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FOR

SEDGEFIELD SECTION 9

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by WESTMINSTER COMPANY, a North Carolina corporation having an office in Guilford County, North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in the County of Guilford, State of North Carolina, which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Declarant hereby to cause Sedgefield Section 9, to be subjected to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the property described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Sedgefield Section 9 Association, its successors and assigns.

SECTION 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the properties, as hereinafter defined, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

SECTION 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinabove described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

SECTION 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The Common Area to be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first Lot is described as follows:

All of that land designated "Common Area" and "Open Space" as shown on the plats entitled "Section 9, Phase I, Map 1, Sedgefield," and "Section 9, Phase I, Map 2, Sedgefield" which appear of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford County, North Carolina, in Plat Book 88, Page 67 and Plat Book 88, Page 68, respectively.

Additional Common Area located within the Properties may be conveyed to the Association, and such Common Area shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

- SECTION 5. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership with voting rights in the Association.
- SECTION 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Westminster Company, as well as its successors and assigns, if Declarant shall make an express conveyance of its rights as developer hereunder to such successor or assign.
- SECTION 7. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any separately numbered plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the properties with the exception of Common Area.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY RIGHTS

- SECTION 1. OWNERS EASEMENTS OF ENJOYMENT. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (a) the right of the Association to permit the use of and to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;
- (b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid; and, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;
- (c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members, agreeing to such dedication or transfer, has been recorded;

- (d) the right of the Association to impose regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Area and improvements thereon, which regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Area;
- (e) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities thereon; and
- (f) The right of the Association to exchange portions of Common Area with the Declarant for substantially equal areas of the properties for the purpose of eliminating unintentional encroachments of improvements onto portions of the Common Areas.
- SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF USE. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his rights of enjoyment of the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants or contract purchasers who reside on the Lot of such Owner.
- SECTION 3. LEASES OF LOTS. Any Lease Agreement between an Owner and a lessee for the lease of such Owner's Lot shall provide that the terms of the Lease shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association and that any failure by the lessee to comply with the terms of such document shall be a default under the terms of the Lease. All Leases of Lots shall be in writing. Other than the foregoing there is no restriction on the right of any Owner to lease his Lot.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- SECTION 1. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to a lien for assessments shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.
- SECTION 2. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:
- Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners other than the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote or votes for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
- Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A member-ship equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership;
 - (b) on December 31, 1992.

ARTICLE IV

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE AND ASSESSMENTS.

CREATION OF THE LIEN AND PERSONAL OBLIGATION OF The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the proper-ASSESSMENTS. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner for any Lot, by acceptance SECTION 1. of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Associa-(1) annual assessments or charges; (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and, (3) to the appropriate governmental taxing authority: (a) a pro rata share of ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area; and, (b) a pro rata share of assessments for public improvements to or for the benefit of the Common Area if the Association shall default in the payment of either or both for a period of six (6) months, all as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for the delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENTS.

(a) The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the properties and in particular for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of properties, services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including but not limited to, the costs of repairs, replacements and additions, the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision, the payment of taxes assessed against the Common Area; the maintenance of water and sewer mains in and upon the Common Area; the maintenance of open spaces and streets which have not been accepted for dedication by a public authority, roadway medians and islands (including medians and islands located in dedicated rights-of-way), drives and parking areas within the properties, the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the By-Laws; the maintenance of any "sign easement" areas located on any Lot, as shown on a recorded plat; the maintenance of entranceways; lakes, dams and spillways, landscaping and lighting of Common Area, road medians and islands and entranceways, the lighting of streets (whether

public or private); the payment of charges for common television antenna service; the payment of charges for garbage collection and municipal water and sewer services furnished to the dwellings on Lots, as well as to the Common Areas; the employment of attorneys and other agents to represent the Association when necessary; the provision of adequate reserves for the replacement of capital provision of adequate reserves for the replacement of the improvements including, without limiting the generality of the improvements including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, paving, and any other major expense for which the Association is responsible; and such other needs as may arise. At Association is responsible; and such other needs as may arise. At the time of the execution of this Declaration, the Declarant does not contemplate the location within the Properties of active recreational amenities, such as swimming pools, tennis courts or clubhouses.

