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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF SOUTH RIDGE, A SUBDIVISION IN CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by Berner Copple, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant".

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Cass County, Nebraska,

Lots 1 through 4, Block 1, inclusive, and Lots 1 through 7, Block 2, inclusive, Lots 1 through 7, Block 3, inclusive, Lots 1 through 27, Block 4, inclusive, and Lots 1 through 11, Block 5, inclusive, in South Ridge, a subdivision as surveyed, platted and recorded in Cass County, Nebraska, located in part of the SW ¼ of Section 23, Township 12 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Cass County, Nebraska.

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

Ridge, The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of South, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of South Ridge.

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

RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS ARTICLE I.

- or for other non-profit use. successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except
- have been approved by Declarant as follows: any grading or excavation for any Improvements be commenced, except for Improvements which station, dishes or "discs", flag pole, solar hearing or cooling device, tool shed, outdoor lighting, windmill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any pool, pool house, basket station, dishes or "discs", "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall No residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving
- type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the collectively referred Declarant of the Owner's mailing address. of construction plans, An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets is, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description

- of all Lots. If Declarant determines that the harmony of external design and location in relation to the surrounding Improvements and topography of the proposed Improvement will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of neighboring Lots and in the surrounding area. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall constitute when developed a residential community with homes Declarant shall review such plans in relation to the type and The decision to approve or refuse approval development of the Lots and to protect the values, character and residential quality all the Lots and neighboring Lots as a quality residential community, Declarant Declarant to or approved for by of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement. improvements constructed, constructed of high quality materials. of exterior
- Shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.
- 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 obligation 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 No Lot owner, or combination of Lots owners, or other person or Improvement.
- No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than the one (1) detached, single-family residential structure, and shall conform to the following minimum requirements:

On the main floor, exclusive of garage area (garage must be approximately at the same level as the main floor).	Total area above the basement level; minimum 1200 sq. ft. on the main floor	Total area above the basement level; minimum 1,000 sq. ft. on the main floor
1500 sq. ft.	1800 sq. ft.	1800 sq. ft.
One-story ranch type house with attached garage	One and one-half story house	Two-story house
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For the purposes of these restrictions, two-story height shall, when the basement is exposed above finish grade, be measured from the basement ceiling on the exposed side(s) to the eave of the structure on the same side(s). Area means finished habitable space, measured to the exterior one-half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$) stories. The basement is not considered a story even if it is one hundred percent (100%) above grade on one side, and essentially below grade on the other three (3) sides. All The maximum height of the dwelling shall be two and contain area of not less than four hundred twenty (420) square feet. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum set back of twenty-five (25) feet. of the enclosing walls, and does not include porches, stoops, breezeways, courtyards, patios, dwellings shall have attached, enclosed, side-by-side, two (2) car garages minimum which must decks, basements, garages or carports.

within twenty-five (25) feet of the front yard line; within seven (7) feet of the side yard lot line; within twenty-five (25) feet of the street side yard lot line. For two- or more story dwellings, side yard depth shall be eight (8) feet. Except as set forth herein, all Improvements on the Lots shall comply with all other set back requirements of the Zoning Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Louisville, Nebraska.

- be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with wood or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt shingles of weatherwood color or other approved 5. The exposed front foundation walls and any foundation walls facing any street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with clay-fired brick or stone or other material approved by Declarant. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block material shingles foundation walls not facing a street must be covered with clay-fired brick, stone, siding or shall be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone.
- 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 agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots on any Lot. signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected
- structures may be permitted on any Lot. Any approved storage/tool shed must: (i) be constructed of wood or brick; (ii) painted the same color and matching shingles as the main residential structure; (iii) placed on a concrete base; (iv) no larger than ten feet by ten feet (10' x 10'); and 7. No exterior television or radio antenna of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an antenna that is designed to receive direct broadcast satellite service not exceeding one meter in diameter and attached directly to the residence may be (v) meet all applicable ordinances of the City of Louisville. permitted provided that the location and size of the proposed satellite receiving dish be first approved by the Declarant, or its assigns. No tree houses, dollhouses, windmills, or similar
- manner as possible. Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours be permitted on repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar
- construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Louisville, Nebraska. tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 9 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial 9. 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) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, motor vehicles may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular
- dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothes line per lot. or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No cloth purposes and not in excess of eight (8) consecutive hours. equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling can or container No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash ner shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time, except for pickup ctual use. No garbage, refuse, rubbage or cutting No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any No garden, lawn or maintenance
- 11. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be in controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots Exterior lighting indirect or of such a

