# **DECLARATION**

**OF** 

# PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

**FOR** 

THE FOUNTAINS AT AMBER LAKES

#### ARTICLE IX

### RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

The Property shall be subject to the following Restrictions, reservations and conditions, which shall be binding upon the DEVELOPER and upon each and every OWNER who shall acquire hereafter a Lot or any portion of the Property, and shall be binding upon their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

Section 1. Mining or Drilling. There shall be no mining, quarrying or drilling for minerals, oil, gas or otherwise undertaken within any portion of the Property. Excepted from the foregoing shall be activities of the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION, or any assignee of the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION, in dredging the water areas, creating land areas from water areas or creating, excavating or maintaining drainage or other facilities or easements, the installation of wells or pumps in compliance with applicable governmental requirements, or for sprinkler systems for any portions of the Property.

Section 2. Clothes Drying Areas. No portion of the Property shall be used as a drying or hanging area for laundry of any kind unless approved in writing by the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION.

Section 3. Antennas, Aerials, Discs and Flagpoles. No outside antennas, antenna poles, antenna masts, satellite television reception devices, electronic devices, antenna towers or citizen band (CB) or amateur band (ham) antennas shall be permitted except as approved in writing by the ASSOCIATION. A flagpole for display of the American flag or any other flag shall be permitted only if first approved in writing by the ASSOCIATION, both as to its design, height, location and type of flag. No flagpole shall be used as an antenna.

- <u>Section 4. Statues/Windmills/Fountains</u>. No statues, windmills, fountains, or similar items will be allowed which are visible from any Street or neighboring Improvement.
- Section 5. Games and Play Structures. All basketball backboards shall be affixed to a free standing pole and may not be affixed to any building, garage or building addition. Treehouse or platforms of a like kind or nature shall not be constructed on any part of the Lot located in front of the rear line of the Improvement constructed thereon or within any setback line.
- Section 6. Litter. In order to preserve the beauty of the Property, no garbage, trash, refuse or rubbish shall be deposited, dumped or kept upon any part of the Property except in closed containers, dumpsters or other garbage collection facilities deemed suitable by the ASSOCIATION. All containers, dumpsters and other garbage collection facilities shall be screened, to the extent reasonable under the circumstances, from view from outside the Lot upon which same are located and kept in a clean condition with no noxious or offensive odors emanating therefrom.
- Section 7. Subdivision or Partition. No portion of the Property shall be subdivided except with the DEVELOPER's prior written consent. After the DEVELOPER no longer owns any portion of the Property, written consent must be obtained from the ASSOCIATION. No subdivision or partition of any Lot may be made in a manner inconsistent with local law.
- Section 8. Casualty Destruction to Improvements. In the event an Improvement is damaged or destroyed by casualty, hazard or other loss, then, within a reasonable period of time after such incident, the OWNER thereof shall either commence to rebuild or repair the damaged Improvement and diligently continue such rebuilding or repairing activities to completion or, upon a determination by the OWNER that the Improvement will not be repaired or replaced promptly, shall clear the damaged Improvement and grass over and landscape such Lot in a sightly manner consistent with the DEVELOPER's plan for beautification of the Property. A destroyed Improvement shall only be replaced with an Improvement of an identical size, type and elevation as that destroyed unless the prior written consent of the ARB is obtained.
- <u>Section 9. Common Property</u>. Nothing shall be stored, constructed within or removed from the Common Property other than by the DEVELOPER, except with the prior written approval of the BOARD.

<u>Section 10. Insurance Rates</u>. Nothing shall be done or kept on the Common Property which shall increase the insurance rates of the ASSOCIATION without the prior written consent of the BOARD.

## Section 11. Surface Water or Stormwater Management System.

(a) No structure of any kind shall be constructed or erected, nor shall an OWNER in any way change, alter, impede, revise or otherwise interfere with the flow and the volume of water in any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. Nothing herein shall prohibit the DEVELOPER from constructing or creating improvements or making changes, alterations or revisions in the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System for the

purposes of improving the flow or increasing the volume of water therein or otherwise complying with the Water Management District Permit.

- (b) No OWNER shall deny or prevent ingress and egress by the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION to any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System for maintenance purposes. The right of ingress and egress, and easements therefor are hereby specifically reserved and created in favor of the DEVELOPER, the ASSOCIATION, or any appropriate governmental or quasi-governmental agency that may reasonably require such ingress and egress.
- (c) No Parcel shall be increased in size by filling in any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System to which it abuts. No OWNER shall fill, dike, rip-rap, block, divert or change any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System without the prior written consent of the ASSOCIATION or the DEVELOPER.
- (d) No wall, fence, paving, planting or other improvement shall be placed by an OWNER within any portion of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System or any other drainage area or drainage easement including, but not limited to, easements for maintenance or ingress and egress access. The cost of removing any wall improperly placed shall be paid for by such OWNER as a Special Assessment.

Section 12. Pets, Livestock and Poultry, No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept within the Property, other than household pets provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose, and provided that they do not become a nuisance or annoyance to any other OWNER. No pet shall be allowed outside a Lot except on a leash. No pets shall be permitted to place or have excretions on any portion of the Property other than the Lot of the owner of the pet unless the owner of the pet physically removes any such excretions from that portion of the Property. For purposes hereof, "household pets" shall mean dogs, cats, domestic birds and fish. Pets shall also be subject to applicable Rules and Regulations of the ASSOCIATION and their owners shall be held accountable for their actions.

Commercial activities involving pets shall not be allowed. The ASSOCIATION or the DEVELOPER may establish limits on the number and kind of pets that may be kept or permitted to be kept on any Lot.

Section 13. Signs. Except for "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs, no signs, freestanding or otherwise installed, shall be erected or displayed to the public view on any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the DEVELOPER specifically reserves the right for itself, its successors, nominees and assigns and the ASSOCIATION to place and maintain signs in connection with construction, marketing, sales and rental of Lots and identifying or informational signs anywhere on the Property.

Section 14. Garbage Containers, Oil and Gas Tanks, Pool Equipment, Outdoor Equipment. All garbage and trash containers, oil tanks, bottled gas tanks, and swimming pool equipment and housing must be underground or placed in fenced-in areas or landscaped areas so that they are not visible from any adjoining Lot or any Street. Adequate landscaping shall be

installed and maintained by the OWNER. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping grounds for rubbish, trash or other waste. There shall be no burning of trash or any other waste material, except within the confines of an incinerator, the design and location of which shall be approved by the ARB.

Section 15. Solar Collectors. Solar collectors shall not be permitted without the prior written consent of the ARB. Any approval of the ARB shall require that the solar collectors be so located on the Lot that they are not visible from any Street and that their visibility from surrounding Lots is restricted.

Section 16. Maintenance of the Property. In order to maintain the standards of THE FOUNTAINS AT AMBER LAKES SUBDIVISION, no weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any portion of the Property, and no refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or permitted to remain anywhere thereon. All Improvements shall be maintained in their original condition as approved by the ARB. All lawns, landscaping and sprinkler systems shall be kept in a good, clean, neat and attractive condition. If an OWNER has failed to maintain a Lot as aforesaid to the satisfaction of the DEVELOPER, the ASSOCIATION, the ARB, the DEVELOPER and/or the ASSOCIATION shall give such OWNER written notice of the defects (which written notice does not have to be given in the case of emergency, in which event, the DEVELOPER and/or the ASSOCIATION may without any prior notice directly remedy the problem). Upon the OWNER's failure to make such improvements or corrections as may be necessary within fifteen (15) days of mailing of written notice, the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION may enter upon such property and make such improvements or correction as may be necessary, the cost of which may be paid initially by the ASSOCIATION. If the OWNER fails to reimburse the ASSOCIATION for any payment advanced, plus administrative and legal costs and fees, plus interest on all such amounts at the highest interest rate allowed by the laws of Florida, within fifteen (15) days after requested to do so by the ASSOCIATION, the ASSOCIATION shall levy a Special Assessment against the Lot as provided in Article V. Such entry by the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION or its agents shall not be a trespass.

Section 17. Vehicles and Recreational Equipment. No commercial vehicle, or mobile home, motor home, house trailer or camper, boat, boat trailer or other recreational vehicle or equipment, horse trailers or horse vans, or the like, including disabled vehicles, shall be permitted to be parked or to be stored at any place on any portion of the Property unless they are parked within a garage, or unless the DEVELOPER has specifically designated certain spaces for some or all of the above. This prohibition on parking shall not apply to temporary parking of trucks and commercial vehicles used for pick-up, delivery and repair and maintenance of a Lot, nor to any vehicles of the DEVELOPER. No on-street parking shall be permitted unless for special events approved in writing by the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION.

