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## **DECLARATION**

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OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

For Nicolette Square Townhomes REGISTER OF BEEDS

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by C W C Development Co.. Inc. hereinafter referred to as "Declarant".

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in Bellevue, County of Sarpy, State of Nebraska, which is more particularly described as:

Solots I thru ll inclusive, Nicolette Square Subdivision,

NOW THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the properties 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 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 Nicolette Square Townhome Association, Inc., a Nebraska not for profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one of more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including

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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 hereinbefore 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 (including the improvement; thereto) 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:

The north 60 feet of lots 1 thru 11, inclusive, Nicolette Square Subdivision which will be used for common ingress, egress, location of utilities and other common services.

Section 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to CWC Development Co., Inc., its successors and assigns is such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

#### 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 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 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 agreeing to such dedication or transfer signed by 2/3rds of each class of member has been recorded.

Section 2. Declaration of Use. Any owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

#### ARTICLE III

## MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every owner of a lot which is subject to assessment 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 with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be case with respect to any Lot.

<u>Class B.</u> The Class B member(s) 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 membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership or

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(b) on January 1, 1996.

ARTICLE IV

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance 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 Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, 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 delinquent assessments shall not pass to his 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 recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the Properties and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area and the homes upon the properties.

Section 3. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be One Hundred Twenty and no/100ths dollars (\$120.00) per Lot.

(a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increase each year not more than the greater of the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index or

5% above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.

- (b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above 5% 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. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no Lot shall be assessed until it has actually been constructed upon and conveyed by the undersigned Declarant or its successor Declarant.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair 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.

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 30 days nor more than 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 60 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Subject to Section 3, both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject 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. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a lot is binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

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 6 percent per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgage. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such

assessments as to payment which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

#### ARTICLE V

## RESTRICTIONS ON USE

<u>Section 1</u>. Each townhome shall be used exclusively for single family residential purposes.

<u>Section 2</u>. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisance shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any townhome lot except one for sale sign not more than six square feet in size.

Section 3. The townhome lots may not be used in any way nor for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any other townhome or resident thereof. The foregoing shall not apply to the business activities, signs and related activity of the undersigned Declarant, their agents or assigns during the construction and sale of the townhome lots.

Section 4. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers, or similar vehicles shall be permitted outside of the garage of any townhome nor shall any 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 any townhome lot except during actual building operations and then only in a neat and inconspicuous manner.

Section 5. No boat, camper, trailer, auto drawn or mounted trailer of any kind mobilehome, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained on the exterior of any townhome lot for more than 20 days within any calendar year. This restriction and ban shall include excavating equipment, tractors, and semi-tractors except those directly related to and incidental to the construction and improvement of a townhome unit.

Section 6. Exterior lighting installed on any townhome shall be subject to approval by the Board of the Townhome Association and in any event shall be either indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity is not to disturb the residents of adjacent units.

Section 7. No animals, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be placed or permitted to remain on any townhome lot except that one small dog or housecat not exceeding 40 pounds in size may be kept in any townhome unit provided it is restrained and kept in such a manner as to not disturb other owners and residents of townhome units.

Section 8. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack be erected upon or used on any lot at any time either temporarily or permanently.

#### ARTICLE VI

# EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

In the event an owner of any Lot in the Properties shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the Association, after approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said parcel and to repair, maintain and restore the Lot and the exterior of the buildings and any other improvements erected thereon. The cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

#### ARTICLE VII

# ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to an 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 Association, 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 thirty (30) 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.

# 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 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.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provisions 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 notless than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners. Any amendment must be recorded.

Section 4. Annexation. Additional residential property and Common Area may be annexed to the Properties with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members.

Section 5. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans

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Administration: Annexation of additional properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto set its hand and seal this 8th day of \_\_\_\_, 1967.

Declarant

BY: Charles of Culps Fres.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT