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#### DECLARATION

OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by WOODSTONE DEVELOPMENT JOINT VENTURE, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant".

#### WITNESSETH:

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

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 30, 31, 32, and 37, in Woodstone Replat, a Subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby delcares 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 and 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 Woodstone Property Owners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns

Section 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to 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, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the renformance of an obligation.

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Section 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described, and such addition thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 4. "Common Area" shall mean all 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:

Lots 30, 31, 32 and 37, Woodstone Replat, a Subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded,

subject to a perpetual vehicular and pedestrian easement hereby reserved by Declarant over the said Lot 37, Woodstone Replat; and the Declarant hereby reserves the right to hereafter grant one or several easements over said Lot 37 easement area in favor of any future owners, occupants and users of the road on said Lot 37.

Section 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any parcel of land, whether all or a portion of any platted lot, shown upon any recorded subdivision map or plat of the properties, upon which a living unit is, or is proposed to be, built, with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 6. "Improved Lot" shall mean and refer to any lot on the properties exclusive of the Common Area upon which shall be erected a dwelling, the construction of which shall be at least 80% complete, according to the plans and specifications for construction of said dwelling. All other lots, exclusive of the Common Area, which shall be vacant or upon which shall be erected a dwelling, the construction of which shall be less than 80% complete, according to the plans and specifications for construction of said dwelling, shall be defined as "Unimproved Lots".

Section 7. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Woodstone

Development Joint Venture, its successors and assigns if 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' Easement 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 to the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for 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 two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members has been recorded.

Section 2. Delegation 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

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, and for the cost of exterior maintenance, as set out in Article V herein, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of a two-thirds (2/3) majority 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 Section 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 (60%) percent 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 preceing meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments, with respect to all improved Lots shall be uniform in amount. In recognition of the fact that a substantial portion of the budget for the Working Fund for maintenance will be attributable to upkeep, maintenance and security upon improved lots as opposed to unimproved lots, the regular

assessment for each unimproved lot will be equal to the equivalent of 25% of the regular assessment due for each improved lot. Said assessment 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 thereto. 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 Assessment; Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be deemed delinquent, shall bear interest at the rate of six (6%) percent per annum, and shall cause the entire unpaid portion of said assessment for said year to be deemed delinquent. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property through proceedings in any court in Douglas County, Nebraska, having jurisdiction of suits for the enforcement of such liens. 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.

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Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. 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 lies thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to the payments 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

# EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

In addition to maintenance upon the Common Area, the Association shall provide exterior maintenance upon each Lot which is subject to assessment hereunder, as follows: paint, repair, replacement and care of roofs, gutters, downspouts, exterior building surfaces, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, and other exterior improvements. Such exterior maintenance shall not include glass surfaces.

In the event that the need for maintenance or repair of a lot or the improvements thereon is caused through the willful or negligent acts of its owner, or through the willful or negligent acts of the family, guests or invitees of the owner of the Lot needing such maintenance or repair, the cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

# 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 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 and 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 VII

# PARTY WALLS

Section 1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall which is built as a part of the original construction of the homes upon the Properties and placed on the dividing line between the 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 repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.

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 Owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use without

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prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others 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.

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 Arcicle, each party shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator, and the decision shall be by a majority of all the arbitrators.

# ARTICLE VIII

# STAGED DEVELOPMENTS

Additional land within Woodstone Replat, a Subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska, may be annexed by the Declarant without the consent of the members within seven (7) years of the date of this instrument, provided that the FHA and the VA determine that the annexation is in accord with the general plan heretofore approved by them.

# ARTICLE IX

# GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Awnings. No awnings or sun screens of any type shall be affixed to any building or structure within the properties without the written consent of the Association.

<u>Purposes</u>. No building or structur of any sort may ever be placed, erected or used for business, professional, trade or commercial purposes on any of the property within the Properties. Provided, however, the prohibition shall not apply:

- (a) to any building or structure that is to be used exclusively by a public utility company in connection with the furnishing of public utility servises to the properties, or
- (b) to any portion of a building used by Declarant, its licensees or assigns, for a manager's office or a sales office, or by the Association, for its offices, or if written permission for such placement, erection or use under (a) above is first obtained from the Committee. Permission of the Committee is not required for exception of (b) above.

