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**DECLARATION
OF
COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

THESE DECLARATIONS, made on the date hereinafter set forth by Gottsch Land Co., A Nebraska Corporation, ("Declarant");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in Douglas County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 110 through 128, inclusive, Arbor Ridge, a subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded;

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to make all of the above described property subject to the covenants, conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the property hereinabove described 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, all of said real property and shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in said properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successor and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Arbor Ridge Townhomes Owners Association, Inc., a Nebraska non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to:

- (a) 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, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or as an encumbrance upon the interest of the beneficial owner, and
- (b) The purchaser, whether one or more persons or entities, under a recorded contract for the sale and purpose of a Lot, under which the Seller retains title solely as security for the performance of the purchasers obligation under the contract.

Section 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to:

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Lots 110 through 128, inclusive, of Arbor Ridge, a subdivision located in Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded,

together with any such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any platted Lot shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties or one of two parcels resulting from a Lot split of a duplex zoned Lot.

Section 5. "Improved Lot" shall mean and refer to any Lot included within the Properties upon which shall be erected a dwelling the construction of which shall be at least 80% completed according to the plans and specifications for construction of said dwelling.

Section 6. "Assessable Lot" shall mean and refer to any Improved Lot which the Board of Directors of the Association determines is entitled to the benefits for which assessments are levied by the Association as provided in this instrument.

Section 7. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Gottsch Land Co., a Nebraska General Partnership, its successors and assigns.

**ARTICLE II
PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Section 1. The Association may suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period during which any assessment against such Owner's Lot remains unpaid, and for any period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction by any such Owner, or members of such Owner's family, or guests or tenants of such Owner, of the published rules and regulations of the Association.

Section 2. Parking Rights. Ownership of any Lot shall entitle the Owner or Owners thereof to such parking rights as shall be available upon such Lot.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

Section 1. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessments shall be a member of the Association. Each Lot Owner is empowered to enforce the covenants. Membership shall be appurtenant to and shall not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to any assessments.

Section 2. In order to ensure that a quorum is present for all meetings of the members, and to allow for orderly management of the Association's affairs, it shall be the duty of each member to attend such meetings or execute and deliver to the Association a continuing proxy prepared by the Association. This continuing proxy shall operate in lieu of the actual attendance at the meeting by the specific member and shall be void if the member personally attends the meeting to exercise the

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member's right to vote. A Lot Owner may provide a superseding proxy to be voted by his duly authorized attorney in fact for one specific meeting only. The proxy shall be subject to the terms of the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act concerning revocability and life span of the proxy. Failure to attend personally or by proxy is a violation of this covenant.

The continuing proxy shall be voted by the President of the Association in his or her discretion at any meeting. It is noted that Nebraska law requires that members hold 1/10th of the votes entitled to be cast represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum. The continuing proxy shall provide on its face that it is valid on a continuous basis for an indefinite period of time until revoked in writing by the specific Lot Owner. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the Association. Each proxy shall be freely revocable and shall automatically cease when the member giving such proxy shall cease to be an Owner of a Lot or at such earlier time as shall be specified in the proxy or by operation of law.

Section 3. The Association shall have two classes of voting members, Class A Members and Class B Members, defined as follows:

CLASS A: Class A Members shall be the Owners of all Lots other than Lots owned by Declarant or Lots which are subject to a mortgage or deed of trust in favor of Declarant. Each Class A Member shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When there shall be more than one person or entity holding an interest in any Lot, all such persons or entities or both, shall be Members; provided however that the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such persons or entities or both, shall determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any one Lot.

CLASS B: Class B Members shall be the Owner of all Lots owned by Declarant or Lots which are subject to a mortgage or deed of trust in favor of Declarant. Each Class B Member shall be entitled to four votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall terminate and be converted into Class A membership (with each former Class B Member then entitled to one vote for each Lot owned) upon the occurrence of the first of the following dates:

- (a) The date on which the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership shall equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, or
- (b) January 1, 2001.

ARTICLE IV COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant hereby covenants for each Assessable Lot and for each Owner of any Assessable Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefore or by entering into a contract for the purchase thereof, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or in such contract, that it is, and shall be, deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:

- (1) Special assessments for capital improvements, and

- (2) Monthly assessments for exterior maintenance and other operational expenses with respect to each Assessable Lot as deemed necessary by the Association, and

as such assessments shall be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The special assessments and monthly 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 shall be made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person, persons or entity who, or which, was the Owner of the property at the time when the assessment became due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to such Owner's successors in title, unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the health, safety, recreation and welfare of the residents in the Properties and for exterior maintenance, and other matters as more fully set out in Articles V and VI herein.

Section 3. Monthly Assessments. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to levy and assess from time to time against an Assessable Lot any monthly maintenance assessment for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 1 of Article V herein for exterior maintenance and for other operational expenses of the Association.

Section 4. Special Assessment for Capital Improvements. The Association may levy special assessments from time to time against an Assessable Lot for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 2 of Article V herein for the costs of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvements on such Lot, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of membership, who shall vote in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

Section 5. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 1. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Sections 3 or 4 of this Article IV shall be sent to all Members not less than 10 days nor more than 50 days in advance of such meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members, in person or by proxy, entitled to cast sixty (60%) percent of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not presented, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. Any such subsequent meeting shall be held within 60 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Rate of Assessment. The monthly assessments shall be paid prorata by the Owners of all Assessable Lots based upon the total number of Assessable Lots; provided, however, the Board of Directors of the Association may equitably adjust such prorations if it determines that certain Assessable Lots on which all of the improvements are not yet completed do not receive all of

the benefits for which such assessments are levied. The monthly assessments may be collected on a monthly or other periodic basis by the Association. The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the amount of the monthly or other period assessments against each Assessable Lot. Written notice of the assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The dates payments are due shall be established by the Board of Directors. The special assessments for capital improvements shall only be assessed against the Assessable Lot for which the costs of such construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvements occurs. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether or not all assessments on a specific Assessable Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments, on a particular Assessable Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of its issue by the Association.

Section 7. Effect on Nonpayment of Assessment; Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest at the maximum legal interest rate for written agreements allowable by law in the State of Nebraska. Should any assessment remain unpaid more than sixty (60) days after the due date, the Association may declare the entire unpaid portion of said assessment for said year to be immediately due and payable and thereafter delinquent. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or may foreclose the lien of such assessment against the property through proceedings in any Court having jurisdiction of actions for the enforcement of such liens. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided herein by abandonment or title transfer of such Owner's Lot.

Section 8. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien on the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage, first deed of trust, or other initial purchase money security device, and the holder of any first mortgage, first deed of trust, or other initial purchase money security device, on any Lot may rely on this provision without the necessity of the execution of any further subordination agreement by the Association. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the status or priority of the lien for assessments made as provided herein. The Association, if authorized by its Board of Directors, may release the lien of any delinquent assessments on any Lot as to which the first mortgage, first deed of trust or initial purchase money security device thereon is in default, if such Board of Directors determines that such lien has no value to the Association. No mortgagee shall be required to collect any assessments due. The Association shall have the sole responsibility to collect all assessments due.

ARTICLE V
EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

The Association may provide exterior maintenance upon each Assessable Lot as set forth hereinafter.

Section 1. Monthly assessments may be assessed for, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Maintenance of trees and shrubs, lawns, and other exterior landscaping improvements as originally installed by the builder, except such improvements

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as may be within the confines of any fenced in area on any Assessable Lot or installed by or at the direction of the Owner, which improvements shall be the responsibility of the Owner. The Owner is responsible for replacement of all dead landscaping improvements and Owner agrees to allow the Association to replace such dead landscape improvements at the expense of the Owner of record at the time of replacement and the Owner shall reimburse the Association on demand.

- (b) Operation and maintenance of an underground watering system.
- (c) Snow removal as to be determined by the guidelines set forth by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Association shall have no duty to repair, replace or maintain any concrete surfaces, buildings, systems or other improvements to the Properties, but may, at its discretion, to the extent that any Owner has not maintained, replaced or kept repaired any of said improvements on his/her Lot to the standard set by the Association, upon thirty (30) days prior notice to cure, maintain, repair, (including painting) and replace any roofs, gutters, concrete, exterior walls, glass surfaces, doors, door openers, and cooling units for air condition systems which have not been so maintained, repaired or replaced and assess against such Lot special assessments for the costs and expenses associated with such maintenance, repair and/or replacement.

ARTICLE VI ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, wall, or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition or change or alteration therein be made, nor shall any trees, shrubs, or plantings be planted or maintained upon the Properties, until the plans and specifications therefore, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, color 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, and in relation to other trees, shrubs and plantings, by the Association, its successors or assigns. Failure of the Association to act on such plans as submitted within 30 days after the date of submission shall be deemed to be approval of such plans, and the Owner may proceed in accordance with such plans and specifications. The Architectural Control referred to in this paragraph shall not be applicable to initial construction by any builder or Owner, the plans and specifications of which have been approved by the Declarant pursuant to the Covenants described and set forth in Article VIII, Section 5 of this Declaration.

ARTICLE VII PARTY WALLS

Section 1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall which is built as part of the original construction of any dwelling upon the Properties, and which is placed on the dividing line between any adjoining Lots, shall constitute a party wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the

provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

Section 2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repairs and maintenance of any party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of such party wall in proportion to the length of each Lot and party wall.

Section 3. Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other Owner or Owners shall thereafter make use of such party wall, such other Owner or Owners shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use, without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owner or Owners to call for a larger contribution from other Owners under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

Section 4. Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, an Owner who, by his negligent or willful act, causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements, shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements and repair of damage caused by the elements.

Section 5. Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

Section 6. Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Article, each Owner involved shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator, and all Owners shall be bound by any decision arrived at by a majority of all such arbitrators. Arbitration shall be governed by the terms of the Uniform Arbitration Act, to the extent consistent with the foregoing provisions.

ARTICLE VIII
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 this Declaration. Failure of the Association or of 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.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one or more of these covenants or restrictions, by judgment or court Order, shall in no way affect any other provisions, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Amendment. These Declarations may be amended at any time during the initial twenty (20) year term referred to in Section 4, hereafter, by an instrument signed by the Owners of not less than ninety (90%) percent of the Lots then covered by these Declarations, and thereafter