- 12. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the rear line of a main residential structure. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. Unless other materials are specifically approved in writing by Declarant, fences shall only composed of wood, vinyl, wrought iron or black vinyl chain link. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of three and one-half (3 1/2) feet (42 inches) unless otherwise approved
- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
- 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 prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof; provided, however, this provision shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Louisville, Nebraska.
- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete. No asphalt overlay of driveway approaches will be permitted.
- 16. 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 its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view, no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed.
- 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 Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any 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 twelve (12) inches.
- platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat and is as large in area as the largest Lot in the original Plat. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally
- shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently, unless approved in writing by the Declarant. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside South Ridge to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.
- All utility service lines from each Lot line to a dwelling or other Improvement shall be underground.
- 21. Declarant does hereby reserve unto itself the right to require the installation of siltation fences or erosion control devices and measures in such location, configurations, and designs as it may determine appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 22. Only site-built homes shall be permitted on any Lot.
- Each Lot owner shall be required to plant and maintain two trees on each Lot owned after the Lot or Lots have been purchased from the Declarant.

ARTICLE II HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

- HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including: The Association. Declarant shall cause the incorporation of SOUTH RIDGE
- Homeowners' Association dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association. The Common Area shall include, but not be limited to Outlot "A". and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for South Ridge. Common facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health equipment, maintenance, operation, upkeep and replacement of Common facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities area shall be The landscaped and seeded and shall be maintained by the acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement.
- Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility. rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all its The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of
- privileges and interests of the residents of South Ridge; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of South Ridge.
- appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot. trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument snail be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of 2. <u>Membership and Voting</u>. South Ridge is currently platted into fifty-six (56) separate single-family lots (referred to as the "Lots"). Each numbered Lot shall have one vote by the Owner of said Lot. Declarant may expand the property in South Ridge to include additional lots subject to this Declaration. The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association.
- 3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration. Deeds of Cass County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged

subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the South Ridge Homeowners' Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to the Members of the Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property

- upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but not be limited to the The Association shall have the powers conferred Purposes and Responsibilities.
- of Common the Common administration enforcement of the rules and regulations to operation and development, The and the
- The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
- accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for the purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property coverages for the The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverage Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
- D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition
- The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of
- the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (hereinafter referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the The Association may fix, levy and charge Association and shall be payable at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Board. Imposition of Dues and Assessments.
- 6. Abatement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant and that the imposition of dues and assessments shall begin after the first sale of any Lot or Lots by the Declarant.
- dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due attorney's fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable

successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments for dues. pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all

- expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article. Purpose of Dues. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10 below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:

A. One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per Lot.

- Percent (105%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 2003, One Hundred Five
- improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot. Directors may levy an part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. nents for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in
- 11. <u>Excess Dues and Assessments</u>. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding of the date such amounts first become due and payable. dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as Certificate as to Dues and Assessments. The Association shall, upon writter
- installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of Fifteen Percent (15%) per amnum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge payment of all sums due, together with interest, costs and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association. and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Facilities or abandonment of the Owner's The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by nent of all sums due, together with interest, costs and fees. The Association shall assign to Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association.
- provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessments lien. provided for herein Subordination of Lien to Mortgagee. The lien of all dues and assessments

ARTICLE III EASEMENTS

- erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service and for the 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 an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior Lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots; and a Sixteen (16) foot A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to all public utilities including but not limited to electrical transmission lines, telephone lines, cable lines, water lines, sanitary sewers, and any other public utilities, their successors and assigns, to wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior Lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The Sixteen (16) foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.
- 2. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of South Ridge which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Cass County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or other 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 thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any other person, firm, corporation, partnership or entity designated for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five (75%) of the Lots covered by in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these presents to be executed this day of December, 2002. <u>\ss</u>

BERNER-COPPLE, LLC,

BY: R. Lopple, Co-Manager

BY: Lellard R. Berner, Co-Manager

STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF CASS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\frac{1}{15}$ day of December, 2002 by ROBERT A. COPPLE, CO-MANAGER, AND RICHARD R. BERNER, CO-MANAGER OF BERNER-COPPLE, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company.

JAY W. EMORY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES June 3, 2004

Notary Public

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