Section 3. Fences, etc. No fences or enclosures of any type or nature whatsoever shall ever be constructed, erected, placed or maintained on or about any building site within the properties, except such fences or enclosures as may be authorized by the Committ a. No truck, trailer, boat, motor home, camper equipment or machinery or cars not in daily use shall ever be parked, located or otherwise maintained on any building site, parking area, street or common area in the properties. Automobiles shall be parked only in designated parking areas as published by the Committee in its Rules and Regulations: No external television or radio antenna shall hereafter be erected on or about any of the building sites or property within the properties; provided, that, with the written approval of the Committee, one or more master television antenna towers may be erected for the benefit and use of all or a part of the residents of the properties. No clothesline or clothes hangers may be constructed or used unless completely concealed with enclosed patio areas.

Section 4. Livestock and Poultry Prohibited. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised or kept on any building site in the properties other than household pets, which shall be limited to two (2) per household. All pets shall be leashed when outside of the home and patio area. No such pet will be kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes.

Section 5. Noxious Activity. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on the properties, nor shall any trash, ashes or other refuse be thrown, placed, dumped upon any facant building site, nor shall anything ever be done which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Section 6. Bill Boards Prohibited. The construction, placing or maintenance billboards, advertising boards or structures or "for sale" or "for rent" signs on a building site in the properties is expressly prohibited except that "for sale" or "for rent" signs may be erected.

Section 7. Outbuildings Prohibited. No outbuildings or other attached structures appurtenant to a residence may be erected on any of the building sites hereby restricted without the consent in writing of the Committee.

Section 8. Temporary Structure. No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall at any time for human habitation, temporary or permanently, nor shall any structure of a temporary character be used for human habitation. Provided, however, nothing contained shall restrict Declarant or its assigns from locating, constructing or moving a temporary real estate and/or construction office on any building site in the properties to be used during the period of the construction and sale of the properties. Declarant or its assigns may also erect and maintain model homes for sales purposes and rental and lease purposes and may operate such office or offices therein for

for so long as they deem necessary for the purposes of selling, renting or leasing the properties.

Section 9. All garage doors must remain closed at all times except when cars are entering or exiting from the garage space. No garbage cans or trash receptacles are to be permitted outside unless fully screened from view in a manner approved in writing by the Woodstone Property Owners Association, Inc.

Private barbecue grills used in the common areas, and outside use or storage of barbecue grills will be subject to regulation, restriction or exclusion by the Association. Automobile parking will be subject to regulation and restriction by the Association.

Section 10. No parking for Owners or guests shall be permitted on Lot 37, Woodstone Replat.

#### ARTICLE X

## 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 not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners. Any amendment must be recorded.

Section 4. 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 Administration: Annexation of additional properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

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On this 9th day of Feb. , 1976, before me a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for said County, personally came the above named Robert Mitchell, Jr. President of Northcrest,, Inc. and C. E. Westphal President of Nebraska Investment Services, Inc. who are personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above instrument as Presidents of said corporations, and they acknowledge of said corporations and that its corporate seal was thereto affixed by its

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Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Woodstone
Development Joint Venture, its successors and assigns if such
successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped
Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Douglas County, Nebraska.

Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

## ARTICLE III

# MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (%) of all of the votes of the

Class A membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members chall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his Lot.

# ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of five (5) directors, who need not be members of the Association.

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Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect three directors for a term of one year, two directors for a term of two years, and at each annual meeting thereafter, the directors will be elected to fill the vacancies.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

### ARTICLE V

# NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee.

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Mominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such

annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election, the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

# ARTICLE VI

# MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resclution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

# ARTICLE VII

# POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

(a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created, pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

# President

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

#### Vice President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

#### Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association, together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as r quired by the Board.

# Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors;