

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,  
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR

SANDY FORD, PHASE I,  
A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for SANDY FORD, PHASE I, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (the "Declaration") made this the 8th day of October, 2001 by SANDY FORD LAND CO., INC., AN ALABAMA CORPORATION (the "Developer"), applicable to SANDY FORD, PHASE I, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (the "Development").

WHEREAS, the Developer owns certain land located in Baldwin County, Alabama as shown on the Plat of SANDY FORD, PHASE I, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT recorded at Slide 2056-A in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and other adjacent land to be developed as subsequent units, all of which shall be sometimes referred to herein as (the "Property");

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to provide for the preservation of the value of the Development and for the maintenance of the Common Area; and to this end, the Developer has consented to these Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as hereinafter set forth (the "Covenants"), each and all of which is and are hereby declared to be for the benefit of the Property and every owner of any and all parts hereof;

W I T N E S S E T H:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Developer hereby declares that the Property is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, given, purchased, leased, occupied and used subject to these Covenants. These Covenants, the benefits of these Covenants and the affirmative and negative burdens of these Covenants shall touch and concern and run with the Property.

ARTICLE I

In this Declaration, the following words will have the meaning ascribed to them in this Article I:

Section 1.01 ASSOCIATION shall mean and refer to the SANDY FORD PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., AN ALABAMA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, its successors and assigns. These are the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions which the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association make reference.

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Section 1.02 COMMON AREA OR AREAS shall mean and refer to that certain real and/or personal property conveyed, or to be conveyed, to the Association by the Developer in accordance with Section 7.01. In addition, the Common Area as shown on the Plat and the median to any portion of a private or dedicated road or street, within or abutting the Property, shall be included in the Common Area unless otherwise provided.

Section 1.03 DEVELOPER shall mean and refer to SANDY FORD LAND CO., INC., AN ALABAMA CORPORATION, its successors and assigns.

Section 1.04 DWELLING UNIT shall mean and refer to that portion of any improved Lot intended or used, or being used, as a single-family residential dwelling.

Section 1.05 ENCLOSED LIVABLE AREA shall mean and refer to the area of the Dwelling Unit which is completely enclosed and protected from the weather (heated and cooled) and intended as the living quarters of the Dwelling Unit.

Section 1.06 IMPROVED LOT shall mean and refer to a Lot on which is located a building and/or other structure(s) as to which required approval for use and occupancy shall be obtained.

Section 1.07 INSTITUTIONAL MORTGAGEE shall mean and refer to any federal or state chartered bank, life insurance company, federal or state savings and loan association or real estate investment trust which holds a first mortgage or other first lien or charge upon the Property or portion of the Property or any interest therein which is of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.

Section 1.08 LOT shall mean and refer to any of the number and delineated parcels shown as Lots 1 through 42 on the Plat, as the same may be amended from time to time, and any additional Lots added by Developer pursuant to Section 2.02.

Section 1.09 MEMBERS OR MEMBERSHIP shall mean and refer to the Association's members.

Section 1.10 OWNER OR PROPERTY OWNER shall mean and refer to the holder of record of fee simple title to any Lot. Notwithstanding any applicable legal theory of any mortgagee, "Owner" shall not mean or refer to the mortgagee, mortgagee's heirs, successors or assigns, unless such mortgagee has acquired title pursuant to foreclosure or a proceeding or deed in lieu of foreclosure; nor shall the term "Owner" mean or refer to any lessee of any Owner, nor shall the term "Owner" mean or refer to any person holding title merely as security for the payment of a debt. In the event there is of record a deed granting one or more parties a life estate in any Lot, the Owner of said Lot shall be deemed to be the holder or holders of the life estate, regardless of whom owns the fee interest.

Section 1.11 PLAT shall mean and refer to the recorded plat of SANDY FORD, PHASE I, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT as recorded at Slide 2056-A in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama; or such subsequent plats as may be filed in connection with the development of the Property, as the context deems appropriate.

Section 1.12 PUBLIC RECORDS shall mean and refer to the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Section 1.13 DEVELOPMENT shall mean SANDY FORD, PHASE I, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, as shown on the plat of SANDY FORD, PHASE I, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, as recorded in the Public Records, and any additional units added thereto by the Developer.

Section 1.14 UNIMPROVED LOTS shall mean and refer to any Lot which is not an improved Lot.

## ARTICLE II

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ADDITIONS TO THE PROPERTY

Section 2.01 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. The Developer, its successors and assigns, may develop other property and may as a matter of right, without the consent of the Association or the Owners, convey additional parcels to the Association without regard to the location of such parcels of land within the Property. At the time of conveyance to the Association, these properties shall be designated as Common Area. The Developer shall not be required to follow any predetermined sequence, schedule or order of improvements and development; and it may take, subject to this Declaration, additional lands and develop the same before completing the development of the Lots and Common Areas as shown on the Plat. Any Property conveyed by the Developer to the Association may also be subject to additional covenants and restrictions as specifically set forth in the deed of conveyance.

Section 2.02 ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS OF PROPERTY. Additional property may become subject to this Declaration or be withdrawn from this Declaration in the following manner:

(a) Additions. The Developer, its successors and assigns, shall have the right, without further consent of the Association or the Owners, to bring within this Declaration any additional property. Such property may be subjected to this Declaration as one parcel or as several smaller parcels at different times. The additions authorized under this subsection shall be made by filing in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama a supplementary Declaration with respect to the additional Property which shall extend the operation and the effect of this Declaration to such additional Property.

Any supplementary Declaration may contain such additions and/or modifications of the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration as may be necessary or convenient, in the sole judgment of the Developer, to reflect the different character, if any, of the additional properties.

(b) Withdrawals. The Developer, its successors and assigns, without consent from the Association or the Owners, shall have the right, at any time or from time to time, to withdraw portions of the Property from this Declaration. The withdrawal authorized by this Declaration shall be made by filing in the Office of the Judge of

Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama, a supplementary Declaration with respect to the property which has been withdrawn.

Section 2.03 PLATTING AND SUBDIVISION OF THE PROPERTY. The Developer, its successors and assigns, without consent of the Association or the Owners, shall be entitled at any time and from time to time to subdivide, plat and/or re-plat all or any portion or part of the Property, and to file subdivision restrictions and/or amendments thereto with respect to any undeveloped portion or portions of the Property.

Section 2.04 CREEK MODIFICATIONS. The Developer, its successors and assigns, specifically reserves the right, but not the obligation to undertake or allow others to undertake the modification of the flow and course of any streams or creeks which may be located on the property, including the construction of lakes, ponds, dams and weirs.

### ARTICLE III

#### GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

##### APPLICABLE TO LOTS AND DWELLING UNITS

Section 3.01 PURPOSES. The primary purpose of these covenants and restrictions is the creation of a Development that is aesthetically pleasing and functionally convenient.

Section 3.02 LOTS LIMITED TO RESIDENTIAL USE. All Lots shall be used for single-family residential purposes exclusively. No structure, except as hereinafter provided, shall be erected, altered, placed, attached to or permitted to remain on any Lot other than those structures and improvements approved for use and occupancy by the Developer. No Lot or structure shall be used for the operation of any business, however, the Developer shall have the right to construct a home within the Development which the Developer may use for the purposes of marketing the Lots and houses which the Developer may have for sale within the Development.

Section 3.03 SITING. All Dwelling Units, buildings and other improvements must be located within the setback lines as shown on the Plat. All improvements shall be located so that the maximum view and privacy will be available to each Dwelling Unit, and that all improvements will be ideally located with regard to the topography of each Lot taking into consideration of the location of trees or plants, and other aesthetic and environmental considerations, and shall be approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns.

Section 3.04 SIGNS. No signs shall be erected or maintained on the property or any other Lot at any time by anyone, including without limitation, a Property Owner, realtor, contractor or subcontractor, except for the following approved signs: (a) One "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign; (b) One sign displayed by a contractor during construction for a maximum of 12 months or until completion of the construction, whichever shall first occur; (c) a sign which must be posted as a result of legal proceedings pursuant to a statute or court order; or (d) a sign which has been

specifically approved in writing by the Developer. The Developer reserves the right to restrict the size, color, content, location, number and method of display of each approved sign. Signs must be placed parallel to the street and may not be displayed from the interior of any Dwelling Unit, building, or other improvements so as to be visible from the exterior.

Section 3.05      MAILBOXES. No mailboxes may be erected or maintained on the Property except mailboxes approved by the Developer. The actual cost of providing, erecting and maintaining a mailbox, including Developer approved numbering or lettering, shall be paid by the Property Owner. The Developer reserves the right to specify, require and/or provide (at a reasonable cost to the Property Owner) uniform mailboxes of Developer's choice. The Developer also reserves the right to designate the location of all mailboxes.

Section 3.06      UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS. It shall be the responsibility of each Property Owner and tenant thereof to prevent the accumulation of litter, trash, packing crates or rubbish or the development of any unclean, unsightly or unkempt condition of buildings or grounds on their Lot either before, during or after construction. Each Owner must provide or require an on-site dumpster for trash and litter during construction. It shall also be the responsibility of each Property Owner and tenant thereof to prevent accumulations which shall tend to substantially decrease the beauty of the community as a whole or the specific area.

Section 3.07      LIGHTS. The design and location of all exterior lighting fixtures shall be subject to the approval of the Developer. Neither these nor any other illumination devices located anywhere on the structures or grounds of any Dwelling Unit shall be located, directed or of such intensity as to affect adversely the enjoyment of any adjacent Property Owner. Only approved decorative lights shall be located on the front of any Dwelling.

Section 3.08      ANIMALS. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, kept or pastured on the Property, except that a reasonable number of common household pets such as dogs and cats may be kept at any one Dwelling Unit, provided that said pets must be secured by a leash or lead, under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's command at any time they are permitted outside the Dwelling Unit. Any areas located on a Lot for the maintenance or confinement of pets are subject to the prior approval of the Developer.

Section 3.09      SEWAGE. Prior to the occupancy of a Dwelling Unit, proper and suitable provisions shall be made for the disposal of sewage by connection with the sewer mains. No sewer or other waste material shall be emptied or discharged except into the sanitary sewer system.

Section 3.10      WATER. All Dwelling Units must be connected to the municipal water supply system. Shallow private water wells used for non-household purposes only may be drilled or maintained on any Lot or any other portion of the Property with the approval of the Developer.

Section 3.11        REPAIRS AND HAZARDS. Any building or other improvement on any Lot that is destroyed partially or totally by fire, storm or other means shall be repaired or demolished within a reasonable period of time, and the land on which it was located restored to an orderly and attractive condition. Any damage which causes a dangerous or unsafe condition to persons or which are unsightly and which are not repaired within a reasonable time (in no event longer than 60 days) following notice, may be repaired or removed at the direction of the Association or the Developer, and the cost of such repairs or removal shall become a lien against the pertinent Lot and become the personal obligation of the Owner of such Lot. Any entry upon a Lot to effect such repairs or removal shall not be deemed a trespass.

Section 3.12        OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot or any other portion of the Property, nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance or nuisance to the community. The Developer and Association shall have the express right, in their sole discretion, to publish rules from time to time to prohibit, regulate or otherwise deal with activities which violate this Section.

Section 3.13        UTILITIES. All electrical, cable and telecommunication lines located upon the Property, other than those existing on the date of this Declaration, shall be installed and maintained underground unless the Developer specifically approves above ground installation of any lines.

Section 3.14        ANTENNAS AND SATELLITE DISHES. All television antennas, satellite dishes, radio receiver or sender or other similar devices shall be installed on any Lot or structure within the Development so that they are not visible from the street.

Section 3.15        TRESPASS. Whenever the Developer or Association is permitted by this Declaration to correct, repair, clean, preserve, clear out or do any action on or to the Property or on the easement areas adjacent thereto, entering such Property and taking such action shall not be deemed a trespass.

Section 3.16        SUBDIVISION. No Lot shall be subdivided, or its boundary lines changed, except with the prior written consent of the Developer. However, the Developer hereby expressly reserves to itself, its successors and assigns, the right to replat any Lot and to take such other steps as are reasonably necessary to make such replatted Lot suitable and fit as a building site, including, but not limited to, the relocation of any Lot or easements, walkways, tunnels, rights-of-way, roadways and recreational facilities. The provisions of this Section shall also not prohibit the combining of two or more contiguous Lots into one large Lot or allowing three lots to be divided into two lots with the approval of the Developer and applicable local city or county regulating bodies. With the approval of the Developer and local city or county subdivision regulating bodies, adjacent Lot Owners may adjust or relocate their common Lot line.

Section 3.17        INGRESS AND EGRESS. The Owner, in accepting title to the Lot conveyed subject to the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration, waives all rights of uncontrolled and unlimited ingress and egress to such Property (and waives such right of any person claiming entry rights by virtue of any relationship or permission

of such Property Owner and successors in title) and agrees that such ingress and egress to the Owner's Lot may be limited to roadways built or approved by the Developer. The Developer, its successors, assigns, agents, employees and licensees, expressly reserve a right of ingress and egress upon and through any and all roads, roadways, bridges and any other designated access routes in the Development to any portion or part of the Development or Property. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as placing an affirmative obligation on the Developer to provide or construct any road, bridge or other means of ingress and egress to or within the Development.

Section 3.18 FIREARMS. No hunting by any means or discharge of firearms or any other type of hunting apparatus shall be allowed in the Development.

Section 3.19 BRIDGES. The Developer expressly reserves to itself, its successors, assigns, agents, employees and licensees, and other provisions of this Declaration notwithstanding, the right to build bridges, walkways, tunnels or fixed spans across any or all natural or man-made waters, canals, creeks, ditches, drains, ravines, paths or lagoons in the Development. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as placing an affirmative obligation on the Developer to provide or construct any such improvement.

Section 3.20 LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION. The Developer encourages the use of natural landscaping and any Lot Owner or contractor shall submit to the Developer prior to the construction of any Dwelling reaching the black-in stage, a landscaping and irrigation plan which shall be approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns. All lots shall have an approved irrigation system. All landscaping and irrigation systems shall be completed in accordance with the approved landscaping and irrigation plan and shall be completed within 60 days from the completion of the construction of said Dwelling, including, complete sodding with grass, or other ground cover approved by the Developer, of the front yard and all other parts of the Lot visible from the streets. All A/C units and similar mechanical devices shall be screened from view by vegetative plant matter. Screening constructed of wood or similar materials may be approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns at the Developer's sole discretion.

Section 3.21 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent or shack shall be used at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently. No storage building of any type shall be permitted unless such building is designed as a part of the main Dwelling and approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns, in accordance with these covenants and restrictions. There shall be no occupancy of any Dwelling Unit until the interior and exterior of the Dwelling Unit are completed and a certificate of occupancy, or other satisfactory evidence of completion, is received and approved by the Developer.

Section 3.22 FENCES AND HEDGES. All fences, hedges and similar improvements must be constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with plans to be submitted to and approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns. Chain link or other wire fences shall not be used. A wooden, brick, stucco, wrought iron or similar approved fence or privacy screen may be used if constructed and placed in accordance with plans approved by Developer, its successors and assigns. Fences are

generally discouraged and hedges and natural plantings are generally encouraged and preferred in lieu of fences.

Section 3.23 GARAGES. All Dwelling Units must have a minimum of a two vehicle enclosed garage. No carports shall be allowed. Garage openings shall not be constructed on the front of Dwelling Units unless specifically approved by the Developer. In all cases electric automatic door openers/closers shall be installed and used. Any garages visible from the street must be kept closed when not in use. All garage doors must face the opposite direction from the entrance of any street within the subdivision. Example - Lot 1, Sandy Ford, Phase I, the garage door must face East or the right hand side of Lot 1.

Section 3.24 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS. No boat, boat trailer, house trailer, horse trailer, camper, motor home, unmaintained cars or trucks or any similar types of vehicles shall be stored on or at any Lot for a period of time in excess of 24 hours, unless housed in an enclosed garage or parked or stored in an area on the Lot which is shielded from view of the street.

Section 3.25 REMEDIES FOR VEHICLE OR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS. Any such vehicle or recreational equipment parked in violation of these or other regulations contained herein or in the rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted by the Association may be towed by the Association or the Developer, at the sole expense of the Owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment. The Developer or the Association shall also not be responsible for any damage which may occur to such vehicle or recreational equipment in the process of it being removed or towed from the Property.

Section 3.26 APPROVAL OF BUILDER. All improvements constructed on any Lot shall be made by a builder or contractor acceptable to the Developer. No Owner may act as a general contractor for the construction of a Dwelling Unit or other improvement on any Owner's own Lot, except that an acceptable builder or contractor may build improvements on a Lot owned by such approved builder or contractor.

Section 3.27 LEASING RESTRICTIONS. No Dwelling Unit or other structure shall be leased by the Property Owner for a lease term of less than six months, and only one primary family per Dwelling Unit shall be allowed. No boarders or persons with similar living arrangements shall be allowed.

Section 3.28 PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS. Each Owner shall provide sufficient space, off Development right-of-ways, for the parking of approved vehicles for the Owner's and Owner's family's use and the use of Owner's guests in accordance with reasonable standards established by the Developer. Parking on the paved portions of any right-of-way not identified as parking areas within the Development shall be prohibited at all times. All vehicles violating this restriction may be removed by the Developer, its successors and assigns, or their designated agent, and the Owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all charges for towing and storing the vehicle. Driveways shall be constructed of concrete, brick pavers or other materials specifically approved by the Developer unless otherwise provided in these covenants and restrictions.

## ARTICLE IV

### SPECIFIC COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

#### APPLICABLE TO LOTS AND DWELLING UNITS

Section 4.01      LOTS 1 - 26, PHASE I, EXCLUDING LOTS 7, 8 AND 9. The following specific covenants and restrictions shall apply to Lots 1 - 26, Phase I, excluding Lots 7, 8 and 9, as shown on the Plat and the Dwelling Units constructed on those Lots.

(a) Minimum enclosed livable area (heated and cooled area) shall not be less than 2,600 square feet of which a minimum of 2,200 square feet shall be located on the ground floor.

(b) Minimum roof pitch shall not be less than a 9/12 pitch.

(c) Maximum dwelling height shall not exceed two stories.

(d) Exterior finish must be used brick, wood mould brick, tumbled style brick, authentic stucco, wood or hardiplank siding only. Vinyl trim may be used on facia and soffit areas only. Porch ceilings must be finished in wood. All windows shall be of wood construction. No vinyl shutters shall be allowed.

(e) Roof material shall be a 25 year dimensional architectural grade shingle. Standard three tab shingles are specifically prohibited. Roof jacks shall be painted to match the color of the roof. Exposed metal valleys are specifically prohibited.

(f) Driveway surfaces shall be constructed of concrete, brick, brick pavers or other hard surface materials approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns. No asphalt, rock, gravel, shell or other similar materials shall be used for driveway surfaces.

(g) Chimneys shall be constructed of approved brick or authentic stucco.

(h) Out-buildings shall be approved by the Developer on a case by case basis.

(i) Developer approval of all building plans, exterior building materials, exterior colors and roofing shall be received from the Developer prior to beginning construction or making any improvements or modifications to any Lot, in accordance with Section 6.02. All landscaping plans shall be submitted to the Developer for approval prior to reaching the black-in stage of construction in accordance with Section 3.20.

Section 4.02      LOTS 7, 8 AND 9, PHASE I. The following specific covenants and restrictions shall apply to Lots 7, 8 and 9, Phase I as shown on the Plat and the Dwelling Units constructed on those Lots:

(a) Minimum enclosed livable area (heated and cooled area) shall not be less than 2,600 square feet of which a minimum of 2,200 square feet shall be located on the ground floor.

(b) Minimum roof pitch shall not be less than a 9/12 pitch.

(c) Maximum dwelling height shall not exceed two and one-half stories.

(d) Exterior finish must be used brick, wood mould brick, tumbled style brick, authentic stucco, wood or hardiplank siding only. Vinyl trim may be used on facia and soffit areas only. Porch ceilings must be finished in wood. All windows shall be of wood construction. No vinyl shutters shall be allowed.

(e) Roof material shall be a 25 year dimensional architectural grade shingle. Standard three tab shingles are specifically prohibited. Roof jacks shall be painted to match the color of the roof. Exposed metal valleys are specifically prohibited.

(f) Driveway surfaces may be a non-hard surface material such as white crushed limestone which shall be approved by the Developer. Driveway shall be lined with concrete curbing, brick or other similar material approved by the Developer.

(g) Chimneys shall be constructed of approved brick or authentic stucco.

(h) Out-buildings may be constructed with prior approval of Developer, its successors and assigns, provided that said out buildings are constructed of the same material as the Dwelling Unit and complies with all subdivision regulations and zoning regulations of the City of Fairhope. Any such out-building shall be located in the rear yard of the Dwelling Unit.

(i) Developer approval of all building plans, exterior building materials, exterior colors and roofing shall be received from the Developer prior to beginning construction or making any improvements or modifications to any Lot, in accordance with Section 6.02. All landscaping plans shall be submitted to the Developer for approval prior to reaching the black-in stage of construction in accordance with Section 3.20.

