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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS  
AND EASEMENTS FOR  
SONORAN RANCH ESTATES II COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS is executed to be effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, by FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE AGENCY, INC., An Arizona corporation, as Trustee under Trust No. 60,146, ("Declarant").

**RECITALS:**

A. Declarant is the owner of certain real property located in Tucson, Arizona described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Property") to be developed as a community known as "Sonoran Ranch Estates II" (the "Community").

B. Declarant desires to form an Arizona nonprofit corporation to be known as the "Sonoran Ranch Estates II Community Association, Inc." (the "Association") for the purposes of, among other things, (i) holding title in fee or otherwise controlling all or portions of the Common Areas, in regard to which the Association will be delegated certain powers to construct, administer, operate, repair and maintain the Common Areas and enforce this Declaration; and (ii) establishing, collecting, disbursing and enforcing the Assessments provided for or created herein.

C. Declarant desires and intends that the Property shall be held, sold, leased and/or otherwise conveyed subject to the easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, servitudes, assessments, liens and reservations in this Declaration, which: (i) are for the purpose of protecting the desirability and attractiveness of the Property; (ii) shall run with all of the real property comprising the Property; (iii) shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property, or any part thereof; and (iv) shall inure to the benefit of said parties and their successors and assigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant, as the present fee owner of the Property, hereby declares, covenants and agrees as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

**DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Declaration, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"**Affiliate**" of a Person means a Person that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such other Person.

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"**Agency**" means FHA, VA, Federal National Mortgage Corp., Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., or other governmental, quasi-governmental or private agency providing residential loan financing, guarantees or other accommodations.

"**Articles**" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as amended or restated from time to time, on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

"**Annual Assessments**" means the Assessments levied by the Board pursuant to *Section 8.4*.

"**Assessments**" means all assessments levied pursuant to *Article 8* and all fees, fines, penalties and charges due under this Declaration or the Association Rules.

"**Association**" means "Sonoran Ranch Estates II Community Association, Inc.," an Arizona non-profit corporation, and its successors and assigns; however, if such name is not available, Declarant reserves the right to use such other available name that it chooses.

"**Association Rules**" means the reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the Association pursuant to *Section 6.3*.

"**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Association.

"**Builder**" means a Person in the business of, or a person which has an Affiliate in the business of, constructing and selling homes or in the business of acting as a landbanker that sells lots to Persons who construct and sell homes, which purchases six or more Lots without Dwelling Units constructed thereon for the purpose of constructing Dwelling Units thereon and selling such Lots and Dwelling Units.

"**Bylaws**" means the Bylaws of the Association, as amended or restated from time to time.

"**County**" means Pima County or other municipality within which a portion of the Property may be located now or in the future.

"**Class A Member**" has the meaning given to it in *Section 7.2*.

"**Class B Member**" has the meaning given to it in *Section 7.2*.

"**Committee**" means the Design Review Committee formed pursuant to *Article 4*

"**Common Areas**" means (a) those portions of the Community, together with the buildings, structures and Improvements thereon, which the Association may, from time to time, own in fee or in which it may have an easement interest, for as long as the Association holds fee title or an easement interest; (b) all land within the Community which Declarant, by this Declaration or in any other Recorded instrument, makes available for use by Members of the

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Association or otherwise designates as Common Areas for purposes of this Declaration; (c) all land or right-of-way easements within the Community which are dedicated to the public or to Pima County, but which the County or other governmental agency requires the Association to maintain, including drainage facilities; and (d) any other areas which may be dedicated as Common Area, with respect to which the Association has assumed administrative or maintenance responsibilities.

**"Common Expenses"** means the expenses of operating the Association, including all expenses listed in *Section 8.1* or *Section 9.1*.

**"Declarant"** means Fidelity National Title Agency, Inc, an Arizona Corporation, as trustee for Trust Number 60146. Declarant may assign its rights by express recorded instrument to a subsequent Owner of all or part of the Property.

**"Declaration"** means this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements, as amended or supplemented from time to time as herein permitted.

**"Design Guidelines"** has the meaning given to it in *Section 4.1*.

**"Designated Builder"** means a Builder who purchases a number of unimproved or finished Lots from Declarant, upon which Builder may operate a sales office and will construct and sell homes. Said Builder, designated by the Declarant as a "Designated Builder," receives certain rights as expressly provided in this Declaration.

**"Dwelling Unit"** means any building, or part thereof, situated upon a Lot and intended for use and occupancy as a residence.

**"FHA"** means the Federal Housing Administration.

**"First Mortgage"** means a deed of trust or mortgage recorded against a Lot which has priority over all other deeds of trust or mortgages recorded against the same Lot.

**"Improvement"** means any building, wall, structure, landscaping, equipment or other item and any addition, alteration, repair, change or other work regarding any such item, including exterior paint, which in any way alters the exterior appearance of any part of a Lot and is Visible From Neighboring Property.

**"Lot"** means a lot shown on a Recorded Plat for the Property upon which a Dwelling Unit can be constructed and occupied pursuant to applicable law and shall include lots shown on a Preliminary Plat approved by Pima County for any portion of the Property not yet subject to a Recorded Plat.

**"Member"** means any Person entitled to a membership in the Association hereunder.

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**"Membership"** means the combination of rights and duties of Members in the Association.

**"Occupant"** means any Person, other than an Owner, occupying or in possession of a Lot, or any portion thereof or any building or structure thereon, whether as a lessee under a lease or otherwise.

**"Owner"** (when capitalized) means (and any reference in this Declaration to "own", "owned" or "ownership" when used in reference to a portion of the Property shall be deemed to include) the Record holder of legal title to the fee simple interest in any Lot or, in the case of a Recorded "contract," as that term is defined in A.R.S. § 33-741(2), then the holder, of Record, of the purchaser's or vendee's interest under said contract, but excluding others who hold such title merely as security. If fee simple title to a Lot is vested of Record in a trustee pursuant to A.R.S. § 33-801 *et seq.*, then for purposes of this Declaration legal title shall be deemed to be held by the trustor (or the trustor's successor of Record), and not by the trustee.

**"Person"** means a natural person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trustee or any other legal entity.

**"Community"** means the planned community known as "Sonoran Ranch Estates II" to be developed on the Property.

**"Property"** means the real property more particularly described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto and incorporated by this reference. The Property consists of Lots 237 through 491 of Sonoran Ranch Estates II, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, recorded in Book 35 of Maps and Plats at Page 27. Upon Recording of this Declaration, the Property is subject to the Recorded Final Plat of Sonoran Ranch Estates II.

**"Record" "Recording" and "Recorded"** means placing or having placed a document of public record in the Official Records of Pima County, Arizona.

**"Special Assessments"** means the assessments, if any, levied by the Board pursuant to *Section 8.7*.

**"VA"** shall mean the United States Veterans' Administration.

**"Visible From Neighboring Property"** means, with respect to any given object, that all or a part of such object is or would be visible to an individual six (6) feet tall, standing at ground level on any portion of any Lot, tract or street within the Community.

## **ARTICLE 2** **PROPERTY AND PERSONS BOUND BY THIS DECLARATION**

2.1 **General Declaration.** This Declaration is established for the purpose of enhancing the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Property. Declarant hereby declares

that all of the Property is and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, occupied, built upon or otherwise used, improved or transferred, in whole or in part, subject to this Declaration, as the same may be amended or modified from time to time. Subject to the terms hereof, this Declaration shall run with the Property for all purposes and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Declarant, the Association, and all Owners and Occupants of the Property, any Person having an interest in all or a portion of the Property, and their successors in interest.

**2.2 Declarant's Disclaimer of Representations.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant makes no warranties or representations whatsoever that the plans presently envisioned for the complete development of the Community can or will be carried out, or that the Property is or will be committed to or developed for a particular (or any) use, or that if such real property is once used for a particular use, such use will continue in effect. While Declarant has no reason to believe that any of the restrictive covenants contained in this Declaration are or may be invalid or unenforceable, Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such restrictive covenant. Any Owner or other Person acquiring title to a Lot or an interest in a Lot in reliance on one or more of such restrictive covenants shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and by accepting a deed to a Lot agrees that Declarant shall have no liability with respect thereto.

