly exempts the Builder from such ACC requirements.

18.19 Exculpation. Developer, Association, the directors or officers of Association, the ACC, the members of the ACC, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be liable for any cost or damages incurred by any Owner or any other party whatsoever, due to any mistakes in judgment, negligence, or any action of Developer, Association, ACC or their members, officers, or directors, in connection with the approval or disapproval of plans and specifications. Each Owner agrees, individually and on behalf of its heirs, successors and assigns by acquiring title to a Home, that it shall not bring any action or suit against Developer, Association or their respective directors or officers, the ACC or the members of the ACC, or their respective agents, in order to recover any damages caused by the actions of Developer, Association, or ACC or their respective members, officers, or directors in connection with the provisions of this Section. Association does hereby indemnify, defend and hold Developer and the ACC, and each of their members, officers, and directors harmless from all costs, expenses, and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, of all nature resulting by virtue of the acts of the Owners, Association, ACC or their members, officers and directors. Developer, Association, its directors or officers, the ACC or its members, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be responsible for any defects in any plans or specifications or the failure of same to comply with applicable laws or code nor for any defects in any improvements constructed pursuant thereto. Each party submitting plans and specifications for approval shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and for the quality of construction performed pursuant thereto.

18.20 Governmental Approval. Each Builder and Owner acknowledges and agrees that ACC approval, as discussed herein, shall not be deemed to constitute an approval by any governmental authority, nor shall it relieve any Builder or Owner of the obligation to obtain necessary governmental approvals at such Builder or Owner's sole cost and expense. Additionally, in the event any governmental authority denies a Builder or Owner's application for a permit or otherwise in connection with planned alterations or improvements, such denial shall prohibit construction of such improvements (regardless of whether the ACC has previously approved the Builder or Owner's planned alterations or improvements by certificate or otherwise). Decisions of the ACC with respect to architectural control shall be based upon proposed improvements being consistent with the overall aesthetics and master plan of The Ranches at Cooper City and such decisions shall not be deemed a waiver of a Builder or Owner's obligation to comply with state and local codes and/or ordinances. In the event that any Builder or Owner, with or without ACC approval, constructs any improvements or makes any changes to his or her Home without the required governmental permits or approvals, such Builder or Owner shall be solely liable for all fines and/or citations imposed by any governmental authority and shall further bear all costs in connection with the removal, repair or reconstruction of improvements required by such governmental authority. In addition, to the extent a Builder or Owner fails to obtain governmental permits and/or approvals prior to constructing improvements which require the same, or if any governmental entity requires the repair, removal or reconstruction of any improvements, Association shall be permitted to cause such Builder or Owner to repair, remove or reconstruct any unapproved improvement at the Builder or Owner's sole and absolute cost, and in the event such Builder or Owner fails to remove the same within a reasonable time, Association may, but shall not be obligated to remove the improvement and charge all costs in connection with the same to the Builder or Owner as an Individual Assessment. Each Builder and Owner further agrees to remise, release, acquit, satisfy, and forever discharge Developer and Association of and from all, and all manner of, action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, bills, covenants, controversies, agreements, promises, damages (including consequential, incidental, punitive, special or other), judgments, executions, claims, liabilities and demands, whatsoever, at law and in equity (including, but not limited to, claims founded on tort, contract, contribution, indemnity or any other theory whatsoever) in any way related to any construction of any requested improvements due to any defects to the marketability, ability to obtain a loan, and/or insurability of a Home caused therefrom; any encroachment caused by requested improvements; and/or the repair, reconstruction or removal of the improvements as required by any governmental or court action.

19. Owners Liability.

19.1 Loop System Irrigation. Some or all Homes and Common Areas may receive irrigation pursuant to a loop system. If an Owner desires to make any alterations or improvements to a Home that in any way affect the loop irrigation system, then the Owner shall be responsible for taking measures to "cap off" the main line of the loop irrigation system that leads to the Home. In addition, the Owner shall be obligated to obtain the prior written approval of Association before taking any action that may adversely affect the loop irrigation system. Once the main line is "capped off," the Owner shall then be responsible for maintaining the irrigation system for his or her Home. Any damages to the Home resulting from an Owner's failure to comply with the terms set forth herein shall be the sole responsibility of such Owner and Developer shall not be liable for the same. Furthermore, each Owner understands that as provided in this Declaration, an Owner may be permitted to install, without limitation, a patio, and/or screened enclosure ("Improvement") on the Home upon the prior written approval of the ACC as set forth in this Declaration and/or the Community Standards. If an Improvement is approved to be installed, then a five (5) foot gate must also be installed. Before the ACC approves the installation of an Improvement, the irrigation system that will be within the Improvement portion of that Home must be re-routed, if necessary, by a professional irrigation company. In order for the ACC to approve the Improvement installation, a letter or other evidence by a professional irrigation company must be given to the ACC at least ten (10) days before the Improvement installation stating that the effectiveness of The Ranches at Cooper City drainage system will not be affected by the re-routing of the irrigation system. Should an Owner install the Improvement without providing the necessary letter or other evidence from a professional irrigation company in advance as required herein, then Association may conduct the necessary inspection, repair any necessary drainage facilities and charge the work as an Individual Assessment to such Owner, all as further provided in this Declaration and/or Community Standards.

19.2 Right to Cure. Should any Owner do any of the following:

19.2.1 Fail to perform its responsibilities as set forth herein or otherwise breach the provisions of the Declaration including, without limitation, any provision herein benefiting SFWMD; or

19.2.2 Cause any damage to any improvement or Common Areas; or

19.2.3 Impede Developer or Association from exercising its rights or performing its responsibilities hereunder; or

19.2.4 Undertake unauthorized improvements or modifications to a Home and/or the Common Areas; or

19.2.5 Impede Developer from proceeding with or completing the development of The Ranches at Cooper City.

Then Developer and/or Association, where applicable, after reasonable prior written notice, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to cure the breach, including, but not limited to, entering upon the Home causing the default to be remedied and/or the required repairs or maintenance to be performed, or as the case may be, removing unauthorized improvements or modifications. The cost thereof, plus reasonable overhead costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, incurred shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment.

19.3 Non-Monetary Defaults. In the event of a violation by any Owner, other than the nonpayment of any Assessment or other monies, of any of the provisions of this Declaration, Developer or Association shall notify the Owner of the violation, by written notice. If such violation is not cured as soon as practicable and in any event within seven (7) days after such written notice, the party entitled to enforce same may, at its option:

19.3.1 Commence an action to enforce the performance on the part of the Owner or to enjoin the violation or breach or for equitable relief as may be necessary under the circumstances, including injunctive relief; and/or

19.3.2 Commence an action to recover damages; and/or

19.3.3 Take any and all action reasonably necessary to correct the violation or breach.

19.4 Expenses. All expenses incurred in connection with the violation or breach, or the commencement of any action against any Owner, including reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, shall be assessed against the Owner, as an Individual Assessment, and shall be immediately due and payable without further notice.

19.5 No Waiver. The failure to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition in this Declaration, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.

19.6 Rights Cumulative. All rights, remedies, and privileges granted to Developer, Association and/or the ACC pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of this Declaration, or Community Standards, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall neither be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude any of them from pursuing such additional remedies, rights or privileges as may be granted or as it might have by law.

19.7 Enforcement By or Against Other Persons. In addition to the foregoing, this Declaration or Community Standards may be enforced by Developer and/or, where applicable, Owners and/or Association by any procedure at law or in equity against any person violating or attempting to violate any provision herein, to restrain such violation, to require compliance with the provisions contained herein, to recover damages, or to enforce any lien created herein. The expense of any litigation to enforce this Declaration or Community Standards shall be borne by the person against whom enforcement is sought, provided such proceeding results in a finding that such person was in violation of this Declaration or the Community Standards.

19.8 Fines. Association may suspend, for reasonable periods of time, the rights of an Owner or an Owner's tenants, guests and invitees, or both, or use the Common Areas and/or common services including, but not limited to, cable services, and/or other services which are paid through Common Expenses, and may levy reasonable fines, not to exceed the maximum amounts permitted by Section 720.305(2) of the Florida Statutes, against an Owner, tenant, guest or invitee, for failure to comply with any provision of this Declaration including, without limitation, those provisions benefiting SFWMD.

19.8.1 A fine may be levied on the basis of each day of a continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing. Fines in the aggregate are not capped to any amount.

19.8.2 Unless otherwise permitted by Florida law, fines or suspensions may not be imposed without notice of at least fourteen (14) days to the person sought to be fined or suspended and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three (3) persons (the "Violations Committee") appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors or employees of Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, sister of an officer, director or employee. If the Violations Committee does not by a majority vote approve a fine or suspension the same may not be imposed. The written notice of violation shall be in writing to the Owner, tenant, guest or invitee and detail the infraction or infractions. Included in the notice shall be the date and time of the hearing of the Violations Committee.

19.8.3 The non-compliance shall be presented to the Violations Committee acting as a tribunal, after which the Violations Committee shall hear reasons why a fine should not be imposed. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Violations Committee from time to time. A written decision of the Violations Committee shall be submitted to the Owner, tenant, guest or invitee, as applicable, by not later than twenty-one (21) days after the meeting of the Violations Committee. The Owner, tenant, guest or invitee shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses.

19.8.4 The Violations Committee may impose Individual Assessments against the Owner in the amount of \$100 (or any greater amount permitted by law from time to time) for each violation. Each day of non-compliance shall be treated as a separate violation and there is no cap on the aggregate amount the Violations Committee may fine an Owner, tenant, guest or invitee. Individual Assessment fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition of the Individual Assessment. All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board of Directors.

19.9 Right of Association to Evict Tenants, Occupants, Guests and Invitees. With respect to any tenant or any person present in any Home or any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City than an Owner and the members of his/her immediate family permanently residing with him/her in the Home, if such person shall violate any provision of the Association Documents or shall create a nuisance or an unreasonable and continuous source of annoyance to a resident of The Ranches at Cooper City in Association's sole discretion, or shall willfully damage or destroy any of the Common Areas or personal property of Association, then upon written notice by Association, such person shall be required to immediately leave The Ranches at Cooper City and if such person does not do so, Association shall be authorized to commence an action to evict such tenant or compel such person to leave The Ranches at Cooper City and, where necessary, to enjoin such person from returning. Any expense incurred by Association in connection with any such action including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, shall be charged by Association to the applicable Owner of such Home as an Individual Assessment.

20. Additional Rights of Developer.

20.1 Sales and Administrative Offices. Developer shall have the perpetual right to take such action reasonably necessary to transact any business necessary to consummate the development of The Ranches at Cooper City and sales and re-sales of Homes and/or other properties owned by Developer or others outside of The Ranches at Cooper City. This right shall include, but not be limited to, the right to maintain models, sales offices (including sales offices in model homes, the Common Areas and in the Cabana, as determined by Developer in its sole and absolute discretion) and parking associated therewith, have signs on any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City, including Common Areas, keep employees in the models and offices without the payment of rent or any other fee, maintain offices in models and use of the Common Areas to show Homes. Specifically, Developer may construct a sign on the Common Areas in order to advertise Homes within The Ranches at Cooper City and/or other communities or neighborhoods. The sales office and signs and all items pertaining to development and sales remain the property of Developer. Developer shall have all of the foregoing rights without charge or expense. The rights reserved hereunder shall extend beyond the Community Completion Date.

20.2 Modification. The development and marketing of The Ranches at Cooper City will continue as deemed appropriate in Developer's sole discretion, and nothing in this Declaration or Community Standards, or otherwise, shall be construed to limit or restrict such development and marketing. It may be necessary or convenient for the development of The Ranches at Cooper City to, as an example and not a limitation, amend a Plat and/or the Master Plan, modify the boundary lines of the Common Areas, grant easements, dedications, agreements, licenses, restrictions, reservations, covenants, rights-of-way, and to take such other actions which Developer, or its agents,

affiliates, or assignees may deem necessary or appropriate. Association and Owners shall, at the request of Developer, execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments which Developer deems necessary or convenient, in its sole discretion, to accomplish the same. Without limiting anything to the contrary in this Declaration, prior to and including the Turnover Date, all agreements and/or contracts which are entered into by Association shall require the prior written approval of Developer or may otherwise be voided by Developer in its sole and absolute discretion.

20.3 Promotional Events. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Developer and its successors and assigns shall have the right, at any time, to hold marketing, special and/or promotional events within The Ranches at Cooper City and/or on the Common Areas, without any charge for use. Developer, its agents, affiliates, or assignees shall have the right to market The Ranches at Cooper City and Homes in advertisements and other media by making reference to The Ranches at Cooper City, including, but not limited to, pictures or drawings of The Ranches at Cooper City, Common Areas, Parcels and Homes constructed in The Ranches at Cooper City. All logos, trademarks, and designs used in connection with The Ranches at Cooper City are the property of Developer, and Association shall have no right to use the same after the Community Completion Date except with the express written permission of Developer. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, Developer may assign its rights hereunder to each Builder.

20.4 Use by Prospective Purchasers. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Developer shall have the right, without charge, to use the Common Areas for the purpose of entertaining prospective purchasers of Homes, or other properties owned by Developer outside of The Ranches at Cooper City.

20.5 Franchises. Developer may grant franchises or concessions to commercial concerns on all or part of the Common Areas and shall be entitled to all income derived therefrom.

20.6 Management. Developer may manage the Common Areas by contract with Association. Developer may also contract with a third party ("Manager") for management of Association and the Common Areas. Each Owner acknowledges that Developer may receive lump sum or monthly compensation from any Manager in connection with the costs of services provided by such Manager. Such compensation may be paid on a per Home or other basis. All such compensation shall be the sole property of Developer, who shall have no duty to account for or disclose the amount of such compensation.

20.7 Easements. Until the Community Completion Date, Developer reserves the exclusive right to grant, in its sole discretion, easements, permits and/or licenses for ingress and egress, drainage, utilities service, maintenance, Telecommunications Services; and other purposes over, under, upon and across The Ranches at Cooper City so long as any such easements do not materially and adversely interfere with the intended use of Homes previously conveyed to Owners. By way of example, and not of limitation, Developer may be required to take certain action, or make additions or modifications to the Common Areas in connection with an environmental program. All easements necessary for such purposes are reserved in favor of Developer, in perpetuity, for such purposes. Without limiting the foregoing, Developer may relocate any easement affecting a Home, or grant new easements over a Home, after conveyance to an Owner, without the joinder or consent of such Owner, so long as the grant of easement or relocation of easement does not materially and adversely affect the Owner's use of the Home as a residence. As an illustration, Developer may grant an easement for Telecommunications Systems, irrigation, drainage lines or electrical lines over any portion of a Parcel so long as such easement is outside the footprint of the foundation of any residential improvement constructed on such Parcel. Developer shall have the sole right to any fees of any nature associated therewith, including, but not limited to, license or similar fees on account thereof. Association and Owners will, without charge, if requested by Developer: (a) join in the creation of such easements, etc. and cooperate in the operation thereof; and (b) collect and remit fees associated therewith, if any, to the appropriate party. Association will not grant any easements, permits or licenses to any other entity providing the same services as those granted by Developer, nor will it grant any such easement, permit or license prior to the Community Completion Date without the prior written consent of Developer which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

20.8 Right to Enforce. Developer has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards and to recover all costs relating thereto, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals. Such right shall include the right to perform the obligations of Association and to recover all costs incurred in doing so.

20.9 Additional Development. If Developer withdraws portions of The Ranches at Cooper City from the operation of this Declaration, Developer may, but is not required to, subject to governmental approvals, create other forms of residential property ownership or other improvements of any nature on the property not subjected to or withdrawn from the operation of this Declaration. Developer shall not be liable or responsible to any person or entity on account of its decision to do so or to provide, or fail to provide, the amenities and/or facilities which were originally planned to be included in such areas. If so designated by Developer, owners or tenants of such other forms of housing or improvements upon their creation, may share in the use of all or some of the Common Areas and other facilities and/or roadways which remain subject to this Declaration. The expense of the operation of such facilities shall be allocated to the various users thereof, if at all, as determined by Developer.

20.10 Representations. Developer makes no representations concerning development both within and outside the boundaries of The Ranches at Cooper City including, but not limited to, the number, design, boundaries, configuration and arrangements, prices of all Parcels or Homes and buildings in all other proposed forms of ownership and/or other improvements on The Ranches at Cooper City or in The Ranches at Cooper City or adjacent to or near The Ranches at Cooper City, including, but not limited to, the size, location, configuration, elevations,

design, building materials, height, view, airspace, number of homes, number of buildings, location of easements, parking and landscaped areas, services and amenities offered.

20.11 Telecommunications Services.

20.11.1 Right to Contract for Telecommunications Services. Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts for the provision of one or more Telecommunications Services for all or any part of The Ranches at Cooper City. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all contracts between a Telecommunications Provider and Association, shall be subject to the prior written approval of Developer. Developer and/or its nominees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and licensees may contract with Association and act as a Telecommunications Provider for one or more Telecommunications Services, subject only to the requirements of all applicable laws, statutes, and regulations. If Developer is not the Telecommunications Provider for any particular Telecommunications Service, Developer shall have the right to receive, on a perpetual basis, all or a portion of access fees and/or the revenues derived from such Telecommunications Service within The Ranches at Cooper City as agreed, from time to time, between the Telecommunications Provider and Developer.

20.11.2 Easements. Developer (i) reserves unto itself and its nominees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and licensees, and (ii) grants to each Telecommunications Provider that has entered into an agreement with Association respecting Telecommunications Services and/or Telecommunications Systems a perpetual right, privilege, easement and right-of-way across, over, under and upon The Ranches at Cooper City for the installation, construction and maintenance of Telecommunications Systems together with a perpetual right, privilege and easement of ingress and egress, access, over and upon The Ranches at Cooper City for installing, constructing, inspecting, maintaining, altering, moving, improving and replacing facilities and equipment constituting such Telecommunications Systems. If, and to the extent, Telecommunications Services provided by such Telecommunications Providers are to serve all of The Ranches at Cooper City, then the amounts payable to such Telecommunications Providers under their written agreements with Association shall be part of Operating Costs of Association and shall be assessed as a part of the Assessments.

20.11.3 Restoration. Upon the completion of any installation, upgrade, maintenance, repair, or removal of the Telecommunications Systems or any part thereof, each Telecommunications Provider shall restore the relevant portion of the Common Areas and/or any Home to as good a condition as that which existed prior to such installation, maintenance, repair or removal. Failure by Telecommunications Provider to commence such restoration within twenty (20) days after receiving written notice from Association of such failure or the Telecommunications Provider's failure to complete such restoration within ninety (90) days of commencement shall vest in Association the right (but not the obligation) to restore or cause to be restored such portion of the Common Areas and/or Home disturbed by such work, all at such Telecommunications Provider's sole cost and expense, except for in emergency situations whereby Association may restore or cause to be restored such disturbed portion of the Common Areas and/or Home immediately. In the event that Association exercises the right of self-help, each Telecommunications Provider agrees in advance that Association shall have the sole right to (i) select the contractors to perform such work and (ii) determine the extent of required restoration. This remedy of self-help is in addition to all other remedies of Association hereunder. All reasonable expenses incurred by Association in connection with such restoration shall be paid by Telecommunications Provider within twenty (20) days of completion of restoration and delivery to Telecommunications Provider of Association's invoice therefor. Any expenses not so paid when due shall bear interest from the due date at the lesser of (i) the publicly announced prime rate (or similar successor reference rate) of Wachovia National Bank or its successor on the date of such invoice, or (ii) the maximum rate of interest allowed by the law of the State of Florida for such obligations, or as provided in an agreement between Association and a Telecommunications Provider.

