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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF HIDDEN CREEK, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION made on the date hereinafter set forth is made by HIDDEN CREEK, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant."

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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

Lots 1 through 13, inclusive; in Hidden Creek, 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 of the values and amenities of Hidden Creek, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Hidden Creek, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Hidden Creek. As used herein, the term "Common Facilities" shall mean all recreational facilities, dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas, signs and entrances for Hidden Creek, as well as any and all other facilities, acquired, constructed, improved, maintained, operated, repaired or replaced by the Homeowners Association for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the members of the Homeowners Association.

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, 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 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 single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as an outlot or for other non-profit use.

- 2. No residence, fence (other than fences constructed by Declarant), building, driveway, swimming pool, pool house, storage shed, well, tennis court, rock garden, deck, mailbox, exterior lighting fixtures, or other external improvement, above or below the ground, (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, 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:
 - A. An owner desiring to erect or alter an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
 - B. Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions of Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in its sole discretion to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the improvements constructed within Hidden Creek Subdivision and to protect the value, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the proposed Improvement does not conform with the surrounding improvements or topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring Lots as a quality residential community, Declarant may, in its sole discretion, refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
 - C. Written Notice of any approval of a proposed Improvement 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 approval is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed disapproved by Declarant.
 - D. 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 obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Paragraph, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
 - E. At such time as there shall be a completed single family residence constructed and occupied on one hundred percent (100%) of all Lots, including all other phases, all discretions of Declarant under this Article I, Paragraph 2 shall transfer to the Homeowner's Association and shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of Article III herein.

- 3. Any patio, patio enclosure, swing set, playground equipment, satellite dish less than eighteen inches (18") in diameter or flag pole shall not be located in front of the dwelling, and shall not be visible from the public view.
- 4. No above ground swimming pools, antenna, satellite receiving station or satellite dish greater that eighteen inches (18") in diameter shall be permitted on any of the lots subject to these covenants.
- 5. No stable, dog house, kennel, dog run, tool shed, or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Hidden Creek Subdivision, including potbellied pigs.
- 6. No single-family residence shall be constructed, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height (measured from garage floor).
- 7. All exterior wood surfaces shall only be painted in tones of colors which shall first be approved by Declarant, or its assigns, prior to the installation of the paint.
- 8. 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 eight (8) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale". No premises shall 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. No business activities of any kind shall be conducted on the Lots. 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. This provision shall not apply to, nor otherwise restrict, the Declarant or its authorized agents from constructing and maintaining entrance monument displays as the Declarant deems acceptable, and such other signage as Declarant may approve.
- 9. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall any vehicles be visibly stored or parked for a continuous period of more than forty-eight (48) hours on any Lot. No junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on any Lot at any time.
- 10. 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 grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Paragraph 11 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings or other improvements during the period of construction.

- 11. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden, lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or Declarant approved storage shed facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuse, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time. Produce or vegetable gardens may only be planted and maintained in rear yards, and may not exceed ten (10) feet by ten (10) feet in size.
- 12. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall require the written approval of the Declarant and shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 13. No hedges or planted shrubs or trees shall be permitted more than three (3) feet in front of the building unless otherwise approved by Declarant. No tree(s), may be removed, cut down, destroyed or otherwise relocated without the express approval of Declarant.
- 14. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards and landscaped surrounding the unit so as not to be visible from the 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.
- 15. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally 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.
- 16. No structure of a temporary character, carport, trailer, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Hidden Creek to any Lot without the written approval of Declarant.
- 17. Except for connection and access facilities, all utility service lines from each Lot line to a dwelling or other Improvement shall be underground.
- 18. No manufactured home, as that term is defined in Section 71-4603(1) of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, 1943, shall be permitted in Hidden Creek Subdivision.

ARTICLE II. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

1. <u>The Association</u>. Declarant has caused the incorporation of Hidden Creek Homeowners Association, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the

"Association"). The Association shall have as its purpose the preservation of the values and amenities of Hidden Creek, the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Hidden Creek, as established by the Declarant from time to time and the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:

- A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities shall include outlots, nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs and entrances for Hidden Creek. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on private property subject to an easement in favor of the Association.
- B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may permit or restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who may be required to pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
- C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Hidden Creek; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Hidden Creek.
- 2. <u>Membership and Voting</u>. Hidden Creek is being initially divided into thirteen (13) separate single family residential lots (referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. 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 trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.
 - A. The owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association, with the exception of Lots owned by Declarant which shall be entitled to twelve (12) votes for each Lot owned.
- 3. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred 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 shall not be limited to the following:

- A. The acquisition, development, maintenance, landscaping, mowing, watering, repair, replacement, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
- B. The option to uniformly paint and maintain the street light poles, street signage, and mailboxes. The uniform color shall be determined by Declarant.
- C. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
- D. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
- E. 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.
- F. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.
- G. 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.
- H 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 and the employment of individuals for the maintenance, administration and operation of the Common Facilities.
- I. 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.
- J. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. <u>Mandatory Duties of Association</u>. The Association shall maintain and repair any landscaping, private roads, lights, entrance monuments, and signs which have been installed by Declarant in the Common Areas to provide for a first class appearance.

- 6. <u>Imposition of Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein 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 Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 7. <u>Abatement of Dues and Assessments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues and assessments 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. Lots owned by the Declarant shall not be subject to imposition of dues, assessments or Association liens.
- 8. <u>Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments</u>. The assessments and 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 and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' 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 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 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 or dues.
- 9. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Paragraph 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article.
- 10. <u>Annual Dues</u>. The Board of Directors may establish annual dues in such amount and in such manner against the Lots as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes and responsibilities of the Association.
- 11. <u>Assessments for Extraordinary Costs</u>. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities.
- 12. Adjusted Uniform Rate of Assessment. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at an adjusted uniform rate as to all Lots adjusted upwards or downwards as the case may be as set forth in Paragraph 10 above, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Paragraph 7 above.
- 13. <u>Certificate as to Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association shall, upon written 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 dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessments shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.

- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues and assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of Fifteen percent (15%) per annum, compounded annually. 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 and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Facilities or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by 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.
- 15. <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee</u>. The lien of dues and assessments 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 assessment lien.

ARTICLE III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, 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 in perpetuity. 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 until there are single family residences constructed and occupied on one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots. Thereafter, this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owner of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration. Provided, however, that the provisions of Article I, Paragraph 18 shall not be amended or changed by Declarant, any person, firm, corporation, partnership or entity designated in writing by Declarant, or seventy-five percent (75%) of the owners of the Lots.

- 3. By written consent of the Declarant, any or all of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements as they apply to the Lots may be waived, modified, or amended for any Lot or Lots, in any manner, for such a time period, and on such conditions, if any, which the Declarant may determine in its full and absolute discretion after considering the benefits and detriments which the waiver modification or amendment will have on the Hidden Creek subdivision and the Owner requesting the waiver. Declarant's decision on any requested waiver, modification or amendment shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal of Declarant's decision. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Paragraph, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any requested waiver, modification, or amendment.
- 4. Declarant, or its successors or assigns, 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.
- 5. 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 March, 2006.

HIDDEN CREEK, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, "Declarant"

Paul Brown, Manager

STATE OF NEBRASKA)) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3/3/4 day of March, 2006, by Paul Brown, Manager of Hidden Creek, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, to me known to be the identical persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed and the voluntary act as Manager of the limited liability company.

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
VALERIE A. KITTELSON
My Comm. Exp. May 22, 2009

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