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**DECLARATION  
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
FOR ARBOR RIDGE  
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

THIS DECLARATION made on the date hereinafter set forth, by Gottsch Enterprises, a Nebraska General Partnership, ("Declarant").

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 1 through 160, inclusive, Arbor Ridge, a subdivision as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation, protection and enhancement of the values and amenities of such community and for the maintenance of the character, value, desirability, attractiveness and residential integrity of the Lots.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such real estate and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

**ARTICLE I  
RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS**

1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for residential purposes except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter or previously have been conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, for use as a school or park.

2. The ground floor finished and enclosed living area of main residential structures, exclusive of porches, breezeways, basements and garages, shall be not less than the following minimum sizes:

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| i) One-story house with attached garage | 1400 sq.ft.  | On the main floor, exclusive of garage area (garage must be approximately at the same level as the main floor) |
| ii) One and one-half                    | 1800 sq.ft.  | Total area above the basement level; minimum 1100 sq. ft. on the main floor                                    |
| iii) Two story houses                   | 2000 sq. ft. | Total area above the basement level; minimum 1000 sq. ft. on the main floor                                    |
| iv) Duplex (Lots 110 - 128)             | 1250 sq. ft. | Per unit, on the main floor  |

For each dwelling there must be erected a private garage for not less than two (2) cars, nor more than (3) cars (each car stall to be a minimum size of ten feet by twenty-one feet).

3. For a period of ten (10) years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio enclosure, rock garden, swimming pool, tennis court, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station ("dish"), flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill, wind generating equipment, or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

(i) An owner desiring to erect any residence or improvement shall hand deliver a set of construction plans, Gottsch Enterprises (Brett A. Gottsch or Barry R. Gottsch at 289-4421). landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant, Such Plans shall reflect the type of structure, quality and use of exterior materials, exterior design, exterior color or colors, and location of structure proposed for such Improvement.

(ii) Declarant shall review such Plans in relation to the type and exterior of the residence or improvements and construction, or approved for construction, on neighboring

Lots and in the surrounding area and any general scheme or plans formulated by Declarant and shall indicate such approval by signing said Plans. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall form a developed residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. If Declarant determines that the proposed Improvement will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring Lots as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.

(iii) Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be given to the owner at the time the plans are submitted to Declarant for approval.

(iv) The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by the Declarant to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots. However, no Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligations shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.

4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick or simulated brick or stone or stucco. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls not facing a street must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete, brick or paving stone. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete or concrete blocks. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, stone or siding.

5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a Lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no retail business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply

to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

6. No exposed exterior television, broadcasting or radio antenna of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot.

7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers, or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.

8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure). No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot or the street, except non-commercial vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. Commercial shall include but not be limited to vans and trucks used for commercial purposes. No grading or excavating equipment, airplanes, tractors or semi-tractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this restriction shall not apply to trucks, tractors, or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction.

9. No outside trash or garbage pile, burner, receptacle or incinerator shall be erected, placed or permitted on any Lot. No garden, lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. Lots shall be maintained free of trash and debris. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothes line per residence.

10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the front line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.

11. A dwelling on which construction has begun shall be completed within one (1) year from the date the foundation was commenced for such dwelling.

12. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street side of each built upon corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line and shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof.

13. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or their assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog runs and dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view.

14. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of eight (8) inches.

15. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structures, dwellings or modular housing improvements shall be moved from outside Arbor Ridge to any Lot.

## **ARTICLE II EASEMENTS**

A perpetual license and easement is hereby granted to the Omaha Public Power District, US West Communications and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system in the area to be subdivided, their successors and assigns, to erect, operate, maintain, repair and renew poles, wires, cables, conduits and other related facilities, and to extend thereon wires or cables for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for transmission of signals and sounds of all kinds including signals provided by a cable television system and the reception on, over, through, under and across a five (5') foot wide strip of land abutting all front and side boundary lot lines, and an eight (8') foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and a sixteen (16') foot wide strip of land adjoining the rear boundary lines of all exterior

lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded lots. The term exterior lots is hereby defined as those lots forming the outer perimeter of the above described subdivision. Said sixteen (16') foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8') foot wide strip when the adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded, and we do further grant a perpetual easement to the City of Elkhorn, Sanitary and Improvement District No. 390 of Douglas County, Nebraska and Peoples Natural Gas, their successors and assigns, to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend thereon pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five (5') foot wide strip of land abutting all streets. No permanent buildings or retaining walls shall be placed in the said easement ways, but the same may be used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforesaid uses or rights herein granted. All such utility service lines from the property line to dwelling shall be underground.

**ARTICLE III**  
**NOTICE OF POTENTIAL TELEPHONE**  
**FACILITIES CHARGE**

U.S. West Communications, Inc. may, upon completion of its distribution system, require a connection charge on some or all of the lots at the time service is requested.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now, or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant 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.

2. 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. Thereafter said Covenants and Restrictions shall renew for successive ten (10) year periods unless amended or terminated by an instrument executed and acknowledged by the owners of seventy-five (75%) percent of the lots subject to these Covenants and Restrictions. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant, in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of ten (10) years from the date hereof.