### ARTICLE 3

#### EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF ENJOYMENT IN THE COMMON AREAS

**3.1 Easements and Rights of Enjoyment.** Each Owner shall have a nonexclusive easement for use and enjoyment in and to the Common Areas, which is appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Owner's Lot. All Occupants shall have a nonexclusive, nontransferable temporary license to use and enjoy the Common Areas so long as they remain Occupants. The foregoing grant and rights are subject, among other things, to the following limitations:

(a) The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and the right to use and enjoy the Common Areas of any Owner or the Owner's Occupant:

- (i) for any period during which an Assessment remains delinquent;
- (ii) for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of this Declaration or the Association Rules; or,
- (iii) for successive 60-day periods if any such delinquency or infraction is not corrected during any preceding suspension period;

(b) The right of the Association to regulate and control use of the Common Areas pursuant to the Association Rules or otherwise in accordance with this Declaration; and,

(c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Association in accordance with *Section 10.5*.

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**3.2 Delegation of Use.** Any Owner or Occupant, in accordance with the Association Rules and this Declaration, may delegate his rights of use and enjoyment in the Common Areas to the members of his family or his Occupants, employees, customers or guests subject to the limitations set forth herein and in the Association Rules. Each Owner or Occupant shall cause his family members, tenants, other Occupants, employees, invitees, permittees and guests to comply with this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, and the Association Rules and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, shall be responsible and liable for all violations and losses caused by such family members, tenants, other Occupants, employees, invitees, permittees and guests, notwithstanding the fact that such family members, tenants, other Occupants, employees, invitees, permittees and guests are also fully liable for any violation of each and all of those documents.

**3.3 Easement for Common Areas Maintenance.** The Association shall have an easement upon, over, under and across all Lots and other property within the Community (except property owned by Declarant) for the purpose of (a) repairing, maintaining and replacing the Common Areas and all Improvements thereon, and (b) performing all other rights, duties and obligations of the Association under this Declaration.

**3.4 Utility Easements.** All utility installations including, without limitation, electrical installations, must be placed underground unless the prior written consent is given by the Declarant while there is a Class B Membership, or by the Association after the Class B Membership ceases to exist. All easements located in, on or under a Common Area must be specifically agreed to by Declarant while there is a Class B Membership, or by the Association after the Class B Membership ceases to exist. Until the Class B Membership ceases to exist, Declarant may cause the Association to grant easements and licenses over, under and across the Common Area as reasonably needed for development of the Community.

**3.5 Access.** If ingress or egress to any Lot is through Common Area, an easement for such ingress and egress is hereby created.

## ARTICLE 4

### DESIGN CONTROL

**4.1 Design review committee.** Declarant shall establish the committee to perform the functions of the committee set forth in this declaration. The committee shall adopt procedural rules and regulations for its performance of such duties, including procedures for the preparation, submission and consideration of the application for any approvals required by this declaration. The committee shall make its decision on an application for approval within sixty (60) days of the submission of such application. If the committee fails to respond to an application, the application shall be deemed disapproved. The committee shall consist of such number of regular members and alternate members as Declarant may designate. All such members shall be appointed by Declarant for so long as Declarant owns property within the community. Thereafter, the members of the committee shall be appointed by the board. The

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committee and/or the board of directors shall promulgate design guidelines (herein, as amended from time to time, "design guidelines") to be used by the committee in rendering its decisions. the committee shall have all the powers, duties and authority conferred upon it by this declaration and the design guidelines. The decisions of the committee shall be final on all matters submitted to it pursuant to this declaration.

**4.2 Variances.** The Committee may grant variances from the standards set forth in the Design Guidelines if the Committee determines the matter permitted under the requested variance will not have a substantially adverse affect on other Owners and Occupants and is consistent with the high quality of life intended for the Community.

**4.3 Fee.** The Committee may establish a reasonable fee from time to time to defer the costs of the Committee in considering any requests for approvals submitted to the Committee, which fee shall be paid at the time the request for approval is submitted. The Committee may also authorize supplemental fees to cover the cost of retaining consultants and other professional services needed to evaluate properly any matter submitted to the Committee for review.

