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DECLARATIONS OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR LYNNSWAY COTTAGE HOMES

This DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR LYNNSWAY COTTAGE HOMES (this "Declaration") is made this 3rd day of August, 2015 by LYNNSWAY DEVELOPMENT, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them at the first time they are used herein or in the definition set forth in Article I below;

WHEREAS, the Submitted Parcel legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto is subject to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions dated November 7, 2005 applicable to Lots in Lynnsway, Units 1, 2 and 3, an addition to the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana and recorded in the Office of the Lake County Recorder on November 7, 2005 as Document Number 2005 097880 (the "Original Declaration"), which remains in effect as of this date;

WHEREAS, in addition to the Original Declaration, Declarant intends to, and by recording this Declaration does, additionally subject and submit to the provisions of this Declaration the Submitted Parcel legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto. The Development Area is the site of a residential development;

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the necessary administration, preservation, maintenance and enhancement of those portions of the Development Area, Declarant will form the Association which shall be responsible for the maintenance of the areas described in Article III hereof and each Owner of a Cottage Home which is subject to this Declaration (excluding the Declarant) shall be assessed for such Owner's share of the cost thereof by the Association;

WHEREAS, Declarant intends by this Declaration to impose upon the portions of the Development Area subject to the provisions of this Declaration mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all owners of residential property within the Submitted Parcel made subject to this Declaration and amendments thereto by the recording of this Declaration. Declarant desires to provide a flexible and reasonable procedure for the development of the submitted Parcel, and to establish a method for the administration,

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maintenance, enhancement, preservation, use and enjoyment of the Submitted Parcel as are now or may hereafter be subjected to this Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Declarant shall retain certain rights set forth in this Declaration. Prior to the Turnover Date, Declarant shall retain the right to appoint all members of the Board and the right to use the Submitted Parcel for the purposes set forth in Section 15.06. hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the real property legally described in Exhibit A and referred to herein as the Submitted Parcel is and shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, burdens, uses, privileges, charges and liens which shall exist at all times hereafter among all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in or to any portion of the Submitted Parcel; which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the real property subjected to this Declaration and the Original Declaration and which shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described Submitted Parcel or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. "Assessments" shall mean Assessments for Common Expenses provided for herein or by any Supplemental Amendment or by any other amendment hereof pursuant to Article XII hereof which shall be used for the purposes of promoting the health, safety, welfare, common benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of the Cottage Homes against which the Assessment is levied and of maintaining the Cottage Homes, all as may be specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors and as more particularly authorized below.

The Assessment shall be levied equally against Owners of Cottage Homes for such purposes that are authorized by this Declaration or by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 1.02. "Association" shall mean and refer to Lynnsway Cottage Homes Association, Inc., an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, and its successors and assigns. The "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall be the elected body of the Association having its normal meaning under Indiana law. The Association shall be organized and governed in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, attached hereto as Exhibits "B", "C" and "D", respectively.

Section 1.03. "Common Area" shall mean: (i) all sidewalks, lawns, landscaping, driveways, curbs and gutters, paving and sanitary sewer, sanitary service, storm sewer, water main service and water irrigation line improvements located on or within the Submitted Parcel, except sanitary sewer and water main improvement located within a public easement, (ii) the ingress and egress easements shown on the Plat and the improvements therein, (iii) all personal property owned or controlled by the Association and available for the common benefit and/or use of Owners, and (iv) all other improvements located on or within the Submitted Parcel owned or controlled by the Association and available for the common benefit and/or use of the Owners or for the maintenance or management of any part of the Development Area.

- <u>Section 1.04</u>. "<u>Common Expenses</u>" shall mean and include the actual and estimated expenses of operating the Association, including any reasonable reserve, alias may be found to be appropriate by the Board pursuant to this Declaration, the By-Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
- Section 1.05. "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Development Area. Such standard may be more specifically determined and set forth by the Architectural Review Committee, or by the Board of Directors.
- Section 1.06. "Cottage Home" shall mean a Lot and the attached cottage home or paired villa (duplex) home constructed thereon for use and occupancy as a single-family residence. The boundaries of Cottage Homes shall be the boundary lines of the Lot conveyed by Declarant to the Owners (including a party wall in the event of a paired villa (duplex) home. For the purposes of this Declaration, a Cottage Home shall come into existence when substantially complete or upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the appropriate agency of the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana.
- <u>Section 1.07</u>. "<u>Declarant</u>" shall mean Lynnsway Development, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company, successors and assigns. Any such successor or assignee shall be deemed a Declarant and entitled to exercise all or any rights of Declarant as provided in Article XV hereof.
- Section 1.08. "Development Area" shall mean the real estate described on Exhibit A hereto with all improvements thereon.
- <u>Section 1.09.</u> "<u>Lot</u>" shall mean and refer to any lot in the Subdivision hereinbefore described, together with any and all improvements thereon, as shown on the plat or plats thereof and designated thereon with a number for identification on which a Cottage Home could be constructed, whether or not one has been constructed, and currently consist of Lots 1 through 36 on the Plat, as well as Lots 127 through 130, Lots 199, 200, 203, 204, and Lots 215 through 218 as described and set forth on Exhibit A.
- Section 1.10. "Member" shall mean and refer to a person or entity entitled to Membership in the Association, and each Owner shall be deemed a Member.
 - Section 1.11. "Mortgage" shall include a deed of trust, as well as a mortgage.
- Section 1.12. "Mortgagee" shall include a beneficiary or holder of a deed or trust, as well as a mortgagee.
- Section 1.13. "Mortgagor" shall include the trustor of a deed of trust, as well as a mortgagor.
- Section 1.14. "Occupant" shall mean and refer to one or more Persons or entities which may at any time be entitled to the use and possession of a Cottage Home, or any part thereof, by leave, license, contract or any other means, whether or not lawful, and shall include, without limitation, Owners, tenants, subtenants, and their guests and invitees.

- Section 1.15. "Owner" shall mean and refer to one or more persons or entities who hold the record title to any Cottage Home which is part of the Development Area, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Cottage Home is sold under a recorded contract of sale, the purchaser (rather than the fee owner) shall be considered the Owner.
- Section 1.16. "Person" means a natural person, a corporation, a partnership, trustee or other legal entity.
- <u>Section 1.17</u>. "<u>Plat</u>" shall mean the Secondary (Final) Plat of Lynnsway Cottage Homes, being a resubdivision of Lots 131, 132, 193 Through 198, and 205 Through 214 in Lynnsway Unit 3, a subdivision in the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 108, Page 06, on April 2, 2015 as Document No. 2015-019572 in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.
- Section 1.18. "Project" shall mean the Cottage Home area owned by the Declarant and held for development under a common plan for single-family Cottage Homes from time to time.
- <u>Section 1.19</u>. "<u>Subdivision</u>" shall mean and refer to all such existing properties less and excepting any retractions therefrom, as are subject to this Declaration and shall initially include the real property described in Exhibit "A".
- <u>Section 1.20.</u> "<u>Submitted Parcel</u>" shall mean that portion of the Development Area which is described on Exhibit A attached together with all rights appurtenant thereto.
- <u>Section 1.21</u>. "<u>Turnover Date</u>" shall mean the date on which the right of Declarant to select and designate all of the members of the Board of Directors is terminated pursuant to Section 15.01 hereof.

ARTICLE II

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 2.01. Membership and Meeting. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. No Owner, whether one or more persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Cottage Home owned. In the event the Owner of a Cottage Home is more than one (1) person or entity, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided herein. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote, may be exercised by a Member or the Member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote for each class of membership applicable to a particular Cottage Home be cast for each Cottage Home.

The first annual meeting of the Association shall not be held until such time as the rights of the Declarant to appoint directors and to thereby control the Association shall have expired as provided in Section 2.03 of this Declaration or at such earlier time or times as may be determined by the Declarant. The next annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors so as to occur no later than ninety (90) days after the close of the Association's fiscal year. Subsequent annual meetings shall be held within thirty (30) days of the same day of the same month of each year thereafter at an hour set by the Board of Directors. Subject to the foregoing, the annual meeting of the Members shall be held at a date and time as set by the Board of Directors. Subject to the

foregoing, the Members shall, at each annual meeting, elect the Board of Directors of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 2.02, Voting. The Association shall have one (1) class of membership. Members shall be entitled on all issues to one (1) vote for each Cottage Home in which they hold an interest required for membership by Section 2.01 hereof. When more than one (1) person or entity holds such interest in any Cottage Home, the vote for such Cottage Home shall be exercised as those persons or entities themselves determine and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to any meeting. In the absence of such written notification, the Cottage Home's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one (1) person or entity seeks to exercise it.

Any Owner of Cottage Homes which are leased may, in the lease or other written instrument, assign the voting right appurtenant to that Cottage Home to the lessee, provided that a copy of such instrument is furnished to the Secretary prior to any meeting.

The voting rights of Members shall be subject to Declarant's rights pursuant to the provisions of Article XV.

Section 2.03. Number Terms and Selection of Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) directors appointed by Declarant who may but need not be Owners or Members of the Association, and who shall serve those terms of office as established by the By-Laws. Declarant shall have the right to select and designate all of the directors, and accordingly therefore the right to operate and control the Association, until the Turnover Date. Thereafter, directors shall be elected as otherwise required by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association and must be Members of the Association.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws, from and after the date of the recording of the Declaration until the Turnover Date, the Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors appointed from time to time by Declarant. Such Board of Directors so appointed shall exclusively hold all rights and powers which a Board of Directors or the Association would have under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws, except as specifically limited herein. Such Board of Directors may appoint from time to time from among the Owners of Cottage Homes, one or more committees to advise and assist it in the performance of its functions. The rights and powers of such Board of Directors shall be limited as follows:

- All assessments shall be made in accordance with this Declaration.
- b. Such Board shall have no power to reallocate the voting power among the Members in any manner contrary to this Declaration.
- c. Such Board shall not take any action requiring the vote or consent of any Mortgagee unless the vote or consent of such Mortgagee is obtained.

Declarant shall have the right to waive, on behalf of the Association, the annual meeting and annual accounting provided for in this Declaration, so long as Declarant retains control of the Association. At the time of turnover of control by Declarant, a meeting of the Association will be called, at which time the rights and powers of Declarant's appointed Board of Directors shall

terminate and the Association shall thereafter be governed in accordance with the other provisions of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. Each Member shall be deemed to have given to Declarant an irrevocable proxy to vote on any and all matters on which such Member is entitled to vote under this Declaration, or under the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Association. The proxy hereby granted to Declarant shall be deemed to be coupled with an interest and irrevocable. Such proxy shall terminate as of the Turnover Date as set forth above.

ARTICLE III

MAINTENANCE OF COTTAGE HOMES/OWNERSHIP OF DETENTION POND

Section 3.01. Association's Responsibility. Unless otherwise provided by an amendment to the By-Laws of the Association by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members (not two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum), the Association's responsibility for maintenance of the Submitted Parcel (except for services provided by the Town of Cedar Lake) shall be limited to:

- a. the providing for the care of lawns, grass mowing, fertilizing and landscaping care outside of any enclosed private courtyard, including the obligation to maintain the irrigation system and provide water for the irrigation system, if any;
- b. maintenance, repair, and reconstruction of the retention/detention pond located on the Submitted Parcel including, but not limited to, grass mowing and maintenance and/or repair and replacement of any fountain existing therein; and
- c. the removal of the snow from sidewalks and driveways within twenty four (24) hours when accumulation is two (2) inches or more, to provide access to the entry door and garage located adjacent to any Cottage Home.

Section 3.02. Owner's Responsibility. Except as provided in Section 3.01 hereof, all maintenance, repair and replacement of the Cottage Home, its sidewalk and driveway located in the Cottage Home shall be sole responsibility of the Owner thereof who shall perform such maintenance in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard of the Project and the applicable covenants; provided, further, the Owner shall be responsible for the following:

- a. mowing any grass and caring for any lawn or landscaping that may be within an enclosed private courtyard created by the Owner;
 - b. removing snow from the rear of the Cottage Home;
- c. the maintenance, repair and replacement of the post light, the light bulbs within the post light and the dusk-to-dawn sensor on the post light;
- d. to maintain, repair and replace the owner's mailbox to subdivision standards; and
- e. to provide the Association with the name, address, phone number and insurance company information and to keep the Association informed of any changes thereto.

Section 3.03. <u>Detention Pond</u>. The Declarant has or will convey to the Association a certain detention pend located on the property. The legal description of the pond to be conveyed to the Association is as follows:

Outlot D in Lynnsway Unit 2, a subdivision in the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 98, Page 28, on October 19, 2005 as Document No. 2005-092115 in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

The Association, upon delivery of the Deed, shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and reconstruction of said pond(s) in accordance with Section 3.01 and also any and all real estate taxes due on said real estate.

ARTICLE IV

INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

<u>Section 4.01. Insurance.</u> Each Owner shall obtain such insurance in accordance with Section 4.02 hereof. All provisions of this Article shall apply to all policy provisions, loss adjustment and all other subjects of all policies of insurance.

The Association, acting through its Board, shall obtain a master casualty policy affording fire and extended coverage insurance insuring the capital assets of the Association in an amount equal to the full replacement value thereof or any improvements located upon the Common Area or reserved easement herein as determined by a qualified property and casualty insurer. The amount shall be determined and the insurance renewed annually.

Each Owner shall also obtain a public liability policy covering the Cottage Home owned by such Owner, and shall name the Association as an additional insured for all damages or injury caused by the negligence of such Owner. The public liability policy shall have at least a Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) limit per occurrence and a One Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$100,000.00) minimum property damage limit. In addition, each Owner upon request of the Association shall provide a copy of the insurance policy or a certificate to the Association.

Premiums for insurance obtained by the Association shall be a Common Expense of the Association and shall be included in the General Assessment, as defined in Article IX. Premiums for insurance obtained by Owners shall be paid by such Owners.

Section 4.01A. Other Association Insurance. In addition to the other insurance required by Section 4.01 hereof, the Board shall also have the authority to and may obtain, as a Common Expense, the following:

- a. Comprehensive public liability and property damage insurance against claims for person injury or death or property damage suffered by the public or by any Owner occurring in or about the streets, sidewalks and passageways and other areas adjoining the Submitted Parcel and/or with respect to the Association's maintenance obligations set forth in Section 4.01 hereof, in such amounts as the Board shall deem desirable.
- b. Such workmen's compensation insurance as may be necessary to comply with applicable laws.

- c. Employer's liability insurance in such amount as the Board shall deem desirable.
- d. Fidelity bond or bonds indemnifying the Association, the Board and the Owners for loss of funds resulting from fraudulent or dishonest acts of any director, officer, employee of the Association or of any other person handling the funds of the Association, the Board or the Owners in such amount as the Board shall deem desirable, but may not be less than three (3) months' Assessments plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be canceled or substantially modified without at least ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Association.
 - e. Directors' and Officers' liability insurance.
- f. Such other insurance in such reasonable amounts as the Board shall deem desirable.

Such insurance coverage shall include cross liability claims of one or more insured parties against other insurance parties. The premiums for such insurance shall be Common Expenses.

<u>Section 4.02</u>. <u>Individual Insurance</u>. By virtue of taking title to a Cottage Home subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each individual Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance on the Cottage Home and structures constructed thereon as provided for in Section 4.01 hereof.

ARTICLE V

CONDEMNATION

Whenever all or any part of a Cottage Home shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the Owner) by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner damaged by such condemnation shall be entitled to pursue all available remedies against the condemning authority, should any property owned or maintained by the Association for common use be affected by the condemnation, the Association shall be entitled to pursue all available remedies against the condemning authority for the damages sustained to such property.

ARTICLE VI

RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

<u>Section 6.01. Personal Property for Common Use</u>. The Association, through action of its Board of Directors, may acquire, own, lease, hold and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property.

Section 6.02. Rules and Regulations. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the operations of the Association, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. Sanctions may be imposed in accordance with Article X. The Board shall, in

addition, have the power to seek relief in any court for violations or to abate nuisances. In addition, the Association shall permit the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana, to enforce ordinances on the Submitted Parcel for the benefit of the Association and its Members.

Section 6.03. Implied Rights. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, or the Rules and Regulations, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

ARTICLE VII

ASSESSMENTS

Section 7.01. Creation of Assessments. There are hereby created Assessments for Common Expenses as may be from time to time specifically authorized by the Board of Directors to be commenced at the time and in the manner set forth in Section 7.06 hereof. Assessments shall be allocated equally among all Cottage Homes within the Association and shall be for expenses determined by the Board to be for the benefit of the Association as a whole. Each Owner, by acceptance of his or her deed or recorded contract of sale, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these Assessments. All such Assessments, together with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees shall be a charge on the Cottage Home and shall be a continuing lien upon the Cottage Home against which each Assessment is made.

Each such Assessment together with interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Cottage Home at the time the Assessment arose, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance to the extent expressly assumed, except no first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Cottage Home pursuant to the remedies provided in the Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid Assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors which may include, without limitation, acceleration of the annual Assessment for delinquents; unless the Board otherwise provides, the Assessments shall be paid in monthly installments.

The Association is specifically authorized to enter into subsidy contracts with Declarant or other entities for the payment of some portion of the Common Expenses.

Section 7.02. Computation of Assessment. It shall be the duty of the Board, at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of the budget year (the budget year shall be from January 1 through December 31) and ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the budget shall be presented to the membership, to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming budget year. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.05 hereof, the budget shall include a capital contribution establishing a reserve fund in accordance with a capital budget separately prepared and shall separately list general expenses. The Board shall cause a copy of the budget, and the amount of the Assessments to be levied against each Cottage Home for the following budget year to be delivered to each Owner at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The budget and the Assessments shall become effective when adopted by the Board of Directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for the succeeding budget year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding budget year.

The Board may not, without the vote or written consent of a majority of the votes of the Association, impose an Assessment per Cottage Home which is greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the amount for the previous fiscal year, except for the Assessment levied for the first time.

The initial assessment of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per Cottage Home shall be collected by and for the benefit of the Association at the time of the initial closing on the Cottage Home. In addition, until such time as a budget is prepared, the monthly assessment is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per Cottage Home, which amount shall be paid to the Association on or before the first of each month, unless the Board of Directors otherwise provide.

Section 7.03. Special Assessments. In addition to the Assessments authorized in Section 7.01, the Association may levy a Special Assessment or Special Assessments in any year applicable to that year, provided, however, that such Special Assessment for any purpose other than as a sanction against an Owner shall have the vote or written assent of fifty-one percent (51%) of a quorum of Members entitled to vote at a meeting called for the purpose. The Association may also levy a Special Assessment as a sanction against any Member to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing a Member and his Cottage Home into compliance with the provisions of the Declaration, the Amendments thereto, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, and the Rules and Regulations, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the vote of the Board.

Section 7.04. Lien for Assessments. When a notice of the lien has been recorded, such Assessment or Special Assessment shall constitute a perfected lien on each Cottage Home prior and superior to all other liens, except (1) all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other levies which by law would be superior thereto, and (2) the lien or charge of any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage or deed of trust with first priority over other Mortgage or deeds of trust) made in good faith and for value.

Such lien, when delinquent, may be enforced by suit, judgment and foreclosure.

The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for the Cottage Home at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. During the period owned by the Association, following foreclosure: (a) No right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) no Assessment shall be assessed or levied on it; and (c) each other Cottage Home shall be charged, in addition to its usual Assessment, its equal pro rata share of the Assessment that would have been charged such Cottage Home had it not been acquired by the Association as a result of foreclosure. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid Assessments, and attorneys' fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

Section 7.05. Capital Budget and Contributions. In the event that the Association becomes the owner of any capital asset, or is charged with the duty for the upkeep, maintenance and repair of a capital asset, the Board of Directors shall annually prepare a capital budget which shall take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital

contribution, if any, in any amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital budget, with respect both to amount and timing by annual Assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required shall be fixed by the Board and included within the budget and Assessment, as provided in Section 7.02 hereof. A copy of the capital budget shall be distributed to each Member in the same manner as the operating budget.

Section 7.06. Date of Commencement of Monthly Assessments. The monthly Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Cottage Home upon the date of conveyance of title to an Owner (other than the Declarant) and shall be prorated as of the date of such conveyance.

Section 7.07. Subordination of the Lien to First Deeds of Trust and First Mortgages. The lien of the Assessments, including interest, late charges subject to the limitations of Indiana law, and costs (including attorneys' fees) provided for herein, shall be subordinate to the lien of any bona fide first Mortgage upon any Cottage Home. The sale or transfer of any Cottage Home shall not affect the Assessment or Special Assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Cottage Home pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a first Mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Cottage Home from lien rights for any Assessments or Special Assessments thereafter becoming due. Where the Mortgagee of a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Cottage Home obtains title, his successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of the Assessments by the Association chargeable to such Cottage Home which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Cottage Home by such acquirer. Such unpaid share of the Assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expense collectible from all of the Cottage Homes, including such acquirer, his successors and assigns.

ARTICLE VIII

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

This Article may not be amended without the Declarant's written consent, so long as the Declarant owns any land subject to this Declaration or subject to annexation to this Declaration.

No construction, which term shall include within its definition, staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work, and no plantings or removal of plants, trees or shrubs outside of any enclosed private courtyard shall take place except in strict compliance with this Article, until the requirements thereof have been fully met, and until the approval of the Architectural Review Committee has been obtained. The Architectural Review Committee (the "ARC") shall consist of three (3) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The ARC shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all modifications, additions or alterations made on or to existing Cottage Homes and the open space, if any, appurtenant thereto. The original construction of the unit shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Declarant.

Section 8.01. Architectural Standards. Notwithstanding that it is the Owner's responsibility to maintain and repair the Cottage Home owned by him and/or her, each Owner agrees that they are prohibited from taking any action with regard to the following:

- a. The reconfiguration of any existing structure of a Cottage Home in any manner whatsoever.
- b. The use of any materials on the exterior of any Cottage Home which is not substantially the same to that which was provided as a part of the original construction, both in quality, color and other appearance.
- c. The erection of retractable awnings, or other similar items or devises, except within an enclosed private courtyard or patio in such a manner that they are not visible from any ground level location from the exterior.
- d. The use of window coverings which are not white or beige or show a white or beige appearance when viewed from the exterior of the Cottage Home.
- e. The use of mailboxes not in conformity with the quality and style and location of the original mailboxes installed for the Cottage Homes by the Declarant in accordance with Section 9.11.
- f. The use of exterior lamp posts not in conformity with the quality and style and location of the original exterior tamp posts installed for the Cottage Homes by the Declarant in accordance with Section 9.12.
- g. No fencing will be permitted for any purpose on a Parcel except as provided in this Section 8.01(g). The preceding sentence shall not prohibit (i) an enclosed uniform private courtyard fence the area of which shall not exceed 400 sq. ft., and the color of which shall match the fascia and soffit of the Cottage Home, or (ii) a high-quality fence of approximately three (3) feet in height located in the rear of the Cottage Home, provided in all instances that Owner submits in advance a proposal to the ARC and the ARC has approved such proposal, which approval may be unreasonably withheld.

In addition to the foregoing prohibitions, each Owner shall have an affirmative obligation to maintain and repair his and/or her Cottage Home in such manner as to maintain at all times the uniformity of appearance of such Cottage Home with all others in the community. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no permission or approval shall be required to repaint in accordance with an originally approved color scheme, or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the right to an Owner to remodel the interior of his and/or her Cottage Home, or to paint the interior of his and/or her Cottage Home any color desired.

ARTICLE IX

USE RESTRICTION

Section 9.01. Residential Restrictions. The Lots subject to these covenants and restrictions may be used for a single-family Cottage Home and for no other purpose. Any and all business, trade, or similar activity is prohibited, except that an Owner or occupant residing in a dwelling on a Lot may conduct business activities within the dwelling so long as: (i) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside the dwelling; (ii) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements; (iii) the business

activity does not involve door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Subdivision; (iv) the business activity does not generate a level of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or a number of vehicles being parked in the Subdivision which is noticeably greater than that which is typical of dwellings in which no business activity is being conducted; and (v) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Subdivision and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Subdivision. The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in a full or part-time manner; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required.

Section 9.02. Nuisances. No nuisances shall be allowed upon any Cottage Home nor shall any use or practice be allowed which would annoy residents or interfere with the peaceful possession and proper use of the Cottage Homes by its residents, or which will obstruct or interfere with the rights of other Owners or the Association. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit or limit the enforcement of any provision of the Declaration which does not constitute a nuisance, or to prohibit the Association from adopting Rules and Regulations prohibiting conduct which does not constitute a nuisance.