Section 4.03      LOTS 27 - 42, PHASE I. The following specific covenants and restrictions shall apply to Lots 27 - 42, Phase I as shown on the Plat and the Dwelling Units constructed on those Lots:

(a) Minimum enclosed livable area (heated and cooled area) shall not be less than 2,200 square feet of which a minimum of 2,000 square feet shall be located on the ground floor.

(b) Minimum roof pitch shall not be less than a 9/12 pitch.

(c) Maximum dwelling height shall not exceed one and one-half stories.

(d) Exterior finish must be used brick, wood mould brick, tumbled style brick, authentic stucco, wood or hardiplank siding only. Vinyl trim may be used on facia and

soffit areas only. Porch ceilings must be finished in wood. All windows shall be of wood construction. No vinyl shutters shall be allowed.

(e) Roof material shall be a 25 year dimensional architectural grade shingle. Standard three tab shingles are specifically prohibited. Roof jacks shall be painted to match the color of the roof. Exposed metal valleys are specifically prohibited.

(f) Driveway surfaces shall be constructed of concrete, brick, brick pavers or other hard surface materials approved by the Developer, its successors and assigns. No asphalt, rock, gravel, shell or other similar materials shall be used for driveway surfaces.

(g) Chimneys shall be constructed of approved brick or authentic stucco.

(h) Out-buildings shall be approved by the Developer on a case by case basis.

(i) Developer approval of all building plans, exterior building materials, exterior colors and roofing shall be received from the Developer prior to beginning construction or making any improvements or modifications to any Lot, in accordance with Section 6.02. All landscaping plans shall be submitted to the Developer for approval prior to reaching the black-in stage of construction in accordance with Section 3.20.

## ARTICLE V

### EASEMENTS

Section 5.01 DEVELOPER EASEMENTS. The Developer reserves unto itself, its successors, assigns, contractors, licensees and agents a perpetual, alienable and releasable easement and right on, over and under the ground of the Property (including each Lot) to erect, maintain and use electric, cable television and telephone poles, wires, cables, conduits, drainage ways, sewers, wells, pumping stations, tanks, water mains and other suitable equipment for the conveyance and use of electricity, telephone equipment, gas, sewer, water, drainage or other public conveniences or utilities on, in or over those portions of the Property as may be reasonably required for any purposes and to grant access easements or relocate any existing access easements in, on or over any portion of the Property as the Developer shall deem necessary or desirable for the proper operation and maintenance of the Property, or any portion thereof, or for the reason of carrying out the purposes of this Declaration; provided, however, that no such easement shall be applicable to any portion of the Property as may (a) have been used prior to the installation of such utilities for construction of a building or structure whose plans were approved pursuant to this Declaration by the Developer, or (b) such portion of the Property as may be designated as the site for a building or structure on a site plan or for erection of a building or structure which has been filed with the Developer and which has been approved in writing by the Developer. These easements and rights expressly include the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any gradings of the soil, or to take any other similar action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe utility installation and to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and

appearance. Any material disturbance to the grounds of any Property Owner caused by such utility installation shall be repaired and said grounds returned to their prior condition by the Developer, or prompt and reasonable remuneration for such repairs shall be made to such Property Owner by the Developer.

Section 5.02 UTILITY AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND PRIVATE EASEMENTS. All Lots within the Development shall be subject to utility, governmental services and private drainage easements as shown on the face of the recorded Plat and all rights of ingress, egress and access for persons and equipment associated therewith. In addition to the foregoing, the Developer reserves unto itself, perpetual, alienable and releasable easement and right on, over and under the ground located ten feet along both sides of all roads and rights-of-way and ten feet along the side and rear lines of each Lot.

## ARTICLE VI

### ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN REVIEW

Section 6.01 PURPOSE. In order to preserve the natural beauty of SANDY FORD, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT and its setting, to maintain SANDY FORD, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT as a pleasant and desirable environment, to establish and preserve a harmonious design for the community, to provide for the community's organized development, and to protect and promote the value of property; no building, fence, paving materials of any kind, screen enclosures, sewer drains, disposal systems, landscaping or any other structure or improvement of any nature or for any future use or improvement shall be erected, placed, attached to or altered unless and until the proposed plans, design, specifications, exterior color or finish, plot plan (showing the proposed location of such building structure, drives and parking areas), building height, landscape plan, size and construction schedule shall have been approved in writing by the Developer prior to commencement of construction or as otherwise provided for in these Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Section 6.02 SUBMISSION, APPROVAL AND REFUSAL OF ARCHITECTURE, SITING, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER BUILDING PLANS. Two copies of all plans and related data shall be submitted to the Developer prior to any improvements or modifications of any kind being made to any Lot. The Developer shall establish a fee sufficient to cover the expense of reviewing plans and related data at the time they are submitted for review and to compensate any consulting architects, landscape architects, urban designers, or attorney's retainer. The fee initially established by these General Covenants shall be \$175.00 for each submission. The Developer shall have the right to increase this amount not more than once in any subsequent 12 month period. Approvals shall be dated and shall not be effective for construction commenced more than nine months after such approval. Disapproved plans and related data shall be accompanied by a reasonable statement of items found unacceptable. In the event approval of such plans is neither granted nor denied within 60 days following receipt by the Developer of the written request for approval, the provisions of this Section shall be thereby waived. Refusal or approval of plans, site location, building height, or specifications may be based by the Developer upon any ground which is consistent

with the objectives of these Covenants, including purely aesthetic consideration, so long as such ground is not arbitrary or capricious.

Section 6.03 ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS. All plans submitted to the Developer must be in sufficient detail to allow the builder to construct such improvement, or in such greater detail as Developer may reasonable require prior to the Developer may reasonable require prior to the Developer becoming obligated to review the plans, and the failure by the Developer to review plans which Developer deems of insufficient detail shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions of this Section.

Section 6.04 APPROVAL NOT A GUARANTEE OR REPRESENTATION OF PROPER DESIGN OR GOOD WORKMANSHIP. No approval of plans, location or specifications shall ever be construed as representing or implying that such plans, specifications or standards will, if followed, result in a properly designed residence or that it will comply with applicable federal, state or local governmental regulations. Such approvals and standards shall in no event be construed as representing or guaranteeing that any residence or improvement thereto will be built in a good and workmanlike manner. The Developer, its agents and assigns, shall not be responsible or liable for any defects in any plans or specifications submitted, revised or approved under these Covenants nor for any defects in construction pursuant to such plans and specifications. The Property owner shall have sole responsibility for compliance with approved plans and does hereby hold the Developer, its agents or assigns, harmless for any failure thereof caused by the Property Owner's architect or builder. The Developer reserves the right to prohibit the Property Owner's builder and/or general contractor from the site in the event it is determined that failure to comply with approved plans is determined by the Developer, in its sole discretion, to be intentional or due to gross negligence.

## ARTICLE VII

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMMON AREAS

Section 7.01 COMMON AREAS. The Developer intends to convey by statutory warranty deed to the Association as Common Areas the following, subject to all restrictions and limitations of record and to all additional restrictions and covenants set forth in the deed of conveyance:

(a) Those certain Common Areas as shown on the Plat as such, subject to any and all applicable restrictions, reservations, encumbrances and limitations of record and to all additional restrictions and covenants set forth in the deed conveyance; and

(b) Any other property located within or without the Development that the Developer elects in its sole discretion to become Common Area.

Section 7.02 EROSION CONTROL. The Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to protect from erosion any property in the Development including the Common Area by planting trees, plants, and shrubs where and to the extent necessary or by such mechanical means as construction and maintenance of siltation basins, or other means deemed expedient or necessary by the Developer. The right is likewise

reserved to the Developer to take steps necessary to provide and ensure adequate drainage ways, to remove diseased, dead or dangerous trees or underbrush, and to carry out other similar activities.

Section 7.03      RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS. The Developer reserves unto itself, its successors, licensees, contractors, agents, and assigns, a perpetual alienable and releasable easement, to go on, over, and under the Common Areas to erect, maintain, and use electric, community antenna television, telephone poles, wires, cables, conduit, drainage ways, sewers, water mains, and other suitable equipment for the conveyance and use of electricity, telephone and television equipment, gas, sewer, water, drainage, or other public conveniences or utilities in the Common Properties. These reservations and rights expressly include the right to cut trees, bushes or shrubbery as is reasonable necessary to provide economical and safe utility installation and to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. Such rights may be exercised by any licensee or assignee of the Developer, but this reservation shall not be considered an obligation of the Developer to provide or maintain any such utility or service.

Section 7.04      PUBLIC RIGHTS LIMITED. The granting of the easement in Common Areas in this part in no way grants to the public or to the owners of any land outside of the Development the right to enter such Common Areas or use the roadways or designated access routes located on the Common Areas without the express permission of the Developer, or the Association after the Common Areas are conveyed to the Association by the Developer.

Section 7.05      RESERVATIONS. The Developer expressly reserves to itself, its successors, assigns, licensees and agents every reasonable use and enjoyment of said Common Areas, in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration, including but not limited to the use of the roadways and designated access routes located in the Common Areas.

Section 7.06      DEVELOPER ACTIONS. Where the Developer is permitted by this Declaration to correct, repair, clean, preserve, clear out or do any action on any Property, entering the Property and taking such action shall not be deemed a trespass or breach of these Covenants.

Section 7.07      NO OBLIGATION ON DEVELOPER. It is expressly understood and agreed that the granting of the easements set out in this Article in no way places a burden of affirmative action on the Developer.

## ARTICLE VIII

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

The Developer has formed or will cause to be formed SANDY FORD PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., AN ALABAMA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

Section 8.01      MEMBERSHIP. Every Owner, including the Developer, shall automatically, and by virtue of such status as an Owner, be a Member of the

Association. Membership shall be automatic and shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. Transfer of record of the ownership of any Lot shall automatically transfer membership in the Association.

Section 8.02      VOTING RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION. Voting rights of Members are as follows:

A. Class A Members, consisting of all Members other than the Developer, shall be entitled to cast one vote for each improved or unimproved Lot owned in all matters in which membership voting is authorized in the Declarations, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws or any other rules and regulations binding upon the Association, except as specifically provided herein.

B. The Class B Member, being the Developer, shall be entitled to cast five votes for each improved or unimproved Lot and five votes for each acre of the Property owned by the Developer in all matters in which membership voting is authorized in the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws or any other rules and regulations binding upon the Association. So long as there is a Class B Member of the Association, the Class B Member shall be entitled to elect a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

C. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to the Declaration or to the Articles of Incorporation shall be effective without the written consent of the Class B Member, so long as there is a Class B Member of the Association, that is, until the Developer has sold or otherwise conveyed all of the Property.

D. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, if any assessment required to be paid by a Member is past due as of the time a vote is being taken, such Member shall not be entitled to cast any vote at such time with respect to the Lot on which the assessment is past due.

E. A Member entitled to more than one vote must vote all of the Member's votes for or against a matter submitted to the Members for a vote, or such Member may abstain from voting entirely, i.e., a Member entitled to more than one vote may not split or fragment such Member's votes, but must vote (or abstain from voting) as a single unit.

F. When any Lot entitling the Owner thereof to membership in the Association has Owners which are corporations, trusts or partnerships, or where two or more persons or entities are Owners, whether fiduciaries, joint tenants, tenants in common, tenants in partnership or in any other manner of joint or common ownership, one office, trustee, person or entity shall be designated and Voting Member for all the others. Written evidence of such designation in a form satisfactory to the Association shall be delivered to the Association prior to the exercise of a vote by such Owners.

## ARTICLE IX

### MEMBERS' RIGHT IN THE COMMON AREAS

#### Section 9.01 MEMBERS' EASEMENTS OF ENJOYMENT IN COMMON AREAS.

Subject to the provisions of this Declaration, the rules and regulations of the Association, and any fees or charges established by the Association, every Member and every guest or lessee of such Member shall have an easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot. A Member's or lessee's spouse and shall have the same easement of enjoyment hereunder as a Member. The easement of enjoyment herein shall pass from a Member to a lessee during the lease term; provided, however, the Association may adopt additional restrictions to its rules and regulations limiting the easement of enjoyment of guests and lessees, including but not limited to the specification of minimum lease terms, the number of guests allowed, or the prohibition of use by lessees or guest of specific Association properties.

Section 9.02 TITLE TO COMMON AREAS. The Developer has or will convey the Common Areas by statutory warranty deed to the Association, subject to all restrictions and limitations of record and to all additional restrictions and covenants set forth in the deed of conveyance. The Association shall be required to accept such conveyance of the Common Areas and shall, after such conveyance, immediately become responsible for all maintenance, operation and such addition construction of improvements as may be authorized by the Association's Board of Directors, subject to this Declaration. The Common Areas shall be conveyed subject to all easements and restrictive covenants of record at the time of conveyance and the rights that others may have, as referred to in Section 10.01, to use certain Common Areas.

Section 9.03 EXTENT OF MEMBERS' EASEMENTS. The easements of enjoyment created hereby shall be subject to the following:

(a) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws, to place mortgages or other encumbrances on the Common Areas as security for borrowings by the Association;

(b) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws, to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to protect Common Areas;

(c) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws, to suspend the voting rights and easements of enjoyment of any Member, lessee or guest of any Member for any period during which the payment of any assessment against the Property owned by such Member is delinquent, and for any infraction of its published rules and regulations, it being understood that any suspension for either non-payment of any assessment or a breach of the rules and regulations of the Association shall not constitute a waiver of discharge of the Member's obligation to pay such assessment, and provided that the Association shall not suspend the right to use any roadways belonging to the Association, if any, although such use shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the Association for such use;

(d) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws, to charge reasonable user, admission or other fees for the use of the Common Areas and any facilities included therein, it being understood that this right of the Association allows it to have fees and charges apply to any Member, guest or lessee;

(e) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws and subject to the general covenants, to place any reasonable restrictions upon the use of the Common Areas, subject to an Owner's or lessee's right of ingress and egress, including but not limited, the types and sizes of the vehicles permitted to use the pathways and access routes, the maximum and minimum speeds to vehicles using said routes, and all necessary traffic and parking regulations. The fact that such restrictions on the use of the access routes shall be more restrictive than the laws of a state or local government shall not make such restrictions unreasonable;

(f) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws, to adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas, and the conduct of Members, their lessees or guests, and to establish penalties for the infraction of such rules and regulations;

(g) the right of the Developer, or the Association in accordance with its By-Laws, to dedicate or transfer to any public or private utility company, utility or drainage easements on, over or under any part of the Common Areas;

(h) the right of the Association, in accordance with its By-Laws, to give or sell all or any part of the Common Areas including a leasehold interest, to any public agency, public authority, public service district, utility company or private concern for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members, provided that no such gift or sale or determination as to the purposes or as to the conditions thereof shall be effective unless such gift, sale or determination as to purposes and conditions shall be authorized by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes which may be voted by all the Members regardless of class, present or represented by proxy at a meeting called for such purposes, a quorum being present. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such a vote to give or sell as contemplated by this paragraph shall not be effective without the written consent of the Class B Member, so long as there is a Class B Member with voting rights, as set forth herein. A true copy of such resolution together with a certificate of the results of the vote taken thereon shall be made and acknowledged by the President or Vice President and Secretary or Assistance Secretary of the Association, and such certificate shall be annexed to any instrument or dedication or transfer affecting the Common Properties prior to the recording thereof. Such certificates shall be conclusive evidence of authorization by the Members;

(i) restrictions and limitations affecting all Property of the Development as set forth in the general covenants; and

(j) the rights that others may have, as referred to in Section 9.01, to use certain Common Areas.

Section 9.04      EASEMENTS OF JOINT OWNERS. In those instances where a Lot or Dwelling Unit is owed by two or more entities or persons (who do not have the relationship of spouse, parent or minor child, one to the other) or by a trust, corporation, partnership or any other form of legal entity, such owners, trust, corporation or partnership or other entity shall annually appoint by written designation one person as the "Primary Member". Such Primary Member shall have the same easement of enjoyment of Common Areas as Members who own or occupy such Property singularly. The remaining Members, fiduciaries, beneficiaries, officers or partners [in a number not to exceed six] shall be entitled an easement of enjoyment subject to the limitations et forth in this Declaration in the Common Areas, by each paying to the Association annually an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the annual assessment charged against the Property owned by such persons, trusts, partnership, corporation or entity. This provision shall not apply to primary family members (husband, wife, son, step-son, daughter, step-daughter), subject to a maximum of two primary families per Dwelling Unit or Lot.

## ARTICLE X

### COVENANTS FOR ASSESSMENTS

Section 10.01      CREATION OF THE LIEN AND PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS FOR ASSESSMENTS. Each Owner, except the Developer, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to all the terms and provisions of this Declaration and to pay to the Developer or the Association as provided below the following: (1) annual assessments or charges; and (2) special assessment or charges for the purposes set forth in this Article, both such assessments to be fixed, established and collected from time to time as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments shall be a charge and continuing lien on the real Property and improvements thereon against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest thereon at a rate per annum equal to ten percent (10%) from the date of delinquency until collected (unless waived by the Board), and the costs of collection thereof, including reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Owner of such real Property at the time when the assessment first becomes due and payable. In the case of co-ownership of a Lot, all of such co-owners shall be jointly and several liable for the entire amount of the assessment, interest, penalties, and cost of collection. If an assessment is not paid within 45 days after the due date, such assessment shall then be delinquent and interest shall be added to the amount as provided herein and a penalty in an amount to be determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Association and consistently applied shall be added to such assessment, and further, the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally, and there shall be added to the amount of such assessment the Association's actual attorneys' fees and disbursements related to such action. In the event a judgment is obtained, such judgment shall include interest on the assessment as above provided and such actual counsel fees and disbursements together with the costs of the action. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, annual assessments shall be due and payable on or before the first day of the calendar year for which the assessment is due.

Section 10.02

PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENT TO DEVELOPER.

Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, until such time that the Developer has in fact conveyed to the Association all of the Common Areas, all assessment of any nature provided for herein shall be due and payable to the Developer, its successors or assigns, and all rights hereby established on behalf of the Association, including all remedies in event of default by an Owner, shall accrue to the benefit of the Developer. The assessments levied by the Association or the Developer shall be used exclusively for one or more of the following, if applicable, the improvement, landscaping, irrigation, replacement, maintenance, repair, enhancement, enlargement and operation of the recreational amenities, roadways, paths, tunnels, boardwalks, bridges, entrance and street signs, security systems, patrols and gates, entrance and street lights, insect control, vegetation control, drainage and/or irrigation systems and similar purposes which are for the benefit of Property Owners, including Common Areas, and to provide all services which the Developer or Association is authorized to provide hereunder; including, but not limited to, payment of taxes and insurance, cost of labor and equipment, erosion control devices, materials, management supervision, accounting and Property owner information services, repayment of loans and such other action as is necessary to carry out its authorized functions. Such assessments shall not be used to maintain or repair any Property not belonging to the Association comprising a portion of the Common Properties.

Section 10.03

APPLICATION OF "MAXIMUM" ASSESSMENT.

The annual assessments, as set forth in the schedule hereinbelow, and as annually increased pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (b) below, shall be levied by the Association or by the Developer pursuant to Section 10.01. If, however, the Board of Directors of the Association, by majority vote, determines that the important and essential functions of the Association may be properly funded by annual assessments less than those set out below, it may levy such lesser assessments. However, so long as the Developer is engaged in the Development of properties which are subject to the terms of this Declaration, the Association may not reduce annual assessments below those set out in subparagraph (a) of this Section without prior written consent of the Developer. The levy of annual assessments less than the maximum regular annual assessments in one year shall not affect the Board's right to levy the maximum regular annual assessments in subsequent years. If the Board of Directors shall levy less than the maximum regular annual assessments for any assessment year and if thereafter, during such assessment year, the Board of Directors shall determine that the important and essential functions of the Association cannot be funded by such lesser assessments, the Board may, by majority vote, levy supplemental assessments.

(a) The maximum regular annual assessment shall be the sum determined by the Board of Directors. There shall be no regular annual assessment for 2001. The regular annual assessment for the year beginning January 1, 2002 is \$350.00. The annual assessment for each year shall be due on January 1st and shall be paid no later than January 31st of that year or a \$50.00 late charge shall be assessed to any payment which is received after that date.

(b) From and after January 1, 2003, the maximum regular annual assessment for improved and for unimproved Lots may be increased, adjusted or reduced from year to year by the Board of Directors of the Association as the needs of the Property, in the Board's sole judgement, may require.

Section 10.04 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS.  
In addition to the maximum regular annual assessment authorized by Section 11.03 hereof, the Association may also levy special assessments against the Property Owners for the following purposes:

- (a) construction or reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvements upon the Common areas, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto;
- (b) additions to the Common Areas;
- (c) facilities and equipment required to offer the services authorized herein;
- (d) repayment of any loan made by the Association to enable it to perform the duties and functions authorized herein.

Section 10.05 RESERVE FUNDS. The Association may establish reserve funds from its annual assessments to be held in reserve in an interest bearing account or in obligations of the United States, State of Alabama, or any agency of either or in Triple-A debt, or in prime commercial paper with a maturity of not more than nine months, as a reserve for (a) majority rehabilitation or major repairs, (b) emergency and other repairs required as a result of storm, fire, natural disaster, or other casualty loss, (c) recurring periodic maintenance, and (d) initial costs of any new service to be performed by the Association.

Section 10.06 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS.  
Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, the annual assessments provided for herein shall commence on January 1, 2002.

Section 10.07 DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot, in accordance with the assessment schedule as provided hereinabove, and shall at that time direct the applicable thereto which shall be sent promptly to every Member subject thereto.

The Association shall upon written demand from any Owner at any time furnish to such Owner liable for any assessment a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether said assessment has been paid. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence against all but the Owner of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

Section 10.08 SUBORDINATION OF THE LIEN OF MORTGAGE. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage now or hereafter placed upon the properties subject to assessment; provided, however, that such subordination shall apply only to the assessments occurring subsequent to the date such mortgage becomes of record and, provided further, that upon a sale or transfer of such Property pursuant to foreclosure, or any other proceeding or deed in lieu of foreclosure, the title acquired by the purchaser of such Property shall be subject to the lien of such subsequent assessments.

Section 10.09 EXEMPT PROPERTY. The following property, individuals, partnerships or corporations subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the assessments, charges and lien created herein:

(a) the grantee in conveyances made for the purpose of granting utility and drainage easements;

(b) the Common Areas;

(c) property which is used in the maintenance and service of facilities within Common Areas, or by non-profit, governmental or charitable institutions; and

Section 10.10 ANNUAL STATEMENT. The President, Treasurer, or such other officer as may have custody of the funds of the Association, within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year of the Association, shall prepare and execute general itemized statements as of the close of such fiscal year showing the actual assets and liabilities of the Association, and a statement of revenues, costs and expenses. The Association shall furnish to each Member of the Association who may make a request therefor in writing, a copy of such statement within 30 days after receipt of such request. Such copies may be furnished to the member either in person or by mail.

Section 10.11 ANNUAL BUDGET. The Board of Directors shall cause to be prepared and make available to all Members at the office of the Association at least 60 days prior to the first day of the following fiscal year, a budget outlining anticipated receipts and expenses for such fiscal year. The financial books of the Association shall be available for inspection by all Members at the office of the Association at all reasonable times.

Section 10.12 CAPITALIZATION OF ASSOCIATION. Upon purchase of a Lot within the Development, each Owner shall contribute to the working capital fund of the Association in an amount equal to one-third (1/3) of the estimated amount of the annual assessment for that Lot. Any amount paid into this fund shall not be considered an advanced payment of annual assessments.

## ARTICLE XI

### FUNCTIONS OF ASSOCIATION

Section 11.01 OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMON AREAS. The Association shall be authorized to own and/or operate and maintain the Common Areas and equipment, furnishings and improvements devoted thereto. Land included in Common Areas shall be used in the manner set forth by the Developer and/or the Association.

Section 11.02 SERVICES. The Association shall be authorized, but not required, to provide the following services:

(a) employment of a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as are necessary to perform services for the Association;

(b) cleanup and maintenance of all roadways, road medians and Common Areas within the Property and also all public properties which are located within or in a reasonable proximity to the Property such that there deterioration would effect the appearance of the Property as a whole;

(c) landscaping and landscape maintenance of roadways, sidewalks, walking and bicycle paths, access routes and any Common Areas;

(d) lighting of roadways, sidewalks and paths through the Property;

(e) insect and pest control to the extent that it is necessary and desirable in the judgement of the Board of Directors of the Association;

(f) legal and scientific resources for the improvement of air and water quality within the Property;

(g) construction of improvements on Common Areas as may be required to provide the services and equipment as authorized in this Article;

(h) administrative services including but not limited to legal, accounting and financial services; and communication services informing Members of activities, notice of meetings, referenda and other matters incident to the above listed services;

(i) liability and hazard insurance covering improvements and activities on the Common Areas;

(j) water, sewer and any necessary utility services not provided by a public body, private utility or the Developer;

(k) exercise of any rights reserved by the Developer and transferred by the Developer to the Association, including, but not limited to all rights and functions of the Developer under the general covenants; and

(l) taking of any and all actions necessary in this discretion of the Board of Directors to enforce this Declaration and all other covenants and restrictions affecting the properties of the Association and to perform any of the functions or services delegated to the Association in this Declaration or other covenants or restrictions or authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 11.03 REDUCTION OF SERVICES. The Board of Directors of the Association shall periodically define and list a minimum level of services of the sort described in Section 12.02 to be furnished by the Association in any given year.

Section 11.04 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION. The Association shall not be obligated to carry out or offer any of the functions or services specified by the provisions of this Article. The functions and services to be carried out or offered by the Association at any particular time shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association or set forth in the By-Laws, taking into consideration the funds available to the Association and the needs of the Members of the Association.

Section 11.05 MORTGAGE AND PLEDGE. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power and authority to mortgage the Property of the Association and to pledge the revenues of the Association as security for loans made to the Association to perform its authorized functions. The Developer may make loans to the Association, subject to approval by the Developer of the use to which such loan proceeds will be put and the terms pursuant to which such loans will be repaid. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, the Association shall not be allowed to reduce the limits of the maximum regular annual assessments at any time there are outstanding any amounts owing the Developer from loans made by the Developer to the Association.

Section 11.06 TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY. This Declaration provides the Developer with various controls and rights, to be exercised (if at all) at the discretion of the Developer. This Declaration further provides that any of the Developer's rights and powers set forth herein may be specifically assigned to the Association. In the event that such powers are assigned of record to the Association, the Association shall promptly provide for appropriate procedures to perform its obligations pursuant to the powers transferred to it.

## ARTICLE XII

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BY ASSOCIATION

Section 12.01 BOARD. Upon assignment of the architectural control function by the Developer to the Association, the Association shall appoint an Architectural Review Board composed of three (3) people, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association. At least one Member of the Association other than the officers, employees or agents of the Developer shall be a member of the Architectural Review Board. The Board of Directors of the Association may establish the rules of procedure for the Architectural Review Board in connection with the general covenants.

Section 12.02 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR THE PROPERTY. Upon assignment by the Developer of architectural control functions to the Association with respect to any Lot within the Development, the Architectural Review Board shall function to ensure compliance with the restrictions set forth herein and shall in all respects with regard to such Lot succeed to the powers of the Developer with respect to architectural review and approval. The Architectural Review Board shall have the general rights of enforcement as set forth in this Declaration, including without limitation the right to enjoin violations.

Section 12.03 TRANSFER OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. The Developer may assign its architectural control functions as provided in this Declaration, including those set forth in Article VI, at any time. The Association shall be required to accept such assignment and comply with the provisions contained in this Declaration. Thereafter, all architectural control functions of the Developer as provided in this Declaration shall be performed by the Association.

## ARTICLE XIII

### AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION

Section 13.01      AMENDMENT BY DEVELOPER. The Developer reserves the right unilaterally to amend this Declaration, and to do so at such time, and upon such conditions, in such form and for such purposes as it, in its sole discretion, shall deem appropriate by preparing and recording an amendment hereto; provided, however, that this right of unilateral amendment shall expire after all Lots included herein or hereafter added by Developer pursuant to Section 2.02 have been sold to Owners other than the Developer, or 15 years from the date of the recording of this Declaration, whichever shall first occur, after which time this Declaration may be amended only in the manner set forth in Section 13.02 below.

Section 13.02      AMENDMENT BY ASSOCIATION.

(a) After the expiration of the right of the Developer to unilaterally amend this Declaration as provided in Section 13.01 above, amendments to this Declaration may be proposed by either the Board of Directors of the Association acting upon a vote of the majority of the Directors, or by an affirmative vote of Members of the Association entitled to vote not less than a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by all Members, regardless of class, as provided in the Declaration, the Association's Articles and By-Laws, whether meeting as Members or by instrument in writing signed by them. Upon any amendment or amendments to the Declaration being proposed by the said Board of Directors or Members, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be transmitted to the President of the Association or, in the absence of the President, such other officer of the Association, who shall thereupon call a special meeting of the members of the Association for a date not sooner than 20 days, nor later than 60 days, from receipt by such officer of the proposed amendment or amendments, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Association to give each Member written or printed notice of such special meeting, stating the time and place thereof, and reciting the proposed amendment or amendments in reasonably detailed form, which notice shall be mailed not less than 10 days or more than 50 days before the date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall be given to any Institutional Mortgagee of record who requests such notices and provides an address therefor to the Association. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be properly given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the Member at the Member's mailing address as it appears on the records of the Association, the postage thereon being prepaid. Any Member may, by written waiver of notice signed by such Member, waive such notice, and such waiver, when filed in the records of the Association, whether before or after the holding of the meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice to such Member. At such special meeting, the amendment or amendments proposed must be approved by the affirmative vote of Members of the Association entitled to vote not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes which may be voted by all of the Members, regardless of class, present or represented by proxy at a meeting called for such purposes, a quorum being present. Thereupon, such amendment or amendments to the Declaration shall be transcribed and certified by the President and Secretary of the Association as having been duly adopted and the original or executed copy of such amendment or amendments so certified and executed with the same formalities as a deed shall be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama,

within 20 days from the date on which the same became effective, such amendment or amendments to specifically refer to the recording identifying the Declaration. Thereafter, a copy of said amendment or amendments, in the form in which the same were placed of record, shall be delivered to all of the Owners, but mailing or delivering a copy thereof shall not be a condition precedent to the effectiveness of such amendment or amendments. The written vote of any member of the Association shall be recognized if such member is not in attendance at such meeting or represented thereat by proxy, provided such written vote is delivered to the Secretary of the Association at or prior to such meeting.

## ARTICLE XIV

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 14.01 DURATION. All covenants, restrictions and affirmative obligations set forth in this Declaration shall run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and persons claiming under them specifically including, but not limited to, the successors and assigns, if any, of the Developer for a period of 30 years from the execution date of the Declaration, after which time all said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of 10 years each, unless changed in whole or in part by an instrument approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the Members, regardless of class, present or represented by proxy at a meeting called for such purposes.

Section 14.02 ENFORCEMENT. This Declaration shall be enforceable by the Association, the Developer, the Architectural Review Board, or any Member of the Association by a proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate or circumvent any covenant or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and to enforce any lien created by this Declaration. Failure by the Association or any Member or the Developer to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained for any period of time shall in no event be deemed a waiver or estoppel of the right of any of the foregoing to enforce same thereafter.

Section 14.03 INTERPRETATION. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the right to determine all questions arising in connection with this Declaration and to construe and interpret its provisions, and the determination of the Board shall be final and binding.

Section 14.04 SEVERABILITY. Should any covenant or restriction herein contained, or any article, section subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or term of this Declaration be declared to be void, invalid, illegal or unenforceable, for any reason, by the adjudication of any court or other tribunal having jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof, such judgement shall in no way affect the other provisions hereof which are hereby declared to be severable and which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 14.05 NOTICE. Any notice required to be sent to any Member under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent, and notice thereby given, when mailed, with the proper postage affixed, to the address of

such Member appearing on the Association's Membership list not less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting at which any proposed action is to be considered. Notice to one or more Co-Owners or co-tenants of a Lot shall be considered notice to all Co-Owners. It shall be the obligation of every Member to immediately notify the Secretary of the Association in writing of any change of address. Any person who becomes a Member following the first day of the calendar month in which said notice is mailed shall be deemed to have been given notice if notice was given to the Member's predecessor in title.

Section 14.06 LIMITED LIABILITY. In connection with all reviews, acceptances, inspections, permissions, consents or required approvals by or from the Developer contemplated under this Declaration, the Developer shall not be liable to an Owner or to any other person on account of any claim, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by or threatened against an Owner or such other person arising out of or in any way relating to the subject matter of any such review, acceptance, inspection, permission, consent or required approval, whether given, granted or withheld.

Section 14.07 TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATION. In the event that this Declaration is declared to be void, invalid, illegal or unenforceable in its entirety, or in such a significant manner that the association is not able to function substantially as contemplated by the terms hereof, for any reason, by the adjudication of any court or other tribunal having jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof, or if the Members of the Association should vote not to renew and extend this Declaration as provided for herein, all Common Areas owned by the Association at such time shall be transferred to a Trustee appointed by the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, which Trustee shall own and operate said Common Areas for the use and benefit of Owners within the Property as set forth below.

(a) Each Owner of any Lot shall be subject to an annual assessment which shall be paid by the Owner to the Trustee. The amount of such annual assessment and its due date shall be determined by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI.

(b) The Trustee shall be required to use the funds collected as annual assessments for the operation, maintenance, repair and upkeep of the Common Areas as provided in this Declaration. The Trustee may charge as part of the cost of such functions the reasonable value of its services in carrying out the duties herein provided. The Trustee shall not have the obligation to provide for the operation, maintenance, repair and upkeep of the Common Areas once the funds provided by the annual assessments have been exhausted.

Section 14.08 OTHER PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO DECLARATION. This Declaration shall not apply to or affect any other property owned by the Developer or located adjacent to or contiguous to the Property which is not specifically subjected to this Declaration by the Developer by written instrument recorded in the Public Records.

Section 14.09 ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS. The Developer hereby reserves the right to add additional restrictive covenants in the future which may apply to any portion of the Property which has not been conveyed by the Developer to any grantee.

Section 14.10 MERGER WITH OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS. The Developer and its successors reserves the right to merge SANDY FORD PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., an Alabama Non-Profit Corporation, with other property owner's associations of properties which may lie adjacent or contiguous to SANDY FORD, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

Section 14.11 SUCCESSORS TO DEVELOPER. The Developer reserves the right to assign to the Association or to any other entity any of its rights or functions reserved in these Covenants, including, but not limited to, its rights to approve (or disapprove) plans and specifications of proposed improvements, its right to amend this Declaration, and its right of enforcement.

Section 14.12 CAPTIONS. The captions in this Declaration are for convenience only and are not a part of this Declaration and do not in any way limit or amplify the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Developer has caused this instrument to be executed by its duly authorized officers on the date set forth in the acknowledgement below, but as of the date above first set forth.

SANDY FORD LAND CO., INC.  
AN ALABAMA CORPORATION

BY: James P. Achee  
ITS: PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

BY: Robert A. Clark  
ITS: SECRETARY

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that James P. Achee and Robert A. Clark, whose names as President and Secretary, respectively of SANDY FORD LAND CO., INC., AN ALABAMA CORPORATION, are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal this the 8th day of October, 2001.

Cand L. Nielsen  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 7/1/2002  
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