**4.4 Personal Liability.** No Committee member, Declarant, or officer or director of the Association (subject to any mandatory limitations imposed by A.R.S. §10-3202 or other applicable law) shall be personally liable to the Association, any Owner, or to any other Person, for any damages, losses, costs, fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees), or any prejudice suffered or claimed on account of any of their acts or omissions (including, without limitation, errors and negligence) except to the extent such Committee member, Declarant, officer or director intentionally inflicts harm on the Association or its Members, intentionally violates criminal law, receives a financial benefit to which such person was not entitled, or is liable for an unlawful distribution under A.R.S. §10-3833 or other applicable law.

**4.5 Provisions if No Committee.** In the event there is no Committee in existence, then the Board shall undertake the Committee's responsibilities hereunder, including without limitation approvals required by this Declaration.

## ARTICLE 5

### PERMITTED USES AND RESTRICTIONS

**5.1 Residential Purposes.** No gainful occupation, profession, business, trade or other nonresidential use shall be conducted on or in any Dwelling Unit, provided that an Owner or Occupant may conduct limited business activities in a Dwelling Unit so long as (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell from outside the Dwelling Unit; (b) the business activity conforms to all applicable zoning requirements; (c) the business activity does not involve door-to-door solicitation of other Owners and Occupants; (d) the business activity does not generate drive-up traffic or customer or client parking; and (e) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the property, does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, and does not threaten the security or safety of other Owners, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

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**5.2 Animals.** No animal, bird, livestock, poultry or fowl of any kind, other than a reasonable number of generally recognized house pets (as determined by the Board and set forth in the Association Rules) shall be maintained on or in any Lot and then only if they are kept or raised thereon solely as domestic pets and not for commercial purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no pets may be kept upon the Property or on or in any Lot which, in the opinion of the Board, result in any annoyance or are obnoxious to Owners or Occupants of other Lots in the vicinity.

**5.3 Garbage.** No garbage, trash or debris shall be allowed, stored or placed on a Lot except in sanitary, covered containers. In no event shall such containers be Visible From Neighboring Property, except for a reasonable time immediately prior to and after collection. All trash and garbage shall be regularly removed from each Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. No incinerator shall be maintained on any Lot and no trash, garbage or debris shall be burned thereon by open fire or otherwise. The Board or Pima County shall have the right to require all Owners and Occupants to place trash and garbage in containers located in areas designated from time to time by the Board or Pima County.

**5.4 Clothes Drying Facilities.** No outside clotheslines or other facilities for drying or airing clothes shall be placed on any Lot unless they are not Visible From Neighboring Property.

**5.5 Window Coverings.** Within 30 days of the initial conveyance of the Lot to an Owner from the Declarant (or by a trustee, for the benefit of the Declarant), Owner or Occupant shall install permanent window coverings. In no event shall the interior or exterior of any windows be covered with reflective material, such as foil, or with paper, bed sheets or other temporary coverings.

**5.6 Garages and Driveways.** The garages situated on a Lot shall be used for parking vehicles and storage only, and shall not be used or converted for living or recreational activities. Garage doors shall be kept closed except to the limited extent reasonably necessary to permit the entry or exit of vehicles or persons. All driveways on Lots shall be of concrete construction. Detached garages shall not be permitted. Routine maintenance and repair of driveways shall be the responsibility of Owner of the driveway. The Association shall have the rights provided in **Section 5.21(e)** and **Section 11.3** if an Owner or Owners fails to timely perform maintenance and repairs, but the Association shall have no obligation to perform any work or take any action.

**5.7 Improvements and Construction.** The design, size, color, location and elevation of any Improvement or landscaping that is Visible From Neighboring Property, and all changes thereto, must be approved by the Committee prior to installation. All Improvements and landscaping constructed or installed by or for Declarant and all changes thereto done by or for Declarant shall be conclusively deemed approved by the Committee. A storage shed, other equipment and other Improvements which is/are Visible From Neighboring Property may not be placed or installed on a Lot unless approved by the Committee and such approval may be withheld in the Committee's sole discretion. Only houses constructed on the Property in accordance with this **Section 5.7** shall be occupied as residences.

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**5.8 Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Units.** No heating, air conditioning or evaporative cooling units or equipment shall be placed, constructed or maintained upon the Property, including, but not limited to, upon the roof or exterior walls of any structure on any part of the Property unless: (a) where such unit or equipment is installed upon the roof of any structure upon the Property, such unit or equipment is fully screened from view from any adjacent Lots by a parapet wall which conforms architecturally with such structure; or (b) in all other cases, such unit or equipment is attractively screened or concealed and is not Visible From Neighboring Property, which means of screening or concealment shall (in either case (a) or (b)) be subject to the regulations and approval of the Committee.

**5.9 Solar Collection Panels or Devices.** Declarant recognizes the benefits to be gained by permitting the use of solar energy as an alternative source of electrical power for residential use. At the same time, Declarant desires to promote and preserve the attractive appearance of the Property and the Improvements thereon, thereby protecting the value generally of the Property and the various portions thereof, and of the various Owners' respective investments therein. Therefore, subject to prior approval of the plans therefor by the Committee, solar collecting panels and devices may be placed, constructed or maintained upon any Lot within the Property (including upon the roof of any structure upon any Lot), so long as either: (a) such solar collecting panels and devices are placed, constructed and maintained so as not to be Visible From Neighboring Property; or (b) such solar collecting panels and devices are placed, constructed and maintained in such location(s) and with such means of screening or concealment as the Committee may reasonably deem appropriate to limit, to the extent possible, the visual impact of such solar collecting panels and devices when viewed by a person six (6) feet tall standing at ground level on adjacent properties. The restrictions in this *Section 5.9* shall be subject to any limitations imposed by law.

**5.10 Antennas, Poles and Towers.** No antenna, aerial, satellite dish or other device for the transmission or reception of television or radio (including amateur or ham radio) signals of any kind (collectively referred to herein as "antennas") will be allowed outside the Dwelling Unit, except:

(a) Those antennas whose installation and use is protected under federal law or regulations (generally, certain antennas under one meter in diameter), provided that an application for such an antenna must be submitted to the Committee and such application will be approved only if:

- (i) the antenna is designed to assure the minimal visual intrusion possible (i.e., is located in a manner that minimizes visibility from the street or other Lots); and
- (ii) the antenna complies to the maximum extent feasible with the design Guidelines within the confines of applicable federal regulations (i.e., without precluding reception of quality signal, or unreasonably increasing the cost of the antenna).

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Upon the written request of the Owner when submitting the application, the Committee shall consider such an application on an expedited basis and shall strive to render a decision within seven days, but in no event later than fourteen days, from the date the applicant submits a complete application.

or

(b) Dishes 18" in diameter or smaller in locations approved by the Committee for rear or side yard locations and appropriately screened.

Any transmission cable for a receiver to the house must be underground. The restrictions in this *Section 5.10* shall be subject to any limitations imposed by law.

**5.11 Basketball Goals.** In accordance with the Design Guidelines, portable, free standing basketball backboards are permitted. Backboards must be removed and placed out of site on a daily basis when not in use and shall only be used during daylight hours. In no event shall backboards be visible from the street, sidewalk and Common Areas when not in use. Backboards must be kept in good condition and all backboards must be positioned so as not to adversely affect the property of any adjacent/surrounding neighbor or Common Area. The ARC reserves the right to rescind its approval, should the backboard cause a nuisance, such as traffic, noise, or damage to any adjacent property or Common Area."

**5.12 Vehicles.** Private, non-commercial, passenger automobiles or pickup trucks which when including all attachments (including, without limitation, racks and shells), do not exceed one (1) ton in carrying load or cargo capacity, eighty-four (84) inches in height or width or two hundred twenty-eight (228) inches in length, may be parked on the Property within a garage or in a private driveway appurtenant to a Dwelling Unit. No other vehicle (including, but not limited to, mobile homes, motor homes, boats, recreational vehicles, trailers, trucks, campers, permanent tents, or similar vehicles or equipment, commercial vehicles, or vehicles exceeding one (1) ton in carrying load or cargo capacity, eighty-four (84) inches in height or width, or two hundred twenty-eight (228) inches in length or similar vehicles or equipment) shall be kept, placed or maintained upon the Property or any roadway adjacent thereto, except, within a fully-enclosed garage and/or driveway appurtenant to a Dwelling Unit. No vehicle (including, but not limited to, those enumerated in the preceding sentences) shall be constructed, reconstructed or repaired on the Property or any roadway therein or adjacent thereto except within a fully enclosed garage. No motor vehicles of any kind which are not in operating condition shall be parked in any unenclosed parking areas (including, but not limited to, private driveways appurtenant to a Dwelling Unit). The provisions of this *Section 5.12* shall not apply to (a) vehicles of Declarant or its employees, agents, Affiliates, contractors or subcontractors during the course of construction activities or sales activities upon or about the Property, or (b) vehicles used by the Association in repairing, maintaining and replacing the Common Areas and all Improvements thereon, and in performing all other rights, duties and obligations of the Association under this Declaration.

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Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration, the Association shall not prohibit a resident from parking a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of twenty thousand pounds or less upon a designated visitor parking area in the Community, if the vehicle is required, for public safety and emergency purposes in accordance with A.R.S. §33-1809, to be available at the residence as a condition of employment, and either (a) the resident is employed by a public service corporation regulated by the Corporation Commission, and required to be prepared to deploy for emergency repair of natural gas pipelines and related infrastructure, or (b) the vehicle is owned or operated by the public service corporation and bears an official emblem or designation, or (c) the resident is employed by a public safety agency (including police or fire), or a private fire or ambulance service and the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less and bears an official emblem or designation.

**5.13 Fences, Interferences and Obstructions.** No fence, wall, hedge, shrub or other plant which obstructs sight lines at elevations between two (2) feet and six (6) feet above adjacent public streets shall be permitted on any corner Lot within the triangular area formed by the streets and a straight line connecting those property lines at points twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of those property lines (or, in the case of a rounded Lot corner, from the intersection of those property lines as extended). No tree shall be permitted to remain within such area unless the foliage line is maintained a sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sight lines.

**5.14 Leasing; Obligations of Tenants and Other Occupants.** All tenants shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the Association Rules. Each Owner shall cause his, her or its tenants or other Occupants to comply with this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the Association Rules and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, shall be responsible and liable for all violations and losses caused by such tenants or Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such tenants or Occupants are also fully liable for any violation of each and all of those documents. No Owner may lease less than his, her or its entire Lot. No Lot may be leased for a period of less than thirty (30) days. The provisions of this *Section 5.14* shall not apply to Declarant's use of Lots owned by (or leased to) Declarant as a model home or for marketing purposes.

**5.15 Easements, Landscaping, Natural Open Space and Maintenance; Reconstruction.**

**5.15.1 Public Utility Easement.** The front of every lot adjacent to the street is restricted by a Public Utility Easement.

**5.15.2 Plant Preservation Easement.** Each Owner shall maintain the landscaping on such Owner's Lot and any public right-of-way areas lying between the front or side boundaries of such Lot and any adjacent street, and shall keep the land free of debris and weeds at all times and promptly repair portions of the landscaping which have been damaged. Landscaping plans shall be approved by the governing municipality prior to installation and landscaping is to be installed in compliance with applicable Design Guidelines and the approved plans. Each Owner shall maintain the aforementioned landscaping and exterior of the Owner's

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Dwelling Unit in a neat, clean and attractive condition consistent in appearance with other properly maintained, improved Lots within the Community. Additionally, certain plants/trees may be prohibited, therefore, be sure to review the prohibited list in the Design Guidelines and the Drought Tolerant Plant List attached to the Design Guidelines.

**5.15.3 Natural Open Space; riparian area et al.** The following areas are to be maintained at all times in the natural state, subject to the requirements of Floodplain department of the Pima County Development Services: a) the western wash, which travels through the Property from the southern boundary on Valencia Road to the northern boundary which is almost to the level of Ajo Way; b) floodways, retention basins and right of way easements; c) the riparian area at the northeastern corner of the Property; d) Subsections (a) and (b) also have the following restrictions: no motorized or non-motorized vehicles except for emergency use and/or mitigation activities; no horse or equestrian activities; no artificial lighting installed thereon; any exterior lighting to be directed away from these areas and be restrictive in nature, conforming to or exceeding Pima County lighting standards; no fires or outdoor cooking. A twenty foot natural landscape buffer setback ("Buffer Setback") is to be maintained at the rear of designated lots located a) about one third distance from the southeast corner of the Property and b) along the northern boundary from the west of the riparian area to the northern detention basin. The natural state of the easement is to be preserved in the Buffer Setback.

**5.15.4 Reconstruction.** As provided in *Section 13.3*, each Owner or Occupant is encouraged, but is not obligated, to obtain for such Person's benefit property and casualty insurance insuring such Person's real or personal property interests on or within the Property. However, notwithstanding the fact that an Owner or Occupant maintains, or fails to maintain, insurance on his real or personal property interests on or within the Property, in the event any Dwelling Unit or other structure is totally or partially damaged or destroyed by fire, Act of God or any other cause, the Owner shall fully repair the damage and complete reconstruction of the Dwelling Unit or other structure within eighteen (18) months after occurrence of the damage or destruction. The provisions of this *Section 5.15* shall not apply to any Lot or other property owned by Declarant.

**5.16 Signs.** No signs of whatever nature shall be placed on any Lot which are Visible From Neighboring Property except (a) signs required by legal proceedings; (b) a maximum of two (2) street address identification signs for each individual residence, each with a maximum face area of 72 square inches or less; (c) "for sale" and "for lease" signs no larger than five (5) square feet; and (d) signs used by Declarant to advertise the Property during the construction and sales period.

**5.17 Prohibited Uses.** No use which is offensive by reason of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, noise, glare, heat, sound, vibration, radiation or pollution, or which constitutes a nuisance or unreasonable source of annoyance, or which is hazardous by reason of risk of fire or explosion, or which is injurious to the reputation of any Owner shall be permitted on any Lot. No use which is in violation of the laws (after taking into account the application of any validly granted or adopted variance, exception or special use ordinance or regulation) of the United States, the State of Arizona, Pima County or any other governmental entity having jurisdiction

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over the Property shall be conducted on any Lot. The provisions of this *Section 5.17* shall not apply to any activity of Declarant or its employees, agents, Affiliates, contractors or subcontractors during the course of construction activities or sales activities upon or about the Property.

**5.18 Dust Control.** After the sale of a Lot by Declarant, the areas on each Lot that are not improved with buildings ("Clear Areas") shall be landscaped as provided in *Section 5.15*. After a sale of the lot by Declarant, until such landscaping is installed, the Clear Areas shall be maintained in a neat and attractive condition, free of weeds and debris and the Owner thereof shall take necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and control the emanation of dust and dirt from the Clear Areas, which may include the use of gravel, grass, ground cover, or the sealing of the ground surface. After landscaping has been installed, each Owner shall continue to maintain its Lot in a manner that minimizes the possibility of dust being transmitted into the air and over adjacent properties. Nothing in this *Section 5.18* shall be interpreted to require Declarant to landscape a Lot before a sale of such Lot by Declarant.

**5.19 Nuisances.** No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Property for any unreasonable time, and no odors shall be permitted to arise therefrom, so as to render the Property or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other portion of the Property in the vicinity thereof or to its Owners or Occupants. No loud, noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on or permitted on any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be, or may become, an annoyance or nuisance to Persons or property in the vicinity of such Lot, or which shall interfere with the quiet enjoyment of each of the Owners and Occupants. The Board shall have the right, but not the obligation, to determine, in its sole discretion, whether the provisions of this *Section 5.19* have been violated. Any decision rendered by the Board shall be conclusive and shall be enforceable in the same manner as other restrictions in this Declaration. The provisions of this *Section 5.19* shall not apply to any activity of Declarant or its employees, agents, Affiliates, contractors or subcontractors during the course of construction activities or sales activities upon or about the Property.

**5.20 Drainage.** No Owner or Occupant shall interfere with the drainage established for his Lot, Common Area, the Property or any other property adjacent to his Lot.

**5.21 Party Walls.** Except as provided in *Section 11.2*, the rights and duties of Owners of contiguous Lots that have shared walls or fences ("Party Walls") shall be as follows:

(a) each Owner shall have an equal right to use the Party Walls to the extent such use does not interfere with the other Owner's use and enjoyment thereof;

(b) if a Party Wall is damaged or destroyed through the act or omission of an Owner or the Owner's Occupants, agents, guests or family (whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable), such Owner shall be obligated to rebuild and repair the Party Wall at the Owner's sole expense (provided that this shall not bar such Owner from

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recovering, or seeking to recover, all or any part of such expense from any insurer, Occupant, agent, guest or other Person who otherwise may be liable to such Owner);