20.11.4 Operating Costs. Each Owner understands that the expense of any Telecommunications Service may not be charged on a bulk basis, but may be charged at the rate equal to any rate paid by individual home owners that are not subject to a homeowners association in County. Each Owner acknowledges that Developer may receive lump sum or monthly compensation from any Telecommunications Provider in connection with the supply of Telecommunications Services. Such compensation may be paid on a per Home or other basis. All such compensation shall be the sole property of Developer, who shall have no duty to account for or disclose the amount of such compensation.

20.12 Non-Liability. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS, THE ASSOCIATION, BUILDERS AND THE DEVELOPER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE HEALTH OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, LESSEES, LICENSEES, INVITEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH PERSONS. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:

20.12.1 IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENT OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS THAT THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THEREOF WHICH ARE ENFORCEABLE BY ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY AND THE VALUE THEREOF; AND

20.12.2 ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN AGENCY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND/OR COUNTY OR PREVENTS TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES; AND

20.12.3 THE PROVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH AND WELFARE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS CREATING A DUTY OF ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT OR FURTHER THE HEALTH OR WELFARE OF ANY PERSON(S), EVEN IF ASSESSMENT FUNDS ARE CHOSEN TO BE USED FOR ANY SUCH REASON.

EACH OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO A HOME) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING A USE OF, ANY PORTION OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH USE) SHALL BE BOUND BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST ASSOCIATION ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH ANY MATTER FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS).

20.13 Resolution of Disputes. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER AGREES THAT THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS ARE VERY COMPLEX; THEREFORE, ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION, OR CAUSE OF ACTION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, OR CROSS CLAIM, WHETHER IN CONTRACT AND/OR IN TORT (REGARDLESS IF THE TORT ACTION IS PRESENTLY RECOGNIZED OR NOT), BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, VERBAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT, VALIDATION, PROTECTION, ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR OMISSION OF ANY PARTY SHOULD BE HEARD IN A COURT PROCEEDING BY A JUDGE AND NOT A JURY IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE JUSTICE. DEVELOPER HEREBY SUGGESTS THAT EACH OWNER UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME.

20.14 Venue. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES REGARDLESS OF WHERE SUCH OWNER (i) EXECUTED A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, (ii) RESIDES, (iii) OBTAINS FINANCING OR (iv) CLOSED ON A HOME, THIS DECLARATION LEGALLY AND FACTUALLY WAS EXECUTED IN COUNTY. DEVELOPER HAS AN OFFICE IN COUNTY AND EACH HOME IS LOCATED IN COUNTY. ACCORDINGLY, AN IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION EXISTS THAT THE ONLY APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER AND DEVELOPER AGREE THAT THE VENUE FOR RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN COUNTY.

20.15 Reliance. BEFORE ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER HAS AN OBLIGATION TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THIS DECLARATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED SUCH AN OPINION OR HAS MADE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION NOT TO SEEK SUCH AN OPINION. DEVELOPER IS RELYING ON EACH OWNER CONFIRMING IN ADVANCE OF ACQUIRING A HOME THAT THIS DECLARATION IS VALID, FAIR AND ENFORCEABLE. SUCH RELIANCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO DEVELOPER. ACCORDINGLY, AN ESTOPPEL AND WAIVER EXISTS PROHIBITING EACH OWNER FROM TAKING THE POSITION THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS DECLARATION IS INVALID IN ANY RESPECT. AS A FURTHER MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR DEVELOPER TO SUBJECT THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY TO THIS DECLARATION, EACH OWNER DOES HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, ACQUIT, SATISFY AND FOREVER DISCHARGE DEVELOPER, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS AND ITS AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, COUNTERCLAIMS, DEFENSES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, CONTROVERSIES, AGREEMENTS, PROMISES AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY WHICH AN OWNER MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE, OR WHICH ANY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SUCCESSOR, HEIR OR ASSIGN OF OWNER HEREAFTER CAN, SHALL OR MAY HAVE AGAINST DEVELOPER, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, AND ITS AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS, FOR, UPON OR BY REASON OF ANY MATTER, CAUSE OR THING WHATSOEVER RESPECTING THIS DECLARATION, OR THE EXHIBITS HERETO. THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

20.16 Access Control System. Developer may, but is not obligated to, install access control at the entrance to The Ranches at Cooper City. Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contract for the installation of additional Access Control System facilities for The Ranches at Cooper City. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all contracts for Access Control Systems shall be subject to the prior written approval of Developer. ASSOCIATION AND DEVELOPER SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS CONTROL OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. Each and every Owner and the occupant of each Home acknowledges that Developer, Association, and their employees, agents, managers, directors, and officers, are not insurers of Owners or Homes, or the personal property located within Homes.

Developer and Association will not be responsible or liable for losses, injuries, or deaths resulting from any casualty or intrusion into a Home. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, prior to the Community Completion Date, Developer shall have the unilateral right to control the operation of the community gates, if any, and the same shall remain open during normal business hours or as otherwise determined in the sole and absolute discretion of Developer. To the extent that remote and call boxes are installed in connection with the Access Control System, if any, the Association shall be required to provide a remote access clicker to all emergency service providers including, but not limited to, the applicable fire and police departments.

21. Refund of Taxes and Other Charges. Unless otherwise provided herein, Association agrees that any taxes, fees or other charges paid by Developer to any governmental authority, utility company or any other entity which at a later date are refunded in whole or in part, shall be returned to Developer in the event such refund is received by Association.

22. Assignment of Powers. All or any part of the rights, exemptions and powers and reservations of Developer herein contained may be conveyed or assigned in whole or part to other persons or entities by an instrument in writing duly executed, acknowledged, and, at Developer's option, recorded in the Public Records.

23. Selling, Leasing and Mortgaging of Homes. In order to maintain complementary uses, congenial neighbors and to protect the value of Homes, the transfer of title to or possession of Homes by any Owner shall be subject to the following provisions so long as Association exists, which provisions each Owner covenants to observe:

23.1 Transfers Subject to Approval.

23.1.1 Sale. No Owner may dispose of a Home or any interest therein by sale without approval of Association.

23.1.2 Lease. No Owner may transfer possession of a Home or any interest therein by lease for any period without approval of Association. The renewal of any lease, including any lease previously approved by Association under this Section 23, shall be re-submitted for approval by Association. No Owner may transfer possession of a Home or any interest therein by lease for any period until such Owner is current in payment of all assessments due to Association under the terms of this Declaration, and Association shall have the right to withhold approval of any lease until such time as the Owner is current in payment of such Assessments.

23.1.3 Gift. If any Owner proposes to transfer a Home by gift, the proposed transfer shall be subject to the approval of Association.

23.2 Approval by Association. To obtain approval of Association which is required for the transfer of Homes, each Owner shall comply with the following requirements:

23.2.1 Notice to Association.

23.2.1.1 Sale. An Owner intending to make a bona fide sale of his or her Home, or any interest therein, shall give to Association a transfer fee (in an amount determined by the Board and permitted by Florida Statutes) and notice pursuant to a form approved by Association of such intentions, together with the name and address of the intended purchaser and such other information concerning the intended purchaser as Association may reasonably require. Such notice, at the Owner's option, may include a demand by the Owner that Association furnish a new purchaser if the proposed purchaser is not approved; and if such demand is made, the notice shall be accompanied by an executed copy of the proposed contract for sale.

23.2.1.2 Lease. An Owner intending to make a bona fide lease of his or her Home or any interest therein shall give to Association a transfer fee (in an amount determined by the Board and permitted by Florida Statutes) and notice pursuant to a form approved by Association of such intention, together with the name and address of the intended lessee, such other information concerning the intended lessee as Association may reasonably require, and an executed copy of the proposed lease, which lease shall provide that it is subject to approval by Association.

23.2.1.3 Gift. An Owner who proposes to transfer his or her title by gift shall give to Association a transfer fee (in an amount determined by the Board and permitted by Florida Statutes) and notice pursuant to a form approved by Association of the proposed transfer of his or her title, together with such information concerning the transferee as Association may reasonably require, and a copy of all instruments to be used in transferring title.

23.2.1.4 Failure to Give Notice. If the notice to Association herein required is not given, then at any time after receiving knowledge of a transaction or event transferring ownership or possession of a Home, Association at its discretion and without notice may approve or disapprove the lease, sale or transfer. If Association disapproves the transaction or ownership, Association shall proceed as if it had received the required notice on the date of such disapproval.

23.2.1.5 Effect and Manner of Notice. The giving of notice shall constitute a representation and warranty by the offeror to Association and any purchaser produced by the Board that the offering is a bona fide offer in all respects. The notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivered by professional courier or by hand-delivery to Association which shall give a receipt therefor.

23.2.2 Certificate of Approval.

23.2.2.1 Sale. If the proposed transaction is a sale, then, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice and information, Association must either approve or disapprove the proposed transaction. If approved, the approval shall be stated in a certificate executed by the proper officers of Association in recordable form and shall be delivered to the purchaser and may be recorded in the Public Records of County (the "Public Records").

23.2.2.2 Lease. If the proposed transaction is a lease then, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice and information, Association must either approve or disapprove the proposed transaction. If approved, the approval shall be stated in a certificate executed by the proper officers of Association and shall be delivered to the lessee.

23.2.2.3 Devise or Inheritance. Any person who has obtained a Home by devise or inheritance (except for the spouse, parents or children of the immediately previous Owner of such Home) shall give to Association notice thereof together with such information concerning the person(s) obtaining such Home as may be reasonably required by the Board and a certified copy of the instrument by which such Home was obtained. If such notice is not given to Association, then at any time after receiving knowledge thereof, the Board shall proceed in accordance with Section 26.2.4 as if it had been given such notice on the date of receipt of such knowledge. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice and information, Association must either approve or disapprove the proposed transfer. If approved, the approval shall be stated in a certificate executed by the proper officers of Association in recordable form and shall be delivered to the person receiving title by devise or inheritance.

23.2.2.4 Gift. If the Owner giving notice proposes to transfer his or her title by gift, then, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice and information, Association must either approve or disapprove the proposed transfer of title to the Home. If approved, the approval shall be upon such terms and conditions as Association may reasonably require, and the approval shall be stated in a certificate executed by the proper officers of Association in recordable form and shall be delivered to the Owner and shall be recorded in the Public Records.

23.2.3 Approval of Owner Other Than an Individual. Inasmuch as the Home may be used only for residential purposes, and a corporation, trust or other entity cannot occupy a Home for such use, if the Owner or purchaser of a Home is a corporation, trust or other entity, the approval of ownership by the corporation, trust or other entity shall be conditioned upon the primary occupant or the beneficial owners of the entity being approved by Association. Any change in such primary occupant or beneficial owners of the Home shall be deemed a change of ownership subject to Association approval pursuant to this Section.

23.3 Disapproval by Association. Although an Owner complies with the foregoing requirements, Association may disapprove of the transfer. If Association disapproves a transfer or ownership of a Home, the matter shall be disposed of in the following manner:

23.3.1 Sale. If the proposed transaction is a sale and if the notice of sale given by the Owner shall so demand, then, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice and information by Association, Association shall deliver by professional courier or hand-delivery, or mail by certified mail, to the Owner an agreement to purchase by Association, or a purchaser approved by Association who will purchase and to whom the Owner must sell the Home, upon the following terms:

23.3.1.1 The price to be paid by the purchaser, to be identified in the agreement, shall be that stated in the disapproved contract to sell.

23.3.1.2 The purchase price shall be paid by official check or federal wire.

23.3.1.3 The sale shall be closed within ninety (90) days after the delivery or mailing of the agreement to purchase to the Owner and shall be upon terms no less favorable than the terms of the disapproved contract.

23.3.1.4 If Association fails to provide a purchaser upon the demand of the Owner in the manner provided, or if a purchaser furnished by Association shall default in his or her agreement to purchase, the proposed transaction shall be deemed to have been approved and Association shall furnish a certificate of approval as provided in this Section 23.

23.3.2 Lease. In the event the Board disapproves of a transfer of possession of a Home by lease, then the Owner may not lease the Home to the intended lessee for whom the Owner sought approval.

23.3.3 Transfer by Gift, Devise or Inheritance. In the event the Board disapproves of such transfer of title by gift, devise or inheritance, the Board shall advise in writing within such thirty (30) day period, the person who has obtained such title of a purchaser approved by the Board to purchase the respective Home at its fair market value. The fair market value of the Home will be determined by any one of the following methods determined by the Board: (i) by three (3) M.A.I. appraisers, one of whom shall be selected by the Association's proposed purchaser, one by the person holding title, and one by the two (2) appraisers so selected; or (ii) by mutual agreement by the Association's proposed purchaser and the person holding title. All costs for such appraisal shall be paid by the Association's proposed purchaser. The purchase price shall be paid by federal wire or official check and the sale closed within thirty (30) days after the determination of the purchase price. Simultaneously upon notification to the person holding title that the Board has a purchaser for the respective Home, the person holding

title and such purchaser shall execute a contract providing for the acquisition of such Home in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. In the event the purchaser furnished by Association shall default in his or her obligation to purchase such Home, then the Board shall be required to approve the passage of title to the person then holding title thereof and shall issue and deliver a certificate of approval therefor.

23.4 Exceptions. The foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to a transfer or purchase by a Lender or other approved mortgagee which acquires its title as the result of owning a mortgage upon the Home concerned, and this shall be so whether the title is acquired by deed from the mortgagor or its successor in title or through foreclosure proceedings; nor shall such provisions apply to a transfer, sale or lease by a Lender or other approved mortgagee which so acquires its title. Neither shall such provisions require the approval of a purchaser who acquires the title to a Home at a duly advertised public sale with open bidding which is provided by law including, but not limited to, an execution sale, foreclosure sale, judicial sale or tax sale. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to Developer.

23.5 Unauthorized Transactions. Any sale, transfer mortgage or lease which is not authorized pursuant to the terms of this Declaration shall be void unless subsequently approved by Association.

23.6 Notice of Lien or Suit.

23.6.1 Notice of Lien. An Owner shall give notice to Association of every lien upon his or her Home other than for permitted mortgages, taxes and special assessments within five (5) days after the attaching of such lien.

23.6.2 Notice of Suit. An Owner shall give notice to Association of every suit or other proceeding which may affect the title to his or her Home; such notice is to be given within five (5) days after the Owner receives knowledge thereof.

23.6.3 Failure to Comply. Failure to comply with this Section will not affect the validity of any judicial sale.

24. General Provisions.

24.1 Authority of Board. Except when a vote of the membership of Association is specifically required, all decisions, duties, and obligations of Association hereunder may be made by the Board. Association and Owners shall be bound thereby.

24.2 Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

24.3 Execution of Documents. Developer's plan of development for the Property (including, without limitation, the creation of one (1) or more special taxing districts may necessitate from time to time the execution of certain documents as required by governmental agencies. To the extent that such documents require the joinder of Owners or Builders other than Developer, Developer, by its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent or the attorney-in-fact for the Builders and/or Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents (including, without limitation, any consents or other documents required by any governmental agencies in connection with the creation of any special taxing district); and the Builders and Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint Developer, through its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorneys-in-fact, for such purpose. Such appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Home or any other portion of The Ranches at Cooper City, to execute or otherwise join in any petition and/or other documents required in connection with the creation of any special taxing district relating to The Ranches at Cooper City or any portion(s) thereof.

24.4 Affirmative Obligation of Association. In the event that Association believes that Developer has failed in any respect to meet Developer's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of Developer's obligations under law or the Common Areas are defective in any respect, Association shall give written notice to Developer detailing the alleged failure or defect. Association agrees that once Association has given written notice to Developer pursuant to this Section, Association shall be obligated to permit Developer and its agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by Developer to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of Developer to repair or address, in Developer's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by Developer during its inspections of the Common Areas. Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage Developer. At this time, it is impossible to determine the actual damages Developer might suffer. Accordingly, if Association fails to comply with its obligations under this Section in any respect, Association shall pay to Developer liquidated damages in the amount of \$250,000.00 which Association and Developer agree is a fair and reasonable remedy.

24.5 Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any person, firm, or entity under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address at the time of such mailing.

24.6 Florida Statutes. Whenever this Declaration refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist on the date this Declaration is recorded except to the extent provided otherwise as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

24.7 Construction Activities. ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND USERS OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY ARE HEREBY PLACED ON NOTICE THAT (1) DEVELOPER AND/OR ITS AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES AND OTHER DESIGNEES AND/OR (2) ANY OTHER PARTIES WILL BE, FROM TIME TO TIME, CONDUCTING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, BLASTING, EXCAVATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE, LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR OTHER INTEREST, AND BY USING ANY PORTION OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY, EACH SUCH OWNER, OCCUPANT AND USER AUTOMATICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES, STIPULATES AND AGREES (i) THAT NONE OF THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES SHALL BE DEEMED NUISANCES OR NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES, HEREUNDER OR AT LAW GENERALLY, (ii) NOT TO ENTER UPON, OR ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN OR OTHER PERSONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL OR DIRECTION TO ENTER UPON (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ENTRY IS A TRESPASS OR OTHERWISE) ANY PROPERTY WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY WHERE SUCH ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED (EVEN IF NOT BEING ACTIVELY CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY, SUCH AS AT NIGHT OR OTHERWISE DURING NON-WORKING HOURS), (iii) DEVELOPER AND THE OTHER AFORESAID RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES (COMPENSATORY, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR OTHERWISE), INJURIES OR DEATHS ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM DEVELOPER'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, AND (iv) ANY PURCHASE OR USE OF ANY PORTION OF THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HAS BEEN AND WILL BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREGOING.

24.8 Title Documents. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home acknowledges that such Home is subject to certain land use and title documents and all amendments thereto which include among other items, unrecorded land use documents and all title documents of record affecting title to The Ranches at Cooper City (collectively, the "Title Documents").

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being Developer hereunder, has hereunto set its hand and seal this 10th day of November 2011.

WITNESSES:

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

Print Name: Kell A. Nelson

By: Craig Perry
Name: Craig Perry
Title: President

Print Name: Isabel A. Gutierrez

[SEAL]

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF Broward) SS.:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10th day of November 2011 by Craig Perry, as President of THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, who is personally known to me or who produced as identification, on behalf of the company.

My commission expires:

L. Diane Jordan
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large
Print Name: L. Diane Jordan



JOINDER

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Association") does hereby join in the Declaration for The Ranches at Cooper City (the "Declaration") to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. Association acknowledges that this Joinder is for convenience purposes only and does not apply to the effectiveness of the Declaration, as Association has no right to approve the Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Joinder on this 10th day of November, 2011.

WITNESSES:

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a Florida not-for-profit corporation

Print Name: Karl A. Nelson

By:

Name: Michael Metzkes
Title: President

Print Name: Jose A. Gutierrez

[SEAL]

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF Broward) SS.:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10th day of November, 2011 by Michael Metzkes, as President of THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, who is personally known to me or who produced as identification, on behalf of the corporation.

My commission expires:



L Diane Jordan
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large
Print Name L. Diane Jordan

EXHIBIT 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All of the Plat of ESTELA ESTATES, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 173, at Pages 34 and 35 of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

EXHIBIT 2

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Estela Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

The Ranches at Cooper City Homeowners' Association, Inc

The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent:

New Registered Office Address:

(Florida street address)

(City)

, Florida

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New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:
(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:
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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: January 12, 2011
(date of adoption is required)

Effective date if applicable: _____
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s) **(CHECK ONE)**

☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.

☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 1/12/11

Signature _____

(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator - if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Michael Metzkes

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

In order to form a corporation not-for-profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporate, by these Articles of Incorporation of **ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** (hereinafter the "Articles"), this corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with the powers set forth herein. The undersigned, for the above stated purposes, certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS**

1. All terms which are defined in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for **ESTELA ESTATES** (hereinafter the "Declaration") shall be used herein with the same meanings as defined in said Declaration.
2. "Association" as used herein shall mean **ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Florida corporation not-for-profit, the corporation formed by these Articles, its successors or assigns.
3. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.
4. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to **CENTERLINE HOMES ENTERPRISES FOUR, LLC**, and its successors or assigns, if any such successor or assign acquires the undeveloped portion of **ESTELA ESTATES** from the Declarant for the purpose of development and is designated in writing, as such, by Declarant.
5. "**ESTELA ESTATES**" or "Property" or "Properties" shall mean and refer to all properties which may, from time to time, be subject to the covenants and restrictions contained within the Declaration.
6. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any lot or other parcel shown upon the recorded plat of **ESTELA ESTATES** in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, on which a residential structure could be constructed, whether or not one has been constructed. The term "Lot" shall also mean and refer to any Lot designated as such by the Declarant within any Supplement to the Declaration executed and recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.
7. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to Membership as provided for in these Articles and the Declaration and "Membership" shall mean all of the Members.
8. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.
9. "Total Lots" shall mean and refer to the total number of Lots: (i) shown upon the recorded plat of **ESTELA ESTATES** in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida; and (ii) designated as such

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by the Declarant within any Supplement to the Declaration executed and recorded in the Public Records of County, Florida.

**ARTICLE II.
NAME AND INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of this Association shall be **ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The initial principal office of the Association is located at 825 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071, or at such other location from time to time as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

**ARTICLE III.
PURPOSE**

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit from the Members thereof, and the general nature, objects and purposes of the Association for which it is formed are as follows:

1. To provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon.
2. To perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration.
3. To administer the interests of the Association and the Owners; and, (d) promote the welfare of the Owners.
4. To promote the social welfare of the owners of Property within **ESTELA ESTATES**.
5. To maintain and/or repair landscaping in the general or common areas, structures, and other improvements in **ESTELA ESTATES** for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to the Association.
6. To control the specifications, architecture, design, appearance, elevation and location of and landscaping around all buildings and improvements of any type, including walls, fences, swimming pools, screened enclosures, glass enclosures, antennas, sewers, drains, disposal systems, or other structures constructed, placed or permitted to remain in **ESTELA ESTATES**, as well as any alteration, improvement, addition and/or change thereto, whether the same is owned by a Member or is considered to be a portion of the Common Area.
7. To operate without profit for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Association's Members. No portion of the Association's net earnings, if any, shall inure to the benefit of any Member of the Association or to any individual person, firm, or corporation.
8. To administer and enforce all of the terms and conditions of the Declaration recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County affecting the real property therein described or which thereafter may be made subject to the Declaration.

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11. To borrow money.
12. To contract for the management of the Association and to delegate to the party with whom such contract has been entered the powers and duties of the Association except those which require specific approval of the Board of Directors or Members.
13. To make, establish and enforce By-Laws and reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas or any portions thereof, as well as the conduct of Members, their families, visitors, guests, and lessees, and to provide for the operation and formal administration of the Association.
14. To enter into agreements with governmental entities.
15. To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association and to enforce all the terms and conditions as set forth in the Declaration, applicable to the Property and recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration, and all defined terms therein, being incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
16. In general, to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Florida, as set forth in Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes, which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles and the Declaration, necessary to implement the purposes of the Association.

**ARTICLE V.
MEMBERS**

1. The Declarant and all owners of Lots shall be Members of the Association.
2. The share of a Member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to a Lot.

**ARTICLE VI
VOTING AND ASSESSMENTS**

1. Subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which such Member holds the interest required for membership ("Voting Interest"). When one or more persons hold a Voting Interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members, and the Voting Interest for such Lot shall be exercised only by one Member, who shall be designated in a written instrument, executed by or on behalf of all record owners of such interest, filed with the Secretary of the Association. In no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Except where otherwise required under the provisions of these Articles, the By-Laws, the Declaration or by law, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Voting Interests represented at any meeting of the Members duly called and at which a quorum is present, shall be binding upon the Members.
2. Voting of the Members shall be in person or by proxy appointed by an instrument in writing subscribed by the Member designated to vote as provided in paragraph 1 above, or by written absentee ballot signed by a Member as duly designated to vote.

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9. To perform all of the functions contemplated for the Association and undertaken by the Board of Directors of the Association, in the Declaration.

**ARTICLE IV.
POWERS**

The Association shall have all powers set forth Sections 617 and 720, Florida Statutes, as well as the following powers and duties reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to:

1. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of its Members for the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
2. To promulgate, adopt and enforce rules, regulations, By-Laws, and agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association has been organized.
3. To delegate power or powers where such is deemed in the interest of the Association.
4. To purchase, lease, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of, real or personal property, except to the extent restricted hereby, to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation, association, or other entity; to do any and all acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all of the activities and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in these Articles and not prohibited by the laws of the State of Florida now in existence or hereafter amended.
5. To operate and maintain the Common Areas which may include but is not limited to, surface water management system facilities, including inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, floodplain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas and wetland mitigation areas.
6. To contract for services to provide for operation and maintenance of the surface water management system facilities if the Association contemplates employing a maintenance company.
7. To fix, collect and enforce assessments to be levied against the individual lots within ESTELA ESTATES to defray expenses and the cost of effectuating the objects and purposes of the Association, and to create reasonable reserves from time to time for such expenditures, and to authorize its Board of Directors, in its discretion, to enter into agreements with management companies and other organizations for the collection of such assessments.
8. To sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
9. To charge recipients for services rendered by the Association and any user for any use of Association property when such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Association.
10. To pay taxes, utility, maintenance, and other charges, if any, on or against the Common Areas and other properties which may be owned or accepted by the Association.

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3. The Association shall have the right to suspend any Member's right to vote (other than the right of the Declarant) for any period during which any assessment levied by the Association against such Member's Lot shall remain unpaid for more than ten (10) days after the due date for the payment thereof.

4. The Association shall obtain funds with which to operate by assessment of its Members in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the By-Laws and the Declaration.

5. The By-Laws of the Association shall provide for annual meetings of Members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of Members in addition to the annual meetings. The presence at any meeting of the Members of at least thirty percent (30%) of Members entitled to vote, in person or by proxy or by written absentee ballot, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The business affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Initial Board of Directors (the "Initial Board") composed of three (3) persons. The members of the Initial Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Declarant. Members other than the Declarant ("Purchaser Members") are entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors three (3) months after 90% of the Lots have been conveyed to Purchaser Members.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant is entitled to elect at least one (1) Director to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association as long as the Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Total Lots.

3. Following the time the Declarant relinquishes control of the Board of Directors of the Association, the Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant-owned Lots, in the same manner as any other Member, except for the purpose of reacquiring control of the Board of Directors of the Association or for the purpose of selecting the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

4. Elections shall be by plurality vote at a meeting at which a quorum of the Membership of the Association is voting in person or by proxy.

5. Until such time as the Purchaser Members shall be entitled to elect all of the Directors, the Declarant shall have the absolute right, in its sole and absolute discretion and at any time, to remove any Director selected by the Declarant and to replace the Director so discharged.

6. The Purchaser Members shall elect a majority of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions hereof, at a special meeting of the Membership to be called by the Board for such purpose (the "Majority Election Meeting").

7. Subsequent to the Majority Election Meeting, the Directors shall be elected by the members of the Association at each annual meeting of members and the Directors shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until their successors are elected and shall qualify.

8. The names and addresses of the members of the Initial Board who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are as follows:

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Michael Metzkes
825 Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

Robert Stiegele
825 Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

Jonathan Keith
825 Coral Ridge Drive
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9. If any of these original Directors shall resign, the remaining Directors shall elect a successor to fill the vacancy. If a Director elected by the Members shall for any reason cease to be a Director, the remaining Directors may elect a successor to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

10. A majority of the Directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The By-Laws shall provide for meetings of Directors, including annual meetings.

ARTICLE VIII **OFFICERS**

The Association shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers and agents as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem desirable consistent with the By-Laws of the Association, which officers shall be subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The officers of the Association, in accordance with any applicable provisions of the By-Laws, shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, for terms of one (1) year and until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office. The By-Laws may provide for the method of voting in the election, for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers. The President and all other officers may or may not be directors of the Association. If the office of President shall become vacant for any reason, or if the President shall be unable or unavailable to act, the Vice-President shall automatically succeed to office or perform its duties and exercise its powers. If any office other than that of the President shall become vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may elect or appoint an individual to fill such vacancy. The same person may hold two offices, provided, however, that the offices of President and Vice-President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the offices of President and Secretary be held by the same person. The names of the officers who are to serve as officers of the Association until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

President
Vice-President
Secretary/Treasurer

Michael Metzkes
Robert Stiegele
Jonathan Keith

ARTICLE IX **CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

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ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS.

The Board of Directors shall adopt By-Laws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Such By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by the Members in the manner set forth in the By-Laws. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the By-Laws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

ARTICLE XL
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

1. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Voting Interests; provided, however, that: (i) no amendment shall make any change in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights of the Members without the written approval or affirmative vote of all Members of the Association, (ii) these Articles shall not be amended in any manner without the prior written consent of the Declarant to such amendment, so long as the Declarant is the Owner of any Lot and (iii) these Articles shall not be amended in any manner which shall reduce, amend, affect, modify, or conflict with the terms, covenants, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.

2. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of Members, which may be either at an annual meeting or at a special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the By-Laws for the giving of notice of meetings of Members.

3. A copy of each amendment adopted shall be filed within ten (10) days of adoption with the Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida Statutes and the same shall be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

ARTICLE XII.
INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the incorporator are as follows:

Jeffrey Kronengold
825 Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

ARTICLE XIII
INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to indemnify current or former directors, officers, employees or agents of the Association and any persons serving, or who have served, at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another association, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida. The Association shall also have the power to purchase and maintain insurances on behalf of any

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person who is or was a director, officer, employee, agent or representative of the Association against any liability asserted against him in any such capacity.

2. The Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceedings:

A. Whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as Director or officer of the Association or in his capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

B. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a Director of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Association. Such person shall be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association unless, and only to the extent that, the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

3. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

4. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

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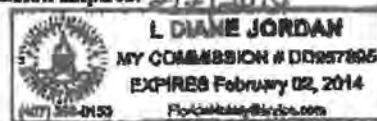
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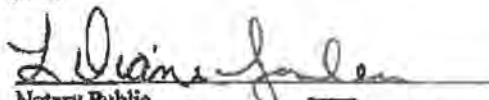

Jeffrey Kronengold

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The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 10th day of November, 2010, by Jeffrey Kronengold, who is personally known to me.

My Commission Expires: 2/2/2014

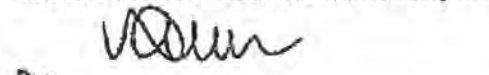



Notary Public
Print Name: L. Diane Jordan

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

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By: _____
Name: Karen S. Leopold
Title: President

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**BY-LAWS
OF
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1. **Name and Location.** The name of the corporation is The Ranches at Cooper City Homeowners' Association, Inc. ("**Association**"). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 825 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs Florida 33071, or at such other location determined by the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") from time to time.

2. **Definitions.** The definitions contained in the Declaration for The Ranches at Cooper City (the "**Declaration**") relating to the residential community known as The Ranches at Cooper City, recorded, or to be recorded, in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. In addition to the terms defined in the Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Annual Members Meeting" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.2 of these By-Laws.

"Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation for Association, as amended from time to time.

"By-Laws" shall mean these By-Laws, together with all amendments and modifications thereof.

"Declaration" shall mean the Declaration as modified from time to time.

"Developer" shall mean The Ranches at Cooper City, LLC and any of its designees, successors and assigns who receive a written assignment of all or some of the rights of Developer hereunder. Such assignment need not be recorded in the Public Records in order to be effective. In the event of such a partial assignment, the assignee shall not be deemed Developer, but may exercise such rights of Developer specifically assigned to it. Any such assignment may be made on a non-exclusive basis.

"Director" shall mean a director elected or appointed to the Board

"Member" shall mean a member of Association.

"Minutes" shall mean the minutes of all Member and Board meetings, which shall be in the form required by the Florida Statutes. In the absence of governing Florida Statutes, the Board shall determine the form of the minutes.

"Official Records" shall mean all records required to be maintained by Association pursuant to Section 720.303(4) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

"Special Members Meeting" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3 of these By-Laws.

"Turnover Date" shall have the meaning set forth in the Declaration.

"Voting Interests" shall mean the voting rights held by the members.

3. **Members.**

3.1 **Voting Interests.** Each Owner and Developer shall be a Member of Association. No person who holds an interest in a Home only as security for the performance of an obligation shall be a Member of Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Home. There shall be one vote appurtenant to each Home. For the purposes of determining who may exercise the Voting Interest associated with each Home, the following rules shall govern:

3.1.1 **Home Owned By Husband and Wife.** Either the husband or wife (but not both) may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to a Home. In the event the husband and wife cannot agree, neither may exercise the Voting Interest.

3.1.2 Trusts. In the event that any trust owns a home, Association shall have no obligation to review the trust agreement with respect to such trust. If the Home is owned by Robert Smith, as Trustee, Robert Smith shall be deemed the Owner of the Home for all Association purposes. If the Home is owned by Robert Smith as Trustee for the Laura Jones Trust, then Robert Smith shall be deemed the Member with respect to the Home for all Association purposes. If the Home is owned by the Laura Jones Trust, and the deed does not reference a trustee, then Laura Jones shall be deemed the Member with respect to the Home for all Association purposes. If the Home is owned by the Jones Family Trust, the Jones Family Trust may not exercise its Voting Interest unless it presents to Association, in the form of an attorney opinion letter or affidavit reasonably acceptable to Association, the identification of the person who should be treated as the Member with respect to the Home for all Association purposes. If Robert Smith and Laura Jones, as Trustees, hold title to a Home, either trustee may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home. In the event of a conflict between trustees, the Voting Interest for the Home in question cannot be exercised. In the event that any other form of trust ownership is presented to Association, the decision of the Board as to who may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to any Home shall be final. Association shall have no obligation to obtain an attorney opinion letter in making its decision, which may be made on any reasonable basis whatsoever.

3.1.3 Corporations. If a Home is owned by a corporation, the corporation shall designate a person, an officer, employee, or agent who shall be treated as the Member who can exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home.

3.1.4 Partnerships. If a Home is owned by a limited partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home. By way of example, if the general partner of a limited partnership is a corporation, then the provisions hereof governing corporations shall govern which person can act on behalf of the corporation as general partner of such limited partnership. If a Home is owned by a general partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home. In the event of a conflict among general partners entitled to exercise a Voting Interest, the Voting Interest for such Home cannot be exercised.

3.1.5 Multiple Individuals. If a Home is owned by more than one individual, any one of such individuals may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to such Home. In the event that there is a conflict among such individuals, the Voting Interest for such Home cannot be exercised.

3.1.6 Liability of Association. Association may act in reliance upon any writing or instrument or signature, whether original or facsimile, which Association, in good faith, believes to be genuine, may assume the validity and accuracy of any statement or assertion contained in such a writing or instrument, and may assume that any person purporting to give any writing, notice, advice or instruction in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so. So long as Association acts in good faith, Association shall have no liability or obligation with respect to the exercise of Voting Interests, and no election shall be invalidated (in the absence of fraud) on the basis that Association permitted or denied any person the right to exercise a Voting Interest. In addition, the Board may impose additional requirements respecting the exercise of Voting Interests (e.g., the execution of a Voting Certificate).

3.2 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the members (the "Annual Members Meeting") shall be held at least once each calendar year on a date, at a time, and at a place to be determined by the Board.

3.3 Special Meetings of the Members. Special meetings of the members (a "Special Members Meeting") may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or upon written request of ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests of the members. The business to be conducted at a Special Members Meeting shall be limited to the extent required by Florida Statutes.

3.4 Notice of Members Meetings. Written notice of each members meeting shall be given by, or at the direction of, any officer of the Board or any management company retained by Association. A copy of the notice shall be mailed to each Member entitled to vote, postage prepaid, not less than ten (10) days before the meeting (provided, however, in the case of an emergency, two (2) days' notice will be deemed sufficient). The notice shall be addressed to the

member's address last appearing on the books of Association. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a Special Members Meeting, the purpose of the meeting. Alternatively, and to the extent not prohibited by the Florida Statutes, the Board may adopt from time to time, other procedures for giving notice to the members of the Annual Members Meeting or a Special Members Meeting. By way of example, and not of limitation, such notice may be included in a newsletter sent to each Member of the Club.

3.5 Quorum of Members. Until and including the Turnover Date, a quorum shall be established by Developer's presence, in person or by proxy, at any meeting. After the Turnover Date, a quorum shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Interests, except as otherwise provided in the Articles, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event that technology permits members to participate in members meetings and vote on matters electronically, then the Board shall have authority, without the joinder of any other party, to revise this provision to establish appropriate quorum requirements.

3.6 Adjournment of Members Meetings. If, however, a quorum shall not be present at any members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned as provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a provision in the Florida Statutes, the members present shall have power to adjourn the meeting and reschedule it on another date.

3.7 Action of Members. Decisions that require a vote of the members must be made by a concurrence of a majority of the Voting Interests present in person or by proxy, represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been obtained unless provided otherwise in the Declaration, the Articles, or these By-Laws.

3.8 Proxies. At all meetings, members may vote their Voting Interests in person or by proxy. All proxies shall comply with the provisions of Section 720.306(6) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, be in writing, and be filed with the Secretary at, or prior to, the meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable prior to the meeting for which it is given.

4. Board of Directors.

4.1 Number. The affairs of Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of no less than three (3) persons and no more than nine (9) persons. Board members appointed by Developer need not be members of Association. Board members elected by the other members must be members of Association.

4.2 Term of Office. The election of Directors shall take place after Developer no longer has the authority to appoint the Board and shall take place on the Turnover Date. Directors shall be elected for a term ending upon the election of new Directors at the following Annual Members Meeting (except that the term of the Board appointed by the Developer shall extend until the date designated by Developer, or until the Turnover Date).

4.3 Removal. Any vacancy created by the resignation or removal of a Board member appointed by Developer may be replaced by Developer. Developer may replace or remove any Board member appointed by Developer in Developer's sole and absolute discretion. In the event of death or resignation of a Director elected by the members, the remaining Directors may fill such vacancy. Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of members holding a majority of the Voting Interests.

4.4 Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered as a Director to Association; provided, however, any Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred as a Director.

4.5 Action Taken Without a Meeting. Except to the extent prohibited by law, the Board shall have the right to take any action without a meeting by obtaining the written approval of the required number of Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of Directors.

4.6 Appointment and Election of Directors. Until the Turnover Date, the Developer shall have the unrestricted power to appoint all Directors of Association. From and after the Turnover Date, or such earlier date determined by Developer in its sole and absolute discretion,

the members shall elect all Directors of Association at or in conjunction with the Annual Members Meeting of the members.