- (b) The Association shall establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of improvements to the Common Area and those other portions of the properties which the Association may be obligated to maintain. Such reserve fund is to be established out of regular assessments for common expense.
- (c) All monies collected by the Association shall be treated as the separate property of the Association, and such monies may be applied by the Association to the payment of any expense of operating and managing the properties, or to the proper undertaking of all acts and duties imposed upon it by virtue of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association. As monies for any assessment are paid to the Association by any Lot Owner, the same may be commingled with monies paid to the Association by the other Lot Owners. Although all funds and common surplus, including other assets of the Association, and any increments thereto or profits derived therefrom shall be held for the benefit of the members of the Association, no member of the Association shall have the right to assign, hypothecate, pledge or in any manner transfer his membership interest therein, except as an appurtenance to his Lot. When a Lot Owner shall cease to be a member of the Association by reason of his divestment of ownership of his Lot, by whatever means, the Association shall not be required to account to such Owner for any share of the fund or assets of the Association, or which may have been paid to the Association by such Owner, as all monies which any Owner has paid to the Association shall be and constitute an asset of the Association which may be used in the operation and management of the properties.

SECTION 3. MAXIMUM ANNUAL ASSESSMENT. Until December 31 of the year of the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$300.00) per Lot, and may be collected in monthly installments of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per Lot.

(a) The maximum annual assessment for the calendar year immediately following the year in which conveyance of the first Lot to

an Owner is made and for each calendar year thereafter shall be established by the Board of Directors and may be increased by the Board of Directors without approval by the membership by an amount not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the maximum annual assessment of the previous year.

- (b) The maximum annual assessment for the calendar year immediately following the year in which conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner is made and for each calendar year thereafter may be increased without limit by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- (c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum, subject to the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any calendar year, a special assessment for the purpose of defraying in whole or in part the costs of any construction, reconstruction, tepair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. All special assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

SECTION 5. NOTICE AND QUORUM FOR ANY ACTION AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTIONS 3 AND 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 or 4 shall be sent to all Members not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

SECTION 6. RATE OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis. Provided that so long as any dwelling on any Lot owned by Declarant is unoccupied as a residence, the amount of the assessment for each such Lot shall be an amount not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the regular assessments for all other Lots.

DATES. The annual assessments provided for herein may be collected on a monthly basis and shall commence as to a Lot on the first day of the month following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for that Lot. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. At least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period, the Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid.

SECTION 8. EFFECT OF NONPAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS: REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien created herein against the property in the same manner as prescribed by the laws of the State of North Carolina for the foreclosures of Deeds of Trust, and interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees for representation of the Association in such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot nor shall damage to or destruction of any improvements on any Lot by fire or other casualty result in any abatement or diminution of the assessments provided for herein.

SECTION 9. EFFECT OF DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BY ASSOCIATION. Upon default by the Association in the payment to the governmental authority entitled thereto of any ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area or assessments for public improvements to the Common Area, which default shall continue for a period of six (6) months, each Owner of a Lot in the development shall become personally obligated to pay to the taxing or assessing governmental authority a portion of such unpaid taxes or assessments in an amount determined by dividing the total taxes and/or assessments due the governmental authority by the total number of Lots in the development. It such sum is not paid by the Owner within thirty (30) days following receipt of notice of the amount due, then such sum shall become a continuing lien on the Lot of the then Owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns, and the taxing or assessing governmental authority may either bring an action at law or may elect to foreclose the lien against the Lot of the Owner.

SECTION 10. SUBORDINATION OF THE LIEN TO MORTGAGES. The liens provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage or deed of trust. Sale or transfer of any Lot

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shall not affect the assessment lien or liens provided for in the preceding section. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot which is subject to any such first mortgage or deed of trust, pursuant to a foreclosure thereof or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to the payment thereof which become due prior to such sale or transfer. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof, but the liens provided for herein shall continue to be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage or deed of trust.

SECTION 11. EXEMPT PROPERTY. All property dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of North Carolina shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

ARTICLE V

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

SECTION 1. IMPROVEMENTS.

No building, fence, wall or other structure or planting or landscaping shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein, including, without limitation, any plantings or landscaping, be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Asssociation, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said Board, or its designated committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within sixty (60) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to permit interference with the development of the properties by the Declarant so long as said development follows the general plan of development of the properties previously approved by Guilford County.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURES.

(a) Any person desiring to make any improvement, alteration or change described in Section I above shall submit the plans and specifications therefor, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same, to the Board of Directors of the Association or the Architectural Control Committee which shall evaluate such plans and specifications in light of the purpose of

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this Article. In the event the Committee fails to approve, modify or disapprove in writing an application within sixty (60) days after plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

(b) As a condition to the granting of approval of any request made under this Article, the Board of Directors of the Association or the Architectural Control Committee may require that the Owner requesting such change be liable for any cost of maintaining or repairing the approved project. If such condition is imposed, the Owner shall evidence his consent thereto by a written document in recordable form satisfactory to the Board of Directors of the Association or the Architectural Control Committee. Thereafter, the Owner, and any subsequent Owner of the Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree that any cost of maintenance and repair of such improvement shall be a part of the annual assessment or charge set forth in Article IV, Section 1 of this Declaration, and subject to the lien rights described in said Article IV.

ARTICLE VI

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

The Association shall maintain the Common Area. Each Owner shall be responsible for the exterior maintenance of his or her dwelling and Lot, as follows: Painting, replacement and care of roofs, gutters, downspouts, exterior building surfaces, lawn, trees, shrubs, driveways, walks and other exterior improvements. In the event that the Owner neglects or fails to maintain his or her Lot and/or the exterior of his or her dwelling in a manner consistent with other Lots and dwellings in Sedgefield Section 9, the Association shall provide such exterior maintenance as provided above. Provided, however, that the Association shall first give written notice to the Owner of the specific items of exterior maintenance or repair the Association intends to perform and the Owner shall have twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of said notice within which to perform such exterior maintenance The determination as to whether an Owner has himself or herself. neglected or failed to maintain his or her Lot and/or dwelling in a manner consistent with other Lots and dwellings in Sedgefield Section 9 shall be made by the Board of Directors of the Association, in its sole discretion. In order to enable the Association to accomplish the foregoing, there is hereby reserved to the Association the right to unobstructed access over and upon each Lot at all reasonable times to perform maintenance as provided in this Article.

In the event the Association performs such exterior maintenance, repair or replacement, the cost of such maintenance, replacement or repairs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

ARTICLE VII

USE RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 1. LAND USE AND BUILDING TYPE. No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes, except for temporary uses thereof by Declarant for Declarant's sales office and/or model. No structures shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot except one detached single-family dwelling not exceeding two stories and an attic (finished or unfinished) in height, a basement (finished or unfinished) and an attached garage (which may include quarters for servants).

SECTION 2. DWELLING SPECIFICATIONS. No dwelling shall be erected or allowed to remain on a Lot if the ground floor area of the main structure, exclusive of open porches and decks and of garages, shall be less than twenty-two hundred (2200) square feet in the case of a one-story structure, less than eighteen hundred (1800) square feet in the case of a one and one-half story structure or less than fourteen hundred (1400) square feet in the case of a two-story structure.

SECTION 3. NUISANCE. No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

SECTION 4. ANIMALS. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on the Common Area or on any Lot or in any dwelling except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept or maintained provided that they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes and further provided that they are kept and maintained in compliance with (i) all laws and ordinances of the State of North Carolina, Guilford County relating thereto; and (ii) such rules and regulations pertaining thereto as the Board of Directors may adopt from time to time.

SECTION 5. OUTSIDE ANTENNAS. No outside radio or television antennas or discs shall be erected on the Common Area or on any Lot or dwelling within the Properties unless and until permission for the same has been granted by the Board of Directors of the Association or its architectural control committee.

SECTION 6. USE OF LAKE. Swimming, skiing, ice skating and boating of any kind shall be prohibited in the lake located within the Properties. Fishing shall be permitted in the discretion of the Association and subject to its regulations.

SECTION 7. PARKING. Each Lot shall contain sufficient off-street paved parking space for at least two (2) automobiles. No automobiles, motorcycles, recreational vehicles or boats shall be parked on any street within the Properties. Boats, trucks, trailers, vans, recreational vehicles, campers and other equipment of vehicles, except for operative automobiles, shall not be parked of stored in any area on a Lot except inside an enclosed building or behind screening approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

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SECTION 8. RESUBDIVISION OF LOT, STREETS, FENCES, WALLS AND SIGNS. No Lot shall be resubdivided into a lot smaller than or different from the Lot shown on the recorded plat, except with the written consent of Declarant. No street shall be laid or opened across or through any Lot. No fence or walls shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot nearer to any street abutting the Lot than the building lines of the dwelling located on such Lot. Any metal fencing allowed by the Architectural Control Committee shall be suitably screened where visible from a street. Where fencing is allowed, the fence shall be erected either on a property line or no nearer than five (5) feet from a property line. No billevards or signs shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot except as allowed by the Architectural Control Committee.

SECTION 9. BUILDING SETBACK. No building shall be located on any Lot nearer than forty (40) feet from the front line, or nearer than ten (10) feet to any side Lot line. No building shall be located nearer than fifteen (15) feet to any side street line. For the purpose of this paragraph, eaves, steps and open porches shall not be considered as part of a building; provided, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building on a Lot to encroach upon any other Lot. Deviations from building line restrictions not in excess of ten percent (10%) building line restrictions not in excess of ten percent (10%) event of a violation of these building line restrictions which exceeds ten percent, the Declarant may waive any such violation by an appropriate written instrument.

SECTION 10. MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, ETC. No mobile home, manufactured home, modular home, trailer, recreational vehicle or other like structure shall be located or installed on any Lot to be used as a residence. As used in this Section 10, mobile home, manufactured home or modular home shall mean a structure, assembled in whole or in part in a location other than on the Lot itself, transportable in one or more sections, any section of which, during transport, is four (4) feet or more in width and ten which, during transport, which may or may not be built on a (10) feet or more in length, which may or may not be built on a permanent chassis and which is designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities.

ARTICLE VIII

EASEMENTS

SECTION 1. UTILITIES. Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities (including cable television service) and drainage facilities are reserved as indicated on recorded plats. Within these easements no structures, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, or which may change

the direction of flow of drainage channels in the drainage easements, or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements. An easement is hereby established for the benefit of Guilford County (and any other person or firm providing services to the properties under agreement with or at the direction of the Association) over all Common Area as may be reasonably necessary for the setting, removal and reading of water meters, and the maintenance and replacement of water, sewer and drainage facilities and for the fighting of fires and collection of garbage. The Association shall have the power and authority to grant and establish upon, over and across the Common Area such additional easements as are necessary or desirable for the providing of service or utilities to the Common Area or Lots.

SECTION 2. ENCROACHMENTS. In the event that any improvements on a Lot shall encroach upon any Common Area or upon any other Lot as a result of the initial improvements constructed by Declarant or for any reason not caused by the purposeful or negligent act of the Owner or agents of such Owner, then an easement appurtenant to such Lot shall exist for the continuance of such encroachment upon the Common Area or other Lot for so long as such encroachment shall naturally exist; and, in the event that any portion of the Common Area shall encroach upon any Lot, then an easement shall exist for the continuance of such encroachment of the Common Area into any such Lot for so long as such encroachment shall naturally exist.

SECTION 3. SIGN EASEMENTS. Easements for the maintenance of subdivision signs and landscaping and lighting surrounding same are reserved as indicated on recorded plats. Declarant hereby grants, gives and conveys to the Association a perpetual, nonexclusive easement over the portions of Lots designated as "sign easements" on the plats, to maintain, repair and replace the subdivision signs which may be located thereon, and the lighting fixtures and landscaping surrounding same. The costs of all such maintenance, repair and replacement shall be part of the common expenses of the Association, payable by the Owners as set out in Article IV hereof. In addition to the easement granted above as to the portion of Lots designated "sign easement," Declarant hereby gives, grants and conveys to the Association the right of ingress, egress and regress over other portions of such Lots as shall be reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes stated above. The easements hereby granted shall run with the land in perpetuity and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all persons and entities now owning or subsequently acquiring all or a part of the Properties.

ARTICLE IX

RIGHTS RESERVED UNTO INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS

SECTION 1. ENTITIES CONSTITUTING INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS.
"Institutional Lender" as the term is used herein shall mean and refer to banks, savings and loan associations, insurance companies

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or other firms or entities customarily affording loans secured by first liens on residences, and eligible insurors and governmental guarantors.

SECTION 2. OBLIGATION OF ASSOCIATION TO INSTITUTIONAL LEN-DERS. So long as any Institutional Lender shall hold any first lien upon any Lot, or shall be the Owner of any Lot, such Institutional Lender shall have the following rights:

- (a) To inspect the books and records of the Association during normal business hours and to be furnished with at least one (1) copy of the annual financial statement and report of the Association prepared by a certified public accountant designated by the Board of Directors of the Association, such financial statement or report to be furnished by April 15 of each calendar year.
- (b) To be given notice by the Association of the call of any meeting of the membership to be held for the purpose of considering any proposed amendment to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions or the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Association or of any proposed abandonment or termination of the Association or the effectuation of any decision to terminate professional management of the Association and assume self management by the Association.
- (c) To receive notice of any condemnation or casualty loss affecting the Common Areas or any portion thereof.
- (d) To be notified of any lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association.
- (e) To have the right to approve of any alienation, release, transfer, hypothecation or other encumbrance of the Common Areas, other than those specific rights vested in the Association under Article II hereof.
- (f) To be given notice of any delinquency in the payment of any assessment or charge (which delinquency remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days) by any Owner owning a Lot encumbered by a mortgage held by the Institutional Lender, such notice to be given in writing and to be sent to the principal office of such Institutional Lender, or to the place which it may designate in writing.