Any such vehicle or recreational equipment parked in violation of these or other regulations contained herein or in the Rules and Regulations adopted by the ASSOCIATION may be towed by the ASSOCIATION at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment if (i) it remains in violation for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive

hours or (ii) it remains in violation for a period of forty-eight (48) nonconsecutive hours in any seven (7) day period. The ASSOCIATION shall not be liable to the owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment for trespass, conversion or otherwise, nor guilty of any criminal act by reason of such towing and neither its removal or failure of the owner of such vehicle or recreational equipment to receive any notice of said violation shall be grounds for relief of any kind.

Section 18. Repairs. No maintenance or repairs shall be performed on any vehicles upon any portion of the Property except in an emergency situation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all repairs to disabled vehicles within the Property must be completed within two (2) hours from its immobilization or the vehicle must be removed.

<u>Section 19. Prohibited Structures</u>. No structure of a temporary character including, but not limited to, trailer, tent, shack, shed, barn, tree house or out building shall be parked or erected on the Property at any time without the express written permission of the ARB.

<u>Section 20. Underground Utility Lines</u>. All electric, telephone, gas and other utility lines must be installed underground.

Section 21. Right-of-Way Prohibition. Except for Tract C, no Lot nor any portion of any Lot may be used for Right-of-Way purposes except with the DEVELOPER'S prior written consent.

Section 22. Nuisances. No obnoxious, unpleasant, unsightly or offensive activity shall be carried on, nor may anything be done, which can be reasonably construed to constitute a nuisance, public or private in nature. Any questions with regard to the interpretation of this section shall be decided by the BOARD, whose decision shall be final.

Section 23. Compliance with Documents. Each OWNER (including each Resident) and his family members, guests, invitees; lessees and their family members, guests, and invitees; and his or its tenants, licensees, guests, invitees and sub-tenants shall be bound and abide by this Declaration. The conduct of the foregoing parties shall be considered to be the conduct of the OWNER responsible for, or connected in any manner with, such individual's presence within THE FOUNTAINS AT AMBER LAKES SUBDIVISION. Such OWNER shall be liable to the ASSOCIATION for the cost of any maintenance, repair or replacement of any real or personal property rendered necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness, or by that of any other of the foregoing parties (but only to the extent that such expense is not met by the proceeds of insurance carried by the ASSOCIATION) which shall be paid for by the OWNER as a Special Assessment as provided in Article VI. Failure of an OWNER to notify any Person of the existence of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and other provisions of this Declaration shall not in any way act to limit or divest the right to enforcement of these provisions against the OWNER or such other Person.

liability of any nature to the OWNER or any other Person for any reason whatsoever, and any permission or approval granted shall be binding upon all Persons.

Section 25. Other Restrictions. The ARB shall have the authority, as hereinabove expressed, from time to time to include within its promulgated residential planning criteria other restrictions as it shall deem appropriate. Said restrictions shall be governed in accordance with the criteria hereinabove set forth for residential planning criteria promulgated by the ARB. However, once the ARB promulgates certain restrictions, same shall become as binding and shall be given the same force and effect as the restrictions set forth herein until the ARB modifies, changes or promulgates new restrictions or the ASSOCIATION modifies or changes restrictions set forth by the ARB.

Section 26. No Implied Waiver. The failure of the ASSOCIATION or the DEVELOPER to object to an OWNER's or other party's failure to comply with these Covenants or any other Governing Documents (including any Rules and Regulations promulgated) shall in no event be deemed a waiver by the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION, or any other Person having an interest therein, of that OWNER's or other party's requirement and obligation to abide by these Covenants.

Section 27. Imposition of Fines for Violations. It is acknowledged and agreed among all OWNERS that a violation of any of the provisions of this Article XI by an OWNER or Resident may impose irreparable harm to the other OWNERS or Residents. All OWNERS agree that a fine not to exceed One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) per day may be imposed by the DEVELOPER or ASSOCIATION for each day a violation continues after notification by the DEVELOPER or the ASSOCIATION. All fines collected shall be used for the benefit of the ASSOCIATION. Any fine levied shall be paid within fifteen (15) days after mailing of notice of the fine. If not paid within said fifteen (15) days the amount of such fine shall accrue interest at the highest interest rate allowed by the laws of Florida, and shall be treated as a Special Assessment as provided in Article VI.