Section 9.03. Immoral, Improper, Offensive and Unlawful Uses. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of any Cottage Home nor any part thereof and all laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental bodies regarding the maintenance, modification or repair of Cottage Homes shall be the same as provided in Article IV hereof.

Section 9.04. Uses Affecting Insurance Rates. An Owner shall not permit or suffer anything to be done or kept in a Cottage Home which will increase the insurance rates on any adjacent Cottage Home.

<u>Section 9.05.</u> Signs and Other External Items. No Owner shall display any sign (except for "for sale" or "for rent" signs located in the front windows of any Cottage Home), advertisement or notice of any type on the exterior or in the yard of a Cottage Home and no Owner shall erect any exterior antennae, aerials or awnings upon any Cottage Home. No clothesline or other similar device shall be allowed on any portion of any Cottage Home.

Section 9.06. Antennae and Satellite Dishes. No above-ground communication, electric or television lines or cable shall be placed by any Owner anywhere in the Development Area other than within homes or dwellings. No television or radio antenna, earth station dish, pole, wire, rods, satellite dish, or other device used in connection with the reception or transmission of any television, radio or any other electrical signal shall be erected or maintained on the exterior of any home or dwelling or on any part of a Parcel except that certain facilities may be allowed or mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Federal Communication Commission, which presently permits dishes or not more than one (1) meter under certain circumstances. Any permitted satellite dish must be properly screened from the view of surrounding Parcels and be located in a manner to not be seen from the street in front of the Cottage Home.

Section 9.07. Animals. An Owner may not keep, raise or breed any animals, livestock or poultry in or on a Cottage Home, provided, however, not more than three (3) cats and dogs total, (with such total including no more than two (2) dogs or two (2) cats) shall be allowed to be kept in or on a Cottage Home, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Association. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association may impose a special assessment against any Owner for (i) repairs or replacements required to be made to the exterior of the unit or the landscaped areas as a result of damage created by the Owner's animal and/or (ii) Owner's failure to clean up after said pets. All animals must be leashed at all times when not on the Owner's property and no dog shall be allowed to continuously bark, yelp, whine or howl by the Owner of any Lot in any Cottage Home.

Section 9.08. Vehicles. No recreational vehicles, motor homes, boats, boat trailers, recreational equipment and trailers or other motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 9,000 lbs. shall be placed, parked or stored upon any Lot for more than forty-eight (48) hours, nor shall any maintenance or repair be performed upon any boat or motor vehicle upon any Lot, except within a fully enclosed building and totally isolated from public view.

Section 9.09. Plants, Plant Material. The planting materials are to be located and shall be reasonably maintained at the Owner's expense so as to present a healthy, neat and orderly appearance, free from refuse and debris. All unhealthy and dead material shall be replaced within six (6) months or the next appropriate planting season. No artificial grass, plants or other artificial vegetation shall be placed or maintained upon the exterior portion of the Lot unless approved by the Developer or Architectural Review Committee. No grass, growth of weeds or rank vegetation in excess of five (5) inches in height shall be permitted upon any such Lot or any portion thereof.

Section 9.10. Rubbish, Trash, Garbage and Nuisance. No rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste materials shall be kept or permitted on any Lot or any portion thereof and all trash receptacles shall be kept in sanitary containers and shall be stored inside the garage. No firewood, scrap wood, limbs, branches, compost, composters, paper, bottles, tires or similar substances, filth, rubbish trash or noxious substance shall be collected or remain on any Lot or any part thereof which causes damage, prejudice or discomfort to others or the public or creates a breeding ground for insects or vermin.

Section 9.11. Mailboxes. The Developer shall select and designate a standard mailbox and post. Each Owner of a Cottage Home shall be required to purchase at a cost of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) from the Association at the time of the construction of the Cottage Home the standard mailbox and post which the Association shall install. No exterior newspaper receptacles shall be permitted in the Development. All repairs and replacements to such standard mailboxes and posts shall be the responsibility of the Owner and shall be consistent in color, quality and appearance with the original mailbox and post unless the advance written approval of the Association is obtained.

Section 9.12. Exterior Post Lights. The Developer shall adopt and designate a standard exterior post light for all Lots and may designate a standard location for such exterior post light. The Developer of the Cottage Home shall cause such standard exterior post light to be installed prior to the occupancy of the Cottage Home. The Owner shall be required to maintain, repair and replace said standard exterior post light. Exterior post lights shall be on and illuminated from dusk to dawn unless the Association shall provide otherwise by rule or regulation. No exterior lighting

fixture, other than the post light approved by the Developer or landscape lighting shall be installed in the front yard of any Cottage Home.

Section 9.13. Rules and Regulations. Rules and Regulations concerning the use of the Cottage Homes may be promulgated and amended by the Association acting by and through its Board of Directors each of which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time; provided, however, copies of all such Rules and Regulations shall be furnished to each Owner prior to the time that the same shall become effective. All Rules and Regulations promulgated from time to time shall be deemed to be reasonable and enforceable, so long as they bear any relationship to the safety, health, happiness and enjoyment of life of all of the Owners, are in furtherance of a plan to provide for the congenial occupation of the Cottage Homes, to promote and protect the cooperative aspects of ownership, the value of the Cottage Homes, and/or facilitate the administration of the community as a first class, safe, healthy, happy, quiet and restful residential community, and are not arbitrary and capricious. The Board of Directors of the Association is hereby granted the specific power and authority to enforce said rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of Article X.

ARTICLE X

ENFORCEMENT

Each Owner and Occupant of a Cottage Home shall be governed by and shall comply with the terms of this Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Association adopted pursuant thereto as they may be amended from time to time. A default or violation by an Owner or Occupant of a Cottage Home shall entitle the Association or any other Owner or Owners to the following remedies:

Section 10.01. Authority and Administrative Enforcement and Procedures.

- a. <u>Authority</u>. Cottage Homes shall be used only for those uses and purposes set out in this Declaration, and subject to the covenants and restrictions set forth herein, and in the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to impose reasonable Special Assessments in accordance with Section 7.03 hereof, which shall constitute a lien upon the Owner's Cottage Home and to suspend an Owner's right to vote, and to approve other appropriate sanctions in the event that it is determined in accordance with this Article X that an Owner or Occupant has violated any provision of this Declaration, the By-Laws, or the Rules and Regulations as duly promulgated.
- b. <u>Procedure.</u> The Board of Directors shall not impose a Special Assessment as a sanction, suspend the right to vote, or infringe upon any other rights of an Owner or Occupant for any such violations unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (1) Demand. Written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the alleged violator specifying: (a) the alleged violation; (b) the action required to abate the violation; and (c) a time period, πot less than ten (10) days, during which the violation may be abated without further sanction.

- (2) Notice. If the violation continues past the period allowed in the demand for abatement without sanction, the Association shall serve the violator with written notice of a hearing. The notice shall contain: (a) the nature of the alleged violation; (b) the time and place of the hearing, which time shall be not less than ten (10) days from the giving of the notice; (c) an invitation to attend the hearing and produce any statements, evidence and/or witnesses in his/her behalf; and (d) the proposed sanction to be imposed.
- (3) Hearing. The hearing shall be held in executive session by the Board of Directors pursuant to the notice affording the violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of notice, the invitation to be heard, the written result and statements of the sanction shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery is entered by the officer or director who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if a violator appears at the meeting.
- c. <u>Sanctions</u>. The Board of Directors' power and authority to impose sanctions shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (1) All Special Assessments imposed upon a violator under this Article shall bear a reasonable relationship to the violation, considering all the circumstances, which may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) The actual costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) incurred by the Board of Directors and the individual directors in the exercise of the power and authority under this Article X, and in otherwise attempting to remedy the violation.
 - (b) The amount of actual damage done to other Owners and Occupants and/or their Cottage Homes and/or to the Association arising out of the violation or the efforts to remedy the effects of same.
 - (c) The amount which would be reasonably required to compensate the Association for the disruption of and inconvenience to, the community, the Association or any Member thereof, or Occupant of a Cottage Home.
 - (d) The extent to which the violation is or was flagrant, and the extent to which the violator cooperated or hindered in any effort to remedy the violation.
- (2) All Special Assessments amounts imposed hereunder as a sanction shall be deemed to be a part of the Assessment attributable to the Cottage Home occupied by the violator, and shall be assessed against said Cottage Home and its Owner as a Special Assessment to be due and payable on the date that the next Assessment payment would be due, and any such special Assessments which are not paid as of that date shall become a lien on such Cottage Home, and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as Assessments.

- (3) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as granting to the Board of Directors the power or authority to impose such a Special Assessment which is punitive in nature, or to suspend an Owner's right to vote, unless the Board of Directors finds, by specific special findings of fact in accordance with the foregoing procedure, that the violator's conduct was willful, malicious, oppressive and outrageous in nature. Said special findings of fact shall specifically set forth all facts and circumstances.
- (4) All other sanctions imposed shall be reasonably related to the violation found.
- (5) The decision of the Board of Directors made in accordance with the foregoing procedures shall be final.
- <u>Section 10.02</u>, <u>Legal Remedies</u>. In addition to the administrative remedies set forth in Section 10.01 hereof, the legal remedies may include, without limiting the same, an action to recover sums due for damages, injunctive relief, foreclosure of lien, an action to enforce the sanctions imposed by administrative procedure, or any combination thereof. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of any legal proceeding including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- Section 10.03. No Waiver of Rights. The failure of the Association or of an Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations or by law shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association or Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.
- Section 10.04. No Election of Remedies. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or any Owner pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations or by law shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party thus exercising the same from exercising such other and additional rights, remedies or privileges.

ARTICLE XI

PROPERTY RIGHTS AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE

Section 11.01. Drainage System. The portion of the storm water drainage system located on the Real Estate described herein and owned by the Association which lies outside of the designated public right-of-ways has not been conveyed or accepted by the Town of Cedar Lake and the Town shall not be obligated to maintain said storm water drainage system including but not limited to the detention ponds located thereon until such time as the Town of Cedar Lake accepts the conveyance of the same. The Association created hereunder agrees to maintain to the standards established from time to time by the Town of Cedar Lake that portion of the storm water drainage system lying outside of the designated public right-of-way, which is utilized by the Submitted Parcel for its drainage. The total assessment shall be paid by the Lot Owners on a prorate basis computed as provided in the following paragraph.

<u>Section 11.02. Assessments.</u> There are hereby created Assessments for maintenance and repair of the storm water detention system in the manner set forth in this paragraph. Any

assessment shall be prorated among owners of the Cottage Homes and each Cottage Home Owner shall bear its proportionate share of that assessment, based upon a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is the total number of Cottage Homes. Each Owner of a Cottage Home, by acceptance of its deed or recorded contract of sale, or subsequent consent to this Declaration, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these Assessments. All such Assessments, together with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Cottage Home against which Assessment is made.

Each such Assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner or in the case of a land trust, the beneficial owners of such Cottage Home at the time the Assessment arose, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance to the extent expressly assumed. No first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Cottage Home pursuant to the remedies provided in the mortgage shall be liable for unpaid Assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title. Assessments shall be paid in such a manner, in such amount, and on such dates as may be fixed by the Developer, or a majority of the Owners, which may include without limitation that any Assessment shall be paid in one installment.

Section 11.03. Enforcement. When a notice of the lien has been recorded, such Assessment shall constitute a perfected lien on a Cottage Home prior and superior to all other liens, except: (i) all taxes, assessments and other levies which by law would be superior hereto and (ii) the lien or charge of any valid first Mortgage of record. Such lien, when delinquent, may be enforced by suit, judgment and foreclosure. A lawsuit to receive a money judgment for unpaid Assessments and attorney fees may be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

In addition, the lien of the Assessments including interest and costs (including attorneys' fees) provided for herein, shall be subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage upon any Cottage Home. The sale or transfer of any Cottage Home or portion thereof shall not affect the Assessment Lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Cottage Home pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a first Mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such Assessments as to payments which become due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Cottage Home from lien rights for any Assessments thereafter becoming due. Where the Mortgagee of a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Cottage Home or any portion thereof obtains title, his successors and assigns shall not be liable for Assessments by the Owner chargeable to such Cottage Home which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Cottage Home by such Acquirer. Such unpaid Assessments shall be deemed to be Additional Maintenance Expenses collectible from all of the Cottage Homes, including such Acquirer, his successors and assigns.

Section 11.04. Town of Cedar Lake. The Town of Cedar Lake is hereby declared to be a third-party beneficiary of the terms and provisions of this Article XI, and shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this section by specific performance and/or by any other means available at law or in equity, and Developer, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns does hereby waive any and all defenses to such enforcement rights. In addition to the foregoing, Developer hereby submits the Properties to the jurisdiction of the Town and the Town may, in addition to the foregoing, adopt such ordinances, regulations and resolutions as deemed by it to be appropriate to facilitate the enforcement of those provisions of this section which provide for the private

maintenance and repair of the detention ponds and other storm water retention or detention facilities located in this subdivision.

Section 11.05. Party Wall Rights, Restrictions and Easements. Subject to any other or additional provisions contained in any written agreement between parties affected, each wall which is built as part of the original construction of a Cottage Home that is a paired villa (duplex) home and placed on the Lot line of a paired villa (duplex) home shall constitute a party wall and to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration, the general rules of law regarding party walls and of liabilities for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto. In the event and to the extent that the center of any wall between paired villa (duplex) homes shall encroach into or onto the adjacent paired villa (duplex) home, the Owner utilizing said party wall shall have a perpetual exclusive easement appurtenant to its paired villa (duplex) home on and over such adjoining paired villa (duplex) home for the maintenance, repair and restoration of such wall and such Owner's paired villa (duplex) home to the extent that the same shall occupy such adjoining paired villa (duplex) home, and such wall shall be deemed a party wall for all purposes of this Declaration. The cost of reasonable repairs and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the wall. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, the Owner who has shared the wall may restore it, and if the other Owner thereafter makes use of the wall, they shall contribute equally to the cost of restoration thereof, without prejudice however, to the right of any such Owner to call for a larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligence or willful acts or omissions. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration to the contrary, any Owner who by his negligence or willful act, or the negligence or willful act of his occupancy causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other owner under this Declaration shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title. Easements are hereby declared and granted to Owners having a party wall to install, lay, operate, maintain, repair and replace any pipes, wires, ducts, conduits, public utility lines or structural components through the party walls of two or more paired villa (duplex) homes, whether or not such walls lie in all or in part within the boundaries of a paired villa (duplex) home. Every portion of a paired villa (duplex) home which contributes to the structural support of another paired villa (duplex) home shall be burdened with an easement of structural support for the benefit of the other paired villa (duplex) homes.

Section 11.06. Easements of Encroachment. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements of encroachment as between each adjacent Cottage Home that is a paired villa (duplex) home due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration) to a distance necessary to encompass any constructed encroachment, either now existing or arising in the future; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to the intentional, willful, or knowing conduct on the part of any Owner or Occupant.

Section 11.07. Non-Liability of Declarant for Drainage. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS DECLARATION, DECLARANT SHALL NOT HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO AN OWNER, THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITH RESPECT TO DRAINAGE ON, OVER OR UNDER A LOT. SUCH DRAINAGE SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OF THE LOT UPON WHICH A COTTAGE HOME IS CONSTRUCTED. AN OWNER, BY AN ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT, SHALL BE

DEEMED TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD DECLARANT FREE AND HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM, RELATED TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH DRAINAGE ON, OVER OR UNDER THE LOT DESCRIBED IN EACH DEED. DECLARANT SHALL HAVE NO DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES HEREUNDER, AND NO DUTY OF OR WARRANTY BY DECLARANT SHALL BE IMPLIED OR INFERRED FROM ANY TERM OR PROVISION OF THIS DECLARATION.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT

The Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations may be amended in the following manner:

<u>Section 12.01</u>. <u>Declaration</u>. Subject to Article XIV and Article XV, amendments to the Declaration shall be proposed and adopted as follows, provided, however, that no amendment may revoke, remove, or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant, without the Declarant's written consent.

- a. <u>Notice</u>. Notice of the subject matter of any proposed amendment shall be included in the Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors or Owners at which any proposed amendment is to be considered.
- b. Resolution. Except as provided in subparagraph d. hereof, a resolution to amend the Declaration may be adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Members (not two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum), at any regular or special meeting of the Members called and held in accordance with the By-Laws; provided, however, that any such amendment must also be approved and ratified by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors (not two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum).
- c. Recording. The amendment shall not be effective until a certified copy thereof is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana. A copy of any such amendment shall also be sent to each Owner and his and/or her Mortgagee by registered or certified mail; provided, however, the mailing of such amendment shall not constitute a condition precedent to the effectiveness of such amendment.
- d. Amendments by Declarant. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Declaration, and in addition to any other right to amend elsewhere set forth herein, the Declarant alone may amend this Declaration, or the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations, without the consent of the Owners, the Association, the Board of Directors or any Mortgagee, or any other Person: (1) to correct scrivener's errors, minor defects or omissions; (2) to comply with the requirements of Indiana law; (3) to comply with the requirements of any governmental agency, public authority, or title insurance company; (4) to comply with the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Housing Association, the Veterans Administration or any other governmental agency or any other public, quasi-public or private entity which performs (or may in the future perform) functions similar to those currently performed by each sell, insure or guarantee first mortgages

covering Cottage Homes; (5) to induce any of such agencies or entities to make, purchase, sell, insure or guarantee first mortgages covering Cottage Homes, or (6) to add portions of the Development Area to the Submitted Parcel by Supplemental Amendment pursuant to Article XVI hereof. This subparagraph d. shall constitute an irrevocable special power of attorney to Declarant on behalf of all Owners, Mortgagees, and any and all other Persons having an interest of any kind in the Submitted Parcel, for so long as Declarant and it shall become effective upon the recording of a copy thereof in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana. A copy of such amendment shall also be sent to all Owners and their Mortgagees in the manner provided in subparagraph c. hereof.

<u>Section 12.02.</u> <u>Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.</u> The Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be amended in the manner provided by such documents or by law.

ARTICLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 13.01. Term. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Submitted Parcel, and shall inure to the benefit of an shall be enforceable by the Association or the Owner of any Cottage Home subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless an instrument in writing, signed by a majority of the then Owners, has been recorded within the year preceding and the beginning of each successive period often (10) years, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same.

Section 13.02. Indemnification. The Association shall indemnity every officer and director against any and all expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon any officer or director in connection with any action suite or other proceeding, (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, or any other acts or omissions of any nature whatsoever as such directors and officers except for any acts or omissions found by a court to constitute criminal conduct, gross negligence or fraud. The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the directors and each of the officers, his heirs, executors or administrators, against all contractual and other liabilities to others arising out of contracts made by or other acts of the directors and officers on behalf of the Owners or the Association, or arising out of their status as directors or officers, unless any such contract or act shall have been made criminally, fraudulently or with gross negligence. It is intended that the foregoing indemnification shall include an indemnification against all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, amounts of judgments paid and amounts paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or other, in which any such director or officer may be involved by virtue of such person being or having been such director or officer; provided, however, that such indemnity shall not be operative with respect to (i) any matter as to which such person shall have been finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for criminal conduct, gross negligence or fraud in the performance of his duties as such director or officer, or (ii) any matter settled or compromised, unless, in the opinion of independent counsel selected by or in a manner determined by the Board of Directors, there is not reasonable grounds for such person being adjudged liable for criminal conduct, gross negligence or fraud in the performance of his duties as such director or officer. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall be not exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expense, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

Section 13.03. Perpetuities. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

ARTICLE XIV

MORTGAGEES' RIGHTS

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders, insurers, or guarantors of first Mortgages on Cottage Homes. To the extent applicable, necessary, or proper, the provisions of this Article XIV apply to both this Declaration and to the By-Laws of the Association. Where indicated, these provisions apply only to "Eligible Holders," as hereinafter defined; provided, however, voting percentages set forth herein are subject to and controlled by higher percentage requirements, if any, set forth elsewhere in this Declaration for specific actions.

Section 14.01. Notices of Action. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first mortgage, who provides written request (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer or guarantor and the Cottage Home address), to the Association (thereby becoming an "Eligible Holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:

- a. any proposed termination of the Association;
- b. any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Submitted Parcel or which affects any Cottage Home on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Holder;
- c. any delinquency in the payment of Assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Cottage Home subject to the Mortgage of such Eligible Holder, insurer or guarantor, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days;
- d. any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; or
- e. any proposed action which would require the consent of Eligible Holders, as required in Section 14.02 hereof.

Section 14.02. Mortgagee's Rights Respecting Amendments to the Declaration. To the extent possible under Indiana law, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article XII, any amendment of a material nature must be approved by Eligible Holders representing at least

fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of Cottage Homes that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Holders. An amendment to any of the following shall be considered material:

- a. voting rights;
- b. Assessment liens, or subordination of Assessment liens;
- c, reserves for maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Areas:
 - d. responsibility for maintenance and repairs;
 - e. boundaries of any Cottage Home;
- f. expansion of the Development Area (to include real estate not described in Exhibit "A" or not adjacent thereto nor in the vicinity thereof);
 - g. insurance or fidelity bonds;
- h. imposition of any restrictions on an Owner's right to sell or transfer his or her Cottage Home;
- i. restoration or repair of the Submitted Parcel (after a hazard damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than that specified in the Declaration;
- j. any action to terminate the legal status of the Submitted Parcel after substantial destruction or condemnation occurs, provided, however, that any action to terminate the legal status of the Project for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation shall require the consent of Eligible Holder's representing sixty-seven (67%) of the votes of Cottage Homes; or
- k, any provisions that expressly benefit mortgage holders, insurers or guarantors.

Section 14.03. Special FHLMC Provision. So long as required by FHLMC, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing two sections of this Article. Unless two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Owners give their consent, the Association shall not:

- a. by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer any Common Area which the Association owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of the Property shall not be deemed a transfer);
- b. change the method of determining the obligations, Assessments, dues or other charges which may be levied against the Owner;

- c. by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Cottage Homes and of any Common Area;
- d. fail to maintain fire and extended coverage insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
- e. use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Area losses for other than the repair, replacement of reconstruction of such.

The provisions of this Section 14.03 shall not be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must be obtained from Mortgagees or Owners where a larger percentage vote is otherwise required for any of the actions contained in this Section.

Section 14.04. Mortgagee's Right to Cure. First Mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against any Common Area and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies, or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of a policy, for any Common Area, and first Mortgagees making such payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

ARTICLE XV

DECLARANT'S RIGHTS

Section 15.01. Control by Declarant. Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this Declaration or the By-Laws to the contrary, and in addition to any other right or privilege given or granted or reserved to Declarant under this Declaration, the first and all subsequent Board of Directors shall consist solely of three (3) individuals designated by Declarant, which individuals may be need not be Owners or Members until the first to occur of any of the following (the "Turnover Date"):

- a. Thirty (30) days after Declarant has conveyed to purchasers for value all of the Cottage Homes proposed for the Development Area;
- b. The expiration of ten (10) years from the date of the recording of this Declaration; or
- c. The date on which the Declarant elects to terminate its sole control by the delivery of written notice of such election to the Owners.

Section 15.02. Absence of Warranty. The Declarant specifically disclaims any warranty or representation in connection with the Submitted Parcel or Development Area or this Declaration except as specifically set forth herein; and no Person shall rely upon any warranty or representation not specifically set forth therein. Any estimates of Assessments are believed to be accurate, but no warranty or guaranty is made or intended, nor may one be relied upon.

<u>Section 15.03.</u> <u>Assessment Exemption</u>. Declarant shall be exempt from any Assessment levied by the Association on any or all Cottage Homes owned by the Declarant and/or Declarant's designee which are unoccupied and offered by the Declarant and/or Declarant's designee for sale.

Section 15.04. Right to Amend Declaration. The Declarant shall have the right to amend the Declaration, and the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations, in accordance with Section 12.01(d) hereof.

<u>Section 15.05</u>. <u>Transfer of Rights</u>. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant may be transferred to other persons or entities, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained herein, and provided further, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

Section 15.06. Declarant's Reserved Rights and Easements. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself and its successors and assigns a nonexclusive, perpetual right, privilege, and easement with respect to any portion of the Submitted Parcel for the benefit of Declarant, its successors, and assigns over, under, in, and/or on the real estate without obligation and without charge to Declarant, for the purposes of construction, installation, relocation, development, maintenance, repair, replacement, use and enjoyment and/or otherwise dealing with the Submitted Parcel and Development Area. The reserved easement shall constitute a burden on the title to all of the Submitted Parcel and specifically includes, but is not limited to:

- a. the right of access, ingress, and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, under, on, or in all or any portion of the Submitted Parcel; and the right to tie into any portion of the Submitted Parcel with driveways, parking areas, streets, and drainage systems; and the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain, and repair any device which provides utility or similar services, including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, natural gas, water, sewer, and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under, and/or over all or any portion of the Submitted Parcel and in connection therewith the right to store construction equipment and materials in appropriate areas in areas owned by Declarant without payment of any fee or charge whatsoever; and
- b. the right to construct, install, replace, relocate, maintain, repair, use and enjoy model units, parking spaces, signs, lighting, construction offices, business offices and sales offices as, in the sole opinion of Declarant, may be required, convenient, or incidental to the construction of improvements and sale of the Cottage Homes in all or any portion of the Submitted Parcel and Development Area;
- c. no rights, privileges, and easements granted or reserved herein shall be merged into the title of any Cottage Home within the Submitted Parcel but shall be held independent of such title, and no such right, privilege, or easement shall be surrendered, conveyed, or released unless and until and except by delivery of a quit claim deed from Declarant releasing such right, privilege, or easement by express reference thereto with respect to all or any portion of the Submitted Parcel.

This Section 15.06 may not be amended without the advance written consent of Declarant.

ARTICLE XVI

SEVERABILITY OF INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS

Section 16.01. Severability of Invalid or Unenforceable Provisions. If any term, covenant, provision, phrase or other element of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws or the Rules and Regulations is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall not be deemed to affect, after, modify or impair in any manner whatsoever any other terms, covenant, provision, phrase or other element of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws or the Rules and Regulations.

If any part of this Declaration, or any term, covenant, provision, phrase or other element, or the application thereof in any circumstances be judicially held in conflict with the laws of the State of Indiana, then the said laws shall be deemed controlling and the validity of the remainder of the Declaration and the application of any other term, covenant, provision, phrase or other element in other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XVII

LIMITATION ON DECLARANT'S LIABILITY

Section 17.01. Limitation on Declarant's Liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, it is expressly agreed, and such Owner, by accepting title to a Cottage Home and becoming an Owner acknowledges and agrees, that neither Declarant (including without limitation any assignee of the interest of Declarant hereunder) nor any members of Declarant (or any member, partner, officer, director or shareholder in any such assignee) shall have any liability, personal or otherwise, to any Owner or other person, arising under, in connection with, or resulting from (including without limitation resulting from action or failure to act with respect to) this Declaration except, in the case of Declarant (or its assignee), to the extent of its interest in the Submitted Parcel; and, in the event of a judgment no execution or other action shall be sought or brought thereon against any other assets, nor be a lien upon such other assets of the judgment debtor.

ARTICLE XVIII

CAPTIONS

Section 18.01. Captions. Captions used in this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations are inserted solely as a matter of convenience and shall not be relied upon or used in construing the effect or meaning of any of the text of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE XIX

BINDING EFFECT

Section 19.01. Binding Effect. This Declaration shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each Owner, its successor, grantees, assigns and the legal representatives thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant has caused this instrument to be signed as of the date first set forth above.

LYNNSWAY DEVELOPMENT LLC

By: Kathleen M. Zenere, Manager

STATE OF INDIANA

SS:

COUNTY OF LAKE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Lynnsway Development LLC, an Indiana limited liability company, by Kathleen M. Zenere, its Manager, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument to be its free and voluntary act.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this _

_day of August, 2015.

My Commission Expires:

10/28/22

County of Residence:

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I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

Printed Name: Mark R. Anderson

This instrument prepared by:

Mark R. Anderson, #21524-53 Anderson & Anderson, P.C.

9211 Broadway Merriliville, IN 46410 (219) 769-1892

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION DEVELOPMENT AREA, SUBMITTED PARCEL AND SUBDIVISION

Secondary (Final) Plat of Lynnsway Cottage Homes, being a Resubdivision of Lots 131, 132, 193 Through 198, and 205 Through 214 in Lynnsway Unit 3, a subdivision in the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 108, Page 06, on April 2, 2015 as Document No. 2015-019572 in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

Lots 127 Through 130, Lots 199, 200, 203, 204, and Lots 215 Through 218 in Lynnsway Unit 3, a subdivision in the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 98, Page 29, on October 19, 2005 as Document No. 2005-092116, as amended by Recorded Certificate on November 28, 2007 in Plat Book 102, Page 22, as Document No. 2007-093897 and supported by Exhibit Document No. 2007-093898, all in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

Outlot D in Lynnsway Unit 2, a subdivision in the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 98, Page 28, on October 19, 2005 as Document No. 2005-092115 in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

EXHIBIT "B"

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION LYNNSWAY COTTAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NONPROFIT CORPORATION: LYNNSWAY COTTAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

ATTACHMENT

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 2.01 To form an organization for the owners and residents of Lynnsway Cottage Homes, a development located in Lake County, Indiana, to primarily provide for the acquisition, management, maintenance and care of association common area property and to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of said owners and residents.

Section 2.02 To own, maintain and administrate community properties and facilities, to administrate and enforce covenants and restrictions applying to property within the development known as Lynnsway Cottage Homes, located in Cedar Lake, Indiana, and to collect and distribute assessments and charges therefor.

Section 2.03 To engage in any and all activities related or incidental to the foregoing including but not limited to the powers to acquire, own, hold, use, sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, legal or equitable; to loan or invest its own money upon such security or in such securities as may from time to time be determined by its Board of Directors.

Section 2.04 To do any and all things necessary, convenient or expedient, as permitted by the "Act" for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the furtherance of any of the powers hereinabove set forth either alone or in association with other corporations, firms or individuals.

Section 2.05 No part of the net earnings of the corporation (other than by acquiring, constructing, or providing management, maintenance and care of association property and other than by a rebate of excess membership dues, fees or assessments) shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles.

Section 2.06 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any future provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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ATTACHMENT

ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION OR FINAL LIQUIDATION

Upon this dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, educational, religious, civic or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) and/or Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future IRC Law, as the Board of Directors shall determine).

This corporation does not afford pecuniary gain, incidental or otherwise to its members.

EXHIBIT "C"

BY-LAWS

OF

LYNNSWAY COTTAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME, MEMBERSHIP, APPLICABILITY AND DEFINITIONS

- Section 1. Name. The name of the Association shall be Lynnsway Cottage Homes Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- Section 2. Principal Office. The principal office of the Association in the State of Indiana shall be located at 1313 White Hawk Drive, Crown Point, Indiana 46307. The Association may have such other officers, either within or without the State of Indiana, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- Section 3. Definitions. The words used in these By-Laws shall have the same meaning as set forth in that Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Lynnsway Cottage Homes (said Declaration, as amended, renewed or extended from time to time is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Declaration"), unless the context shall prohibit.

ARTICLE II

ASSOCIATION: MEETINGS, QUORUM, VOTING, PROXIES

- <u>Section 1.</u> <u>Membership.</u> The Association shall have one (1) class of membership, as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Place of Meetings.</u> Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting shall not be held until such time as the rights of the Declarant to appoint all of the Board of Directors and to thereby control the Association shall have expired as provided in Article IV of the Declaration, or at such earlier time or times as may be determined by the Declarant. The next annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors so as to occur no later than ninety (90) days after the close of the Association's fiscal year. Subsequent annual meetings shall be held at a date and time as set by the Board of Directors. Subject to the foregoing, the Members shall, at each annual meeting after the Turnover Date, elect the Board of Directors of the Association in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
- Section 4. Special Meetings. The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by resolution of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by at least

ten percent (10%) of the total votes of the Association. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as state in the notice.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by first class mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meting or when required by statute or these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 6. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member, whether in person or by proxy, shall be deemed a waiver by such member of notice of the time, date and place thereof, unless such Member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed a waiver of notice of all business transacted there at unless objection to the calling or convening of the meeting, of which proper notice was not given, is raised before the business is put to a vote.

Section 7. Adjournment of Meetings. If any meetings of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted. If a time and place for the adjourned meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for the adjourned meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Association remains present in person or by proxy, and provided further that any action taken shall be approved by at least a majority of the Members required to constitute a quorum.

<u>Section 8.</u> <u>Voting.</u> The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated herein.

Section 9. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by

the Member of his or her Cottage Home or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the Board of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member or upon the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy.

- Section 10. Majority. As used in these By-Laws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty percent (50%) of the total number.
- Section 11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence in person or by proxy of forty percent (40%) of the Members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. Any provision in the Declaration concerning quorums is specifically incorporated herein.
- Section 12. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat.
- Section 13. Action Without A Meeting. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Members.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: NUMBER, POWERS, MEETINGS

A. Composition and Selection.

- Section 1. Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, the Directors shall be Members or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time.
- Section 2. <u>Directors During Declarant Control</u>. The Directors shall be selected by the Declarant acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Declarant until such time as is specified in the Declaration, unless the Declarant shall earlier surrender this right to select Directors. The Directors selected by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Submitted Parcel. After the period of Declarant appointment, all Directors must be Members of the Association.
- Section 3. Number of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons.
- Section 4. <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. Except with respect to Directors selected by the Declarant, nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not less than thirty (30) days prior to each

annual meeting of the Members to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting, and such appointment shall be announced at each such annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of vacancies or terms to be filled. Nominations shall be permitted from the floor. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members or solicit votes.

Section 5. Election and Term of Office. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein:

At the first annual meeting of the membership after the termination of the Declarant's right to select all of the Board of Directors and at each annual meeting of the membership thereafter, Directors shall be elected. All Directors shall be elected at-large. All Members of the Association shall vote upon the election of Directors.

The term of each Director's service shall be for a period of three (3) years and extending thereafter until his successor is duly elected and qualified or until he is removed, provided, however, that the terms of the members to the initial Board of Directors shall be for periods of three (3) years, two (2) years, and one (1) year, such that there shall be only one vacancy each year on the Board of Directors occasioned by the expiration of the director's term.

Section 6. Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Unless the entire Board is removed from office by the vote of the Association Members, an individual Director shall not be removed prior to the expiration of his or her term of office, except by the votes of a majority of Members.

In the event of death or resignation of a Director, his or her successor shall be selected by a majority of the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

Section 7. Voting Procedure for Directors. The first election of the Board shall be conducted at the first meeting of the Association after the Turnover Date. At such election, the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

B. Meetings.

Section 8. Organization Meetings. The first meeting of the members of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held as such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors, but at least four (4) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one (1) per quarter. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be communicated to Directors not less than four (4) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting.

- Section 10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President, Vice President, or Secretary of the Association, or by any two (2) Directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each Director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by telephone communication, either directly to the Director or to a person at the Director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Director; or (d) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given or sent to the Director's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least four (4) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned, or given to the telegraph company at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the meeting.
- Section 11. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meetings of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting each of the Directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- Section 12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- Section 13. Compensation. No Director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by a majority vote of the total vote of the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association.
- Section 14. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of the Board of Directors, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.
- Section 15. Open Meeting. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Members, but Members other than Directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by a majority of a quorum of the Board.
- Section 16. Executive Session. The Board may, with approval of a majority of a quorum of the Board, adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders

of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

Section 17. Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the Directors of any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

C. Powers and Duties.

Section 18. Powers. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of all Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members.

The Board of Directors shall delegate to one of its Members the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors on all matters related to the duties of the managing Agent or Manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the Association that may be hereafter adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

- (a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the Common Expenses;
- (b) making Assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such Assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual Assessment, provided otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the annual Assessment against the proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be payable in equal monthly installments, each such installment to be due and payable in advance on the first day of each month for said month;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of any Common Area:
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel or independent contractors necessary for the maintenance, operation, repair and replacement by the Association of its property and any Common Area, and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel or independent contractors in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the Assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
 - (f) making and amending rules and regulations;

- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of any common area in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these By-Laws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws and the rules and regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its Members and not chargeable to Owners;
- (I) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred. The said books and vouchers accrediting the entries thereupon shall be available for examination by the Owners and Mortgagees, their duly authorized agents, accountants, or attorneys during general business hours on working days at the time and in a manner that shall be set and announced by the Board of Directors for the general knowledge of the Owners.
- (m) make available to any prospective purchaser of a Cottage Home, any Owner of a Cottage Home, any first Mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a first Mortgage or any Cottage Home, current copies of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association; and
- (n) permit utility supplies to use portions of the Development Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Cottage Homes.

Section 19. Management Agent.

- (a) The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Board of Directors may delegate to the managing agent or manager, subject to the Board's supervision, all of the powers granted to the Board of Directors by these By-Laws, other than the power set forth in subparagraphs (a), (b), (f), (g), and (i) of Section 19 of this Article. The Declarant, or affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager.
- (b) No management contract may have a term in excess of one (1) year and must permit termination by either party without cause and without termination fee on ninety (90) days' or less written notice.

Section 20. Accounts and Reports. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:

- (a) cash basis accounting shall be employed;
- (b) accounting and controls should conform with established AICPA guidelines and principles, which require, without limitation, (i) a segregation of accounting duties, (ii) disbursements by check requiring two (2) signatures, and (iii) cash disbursements limited to amounts of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and under;
- (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the Managing Agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts or otherwise; any thing of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) any financial or other interest which the Managing Agent may have in any firm providing goods and services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors; and
- (f) commending at the end of the month in which the first Cottage Home is sold and closed, quarterly financial reports shall be prepared for the Association containing:
 - (i) an Income and Expense Statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding three (3) months on a cash basis;
 - (ii) a Balance Sheet as of the last day of the Association's fiscal year and an Operating Statement for said fiscal year, which shall be distributed within ninety (90) days after the close of a fiscal year;
 - (iii) a Delinquency Report listing all Owners who have been delinquent during the preceding three (3) month period in paying the monthly installments of Assessments and who remain delinquent at the time of the report and describing the status of any action to collect such installments which remain delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day of each month); and
 - (iv) an annual report consisting of at least the following shall be distributed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet as of the end of the fiscal year; (2) an operating (income) statement for the fiscal year; and (3) a statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. If said report is not prepared by an independent accountant, it shall be accompanied by the certificate of an authorized office of the Association that the statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the Association.
- Section 21. Borrowing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of repair or restoration of any Common Area and facilities without the approval of

the Members of the Association; provided, however, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner provided in Section 10.02 of the Declaration of Special Assessments in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities, and the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.

Section 22. Rights of the Association. With respect to any Common Areas or other Association responsibilities owned, and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association, the Association shall have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions. Such agreements shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of all Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. Election, Term of Office and Vacancy. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members, as herein set forth in Article III. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- Section 3. Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.
- Section 4. Powers and Duties. The officers of the Association shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as may from time to time be specifically conferred or imposed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.
- Section 5. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- Section 6. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc.. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at

least two (2) officers or by the President and Treasurer or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present are hereby authorized. Such committees shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be provided in the resolution. Each committee shall be composed as required by law and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 1. Fiscal Year. The calendar year shall be the fiscal year.
- Section 2. Parliamentary Rules. Except as may be modified by Board resolution establishing modified procedures, Robert's Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with Indiana law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these By-Laws.
- Section 3. Conflicts. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Indiana law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of Indiana law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

Section 4. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. The Declaration and By-Laws, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board and committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any Mortgagee, Member of the Association, or by his or her duly appointed representative at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a Member at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Submitted Parcel as the Board shall prescribe.
- (b) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a Director includes the right to make extracts and copies of documents at the expense of the Association.
- Section 5. Notices. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be

deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, first class postage prepaid:

- (a) if to Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Cottage Home of such owner; or
- (b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, or the Managing Agent, at the principal office of the Association or the Managing Agent, if any, or at such address as shall be designated by the notice in writing to the Owners pursuant to this Section.
- Section 6. Amendment. Declarant may amend the By-Laws in accordance with the Declaration. These By-Laws may be amended otherwise only by the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent of Members representing two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association (not a majority of a quorum).

EXHIBIT "D"

INITIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS LYNNSWAY COTTAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

- 1. Occupancy. No more than one (1) family may occupy a Cottage Home.
- 2. <u>Noise</u>. Loud music or television or any other sound which may be objectionable to any other Occupant is prohibited at all times.
- 3. Garbage. All garbage receptacles shall be located and stored in such a place as to not be visible from any street in the subdivision, excepting only on those days of garbage collection by the contractor, in which case such garbage containers, when empty, shall be immediately relocated to a place as described above.
- 4. <u>Definitions</u>. The capitalized words and phrases used in these Rules and Regulations shall have the same definition and meaning as those set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Lynnsway Cottage Homes.