SECTION 3. REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL LENDER. Whenever any Institutional Lender desires to avail itself of the provisions of this Article, it shall furnish written notice thereof to the Association by CERTIFIED MAIL at the address shown in the Articles of Incorporation identifying the Lot or Lots upon which any such Institutional Lender holds any first lien or identifying any Lot or Lots owned by such Institutional Lender and such notice shall designate the place to which notices, reports or information are to be given by the Association to such Institutional Lender.

ARTICLE X

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. ENFORCEMENT. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Association. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The Association shall have the right to request that law enforcement, public safety and animal control officers come on the properties to facilitate the enforcement of the laws, codes and ordinances of any governmental authority.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. Invalidation of any one of the covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provision which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than ninety percent (90%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners, provided that no amendment shall alter any obligation to pay ad valorem taxes or assessments for public improvements, as herein provided, or affect any lien for the payment thereof established herein. Any amendment must be properly recorded.

SECTION 4. ANNEXATION.

Additional residential property and Common Area (other than that Common Area to be conveyed to the Association which will be located within the property described on Exhibit "A") may be annexed to the properties only with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members. Common Area located within the property described on Exhibit "A" may be conveyed to the Association subsequent to the recording of this Declaration, without the consent of Members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has caused this instrument to be executed in its name and

its corporate seal hereto affixed as of the 10th day of November,

WESTMINSTER COMPANY, & North Carolina corporation

VICE President

By:

Attest:

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I, the undersigned Notary Public, do hereby certify that <u>fleath Nebects</u> personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that stee is the the corporation, and that by authority duly given, and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its <u>flee</u> President, sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the steel of the corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by the steel of the sealed with its corporate seal. attested by kenny as its where Secretary.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Beginning at a point on the north margin of Wayne Road (S.R. 1479) being the southwest corner of lot number 1 of Sedgefield Section 6, map 1, as recorded in plat book 74, page 76, Guilford County, N.C. Registry; thence with the north margin of Wayne Road the following courses; north 82 -46'-29 west 177.77 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 601.66 feet and a chord bearing and distance of north 70 -19'-04" west 259.57 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 537.09 feet and a chord bearing and distance of north 49 -19'-33" west 159:42 feet to a point; thence north 40 -47'-27" west 285.66 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 1950.68 feet and a chord bearing and distance of north 35 -09'-25" west 383.00 feet to a point; thence north 29 -31'-25" west 70.60 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 382.18 feet and a chord bearing and distance of north 30 -36'-42" west 14.52 feet to a point; thence continuing along said curve, a chord bearing and distance of north 47 -38'-47" west 210.00 feet to a point; thence leaving said road north 29 -05'-45" east 162.03 feet to a point; thence north 00 -02'-45" west 240.00 feet to a point; thence north 85 -42'-56" west 250.00 feet to a point on the east margin of Alamance Road (S.R. 1372) thence with the east margin of said road along a curve to the right having a radius of 1336.50 feet and a chord bearing and distance of north 07 -04'-58" east 130.50 feet to a point; thence continuing along said road north 09 -52'-52" east 482.15 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 2346.11 feet and a chord bearing and distance of north 08 -27'-21" east 116.71 feet to a point; being the southwest corner of lot number 1 of Sedgefield Section Four; thence with the line of Sedgefield Section Four the following courses, north 67 -14'-12" east 339.86 feet to a point; thence north 26 -19'-54" west 229.50 feet to a point; thence north 63-48'-34" east 195.00 feet to a point; thence north 52 -53'-23" east 545.74 feet to a point; thence along a new division line the following courses; south 32 -41'-14" east 298.26 feet to a point; thence south 35 -47'-37" west 520.00 feet to a point; thence south 11 -29'-32" west 300.00 feet to a point; thence south 07-27'-15" east 686.56 feet to a point; thence north 83 -42'-19" east 232.51 feet to a point; thence north 65 -48'-41" east 324.52 feet to a point; thence south 84 -16'-40" east 241.28 feet to a point on the west line of lot number 91 of Sedgefield Section 6, Map 2; thence with the line of said subdivision south 11 -45'-25" west 1346.32 feet to the point of beginning and containing 48.242 acres more or less.