4.7 Election. Election to the Board shall be by secret written ballot, unless unanimously waived by all members present. The persons receiving the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

5. Meeting of Directors.

5.1 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a schedule adopted by the Board from time to time. Meetings shall be held at such place and hour as may be fixed, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.

5.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President, or by any two (2) Directors. Each Director shall be given not less than two (2) days' notice except in the event of an emergency. Notice may be waived. Attendance shall be a waiver of notice. Telephone conference meetings are permitted.

5.3 Emergencies. In the event of an emergency involving immediate danger of injury or death to any person or damage to property, if a meeting of the Board cannot be immediately convened to determine a course of action, the President or, in his absence, any other officer or director, shall be authorized to take such action on behalf of Association as shall be reasonably required to appropriately respond to the emergency situation, including the expenditure of Association funds in the minimum amount as may be reasonably required under the circumstances. The authority of officers to act in accordance herewith shall remain in effect until the first to occur of the resolution of the emergency situation or a meeting of the Board convened to act in response thereto.

5.4 Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting, at which a quorum is present, or in writing in lieu thereof, shall be action of the Board.

5.5 Open Meetings. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all members.

5.6 Voting. Board members shall cast votes in the manner provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a statutory provision, the Board shall establish the manner in which votes shall be cast.

5.7 Notice of Board Meetings. Notices of meetings of the Board shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the Common Areas and/or in the Club at least 48 hours in advance, except in an event of an emergency. Alternatively, notice may be given to members in any other manner provided by Florida Statute. By way of example, and not of limitation, notice may be given in any Club newsletter distributed to the members. For the purposes of giving notice, the area for notices to be posted within the Club shall be deemed a conspicuous place. Notices of any meetings of the Board at which Assessments against Homes are to be established shall specifically contain a statement that Assessments shall be considered and a statement of the nature of such Assessments.

6. Powers and Duties of the Board.

6.1 Powers. The Board shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration and Articles, have the powers reasonably necessary to manage, operate, maintain and discharge the duties of Association, including, but not limited to, the power to cause Association to do the following:

6.1.1 General. Exercise all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to Association by law and in these By-Laws, the Articles, and the Declaration, including, without limitation, adopt budgets, levy Assessments, enter into contracts with Telecommunications Providers for Telecommunications Services, and by a majority vote of the Board, without the consent of any Owner or any other party, exercise the Association's option to acquire the Club.

6.1.2 Rules and Regulations. Adopt, publish, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of The Ranches at Cooper City by the members, tenants and their

guests and invitees, and to establish penalties and/or fines for the infraction thereof subject only to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, if any.

6.1.3 Enforcement. Suspend the right of use of the Common Areas (other than for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and for utilities) of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment or charge levied, or collected, by Association.

6.1.4 Declare Vacancies. Declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such Member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings.

6.1.5 Hire Employees. Employ, on behalf of Association, managers, independent contractors, or such other employees as it deems necessary, to prescribe their duties and delegate to such manager, contractor, etc., any or all of the duties and functions of Association and/or its officers.

6.1.6 Common Areas. Dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of, the Common Areas to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes as subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the declaration; and acquire, sell, operate, lease, manage and otherwise trade and deal with property, real and personal, including the Common Areas, as provided in the Declaration, and with any other matters involving Association or its Members, on behalf of Association or the discharge of its duties, as may be necessary or convenient for the operation and management of Association and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration.

6.1.7 Granting of Interest. Grant licenses, easements, permits, leases, or privileges to any individual or entity, which affect Common Areas and to alter, add to, relocate or improve the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration.

6.1.8 Financial Reports. Prepare all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes.

6.2 Vote. The Board shall exercise all powers so granted except where the Declaration, Articles or these By-Laws specifically require a vote of the members.

6.3 Limitations. Until the Turnover Date, Developer shall have and is hereby granted a right to disapprove or veto any such action, policy, or program proposed or authorized by Association, the Board, the ACC, any committee of Association, or the vote of the members. This right may be exercised by Developer at any time within ten (10) days following a meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. This right to disapprove may be used to veto proposed actions but shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of Association, the Board, the ACC or any committee of Association.

7. Obligations of Association. Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, and these By-Laws, shall discharge such duties as may be necessary in order to operate Association pursuant to the Declaration, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.1 Official Records. Maintain and make available all Official Records.

7.2 Supervision. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed.

7.3 Assessments and Fines. Fix and collect the amount of the Assessments and fines; take all necessary legal action; and pay, or cause to be paid, all obligations of Association or where Association has agreed to do so, of the members.

7.4 Enforcement. Enforce the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, these By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations.

8. Officers and Their Duties.

8.1 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

8.2 Election of Officers. Except as set forth below, the election of officers shall be by the Board and shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each Annual Members Meeting.

8.3 Term. The officers named in the Articles shall serve until their replacement by the Board. The officers of Association shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected unless such officer shall sooner resign, be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

8.4 Special Appointment. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

8.5 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

8.6 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the replaced officer.

8.7 Multiple Offices. The office of President and Vice-President shall not be held by the same person. All other offices may be held by the same person.

8.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

8.8.1 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of Association and Board, sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The President shall be a member of the Board.

8.8.2 Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

8.8.3 Secretary. The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the Minutes of all meetings and proceedings of Association and the Board; keep the corporate seal of Association and affix it on all papers required to be sealed; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of Association; keep appropriate current records showing the names of the members of Association together with their addresses; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

8.8.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall cause to be received and deposited in appropriate bank accounts all monies of Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by the Board; sign, or cause to be signed, all checks, and promissory notes of Association; cause to be kept proper books of account and accounting records required pursuant to the provisions of Section 720.303 of the Florida Statutes cause to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

9. Committees.

9.1 General. The Board may appoint such committees as deemed appropriate. The Board may fill any vacancies on all committees.

9.2 ACC. Developer shall have the sole right to appoint the members of the ACC until the Turnover Date. Upon expiration of the right of Developer to appoint members of the ACC, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC. As provided under the Declaration, Association shall have the authority and standing to seek enforcement in courts of competent jurisdiction any decisions of the ACC.

10. Records. The official records of Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of Association. Copies may be purchased, by a Member, at a reasonable cost.

11. Corporate Seal. Association shall have an impression seal in circular form.

12. Amendments.

12.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these By-Laws shall affect the rights of Developer or Club Owner unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer or Club Owner which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these By-Laws, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

12.2 Amendments Prior to and Including the Turnover Date. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend these By-Laws as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Developer's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event that Association shall desire to amend these By-Laws prior to and including the Turnover Date, Association must first obtain Developer's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Developer may be adopted by Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments after the Turnover Date. Thereafter, Developer shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.

12.3 Amendments After the Turnover Date. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these By-Laws may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of Association at which there is a quorum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these By-Laws may be amended after the Turnover Date by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board acting alone to change the number of directors on the Board. Such change shall not require the approval of the members. Any change in the number of directors shall not take effect until the next Annual Members Meeting.

13. Conflict. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

14. Fiscal Year. The first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation and end on December 31 of that year. Thereafter, the fiscal year of Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year.

15. Miscellaneous.

15.1 Florida Statutes. Whenever these By-Laws refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist on the date these By-Laws are recorded except to the extent provided otherwise as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

15.2 Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions of these By-Laws by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of these By-Laws shall remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT 4

PERMIT



Form #0041
08-95

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE
STANDARD GENERAL PERMIT NO. 06-03498-P
DATE ISSUED: March 12, 2002**

PERMITTEE: TROPICANA II INVESTMENT, INC.
100060 SW 134TH ST.
MIAMI, FL 33176

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Authorization for the construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve 11.0 acres of a residential development known as Estela Estates located in Broward County.

PROJECT LOCATION: BROWARD COUNTY, SEC 31 TWP 50S RGE 41E

PERMIT DURATION: See Special Condition No. 1. See attached Rule 40E-4.321, Florida Administrative Code.

This is to notify you of the District's agency action concerning Notice of Intent for Permit Application No. 011004-2, dated October 4, 2001. This action is taken pursuant to Rule 40E-1.009 and Chapter 40C-40, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Based on the information provided, District rules have been adhered to and an Environmental Resource General Permit is in effect for this project subject to:

1. Not receiving a filed request for a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.
2. the attached 19 General Conditions (See Pages: 2-4 of 5),
3. the attached 12 Special Conditions (See Pages: 5-11 of 5) and
4. the attached 4 Exhibit(s).

Should you object to these conditions, please refer to the attached "Notice of Rights" which addresses the procedures to be followed if you desire a public hearing or other review of the proposed agency action. Please contact this office if you have any questions concerning this matter. If we do not hear from you in accordance with the "Notice of Rights," we will assume that you concur with the District's action.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a "Notice of Rights" has been mailed to the Permittee (and the persons listed in the attached distribution list) no later than 5:00 p.m. on this 12th day of March, 2002, in accordance with Section 120.80(3), Florida Statutes.

BY: 

Anthony M. Waterhouse, P.E.
Director - Surface Water Management
Palm Beach Service Center

Certified mail number 7000 0600 0025 9425 5681

Handwritten: 5/10/02

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1. All activities authorized by this permit shall be implemented as set forth in the plans, specifications and performance criteria as approved by this permit. Any deviation from the permitted activity and the conditions for undertaking that activity shall constitute a violation of this permit and Part IV, Chapter 373, F.S.
2. This permit or a copy thereof, complete with all conditions, attachments, exhibits, and modifications shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity. The complete permit shall be available for review at the work site upon request by District staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to commencement of the activity authorized by this permit.
3. Activities approved by this permit shall be conducted in a manner which does not cause violations of State water quality standards. The permittee shall implement best management practices for erosion and pollution control to prevent violation of State water quality standards. Temporary erosion control shall be implemented prior to and during construction, and permanent control measures shall be completed within 7 days of any construction activity. Turbidity barriers shall be installed and maintained at all locations where the possibility of transferring suspended solids into the receiving waterbody exists due to the permitted work. Turbidity barriers shall remain in place at all locations until construction is completed and soils are stabilized and vegetation has been established. All practices shall be in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in Chapter 6 of the Florida Land Development Manual; A Guide to Sound Land and Water Management (Department of Environmental Regulation, 1988), incorporated by reference in Rule 40E-4.081, F.A.C. unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved as part of the permit. Thereafter the permittee shall be responsible for the removal of the barriers. The permittee shall correct any erosion or shoaling that causes adverse impacts to the water resources.
4. The permittee shall notify the District of the anticipated construction start date within 30 days of the date that this permit is issued. At least 48 hours prior to commencement of activity authorized by this permit, the permittee shall submit to the District an Environmental Resource Permit Construction Commencement Notice Form Number 0960 indicating the actual start date and the expected construction completion date.
5. When the duration of construction will exceed one year, the permittee shall submit construction status reports to the District on an annual basis utilizing an annual status report form. Status report forms shall be submitted the following June of each year.
6. Within 30 days after completion of construction of the permitted activity, the permittee shall submit a written statement of completion and certification by a registered professional engineer or other appropriate individual as authorized by law, utilizing the supplied Environmental Resource Permit Construction Completion/Certification Form Number 0881. The statement of completion and certification shall be based on onsite observation of construction or review of as-built drawings for the purpose of determining if the work was completed in compliance with permitted plans and specifications. This submittal shall serve to notify the District that the system is ready for inspection. Additionally, if deviation from the approved drawings is discovered during the certification process, the certification must be accompanied by a copy of the approved permit drawings with deviations noted. Both the original and revised specifications must be clearly shown. The plans must be clearly labeled as "As-built" or "Record" drawing. All surveyed dimensions and elevations shall be certified by a registered surveyor.
7. The operation phase of this permit shall not become effective until the permittee has complied with the requirements of condition (6) above, and submitted a request for conversion of Environmental Resource Permit from Construction Phase to Operation Phase, Form No. 0920; the District determines the system to be in compliance with the permitted plans and specifications; and the entity approved by the District in accordance with Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District, accepts responsibility for operation and maintenance of the system. The permit shall not be transferred to such approved operation and maintenance entity until the operation phase of the permit becomes effective. Following inspection and approval of the permitted system by the District, the permittee shall initiate transfer of the permit to the

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approved responsible operating entity if different from the permittee. Until the permit is transferred pursuant to Section 40E-1.6107, F.A.C., the permittee shall be liable for compliance with the terms of the permit.

8. Each phase or independent portion of the permitted system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to the initiation of the permitted use of the infrastructure located within the area served by that portion or phase of the system. Each phase or independent portion of the system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the phase or portion of the system to a local government or other responsible entity.
9. For those systems that will be operated or maintained by an entity that will require an easement or deed restriction in order to enable that entity to operate or maintain the system in conformance with this permit, such easement or deed restriction must be recorded in the public records and submitted to the District along with any other final operation and maintenance documents required by Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit applications within the South Florida Water Management District, prior to lot or units sales or prior to the completion of the system, whichever comes first. Other documents concerning the establishment and authority of the operating entity must be filed with the Secretary of State, county or municipal entities. Final operation and maintenance documents must be received by the District when maintenance and operation of the system is accepted by the local government entity. Failure to submit the appropriate final documents will result in the permittee remaining liable for carrying out maintenance and operation of the permitted system and any other permit conditions.
10. Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the permitted system, the permittee shall notify the District in writing of the changes prior to implementation so that a determination can be made whether a permit modification is required.
11. This permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special district authorizations prior to the start of any activity approved by this permit. This permit does not convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the permit and Chapter 40E-4 or Chapter 40E-40, F.A.C..
12. The permittee is hereby advised that Section 253.77, F.S. states that a person may not commence any excavation, construction, or other activity involving the use of sovereign or other lands of the State, the title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund without obtaining the required lease, license, easement, or other form of consent authorizing the proposed use. Therefore, the permittee is responsible for obtaining any necessary authorizations from the Board of Trustees prior to commencing activity on sovereign lands or other state-owned lands.
13. The permittee must obtain a Water Use permit prior to construction dewatering, unless the work qualifies for a general permit pursuant to Subsection 40E-20.302(4), F.A.C., also known as the "No Notice" Rule.
14. The permittee shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any system authorized by the permit.
15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding, unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Section 373.421(2), F.S., provides otherwise.
16. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, conveyance, or other transfer of ownership or control of a permitted system or the real property on which the permitted system is located. All transfers of ownership or transfers of a permit are subject to the requirements of Rules 40E-1.6105 and

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40E-1.6107, F.A.C.. The permittee transferring the permit shall remain liable for corrective actions that may be required as a result of any violations prior to the sale, conveyance or other transfer of the system.

17. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, District authorized staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the system to insure conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the permit.
18. If historical or archaeological artifacts are discovered at any time on the project site, the permittee shall immediately notify the appropriate District service center.
19. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.

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1. The construction phase of this permit shall expire on March 12, 2007.
2. Operation of the surface water management system shall be the responsibility of ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. The permittee shall submit a copy of the recorded deed restrictions (or declaration of condominium, if applicable), a copy of the filed articles of incorporation, and a copy of the certificate of incorporation for the association concurrent with the engineering certification of construction completion.
3. Discharge Facilities:

1-2' WIDE SHARP CRESTED weir with crest at elev. 7.53' NGVD.
1-3" dia. CIRCULAR ORIFICE with invert at elev. 4' NGVD.

Receiving body : Central Broward Water Control District Canal

Control elev : 4 feet NGVD. /4 FEET NGVD DRY SEASON.
4. The permittee shall be responsible for the correction of any erosion, shoaling or water quality problems that result from the construction or operation of the surface water management system.
5. Measures shall be taken during construction to insure that sedimentation and/or turbidity problems are not created in the receiving water.
6. The District reserves the right to require that additional water quality treatment methods be incorporated into the drainage system if such measures are shown to be necessary.
7. Facilities other than those stated herein shall not be constructed without an approved modification of this permit.
8. A stable, permanent and accessible elevation reference shall be established on or within one hundred (100) feet of all permitted discharge structures no later than the submission of the certification report. The location of the elevation reference must be noted on or with the certification report.
9. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all of the components of the surface water management system in order to remove all trapped sediments/debris. All materials shall be properly disposed of as required by law. Failure to properly maintain the system may result in adverse flooding conditions.
10. Minimum building floor elevation: BASIN: SITE - 9.50 feet NGVD.
11. Minimum road crown elevation: Basin: SITE - 7.25 feet NGVD.
12. Silt screens, hay bales, turbidity screens/barriers or other such sediment control measures shall be utilized during construction. The selected sediment control measures shall be installed prior to the commencement of construction in or adjacent to other surface waters in accordance with Exhibit No. 2 and shall remain in place until all adjacent construction is completed. All areas shall be stabilized and vegetated immediately after construction to prevent erosion into the wetlands and upland buffer zones.

40E-4.321 Duration of Permits

(1) Unless revoked or otherwise modified the duration of an environmental resource permit issued under this chapter or Chapter 40E-40, F.A.C. is as follows:

(a) For a conceptual approval, two years from the date of issuance or the date specified as a condition of the permit, unless within that period an application for an individual or standard general permit is filed for any portion of the project. If an application for an environmental resource permit is filed, then the conceptual approval remains valid until final action is taken on the environmental resource permit application. If the application is granted, then the conceptual approval is valid for an additional two years from the date of issuance of the permit. Conceptual approvals which have no individual or standard general environmental resource permit applications filed for a period of two years shall expire automatically at the end of the two year period.

(b) For a conceptual approval filed concurrently with a development of regional impact (DRI) application for development approval (ADA) and a local government comprehensive plan amendment, the duration of the conceptual approval shall be two years from whichever one of the following occurs at the latest date:

1. the effective date of the local government's comprehensive plan amendment.
2. the effective date of the local government development order.
3. the date on which the District issues the conceptual approval, or
4. the latest date of the resolution of any Chapter 120.57, F.A.C., administrative proceeding or other legal appeals.

(c) For an individual or standard general environmental resource permit, five years from the date of issuance or such amount of time as made a condition of the permit.

(d) For a noticed general permit issued pursuant to Chapter 40E-400, F.A.C., five years from the date the notice of intent to use the permit is provided to the District.

(2)(a) Unless prescribed by special permit condition, permits expire automatically according to the timeframes indicated in this rule. If application for extension is made in writing pursuant to subsection (3), the permit shall remain in full force and effect until:

1. the Governing Board takes action on an application for extension of an individual permit, or

2. staff takes action on an application for extension of a standard general permit.

(b) Installation of the project outfall structure shall not constitute a vesting of the permit.

(3) The permit extension shall be issued provided that a permittee files a written request with the District showing good cause prior to the expiration of the permit. For the purpose of this rule, good cause shall mean a set of extenuating circumstances outside of the control of the permittee. Requests for extensions, which shall include documentation of the extenuating circumstances and how they have delayed this project, will not be accepted more than 180 days prior to the expiration date.

(4) Substantial modifications to Conceptual Approvals will extend the duration of the Conceptual Approval for two years from the date of issuance of the modification. For the purposes of this section, the term "substantial modification" shall mean a modification which is reasonably expected to lead to substantially different water resource or environmental impacts which require a detailed review.

(5) Substantial modifications to individual or standard general environmental resource permits issued pursuant to a permit application extend the duration of the permit for three years from the date of issuance of the modification. Individual or standard general environmental resource permit modifications do not extend the duration of a conceptual approval.

(6) Permit modifications issued pursuant to subsection 40E-4.331(2)(b), F.A.C. (letter modifications) do not extend the duration of a permit.

(7) Failure to complete construction or alteration of the surface water management system and obtain operation phase approval from the District within the permit duration shall require a new permit authorization in order to continue construction unless a permit extension is granted.

Specific authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.413, 373.416, 373.419, 373.425 F.S. History—New 9-3-81, Amended 1-31-82, 12-1-83, Formerly 18E-4.07(4), Amended 7-1-88, 4/20/94, Amended 7-1-83, 4/20/94, 10-3-96

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Section 120.569(1), Fla. Stat. (1989), requires that "each notice shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing or judicial review that is available under this section, s. 120.57, or s. 120.68; shall indicate the procedure which must be followed to obtain the hearing or judicial review, and shall state the time limits which apply." Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

Petition for Administrative Proceedings

1. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action. The affected person may request either a formal or an informal hearing, as set forth below. A point of entry into administrative proceedings is governed by Rules 28-106.111 and 40E-1.511, Fla. Admin. Code, (also published as an exception to the Uniform Rules of Procedure as Rule 40E-0.109), as set forth below. Petitions are deemed filed upon receipt of the original documents by the SFWMD Clerk.

a. Formal Administrative Hearing: If a genuine issue(s) of material fact is in dispute, the affected person seeking a formal hearing on a SFWMD decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Fla. Stat. or for mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. within 21 days, except as provided in subsections c. and d. below, of either written notice through mail or posting or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Petitions must substantially comply with the requirements of Rule 28-106.201(2), Fla. Admin. Code, a copy of the which is attached to this Notice of Rights.

b. Informal Administrative Hearing: If there are no issues of material fact in dispute, the affected person seeking an informal hearing on a SFWMD decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Fla. Stat. or for mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. within 21 days, except as provided in subsections c. and d. below, of either written notice through mail or posting or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Petitions must substantially comply with the requirements of Rule 28-106.301(2), Fla. Admin. Code, a copy of the which is attached to this Notice of Rights.

c. Administrative Complaint and Order: If a Respondent objects to a SFWMD Administrative Complaint and Order, pursuant to Section 373.119, Fla. Stat. (1997), the person named in the Administrative Complaint and Order may file a petition for a hearing no later than 14 days after the date such order is served. Petitions must substantially comply with the requirements of either subsection a. or b. above.

d. State Lands Environmental Resource Permit: Pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat., and Rule 40E-1.511(3), Fla. Admin. Code (also published as an exception to the Uniform Rules of Procedure as Rule 40E-0.109(2)(c)), a petition objecting to the SFWMD's agency action regarding consolidated applications for Environmental Resource Permits and Use of Sovereign Submerged Lands (SLERPs), must be filed within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny the SLERP. Petitions must substantially comply with the requirements of either subsection a. or b. above.

e. Emergency Authorization and Order: A person whose substantial interests are affected by a SFWMD Emergency Authorization and Order, has a right to file a petition under Sections 120.569, 120.57(1), and 120.57(2), Fla. Stat., as provided in subsections a. and b. above. However, the person, or the agent of the person responsible for causing or contributing to the emergency conditions shall take whatever action necessary to cause immediate compliance with the terms of the Emergency Authorization and Order.

f. Order for Emergency Action: A person whose substantial interests are affected by a SFWMD Order for Emergency Action has a right to file a petition pursuant to Rules 28-107.005 and 40E-1.611, Fla. Admin. Code, copies of which are attached to this Notice of Rights, and Section 373.119(3), Fla. Stat., for a hearing on the Order. Any subsequent agency action or proposed agency action to initiate a formal revocation proceeding shall be separately noticed pursuant to section g. below.

g. Permit Suspension, Revocation, Annulment, and Withdrawal: If the SFWMD issues an administrative complaint to suspend, revoke, annul, or withdraw a permit, the permittee may request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat., within 21 days of either written notice through mail or posting or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Petitions must substantially comply with the requirements of Rule 28-107.004(3), Fla. Admin. Code, a copy of the which is attached to this Notice of Rights.

2. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the SFWMD's final action may be different from the position taken by it previously. Persons whose substantial interests may be affected by

any such final decision of the SFWMD shall have, pursuant to Rule 40E-1.511(2), Fla. Admin. Code (also published as an exception to the Uniform Rules of Procedure as Rule 40E-2.109(2)(c)), an additional 21 days from the date of receipt of notice of said decision to request an administrative hearing. However, the scope of the administrative hearing shall be limited to the substantial deviation.

3. Pursuant to Rule 40E-1.511(4), Fla. Admin. Code, substantially affected persons entitled to a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Fla. Stat., may waive their right to such a hearing and request an informal hearing before the Governing Board pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Fla. Stat., which may be granted at the option of the Governing Board.

4. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(3), Fla. Admin. Code, persons may file with the SFWMD a request for extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD, for good cause shown, may grant the extension. The request for extension must contain a certificate that the petitioner has consulted with all other parties, if any, concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and all other parties agree to the extension.

CIRCUIT COURT

5. Pursuant to Section 373.617, Fla. Stat., any substantially affected person who claims that final agency action of the SFWMD relating to permit decisions constitutes an unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation may seek judicial review of the action in circuit court by filing a civil action in the circuit court in the judicial circuit in which the affected property is located within 90 days of the rendering of the SFWMD's final agency action.

6. Pursuant to Section 403.412, Fla. Stat., any citizen of Florida may bring an action for injunctive relief against the SFWMD to compel the SFWMD to enforce the laws of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat., and Title 40E, Fla. Admin. Code. The complaining party must file with the SFWMD Clerk a verified complaint setting forth the facts upon which the complaint is based and the manner in which the complaining party is affected. If the SFWMD does not take appropriate action on the complaint within 30 days of receipt, the complaining party may then file a civil suit for injunctive relief in the 15th Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County or circuit court in the county where the cause of action allegedly occurred.

7. Pursuant to Section 373.433, Fla. Stat., a private citizen of Florida may file suit in circuit court to require the abatement of any stormwater management system, dam, impoundment, reservoir, appurtenant work or works that violate the provisions of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

8. Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.

LAND AND WATER ADJUDICATORY COMMISSION

9. A party to a "proceeding below" may seek review by the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission (FLAWAC) of SFWMD's final agency action to determine if such action is consistent with the provisions and purposes of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat. Pursuant to Section 373.114, Fla. Stat., and Rules 42-2.013 and 42-2.0132, Fla. Admin. Code, a request for review of (a) an order or rule of the SFWMD must be filed with FLAWAC within 20 days after rendition of the order or adoption of the rule sought to be reviewed; (b) an order of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requiring amendment or repeal of a SFWMD rule must be filed with FLAWAC within 30 days of rendition of the DEP's order, and (c) a SFWMD order entered pursuant to a formal administrative hearing under Section 120.57(1), Fla. Stat., must be filed no later than 20 days after rendition of the SFWMD's final order. Simultaneous with filing, a copy of the request for review must be served on the DEP Secretary, any person named in the SFWMD or DEP final order, and all parties to the proceeding below. A copy of Rule 42-2.013, Fla. Admin. Code is attached to this Notice of Rights.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

10. A property owner who alleges a specific action of the SFWMD has inordinately burdened an existing use of the real property, or a vested right to a specific use of the real property, may file a claim in the circuit court where the real property is located within 1 year of the SFWMD action pursuant to the procedures set forth in Subsection 70.001(4)(a), Fla. Stat.

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11. A property owner who alleges that a SFWMD development order (as that term is defined in Section 70.51(2)(a), Fla. Stat. to include permits) or SFWMD enforcement action is unreasonable, or unfairly burdens the use of the real property, may file a request for relief with the SFWMD within 30 days of receipt of the SFWMD's order or notice of agency action pursuant to the procedures set forth in Subsections 70.51(4) and (5), Fla. Stat.

MEDIATION

12. A person whose substantial interests are, or may be, affected by the SFWMD's action may choose mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(2), Fla. Admin. Code, the petition for mediation shall be filed within 21 days of either written notice through mail or posting or

publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Choosing mediation will not affect the right to an administrative hearing if mediation does not result in settlement.

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.402, Fla. Admin. Code, the contents of the petition for mediation shall contain the following information:

(1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting mediation and that person's representative, if any;

(2) a statement of the preliminary agency action;

(3) an explanation of how the person's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; and

(4) a statement of relief sought.

As provided in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. (1997), the timely agreement of all the parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat., for requesting and holding an administrative hearing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within 60 days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the dispute, the SFWMD must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons whose substantial interest will be affected by such a modified agency decision have a right to petition for hearing within 21 days of receipt of the final order in accordance with the requirements of Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat., and SFWMD Rule 28-106.201 (2), Fla. Admin. Code. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the SFWMD shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing process under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat., remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action.

VARIANCES AND WAIVERS

13. A person who is subject to regulation pursuant to a SFWMD rule and believes the application of that rule will create a substantial hardship or will violate principles of fairness (as those terms are defined in Subsection 120.542(2), Fla. Stat.) and can demonstrate that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means, may file a petition with the SFWMD Clerk requesting a variance from or waiver of the SFWMD rule. Applying for a variance or waiver does not substitute or extend the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing or exercising any other right that a person may have concerning the SFWMD's action. Pursuant to Rule 28-104.002(2), Fla. Admin. Code, the petition must include the following information:

(a) the caption shall read:

Petition for (Variance from) or (Waiver of) Rule (Citation)

(b) The name, address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner;

(c) The name, address telephone number and any facsimile number of the attorney or qualified representative of the petitioner, (if any);

(d) the applicable rule or portion of the rule;

(e) the citation to the statute the rule is implementing;

(f) the type of action requested;

(g) the specific facts that demonstrate a substantial hardship or violation of principles of fairness that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner;

(h) the reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute; and

(i) a statement of whether the variance or waiver is permanent or temporary. If the variance or waiver is temporary, the petition shall include the dates indicating the duration of the requested variance or waiver.

A person requesting an emergency variance from or waiver of a SFWMD rule must clearly so state in the caption of the petition. In addition to the requirements of Section 120.542(5), Fla. Stat. pursuant to Rule 28-104.004(2), Fla. Admin. Code, the petition must also include:

a) the specific facts that make the situation an emergency; and

b) the specific facts to show that the petitioner will suffer immediate adverse effect unless the variance or waiver is issued by the SFWMD more expeditiously than the applicable timeframes set forth in Section 120.542, Fla. Stat.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

14. Failure to observe the relevant time frames prescribed above will constitute a waiver of such right.

28-106.201

INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS

(INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT)

(2) All petitions filed under these rules shall contain:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding, and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and

(f) A demand for relief.

28-106.301 INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS
(NOT INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT)

- (2) All petitions filed under these rules shall contain:
- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
 - (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding, and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
 - (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
 - (d) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and
 - (e) A demand for relief.

28-107.004 SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, ANNULMENT, OR WITHDRAWAL

- (3) Requests for hearing filed in accordance with this rule shall include:
- (a) The name and address of the party making the request, for purposes of service;
 - (b) A statement that the party is requesting a hearing involving disputed issues of material fact, or a hearing not involving disputed issues of material fact; and
 - (c) A reference to the notice, order to show cause, administrative complaint, or other communication that the party has received from the agency.

42-2.013 REQUEST FOR REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 373.114 OR 373.217

(1) In any proceeding arising under Chapter 373, F.S., review by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission may be initiated by the Department or a party by filing a request for such review with the Secretary of the Commission and serving a copy on any person named in the rule or order, and on all parties to the proceeding which resulted in the order sought to be reviewed. A certificate of service showing completion of service as required by this subsection shall be a requirement for a determination of sufficiency under Rule 42-2.0132. Failure to file the request with the Commission within the time period provided in Rule 42-2.0132 shall result in dismissal of the request for review.

(2) The request for review shall identify the rule or order requested to be reviewed, the proceeding in which the rule or order was entered and the nature of the rule or order. A copy of the rule or order sought to be reviewed shall be attached. The request for review shall state with particularity:

- (a) How the order or rule conflicts with the requirements, provisions and purposes of Chapter 373, F.S., or rules duly adopted thereunder;

- (b) How the rule or order sought to be reviewed affects the interests of the party seeking review;

- (c) The oral or written statement, sworn or unsworn, which was submitted to the agency concerning the matter to be reviewed and the date and location of the statement, if the individual or entity requesting the review has not participated in a proceeding previously instituted pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S., on the order for which review is sought;

- (d) If review of an order is being sought, whether and how the activity authorized by the order would substantially affect natural resources of statewide or regional significance, or whether the order raises issues of policy, statutory interpretation, or rule interpretation that have regional or statewide significance from a standpoint of agency precedent, and all the factual bases in the record which the petitioner claims support such determination(s); and

- (e) The action requested to be taken by the Commission as a result of the review, whether to rescind or modify the order, or remand the proceeding to the water management district for further action, or to require the water management district to initiate rulemaking to adopt, amend or repeal a rule.

28-107.005 EMERGENCY ACTION

(1) If the agency finds that immediate serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, the agency shall summarily suspend, limit, or restrict a license.

(2) The 14-day notice requirement of Section 120.569(2)(b), F. S., does not apply and shall not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable upon request of an aggrieved party.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by law, within 20 days after emergency action taken pursuant to paragraph (1) of this rule, the agency shall initiate a formal suspension or revocation proceeding in compliance with Sections 120.569, 120.57, and 120.60, F.S.

40E-1.611 EMERGENCY ACTION

(1) An emergency exists when immediate action is necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare; the health of animals, fish or aquatic life; the works of the District; a public water supply, or recreational, commercial, industrial, agricultural or other reasonable uses of land and water resources.

(2) The Executive Director may employ the resources of the District to take whatever remedial action necessary to alleviate the emergency condition without the issuance of an emergency order, or in the event an emergency order has been issued, after the expiration of the requisite time for compliance with that order.

Included with this letter/permit is a brochure from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Florida's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for construction activities. As the brochure indicates, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency authorized the DEP in October 2000 to implement the NPDES stormwater permitting program in Florida. The District is assisting DEP by distributing this information to entities which may be subject to regulation under the NPDES program. No response to the District is required.

A "Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Construction Activities that Disturb Five or More Acres of Land" is required for a construction activity which contributes stormwater discharges to surface waters of the State or into a municipal separate storm sewer system and disturbs five or more acres of land. A permit is required for less than five acres if the activity is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will meet or exceed the five acre threshold.

The permit required under DEP's NPDES stormwater permitting program is separate from the Environmental Resource Permit required by the District. Receiving a permit from the District does not exempt you from meeting the NPDES program requirements.

If you have any questions on the NPDES program, there are DEP phone numbers, mailing addresses and internet web page addresses in the brochure. The DEP web site, at www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/, provides information associated with the NPDES program including all regulations and forms cited in the brochure.

Last Date For Agency Action: March 12, 2002

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT STAFF REPORT

Project Name: Estela Estates

Permit No.: 06-03433-P

Application No.: 011004-2

Application Type: Environmental Resource (New General Permit)

Location: Broward County, S31/T50S/R41E

Permittee: Tropicana II Investment, Inc.

Operating Entity: Estela Estates Homeowners' Association

Project Area: 11 acres

Project Land Use: Residential

Drainage Basin: C-11 WEST

Receiving Body: Central Broward Water Control District Canal

Class: CLASS III

Special Drainage District: Central Broward Water Control District

Conservation Easement To District: No

Sovereign Submerged Lands: No

PROJECT PURPOSE:

This application is a request for an Environmental Resource Permit to authorize construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve an 11.0-acre residential development located in Broward County known as Estela Estates. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

PROJECT EVALUATION:

PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:

The site is located west of the intersection of S.W. 50th Street and S.W. 160th Avenue, in Broward County. Currently, this site is undeveloped.

There are no permitted surface water management facilities within the project area.

The site is an abandoned potted plant nursery that contains mostly disturbed uplands. There are no wetlands located within the project area.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The project is located within Central Broward Water Control District. Currently, the site is undeveloped.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Proposed is the construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve a proposed 11.0-acre residential development known as Estela Estates located in Broward County.

The proposed surface water system will consist of a network of inlets, curverts, swales and a dry retention area which will provide the required water quality treatment and attenuation prior to discharge into a Central Broward Water Control District canal through a proposed control structure.

LAND USE:

Construction:

Project:

	This Phase	Total Project	
Building Coverage	.76	.76	acres
Pavement	1.04	1.04	acres
Pervious	7.25	7.25	acres
Water Mgmt Acreage	1.95	1.95	acres
Total:	11.00	11.00	

WATER QUANTITY:

Discharge Rate :

The applicant's engineer has provided calculations to demonstrate that the proposed project discharge is within the allowable limit for the area.

Discharge Storm Frequency : 25 YEAR-3 DAY

Design Rainfall : 19.69 inches

Basin

Basin	Allow Disch (cfs)	Method Of Determination	Peak Disch (cfs)	Peak Stage (ft, NGVD)
Site	.4	Discharge Formula	.4	7.53

Finished Floors :

As shown in the following table and the attached exhibits, minimum finished floor elevations have been set at or above the calculated design storm flood elevation.

Building Storm Frequency : 100 YEAR-3 DAY

Design Rainfall : 18.34 inches

Basin	Peak Stage (ft, NGVD)	Proposed Min. Finished Floors (ft, NGVD)	FEMA Elevation (ft, NGVD)
Site	8.88	9.6	N/A

Road Design :

As shown in the following table and the attached exhibits, minimum road center lines have been set at or above the calculated design storm flood elevation.

Road Storm Frequency : 10 YEAR-1 DAY

Design Rainfall: 9 inches

Basin	Peak Stage (ft, NGVD)	Proposed Min. Road Crown (ft, NGVD)
Site	6.89	7.25

Control Elevation :

Basin	Area (Acres)	Ctrl Elev (ft, NGVD)	WSWT Ctrl Elev (ft, NGVD)	Method Of Determination
Site	11.00	4/4	4.00	Wet Season Wtr Table Contour Map

Receiving Body :

Basin	Str.#	Receiving Body
Site	1	Central Broward Water Control District Canal

Discharge Structures

Discharge Bleeders:

Basin	Str.#	Dimensions	Invert Elev. (ft, NGVD)
Site	1	1 - 3" Dia. Circular Orifice	4

Discharge Weirs:

Basin	Str.#	Dimensions	Crest Elev. (ft, NGVD)
Site	1	1 - 2' wide Sharp Crested	7.53

WATER QUALITY

The project is located within the Water Preserve Area Basin (WPAB) in Broward County. The surface water management system has been designed to provide detention of 150% of the standard water quality treatment requirement. Therefore, dry detention of 1.125 inches of runoff (25% credit for dry detention taken) will be provided within the surface water management system.

Basin	Treatment Method		Vol Req'd (ac-ft)	Vol Prov'd (ac-ft)
Site	Treatment	Dry Detention	.11 acres	.25
Site	Treatment	Swale	1.84 acres	.79

WETLANDS

Wetland Inventory :

CONSTRUCTION NEW - ESTELA ESTATES		ONSITE				
Pre-Development		Post-Development				
	Total Existing	Impacted	Undisturbed	Enhanced	Preserved	Restored/ Created
Other Surface Waters	.07	.07				
Total:	.07	.07				

CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

It is suggested that the permittee retain the services of a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida for periodic observation of construction of the surface water management (SWM) system. This will facilitate the completion of construction completion certification Form #0681 which is required pursuant to Section 10 of the Basis of Review for Environmental Resource Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District, and Rule 40E-4.361(2), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Pursuant to Chapter 40E-4 F.A.C., this permit may not be converted from the construction phase to the operation phase until certification of the SWM system is submitted to and accepted by this District. Rule 40E-4.321(7) F.A.C. states that failure to complete construction of the SWM system and obtain operation phase approval from the District within the permit duration shall require a new permit authorization unless a permit extension is granted.

For SWM systems permitted with an operating entity who is different from the permittee, it should be noted that until the permit is transferred to the operating entity pursuant to Rule 40E-1.6107, F.A.C., the permittee is liable for compliance with the terms of this permit.

The permittee is advised that the efficiency of a SWM system will normally decrease over time unless the system is periodically maintained. A significant reduction in flow capacity can usually be attributed to partial blockages of the conveyance system. Once flow capacity is compromised, flooding of the project may result. Maintenance of the SWM system is required to protect the public health, safety and the natural resources of the state. Therefore, the permittee must have periodic inspections of the SWM system performed to ensure performance for flood protection and water quality purposes. If deficiencies are found, it is the responsibility of the permittee to correct these deficiencies in a timely manner.

RELATED CONCERNS:

Water Use Permit Status:

A Water Use permit is not required for this project at this time. This permit does not release the permittee from obtaining all necessary Water Use authorization(s) prior to the commencement of activities which will require such authorization, including construction dewatering and irrigation, unless the work qualifies for a general permit issued pursuant to Section 40E-20 FAC.

Right-Of-Way Permit Status:

A Right-of-Way Permit is not required for this project.

Historical/Archaeological Resources:

The District has received correspondence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources indicating that the agency has no objections to the issuance of this permit.

DCA/CZM Consistency Review:

The District has not received a finding of inconsistency from the Florida Department of Community Affairs or other commenting agencies regarding the provisions of the federal Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Enforcement:

There has been no enforcement activity associated with this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Staff recommends that the following be issued :

Authorization for the construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve 11.0 acres of a residential development known as Estela Estates located in Broward County.

Based on the information provided, District rules have been adhered to.

Staff recommendation is for approval subject to the attached General and Special Conditions.

STAFF REVIEW:

DIVISION APPROVAL:

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

Anita R. Bain
Anita R. Bain

DATE: 3/1/02

SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT:

Carlos A. DeRojas
Carlos A. DeRojas, P.E.

DATE: 3/1/02



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EXHIBIT

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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Estela Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

N10000010619

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

The Ranches at Cooper City Homeowners' Association, Inc

The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent:

New Registered Office Address:

(Florida street address)

(City)

Florida

(Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:
(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Action</u>
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:
(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: January 12, 2011

(date of adoption is required)

Effective date if applicable: _____

(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s)

(CHECK ONE)

☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.

☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 1/12/11

Signature _____

(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator - if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Michael Metzkes

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President

(Title of person signing)

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
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ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

In order to form a corporation not-for-profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporate, by these Articles of Incorporation of **ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** (hereinafter the "Articles"), this corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with the powers set forth herein. The undersigned, for the above stated purposes, certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS**

1. All terms which are defined in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for **ESTELA ESTATES** (hereinafter the "Declaration") shall be used herein with the same meanings as defined in said Declaration.
2. "Association" as used herein shall mean **ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Florida corporation not-for-profit, the corporation formed by these Articles, its successors or assigns.
3. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.
4. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to **CENTERLINE HOMES ENTERPRISES POLE, LLC**, and its successors or assigns, if any such successor or assign acquires the undeveloped portion of **ESTELA ESTATES** from the Declarant for the purpose of development and is designated in writing, as such, by Declarant.
5. "**ESTELA ESTATES**" or "Property" or "Properties" shall mean and refer to all properties which may, from time to time, be subject to the covenants and restrictions contained within the Declaration.
6. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any lot or other parcel shown upon the recorded plat of **ESTELA ESTATES** in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, on which a residential structure could be constructed, whether or not one has been constructed. The term "Lot" shall also mean and refer to any Lot designated as such by the Declarant within any Supplement to the Declaration executed and recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.
7. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to Membership as provided for in these Articles and the Declaration and "Memberships" shall mean all of the Members.
8. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.
9. "Total Lots" shall mean and refer to the total number of Lots: (i) shown upon the recorded plat of **ESTELA ESTATES** in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida; and (ii) designated as such

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by the Declarant within any Supplement to the Declaration executed and recorded in the Public Records of County, Florida.

**ARTICLE II
NAME AND INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

INC. The name of this Association shall be ESTELA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION,

The initial principal office of the Association is located at 825 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, FL, 33071, or at such other location from time to time as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit from the Members thereof, and the general nature, objects and purposes of the Association for which it is formed are as follows:

1. To provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon.
2. To perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration.
3. To administer the interests of the Association and the Owners; and, (d) promote the welfare of the Owners.
4. To promote the social welfare of the owners of Property within ESTELA ESTATES.
5. To maintain and/or repair landscaping in the general or common areas, structures, and other improvements in ESTELA ESTATES for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to the Association.
6. To control the specifications, architecture, design, appearance, elevation and location of and landscaping around all buildings and improvements of any type, including walls, fences, swimming pools, screened enclosures, glass enclosures, antennas, sewers, drains, disposal systems, or other structures constructed, placed or permitted to remain in ESTELA ESTATES, as well as any alteration, improvement, addition and/or change thereto, whether the same is owned by a Member or is considered to be a portion of the Common Area.
7. To operate without profit for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Association's Members. No portion of the Association's net earnings, if any, shall inure to the benefit of any Member of the Association or to any individual person, firm, or corporation.
8. To administer and enforce all of the terms and conditions of the Declaration recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County affecting the real property therein described or which thereafter may be made subject to the Declaration.

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9. To perform all of the functions contemplated for the Association and undertaken by the Board of Directors of the Association, in the Declaration.

ARTICLE IV. POWERS

The Association shall have all powers set forth Sections 617 and 720, Florida Statutes, as well as the following powers and duties reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to:

1. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of its Members for the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
2. To promulgate, adopt and enforce rules, regulations, By-Laws, and agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association has been organized.
3. To delegate power or powers where such is deemed in the interest of the Association.
4. To purchase, lease, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of, real or personal property, except to the extent restricted hereby, to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation, association, or other entity; to do any and all acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all of the activities and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in these Articles and not prohibited by the laws of the State of Florida now in existence or hereafter amended.
5. To operate and maintain the Common Areas which may include but is not limited to, surface water management system facilities, including inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, floodplain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas and wetland mitigation areas.
6. To contract for services to provide for operation and maintenance of the surface water management system facilities if the Association contemplates employing a maintenance company.
7. To fix, collect and enforce assessments to be levied against the individual lots within ESTELA ESTATES to defray expenses and the cost of effectuating the objects and purposes of the Association, and to create reasonable reserves from time to time for such expenditures, and to authorize its Board of Directors, in its discretion, to enter into agreements with management companies and other organizations for the collection of such assessments.
8. To sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
9. To charge recipients for services rendered by the Association and any user for any use of Association property when such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Association.
10. To pay taxes, utility, maintenance, and other charges, if any, on or against the Common Areas and other properties which may be owned or accepted by the Association.

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11. To borrow money.

12. To contract for the management of the Association and to delegate to the party with whom such contract has been entered the powers and duties of the Association except those which require specific approval of the Board of Directors or Members.

13. To make, establish and enforce By-Laws and reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas or any portions thereof, as well as the conduct of Members, their families, visitors, guests, and lessees, and to provide for the operation and formal administration of the Association.

14. To enter into agreements with governmental entities.

15. To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association and to enforce all the terms and conditions as set forth in the Declaration, applicable to the Property and recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration, and all defined terms therein, being incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

16. In general, to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Florida, as set forth in Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes, which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles and the Declaration, necessary to implement the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

1. The Declarant and all owners of Lots shall be Members of the Association.

2. The share of a Member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to a Lot.

ARTICLE VI VOTING AND ASSESSMENTS

1. Subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which such Member holds the interest required for membership ("Voting Interest"). When one or more persons hold a Voting Interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members, and the Voting Interest for such Lot shall be exercised only by one Member, who shall be designated in a written instrument, executed by or on behalf of all record owners of such interest, filed with the Secretary of the Association. In no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Except where otherwise required under the provisions of these Articles, the By-Laws, the Declaration or by law, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Voting Interests represented at any meeting of the Members duly called and at which a quorum is present, shall be binding upon the Members.

2. Voting of the Members shall be in person or by proxy appointed by an instrument in writing subscribed by the Member designated to vote as provided in paragraph 1 above, or by written absentee ballot signed by a Member as duly designated to vote.

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3. The Association shall have the right to suspend any Member's right to vote (other than the right of the Declarant) for any period during which any assessment levied by the Association against such Member's Lot shall remain unpaid for more than ten (10) days after the due date for the payment thereof.

4. The Association shall obtain funds with which to operate by assessment of its Members in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the By-Laws and the Declaration.

5. The By-Laws of the Association shall provide for annual meetings of Members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of Members in addition to the annual meetings. The presence at any meeting of the Members of at least thirty percent (30%) of Members entitled to vote, in person or by proxy or by written electronic ballot, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The business affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Initial Board of Directors (the "Initial Board") composed of three (3) persons. The members of the Initial Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Declarant. Members other than the Declarant ("Purchaser Members") are entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors three (3) months after 90% of the Lots have been conveyed to Purchaser Members.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant is entitled to elect at least one (1) Director to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association as long as the Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Total Lots.

3. Following the time the Declarant relinquishes control of the Board of Directors of the Association, the Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant-owned Lots, in the same manner as any other Member, except for the purpose of reacquiring control of the Board of Directors of the Association or for the purpose of selecting the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

4. Elections shall be by plurality vote at a meeting at which a quorum of the Membership of the Association is voting in person or by proxy.

5. Until such time as the Purchaser Members shall be entitled to elect all of the Directors, the Declarant shall have the absolute right, in its sole and absolute discretion and at any time, to remove any Director selected by the Declarant and to replace the Director so discharged.

6. The Purchaser Members shall elect a majority of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions hereof, at a special meeting of the Membership to be called by the Board for such purpose (the "Majority Election Meeting").

7. Subsequent to the Majority Election Meeting, the Directors shall be elected by the members of the Association at each annual meeting of members and the Directors shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until their successors are elected and shall qualify.

8. The names and addresses of the members of the Initial Board who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are as follows:

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825 Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

Robert Stiegale
825 Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

Jonathan Keith
825 Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

9. If any of these original Directors shall resign, the remaining Directors shall elect a successor to fill the vacancy. If a Director elected by the Members shall for any reason cease to be a Director, the remaining Directors may elect a successor to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

10. A majority of the Directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The By-Laws shall provide for meetings of Directors, including annual meetings.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The Association shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers and agents as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem desirable consistent with the By-Laws of the Association, which officers shall be subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The officers of the Association, in accordance with any applicable provisions of the By-Laws, shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, for terms of one (1) year and until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office. The By-Laws may provide for the method of voting in the election, for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers. The President and all other officers may or may not be directors of the Association. If the office of President shall become vacant for any reason, or if the President shall be unable or unavailable to act, the Vice-President shall automatically succeed in office or perform its duties and exercise its powers. If any office other than that of the President shall become vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may elect or appoint an individual to fill such vacancy. The same person may hold two offices, provided, however, that the offices of President and Vice-President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the offices of President and Secretary be held by the same person. The names of the officers who are to serve as officers of the Association until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

President
Vice-President
Secretary/Treasurer

Michael Mettles
Robert Stiegale
Jonathan Keith

ARTICLE IX CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

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BY-LAWS**

The Board of Directors shall adopt By-Laws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Such By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by the Members in the manner set forth in the By-Laws. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the By-Laws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

1. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Voting Interests; provided, however, that: (i) no amendment shall make any change in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights of the Members without the written approval or affirmative vote of all Members of the Association, (ii) these Articles shall not be amended in any manner without the prior written consent of the Declarant to such amendment, so long as the Declarant is the Owner of any Lot and (iii) these Articles shall not be amended in any manner which shall reduce, amend, affect, modify, or conflict with the terms, covenants, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.

2. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of Members, which may be either at an annual meeting or at a special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the By-Laws for the giving of notice of meetings of Members.

3. A copy of each amendment adopted shall be filed within ten (10) days of adoption with the Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida Statutes and the same shall be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

**ARTICLE XII.
INCORPORATORS**

The name and street address of the incorporator are as follows:

Jeffrey Krommgold
825 Canal Ridge Drive
Canal Springs, FL 33071

**ARTICLE XIII.
INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to indemnify current or former directors, officers, employees or agents of the Association and any persons serving or who have served, at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of supplier association, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida. The Association shall also have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any

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person who is or was a director, officer, employee, agent or representative of the Association against any liability asserted against him in any such capacity.

2. The Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer until a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceedings:

A. Whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability of penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as Director or officer of the Association or in his capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therefrom, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, coercion or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

B. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a Director of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therefrom if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association. Such person shall be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association unless, and only to the extent that, the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication or liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

3. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

4. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

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**ARTICLE XIV,
TRANSACTION IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED**

1. No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are Directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purposes. No Director or officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.
2. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

**ARTICLE XV,
DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

1. The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being approved by not less than two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors and being approved by not less than three quarters (3/4) of the Voting Interests of the Association.
2. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of its assets remaining after provision for creditors and payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in the following manner:
 - A. Real property contributed to the Association by the Declarant without the receipt by the Declarant of other than nominal consideration shall be returned to the Declarant or his successors or assigns, unless it refuses to accept the conveyance (in whole or in part).
 - B. By dedication to any applicable municipal or other governmental authority of any property determined by the Board of Directors of the Association to be appropriate for such dedication and which the applicable authority is willing to accept and shall be used for purposes similar to those for which the Association was formed. If same is not accepted, then to a similar non-profit corporation.
 - C. Remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed among the Members, subject to the limitations set forth above or in these Articles, as tenants in common, each Member's share of the assets to be determined in accordance with such Member's voting rights.

**ARTICLE XVI,
REGISTERED AGENT**

LEOPOLD KORN LEOPOLD & SNYDER, P.A., whose address is 20801 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 501, Aventura, FL 33180, is hereby named Registered Agent for the Association to be its agent and to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

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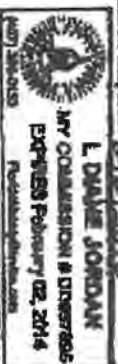
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has caused these Articles to be entered
this 10th day of November, 2010.


Jeffrey KronengoldSTATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 10th day of November,
2010, by Jeffrey Kronengold, who is personally known to me.

My Commission Expires: 2/2/2014



ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

LEOPOLD KORN LEOPOLD & SNYDER, P.A.

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**BY-LAWS
OF**

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**BY-LAWS
OF
THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1. **Name and Location.** The name of the corporation is The Ranches at Cooper City Homeowners' Association, Inc. ("**Association**"). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 825 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs Florida 33071, or at such other location determined by the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") from time to time.

2. **Definitions.** The definitions contained in the Declaration for The Ranches at Cooper City (the "**Declaration**") relating to the residential community known as The Ranches at Cooper City, recorded, or to be recorded, in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. In addition to the terms defined in the Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Annual Members Meeting" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.2 of these By-Laws.

"Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation for Association, as amended from time to time.

"By-Laws" shall mean these By-Laws, together with all amendments and modifications thereof.

"Declaration" shall mean the Declaration as modified from time to time.

"Developer" shall mean The Ranches at Cooper City, LLC and any of its designees, successors and assigns who receive a written assignment of all or some of the rights of Developer hereunder. Such assignment need not be recorded in the Public Records in order to be effective. In the event of such a partial assignment, the assignee shall not be deemed Developer, but may exercise such rights of Developer specifically assigned to it. Any such assignment may be made on a non-exclusive basis.

"Director" shall mean a director elected or appointed to the Board

"Member" shall mean a member of Association.

"Minutes" shall mean the minutes of all Member and Board meetings, which shall be in the form required by the Florida Statutes. In the absence of governing Florida Statutes, the Board shall determine the form of the minutes.

"Official Records" shall mean all records required to be maintained by Association pursuant to Section 720.303(4) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

"Special Members Meeting" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3 of these By-Laws.

"Turnover Date" shall have the meaning set forth in the Declaration.

"Voting Interests" shall mean the voting rights held by the members.

3. **Members.**

3.1 **Voting Interests.** Each Owner and Developer shall be a Member of Association. No person who holds an interest in a Home only as security for the performance of an obligation shall be a Member of Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Home. There shall be one vote appurtenant to each Home. For the purposes of determining who may exercise the Voting Interest associated with each Home, the following rules shall govern:

3.1.1 **Home Owned By Husband and Wife.** Either the husband or wife (but not both) may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to a Home. In the event the husband and wife cannot agree, neither may exercise the Voting Interest.

3.1.2 Trusts. In the event that any trust owns a home, Association shall have no obligation to review the trust agreement with respect to such trust. If the Home is owned by Robert Smith, as Trustee, Robert Smith shall be deemed the Owner of the Home for all Association purposes. If the Home is owned by Robert Smith as Trustee for the Laura Jones Trust, then Robert Smith shall be deemed the Member with respect to the Home for all Association purposes. If the Home is owned by the Laura Jones Trust, and the deed does not reference a trustee, then Laura Jones shall be deemed the Member with respect to the Home for all Association purposes. If the Home is owned by the Jones Family Trust, the Jones Family Trust may not exercise its Voting Interest unless it presents to Association, in the form of an attorney opinion letter or affidavit reasonably acceptable to Association, the identification of the person who should be treated as the Member with respect to the Home for all Association purposes. If Robert Smith and Laura Jones, as Trustees, hold title to a Home, either trustee may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home. In the event of a conflict between trustees, the Voting Interest for the Home in question cannot be exercised. In the event that any other form of trust ownership is presented to Association, the decision of the Board as to who may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to any Home shall be final. Association shall have no obligation to obtain an attorney opinion letter in making its decision, which may be made on any reasonable basis whatsoever.

3.1.3 Corporations. If a Home is owned by a corporation, the corporation shall designate a person, an officer, employee, or agent who shall be treated as the Member who can exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home.

3.1.4 Partnerships. If a Home is owned by a limited partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home. By way of example, if the general partner of a limited partnership is a corporation, then the provisions hereof governing corporations shall govern which person can act on behalf of the corporation as general partner of such limited partnership. If a Home is owned by a general partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Home. In the event of a conflict among general partners entitled to exercise a Voting Interest, the Voting Interest for such Home cannot be exercised.

3.1.5 Multiple Individuals. If a Home is owned by more than one individual, any one of such individuals may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to such Home. In the event that there is a conflict among such individuals, the Voting Interest for such Home cannot be exercised.

3.1.6 Liability of Association. Association may act in reliance upon any writing or instrument or signature, whether original or facsimile, which Association, in good faith, believes to be genuine, may assume the validity and accuracy of any statement or assertion contained in such a writing or instrument, and may assume that any person purporting to give any writing, notice, advice or instruction in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so. So long as Association acts in good faith, Association shall have no liability or obligation with respect to the exercise of Voting Interests, and no election shall be invalidated (in the absence of fraud) on the basis that Association permitted or denied any person the right to exercise a Voting Interest. In addition, the Board may impose additional requirements respecting the exercise of Voting Interests (e.g., the execution of a Voting Certificate).

3.2 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the members (the "**Annual Members Meeting**") shall be held at least once each calendar year on a date, at a time, and at a place to be determined by the Board.

3.3 Special Meetings of the Members. Special meetings of the members (a "**Special Members Meeting**") may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or upon written request of ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests of the members. The business to be conducted at a Special Members Meeting shall be limited to the extent required by Florida Statutes.

3.4 Notice of Members Meetings. Written notice of each members meeting shall be given by, or at the direction of, any officer of the Board or any management company retained by Association. A copy of the notice shall be mailed to each Member entitled to vote, postage prepaid, not less than ten (10) days before the meeting (provided, however, in the case of an emergency, two (2) days' notice will be deemed sufficient). The notice shall be addressed to the

member's address last appearing on the books of Association. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a Special Members Meeting, the purpose of the meeting. Alternatively, and to the extent not prohibited by the Florida Statutes, the Board may adopt from time to time, other procedures for giving notice to the members of the Annual Members Meeting or a Special Members Meeting. By way of example, and not of limitation, such notice may be included in a newsletter sent to each Member of the Club.

3.5 Quorum of Members. Until and including the Turnover Date, a quorum shall be established by Developer's presence, in person or by proxy, at any meeting. After the Turnover Date, a quorum shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Interests, except as otherwise provided in the Articles, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event that technology permits members to participate in members meetings and vote on matters electronically, then the Board shall have authority, without the joinder of any other party, to revise this provision to establish appropriate quorum requirements.

3.6 Adjournment of Members Meetings. If, however, a quorum shall not be present at any members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned as provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a provision in the Florida Statutes, the members present shall have power to adjourn the meeting and reschedule it on another date.

3.7 Action of Members. Decisions that require a vote of the members must be made by a concurrence of a majority of the Voting Interests present in person or by proxy, represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been obtained unless provided otherwise in the Declaration, the Articles, or these By-Laws.

3.8 Proxies. At all meetings, members may vote their Voting Interests in person or by proxy. All proxies shall comply with the provisions of Section 720.306(6) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, be in writing, and be filed with the Secretary at, or prior to, the meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable prior to the meeting for which it is given.

4. Board of Directors.

4.1 Number. The affairs of Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of no less than three (3) persons and no more than nine (9) persons. Board members appointed by Developer need not be members of Association. Board members elected by the other members must be members of Association.

4.2 Term of Office. The election of Directors shall take place after Developer no longer has the authority to appoint the Board and shall take place on the Turnover Date. Directors shall be elected for a term ending upon the election of new Directors at the following Annual Members Meeting (except that the term of the Board appointed by the Developer shall extend until the date designated by Developer, or until the Turnover Date).

4.3 Removal. Any vacancy created by the resignation or removal of a Board member appointed by Developer may be replaced by Developer. Developer may replace or remove any Board member appointed by Developer in Developer's sole and absolute discretion. In the event of death or resignation of a Director elected by the members, the remaining Directors may fill such vacancy. Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of members holding a majority of the Voting Interests.

4.4 Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered as a Director to Association; provided, however, any Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred as a Director.

4.5 Action Taken Without a Meeting. Except to the extent prohibited by law, the Board shall have the right to take any action without a meeting by obtaining the written approval of the required number of Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of Directors.

4.6 Appointment and Election of Directors. Until the Turnover Date, the Developer shall have the unrestricted power to appoint all Directors of Association. From and after the Turnover Date, or such earlier date determined by Developer in its sole and absolute discretion,

the members shall elect all Directors of Association at or in conjunction with the Annual Members Meeting of the members.

4.7 Election. Election to the Board shall be by secret written ballot, unless unanimously waived by all members present. The persons receiving the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

5. Meeting of Directors.

5.1 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a schedule adopted by the Board from time to time. Meetings shall be held at such place and hour as may be fixed, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.

5.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President, or by any two (2) Directors. Each Director shall be given not less than two (2) days' notice except in the event of an emergency. Notice may be waived. Attendance shall be a waiver of notice. Telephone conference meetings are permitted.

5.3 Emergencies. In the event of an emergency involving immediate danger of injury or death to any person or damage to property, if a meeting of the Board cannot be immediately convened to determine a course of action, the President or, in his absence, any other officer or director, shall be authorized to take such action on behalf of Association as shall be reasonably required to appropriately respond to the emergency situation, including the expenditure of Association funds in the minimum amount as may be reasonably required under the circumstances. The authority of officers to act in accordance herewith shall remain in effect until the first to occur of the resolution of the emergency situation or a meeting of the Board convened to act in response thereto.

5.4 Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting, at which a quorum is present, or in writing in lieu thereof, shall be action of the Board.

5.5 Open Meetings. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all members.

5.6 Voting. Board members shall cast votes in the manner provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a statutory provision, the Board shall establish the manner in which votes shall be cast.

5.7 Notice of Board Meetings. Notices of meetings of the Board shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the Common Areas and/or in the Club at least 48 hours in advance, except in an event of an emergency. Alternatively, notice may be given to members in any other manner provided by Florida Statute. By way of example, and not of limitation, notice may be given in any Club newsletter distributed to the members. For the purposes of giving notice, the area for notices to be posted within the Club shall be deemed a conspicuous place. Notices of any meetings of the Board at which Assessments against Homes are to be established shall specifically contain a statement that Assessments shall be considered and a statement of the nature of such Assessments.

6. Powers and Duties of the Board.

6.1 Powers. The Board shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration and Articles, have the powers reasonably necessary to manage, operate, maintain and discharge the duties of Association, including, but not limited to, the power to cause Association to do the following:

6.1.1 General. Exercise all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to Association by law and in these By-Laws, the Articles, and the Declaration, including, without limitation, adopt budgets, levy Assessments, enter into contracts with Telecommunications Providers for Telecommunications Services, and by a majority vote of the Board, without the consent of any Owner or any other party, exercise the Association's option to acquire the Club.

6.1.2 Rules and Regulations. Adopt, publish, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of The Ranches at Cooper City by the members, tenants and their

guests and invitees, and to establish penalties and/or fines for the infraction thereof subject only to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, if any.

6.1.3 Enforcement. Suspend the right of use of the Common Areas (other than for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and for utilities) of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment or charge levied, or collected, by Association.

6.1.4 Declare Vacancies. Declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such Member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings.

6.1.5 Hire Employees. Employ, on behalf of Association, managers, independent contractors, or such other employees as it deems necessary, to prescribe their duties and delegate to such manager, contractor, etc., any or all of the duties and functions of Association and/or its officers.

6.1.6 Common Areas. Dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of, the Common Areas to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes as subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the declaration; and acquire, sell, operate, lease, manage and otherwise trade and deal with property, real and personal, including the Common Areas, as provided in the Declaration, and with any other matters involving Association or its Members, on behalf of Association or the discharge of its duties, as may be necessary or convenient for the operation and management of Association and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration.

6.1.7 Granting of Interest. Grant licenses, easements, permits, leases, or privileges to any individual or entity, which affect Common Areas and to alter, add to, relocate or improve the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration.

6.1.8 Financial Reports. Prepare all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes.

6.2 Vote. The Board shall exercise all powers so granted except where the Declaration, Articles or these By-Laws specifically require a vote of the members.

6.3 Limitations. Until the Turnover Date, Developer shall have and is hereby granted a right to disapprove or veto any such action, policy, or program proposed or authorized by Association, the Board, the ACC, any committee of Association, or the vote of the members. This right may be exercised by Developer at any time within ten (10) days following a meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. This right to disapprove may be used to veto proposed actions but shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of Association, the Board, the ACC or any committee of Association.

7. Obligations of Association. Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, and these By-Laws, shall discharge such duties as may be necessary in order to operate Association pursuant to the Declaration, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.1 Official Records. Maintain and make available all Official Records.

7.2 Supervision. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed.

7.3 Assessments and Fines. Fix and collect the amount of the Assessments and fines; take all necessary legal action; and pay, or cause to be paid, all obligations of Association or where Association has agreed to do so, of the members.

7.4 Enforcement. Enforce the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, these By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations.

8. Officers and Their Duties.

8.1 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

8.2 Election of Officers. Except as set forth below, the election of officers shall be by the Board and shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each Annual Members Meeting.

8.3 Term. The officers named in the Articles shall serve until their replacement by the Board. The officers of Association shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected unless such officer shall sooner resign, be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

8.4 Special Appointment. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

8.5 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

8.6 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the replaced officer.

8.7 Multiple Offices. The office of President and Vice-President shall not be held by the same person. All other offices may be held by the same person.

8.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

8.8.1 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of Association and Board, sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The President shall be a member of the Board.

8.8.2 Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

8.8.3 Secretary. The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the Minutes of all meetings and proceedings of Association and the Board; keep the corporate seal of Association and affix it on all papers required to be sealed; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of Association; keep appropriate current records showing the names of the members of Association together with their addresses; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

8.8.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall cause to be received and deposited in appropriate bank accounts all monies of Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by the Board; sign, or cause to be signed, all checks, and promissory notes of Association; cause to be kept proper books of account and accounting records required pursuant to the provisions of Section 720.303 of the Florida Statutes cause to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

9. Committees.

9.1 General. The Board may appoint such committees as deemed appropriate. The Board may fill any vacancies on all committees.

9.2 ACC. Developer shall have the sole right to appoint the members of the ACC until the Turnover Date. Upon expiration of the right of Developer to appoint members of the ACC, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC. As provided under the Declaration, Association shall have the authority and standing to seek enforcement in courts of competent jurisdiction any decisions of the ACC.

10. Records. The official records of Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of Association. Copies may be purchased, by a Member, at a reasonable cost.

11. Corporate Seal. Association shall have an impression seal in circular form.

12. Amendments.

12.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these By-Laws shall affect the rights of Developer or Club Owner unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer or Club Owner which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these By-Laws, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

12.2 Amendments Prior to and Including the Turnover Date. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend these By-Laws as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Developer's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event that Association shall desire to amend these By-Laws prior to and including the Turnover Date, Association must first obtain Developer's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Developer may be adopted by Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments after the Turnover Date. Thereafter, Developer shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.

12.3 Amendments After the Turnover Date. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these By-Laws may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of Association at which there is a quorum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these By-Laws may be amended after the Turnover Date by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board acting alone to change the number of directors on the Board. Such change shall not require the approval of the members. Any change in the number of directors shall not take effect until the next Annual Members Meeting.

13. Conflict. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

14. Fiscal Year. The first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation and end on December 31 of that year. Thereafter, the fiscal year of Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year.

15. Miscellaneous.

15.1 Florida Statutes. Whenever these By-Laws refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist on the date these By-Laws are recorded except to the extent provided otherwise as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

15.2 Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions of these By-Laws by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of these By-Laws shall remain in full force and effect.

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
COMMUNITY STANDARDS

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THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Pursuant to the Declaration for The Ranches at Cooper City (the "Declaration"), The Ranches at Cooper City, LLC, as Developer, has appointed the Architectural Control Committee for The Ranches at Cooper City (the "ACC"). Pursuant to the Declaration, the ACC hereby adopts the following procedures, which shall be known as Community Standards.

1. Defined Terms. All initially capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration unless otherwise defined herein.

2. Approval Required. The ACC shall approve or disapprove any improvements or structure of any kind within any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City including, without limitation, any building, fence, wall, swimming pool, tennis court, screen enclosure, decorative building, landscape device or object, and/or other improvement or change or modification thereto, the construction, erection, performance or placement of which is proposed upon any Home or any other portion of The Ranches at Cooper City. The ACC shall approve or disapprove any exterior addition, changes, modifications or alterations therein or thereon. All decisions of the ACC shall be submitted in writing to the Board. Any party aggrieved by a decision of the ACC shall have the right to make a written request to the Board, within thirty (30) days of such decision, for a review thereof. The determination of the Board upon reviewing any such decision shall in all events be dispositive. Notwithstanding the foregoing ACC approval is not required for improvements or changes to the interior of a Home not visible from the exterior of a Home.

3. Deviations. The ACC has the right to deviate from the provisions of these Community Standards for reasons of practical difficulty or particular hardship which otherwise would be suffered by any Owner, without consent of the Owner of any adjoining or adjacent Home. Any deviation, which shall be manifested by written agreement, and shall not constitute a waiver of any restriction or provision of these Community Standards as to any other Home. The granting of a deviation or variance shall not nullify or otherwise affect the right to require strict compliance with the requirements set forth herein on any other occasion.

4. Procedure. In order to obtain the approval of the ACC, each Owner shall observe the following:

4.1 Application. Each applicant shall submit an application to the ACC with respect to any proposed improvement or material change in an improvement, together with the required application and fee(s) as established by the ACC. The current application form is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4.2 Plans Generally. The ACC may require, at its discretion, up to three (3) complete sets of all plans and specifications for any improvement or structure of any kind, including without limitation, any building, fence, wall, swimming pool, tennis court, enclosure, decorative building, landscape device or object, or other improvement, the construction or placement of which is proposed upon any Home, which plans shall include the proposed elevation of all floor slabs and pool decks, and three (3) complete sets of the drainage plan, grading plan, tree survey, lot survey, color plan and materials designation plan for such improvement or structure.

4.3 Revised Plans. Preliminary plans and drawings must be submitted to the ACC, and approval of the same obtained. The ACC may require the submission of final plans and specifications if initial plans must be revised. All plans and drawings submitted must be signed by both the professional who has prepared such plans and drawings and the Owner of the Home, and must include (unless waived by the ACC) the following:

4.3.1 A current certified survey of the Home showing the proposed location of the improvement, grade elevation, contour lines, location of all proposed paved areas and location of all existing trees.

4.3.2 A landscape plan including a graphic indication of the location and size of all plant materials on the site (existing and proposed), and the Latin and/or common names of all plants and their planted size.

4.3.3 The ACC may also require submission of samples of building materials and colors proposed to be used.

4.4 Incomplete Application or Supplemental Information Required. In the event the information submitted to the ACC is, in the ACC's opinion, incomplete or insufficient in any manner, the ACC may request and require the submission of additional or supplemental information. The applicant shall, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, comply with the request.

4.5 Quorum. A majority of the ACC shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting. The action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of ACC. In lieu of a meeting, the ACC may act in writing.

4.6 Time for Review. No later than thirty (30) days after receipt of all information required by the ACC for final review, the ACC shall approve or deny the application in writing. The ACC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications which are not suitable or desirable, in the ACC's sole discretion, for aesthetic or any other reasons or to impose qualifications and conditions thereon. In approving or disapproving such plans and specifications, the ACC shall consider the suitability of the proposed improvements, the materials of which the improvements are to be built, the site upon which the improvements are proposed to be erected, the harmony thereof with the surrounding area and the effect thereof on adjacent or neighboring property. In the event the ACC fails to respond within said thirty (30) day period, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved by the ACC.

4.7 Rehearing. In the event that the ACC disapproves any plans and specifications, the applicant may request a rehearing by the ACC for additional review of the disapproved plans and specifications. The meeting shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after written request for such meeting is received by the ACC, unless applicant waives this time requirement in writing. The ACC shall make a final written decision no later than thirty (30) days after such meeting. In the event the ACC fails to provide such written decision within said thirty (30) days, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved.

4.8 Appeal to Board. Upon final disapproval (even if the members of the Board and ACC are the same), the applicant may appeal the decision of the ACC to the Board within thirty (30) days of the ACC's written review and disapproval. Review by the Board shall take place no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the receipt by the Board of the Owner's request therefor. If the Board fails to hold such a meeting within thirty (30) days after receipt of request for such meeting, then the plans and specifications shall be deemed approved. The Board shall make a final decision no later than thirty (30) days after such meeting. In the event the Board fails to provide such written decision within said thirty (30) days after such meeting, such plans and specifications shall be deemed approved. The decision of the ACC, or if appealed, the Board, shall be final and binding upon the applicant, his heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

4.9 Procedures. The ACC shall adopt, from time to time, additional procedures and forms necessary to carry out its responsibilities under the Declaration and these Community Standards.

5. The Criteria.

5.1 Alterations. Any and all alterations, deletions, additions and changes of any type or nature whatsoever to then existing improvements or the plans or specifications previously approved by the ACC shall be subject to the approval of the ACC in the same manner as required for approval of original plans and specifications.

5.2 Time for Completion. Construction of all improvements shall be completed within the time period set forth in the application and approved by the ACC.

5.3 Permits. The Owner is solely responsible to obtain all required building and other permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction and is responsible for compliance with all applicable building and zoning codes.

5.4 Harmony and Appearance. The ACC shall have the right of final approval of the exterior appearance of all Homes including the harmony of the architectural design with the

5.14 Garages. No carports will be permitted. All garage doors must be color compatible with the Home exterior.

5.15 Driveway Construction. All Homes shall have a driveway of pavers, bricks, or stamped concrete constructed on an approved base. Prior approval for other materials must be obtained from the ACC. A sample of the requested material to be used must be submitted at the time of application for change. All requests for the extension or modification of a driveway must be submitted to the ACC with an application. Walkways may be comprised of pavers, bricks, stamped concrete, or poured concrete. No gravel driveways will be permitted.

5.16 Signs. The following signs shall be permitted:

5.16.1 Such signs as Association shall establish as being necessary for purposes of orientation, directional, or traffic control.

5.16.2 Such signs as are presently authorized to developers and builders until such time as the Lots are sold.

5.16.3 A pool builder may place a sign as needed for permit purposes during construction of a pool. Such sign must be removed immediately upon completion of construction.

5.16.4 No other signs of any kind shall be displayed in the public view on any property within The Ranches at Cooper City, unless otherwise provided for in the Declaration, and all Owners of property subject to these Community Standards do hereby grant to Association and the ACC, the right to enter upon their property for the purpose of removing any unauthorized signs.

5.17 Games, Play Structures and Recreational Equipment. No basketball-backboard, swing set, gym, sand box, nor any other fixed or portable game or play structure, including, without limitation, portable goals, platform, dog house, playhouse or structure of a similar kind or nature shall be constructed on any part of a Lot located within the sight of the street or of any neighboring properties unless properly screened as determined by the ACC. All such structures must have the prior written approval of the ACC.

5.18 Fences, Walls and Screens. No fences or walls shall be constructed on any Home without the prior written consent of the ACC. No chain link fencing is allowed except for community perimeters and then only with required landscaping. All screening and screened enclosures shall have the prior written approval of the ACC. Fences shall be six (6) feet or less, bronze aluminum picket and must be approved by the ACC (in a color conforming to the color scheme of the community, as determined by the ACC in its discretion). Screening shall be charcoal in color. All enclosures of balconies or patios, including addition of vinyl windows, shall be approved by the ACC and all decks shall require the prior approval of the ACC.

5.19 Landscaping Criteria. Basic landscaping plans for each Home or the modifications to any existing landscaping plan must be submitted to and approved by the ACC. All landscaping must be installed as to fit in with neighboring properties. The ACC may reject the landscape plan based upon its review of its overall design and impact. Such landscaping plan must detail the location of beds and planting materials. New plantings shall require the Owner to maintain such area at such Owner's own cost as the Association shall only maintain landscaping as installed by Developer or the Association. The planting of dangerous plants resulting in unusual or excessive debris will not be permitted. No invasive or non-native (e.g., melaleuca, brazilian pepper) plants are permitted. No landscaping shall be removed without the prior written approval of the ACC. Each Owner is solely responsible for compliance with landscaping and zoning codes.

5.20 Swale Tree Maintenance. In order to comply with Cooper City Code, certain Lots within The Ranches at Cooper City, which are not fronted by swales, shall contain a required yard tree. This yard tree where so designated shall be in conformance with the swale trees planted elsewhere in The Ranches at Cooper City. Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of such swale trees to the extent required, unless such replacement is required as a direct or indirect result of an Owner's actions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association in its sole and absolute discretion. Each Owner with a required yard

other Homes within the community, including but not limited to, the quality and appearance of all exterior building materials.

5.5 Architect. All Homes in the community shall be designed by a registered architect.

5.6 Setbacks. Each Owner is responsible for compliance with any building codes and setback regulations. The minimum front, side and rear setbacks and minimum square footage for all Homes in the community shall be as required by the Broward County Zoning Code and/or South Florida Building Code, whichever is more restrictive. Where conditions permit, the ACC, at its sole discretion, may require larger setbacks.

5.7 Type. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than a Home. Unless approved by the ACC as to use, location and architectural design, no garage, tool or storage room, playhouse, screened enclosure or greenhouse may be constructed separate and apart from any residential building nor can such structure(s) be constructed prior to construction of the main residential dwelling.

5.8 Work Commencement. No work shall commence prior to approval by the ACC. No foundation for a building shall be poured, nor pilings driven, nor shall construction commence in any manner or respect, until the layout for the building is approved by the ACC. It is the purpose of this approval to assure that removal of desirable existing trees is minimized and that the building is placed on the Home in its most advantageous position.

5.9 Exterior Color Plan. The ACC shall have final approval of all exterior color plans including materials and each Owner must submit to the ACC, a color plan showing the color of all exterior surfaces which shall include samples of the actual colors to be utilized and the materials. The ACC shall determine whether the color plan and materials are consistent with the Homes in the surrounding areas and that they conform with the color scheme of the community. The color plan must be submitted prior to construction or repainting. The ACC, at the direction of Association, reserves the right, and is hereby given the right, to determine that any building in the community is in need of outside painting. In the event the determination is made that a building requires outside painting, the ACC shall give the Owner(s) of such building notice of such determination, which notice shall be accompanied by the demand that such Owner(s) comply with such demand within 45 days after the mailing of such notice. In the event such Owner(s) fail to comply with such notice and demand, the ACC shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cause such outside painting to be done and performed, and shall make an Individual Assessment against the Owner(s) to cover the costs of such outside painting, including, without limitation, an administrative fee equal to the greater of \$50 or 15% of the cost of such work, and shall have full lien rights against the Home as set forth in the Declaration.

5.10 Roofs, Eaves and Gables. All roofs, including the replacement of all or any part of a roof, must be approved by the ACC. No asphalt roofs shall be permitted. All required heat and plumbing vents shall not penetrate the roof on the road-side of the building unless determined to be absolutely necessary by the ACC. In all events such vents and roof edge flashing shall be painted the same color as the roof. A sample of the material to be used, including the color of the material, must be submitted with the application for approval of a roof or for the replacement of a roof with any material other than the existing material. All roof main spans shall have a slope or pitch of a minimum of five feet of rise for each twelve feet of lateral distance, or 5/12. Roofing materials shall be cement tiles or other materials of similar useable life approved by the ACC.

5.11 Window Frames. Window frames other than wood must be either anodized or electronically painted. If a window frame is steel, the color should be in harmony with the exterior. No mill finish aluminum color will be allowed. All windows must utilize white window frames. Wood frames must be painted.

5.12 Window Treatments. All window treatments facing the street must be a neutral color (white, off-white or wood tones) and must be compatible with the Home exterior.

5.13 Front, Rear and Side Facades. The treatment of the rear and side facade will be similar to that of the front elevations of the Home and similar materials will be used as determined by the ACC.

tree on his/her Lot hereby grants the Association an easement across his/her Lot for the purposes of maintaining the required yard tree. Owner understands and agrees that for any such yard tree planted on his/her Lot as required to meet the requirements set forth herein, the Owner may not remove, alter or damage such yard tree. The Association's maintenance obligations notwithstanding, any such yard tree planted to meet the requirements set forth herein shall be irrigated by the Owner's irrigation installed on such Lot. The Association's maintenance obligations notwithstanding, any such swale tree planted in a swale to meet the requirements set forth herein shall be irrigated by the Owner's irrigation installed on such adjacent Lot.

5.21 Spas and Jacuzzis. Spas and jacuzzis must have the prior written approval of the ACC.

5.22 Tennis Courts. Tennis courts and game courts are not permitted within Lots.

5.23 Garbage and Trash Containers. No Home shall be used or maintained by an Owner as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash or other waste. All trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers and, except during pickup, if required to be placed at the curb, all containers shall be kept out of public view from either the front of a Home or from neighboring properties.

5.24 Temporary Structures. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other out building shall be used on any Home at any time as a Home either temporary or permanently.

5.25 Window Air Conditioning. No window or wall air conditioning units shall be permitted.

5.26 Mailboxes. No mailbox or paperbox or other receptacle of any kind for use in the delivery of mail or newspapers or magazines or similar material shall be erected on any Home unless and until the size, location, design and type of material for said house or receptacle shall have been approved by the ACC, provided however, that Developer reserves the right, to be exercised at its option, to provide each mailbox and post to be used on each Home. If and when the United States mail service or the newspaper involved shall indicate a willingness to make delivery to wall receptacles attached to Homes, each Owner, on the request of the ACC, shall replace the boxes or receptacles previously employed for such purpose with the wall receptacles attached to Homes.

5.27 Utility Connections. Building connections for all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, electricity, telephone and television shall be run underground from the proper connecting points to the building structure in such a manner to be acceptable to the governing utility authority. No exposed wiring on the exterior of a structure will be permitted other than originally installed by Developer.

5.28 Antenna. All outside antennas, antenna poles, antenna masts, electronic devises, satellite dish antennas, or antenna towers are subject to the prior approval of the ACC. The ACC may require that all such items be screened from view and that the installation of the antenna comply with all applicable safety restrictions, including any restrictions as to location and height of antenna as imposed by applicable fire codes, electrical codes, zoning codes, and building codes. A flagpole for the display of the American flag only may be permitted if approved by the ACC. An approved flagpole may not be used as an antenna. One meter satellite dishes may be placed below the roof line in rear of the Home with the prior approval of the ACC as provided in Section 6.2 herein.

5.29 Flags. No flag or banner shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of The Ranches at Cooper City that is visible from the outside without the prior written approval thereof being first had and obtained by the ACC as required by these Community Standards. No in-ground flag poles (except as Developer may use) shall be permitted within The Ranches at Cooper City, unless written approval of the ACC is obtained. Notwithstanding the following, flags which are no larger than 24" x 36", attached to a home and displayed for the purpose of a holiday, and American flags shall be permitted without ACC approval.

5.30 Holiday Lights. Holiday lights may be put up on Homes within The Ranches at Cooper City so long as the lights do not create a nuisance (e.g., unacceptable spillover to adjacent lot) or excessive traffic and as set forth in the Declaration.

5.31 Additions. Rain water from a new addition roof or new grade of Home terrain must not run on neighboring property as to create a nuisance. The location of all windows in a new addition must not adversely affect the privacy of adjoining neighbors. Each Owner is responsible for maintaining established drainage patterns on the lot comprising the Home so as not to adversely affect drainage in any other portion of The Ranches at Cooper City.

5.32 Awnings and Shutters. All awnings and shutters, other than those originally installed by Developer, must be approved by the ACC and must be color compatible with exterior of the Home.

5.33 Doors. The replacement of exterior doors must be color compatible with the exterior of the Home. All exterior entrance doors must be compatible with the community.

5.34 Glass Block. The use of glass block on an existing Home or the use of glass block in an addition to an existing Home is subject to approval.

5.35 Storage Sheds. All storage sheds must have the prior written approval of the ACC.

5.36 Gutter and Solar Collectors. All gutters must match the exterior house color, trim color and window metal color. Gutter down spouts must not concentrate water flow onto neighboring properties. Solar collectors must not be installed so as to be visible from the street.

6. Express Approval.

6.1 Within Thirty (30) Days.

6.1.1 Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, unless the ACC disapproves one of the following proposed improvements within thirty (30) days after the ACC receives written request for such approval, the request shall be deemed approved by the ACC:

6.1.1.1 Re-paint house exteriors and trims in the identical color previously approved by the ACC.

6.1.1.2 Re-surface existing driveways in the identical color/material previously approved by the ACC.

6.1.1.3 Replace existing screening with identical screening materials previously approved by the ACC.

6.1.1.4 Replace existing exterior doors with identical exterior doors previously approved by the ACC.

6.1.1.5 Mailbox previously approved.

6.1.1.6 Replace existing roof with identical roof material.

6.1.1.7 Installation of hurricane shutters.

6.2 Within Five (5) Days.

6.2.1 Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, unless the ACC disapproves the following proposed improvements within five (5) days after the ACC receives written request for such approval, the request shall be deemed approved by the ACC:

6.2.2 Installation of an antenna designed to receive direct broadcast satellite services, video programming services via multipoint distribution services, and/or television broadcast services.

6.2.3 Installation of a satellite earth station antenna that is one (1) meter or less in diameter.

All references in this paragraph to "identical" shall mean that such item shall be replaced with an item that is identical in all respects to the existing item (i.e., the identical style, texture, size, color, type, etc.).

7. Deviations. No construction may commence until the final plans and specifications have been approved by the ACC. No deviations from the approved plans and specifications shall be permitted and the ACC may require work to be stopped if a deviation is discovered until the deviation is corrected. Association may withhold issuance of its Certificate Of Compliance if the completed Home deviates from the ACC approved plans and may take appropriate action against the responsible parties to require conformance to the ACC approved plans.

8. Administrative Fees and Compensation. As a means of defraying its expense, the ACC may institute and require a reasonable filing fee to accompany the submission of the preliminary plans and specifications, to be not more than one fourth of percent ($\frac{1}{4}\%$) of the estimated cost of the proposed improvement, subject to a minimum fee of Twenty-Five and no/100 dollars (\$25.00). No additional fee may be required for re-submissions. No member of the ACC shall be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to these Community Standards. In addition, if special architectural or other professional review is required of any particular improvement, the applicant may also be responsible for reimbursing the ACC for the cost of such review.

9. Liability. Notwithstanding the approval by the ACC of plans and specifications submitted to it or its inspection of the work in progress, neither it, Developer, Association, nor any other person acting on behalf of any of them, shall be responsible in any way for any defects in any plans or specifications or other material submitted to the ACC, nor for any defects in any work completed pursuant thereto. Each applicant submitting plans or specifications to the ACC shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and the adequacy of improvements constructed pursuant thereto. In no event shall the ACC, Association, or Developer owe any duty to any Owner or any other party with respect to the quality of the construction or the compliance of the construction with approved plans and specifications and the respective Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the ACC, Association, and Developer from any and all claims resulting therefrom including reasonable attorneys' and paraprofessional fees and costs. The approval of any proposed improvements or alterations by the ACC shall not constitute a warranty or approval as to, and no member or representative of the ACC or the Board shall be liable for, the safety, soundness, workmanship, materials or usefulness for any purpose of any such improvement or alteration nor as to its compliance with governmental or industry codes or standards. By submitting a request for the approval of any improvement or alteration, the requesting Owner shall be deemed to have automatically agreed to hold harmless and indemnify the aforesaid members and representatives, and Association, generally, from and for any loss, claim or damages connected with such aspects of the improvements or alterations.

10. Construction by Owners. The following provisions govern construction activities by Owners after consent of the ACC has been obtained:

10.1 Miscellaneous. Each Owner shall deliver to the ACC, when required, copies of all construction and building permits as and when received by the Owner. Each construction site in The Ranches at Cooper City shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition throughout construction. Construction activities shall be performed on a diligent, work manlike and continuous basis. Roadways, easements, swales, Common Areas and other such areas in The Ranches at Cooper City shall be kept clear of construction vehicles, construction materials and debris at all times. No construction office or trailer shall be kept in The Ranches at Cooper City and no construction materials shall be stored in The Ranches at Cooper City subject, however, to such conditions and requirements as may be promulgated by the ACC. All refuse and debris shall be removed or deposited in a dumpster on a daily basis. No materials shall be deposited or permitted to be deposited in any canal or waterway or Common Areas or other Homes in The Ranches at Cooper City or be placed anywhere outside of the Home upon which the construction is taking place. No hazardous waste or toxic materials shall be stored, handled and used, including, without limitation, gasoline and petroleum products, except in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, and shall not be deposited in any manner on, in or within the construction or adjacent property or waterways. All

construction activities shall comply with these Community Standards. Any permit boards or signs must be removed immediately upon completion of construction and work activities. In the event an Owner fails to comply with the foregoing, the ACC shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cause the boards and/or signs to be removed and to charge an Individual Assessment against the Owner to cover the cost of removal including, without limitation, an administrative fee equal to the greater of \$50 or 15% of the cost of such removal.

10.2 Required Lists. There shall be provided to the ACC, when required, a list (name, address, telephone number and identity of contact person), of all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers (collectively, "**Contractors**") and changes to the list as they occur relating to construction. Each builder and all of its employees and contractors and their employees shall utilize those roadways and entrances into The Ranches at Cooper City as are designated by the ACC for construction activities. The ACC shall have the right to require that each builder's and contractor's employees check in at the designated construction entrances and to refuse entrance to persons and parties whose names are not registered with the ACC.

10.3 Owner Responsibility. Each Owner is responsible for insuring compliance with all terms and conditions of these Community Standards by all of its employees and contractors. In the event of any violation of any such terms or conditions by any employee or contractor, or, in the opinion of the ACC, the continued refusal of any employee or contractor to comply with such terms and conditions, after five (5) days' notice and right to cure, the ACC shall have, in addition to the other rights hereunder, the right to prohibit the violating employee or contractor from performing any further services in The Ranches at Cooper City. Each Owner is responsible for restoring any Common Areas damaged or destroyed by work activities of such Owner's contractor(s).

10.4 ACC Standards. The ACC may, from time to time, adopt standards governing the performance or conduct of Owners, contractors and their respective employees within The Ranches at Cooper City. Each Owner and contractor shall comply with such standards and cause its respective employees to also comply with same. The ACC may also promulgate requirements to be inserted in all contracts relating to construction within The Ranches at Cooper City and each Owner shall include the same therein.

11. Inspection. There is specifically reserved to Association and ACC and to any agent or member of either of them, the right of entry and inspection upon any portion of The Ranches at Cooper City for the purpose of determination whether there exists any violation of the terms of any approval or the terms of the Declaration or these Community Standards. Without limiting the foregoing, the ACC shall have the right to make inspections during the construction of any structure or improvement to ensure that such structure or improvement is being constructed in accordance with the plans previously submitted to and approved by the ACC.

12. Violation. If any improvement shall be constructed or altered without prior written approval, or in a manner which fails to conform with the approval granted, the Owner shall, upon demand of Association or the ACC, cause such improvement to be removed, or restored until approval is obtained or in order to comply with the plans and specifications originally approved. The Owner shall be liable for the payment of all costs of removal or restoration, including all costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred by Association or ACC. The costs shall be deemed an Individual Assessment and enforceable pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration. The ACC and/or Association is specifically empowered to enforce the architectural and landscaping provisions of the Declaration and these Community Standards, by any legal or equitable remedy.

13. Court Costs. In the event that it becomes necessary to resort to litigation to determine the propriety of any constructed improvement or to cause the removal of any unapproved improvement, Association and/or ACC shall be entitled to recover court costs, expenses and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, in connection therewith.

14. Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Community Standards, any improvements of any nature made or to be made by Developer or the District, or their nominees, including, without limitation, improvements made or to be made to the Common Areas or any Home, shall not be subject to the review of the ACC, Association, or the provisions of these Community Standards.

15. Supplemental Exculpation. Developer, Association, the directors or officers of Association, the ACC, the members of the ACC, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be liable for any cost or damages incurred by any Owner or any other party whatsoever, due to any mistakes in judgment, negligence, or any action of Developer, Association, ACC or their members, officers, or directors, in connection with the approval or disapproval of plans and specifications. Each Owner agrees, individually and on behalf of its heirs, successors and assigns by acquiring title to a Home, that it shall not bring any action or suit against Developer, Association or their respective directors or officers, the ACC or the members of the ACC, or their respective agents, in order to recover any damages caused by the actions of Developer, Association, or ACC or their respective members, officers, or directors in connection with the provisions of this Section. Association does hereby indemnify, defend and hold Developer and the ACC, and each of their members, officers, and directors harmless from all costs, expenses, and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, of all nature resulting by virtue of the acts of the Owners, Association, ACC or their members, officers and directors. Developer, Association, its directors or officers, the ACC or its members, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be responsible for any defects in any plans or specifications or the failure of same to comply with applicable laws or code nor for any defects in any improvements constructed pursuant thereto. Each party submitting plans and specifications for approval shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and for the quality of construction performed pursuant thereto.

16. Amendments to Community Standards. The ACC shall recommend from time to time to the Board modifications and/or amendments to these Community Standards. Any modifications or amendments to these Community Standards shall be consistent with the provisions of the Declaration, and shall not be effective until approved by the Board and, prior to the Community Completion Date, by Developer. Notice of any modification or amendment to these Community Standards, including a verbatim copy of such change or modification, shall be posted within The Ranches at Cooper City, provided, however, the posting of notice of any modification or amendment to these Community Standards shall not constitute a condition precedent to the effectiveness or validity of such change or modification.

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL
CONTROL COMMITTEE:

Name: _____
Date: _____

Name: _____
Date: _____

Name: _____
Date: _____

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Name: _____
Date: _____

Name: _____
Date: _____

Name: _____
Date: _____

APPROVAL OF DEVELOPER:

THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY, LLC,
a Florida limited liability company

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE REVIEW

(Please Press Firmly)

Please deliver or mail this form with required plans and specifications to:
 ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
 THE RANCHES AT COOPER CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
 825 Coral Ridge Drive
 Coral Springs, Florida 33071

Name of Owner(s):		
Street Address:		
Community:	Lot:	Block:
Date:	Day Phone:	Evening Phone:

Approval is hereby requested for the following modifications, addition(s) and/or alterations as described below and on attached pages:

Type (check applicable box and/or describe below):

☐ Pool ☐ Landscaping ☐ Screen Enclosure

Other, please explain _____

THIS IS A RE-SUBMITTAL ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Information: _____

Please Check the Appropriate Boxes:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Survey with Modifications Noted on Survey (must be attached) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans and Survey for Pool (must be attached) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plans and Survey for Screen Enclosure (must be attached) | <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Plans and/or Specifications Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Surface Water Plan Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Improvement Contract Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Enclosed (the greater of \$25 or ¼% of improvement cost) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Time for Completion of Improvements:	Anticipated Commencement Date:
Owner's Signature:	Owner's Signature:

(FOR ACC USE ONLY)

Date Application Received _____

Improvement _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	Date of Approval/Disapproval : _____
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(Architectural Control Committee)

Your approval is subject to the following:

- You are responsible for obtaining any necessary permits from the appropriate Building and Zoning Department(s).
- Access to areas of construction are only to be allowed through your property, and you are responsible for any damages done to the Common Areas during construction

Explanation of Disapproval _____

White - Board of Directors

Yellow - Return to Homeowner

Pink - Management Company

Gold - Homeowner