(c) if any portion of a Party Wall is damaged or destroyed other than by the act of an adjoining Owner or the Owner's Occupants, agents, guests or family, or deteriorates from ordinary wear and tear, it shall be the joint obligation of all Owners whose Lots adjoin such portion of the Party Wall to immediately rebuild and repair it, and the expense shall be ratably divided among such Owners based on the amount of linear footage of their respective Lots located along such portion of the Party Wall;

(d) if a dispute occurs between Owners regarding a Party Wall or the sharing of the cost thereof, such Owners shall submit the dispute to the Committee, whose decision shall be binding unless appealed to the Board, in which event the Board's decision shall be binding and final. Notwithstanding any such decision, no Owner is prohibited from seeking indemnity from the party causing the damage;

(e) The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to perform any work which an Owner or Owner(s) fails to do in a timely manner. The Owner(s) responsible for such work shall upon demand pay all costs incurred by the Association together with interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum and an administrative fee at ten percent (10%) of the amount incurred by the Association.

**5.22 Exemption of Declarant and Designated Builders.** Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be construed to prevent the construction, installation or maintenance by Declarant (or its designated agents and contractors) and each Designated Builder (subject to approval by Declarant) during the period of development, construction, sales and marketing on the Property, of any model homes and sales offices and parking incidental thereto, construction trailers, landscaping or signs deemed necessary or convenient by Declarant and each Designated Builder (subject to the approval of Declarant), in their sole discretion, to the development, construction, sale and marketing of property within the Property. Any actions taken by a Designated Builder pursuant to this Section shall require the prior approval of Declarant, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**5.23 Miscellaneous.** The Board, in its good-faith discretion, may grant such waivers of the restrictions contained in this *Article 5* as it shall deem appropriate, so long as the use permitted by such waiver shall not result in an unsafe, unsanitary or aesthetically displeasing condition and shall not result, in the Board's discretion, in a substantial departure from the common plan of development contemplated by this Declaration. In addition, the Property shall continue at all times to be subject to applicable zoning laws and ordinances; provided, however, that where the provisions of this Declaration are more restrictive than such laws or ordinances, the provisions of this Declaration shall control.

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## ARTICLE 6

### ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATION

6.1 **Formation of Association.** The Association shall be a nonprofit Arizona corporation charged with the duties and vested with the powers prescribed by law and as set forth in the Articles, the Bylaws and this Declaration. Neither the Articles nor the Bylaws shall be amended or interpreted so as to be inconsistent with this Declaration.

6.2 **Board of Directors and Officers.** The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board and such officers as the Board may elect or appoint in accordance with the Articles and Bylaws. The Board may appoint various committees at its discretion. The Board may also appoint or engage a manager and/or other staff members to be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Association. The Board shall determine the compensation to be paid to each such employee.

6.3 **Association Rules.** By a majority vote of the Board, the Association may, from time to time and subject to the provisions of this Declaration, adopt, amend and repeal the Association Rules. The Association Rules may restrict and govern the use of the Common Areas, provided that the Association Rules shall not discriminate among Owners and Occupants except to reflect their different rights and obligations as provided herein, and shall not be inconsistent with this Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws. Upon adoption, the Association Rules shall have the same force and effect as if they were set forth herein. A copy of the Association Rules, as adopted or amended, shall be available for inspection at the office of the Association.

6.4 **Personal Liability.** No Board member, officer, committee member, employee or representative of the Association, nor the Association, shall be personally liable to any Owner, or to any other Person, including the Association, for any damages, losses, costs, fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees), or any prejudice suffered or claimed on account of any of their acts, omissions, errors or negligence, unless such person has engaged in willful or intentional misconduct.

## ARTICLE 7

### MEMBERSHIPS AND VOTING

7.1 **Membership.** Every Owner, including Declarant, automatically shall be a Member of the Association with voting rights as provided in this Declaration for so long as such ownership continues. A Person's Membership in the Association shall close and terminate immediately when such Person is no longer an Owner. Each Owner's membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from ownership of, the Lot to which the membership is attributable. In the event any Lot is owned by two or more Persons, whether by joint tenancy, tenancy in common, community property or otherwise, each such Person shall be considered a Member but the membership as to such Lot shall be joint, and such

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Persons shall jointly designate to the Association in writing one of their number who shall have the power to vote said membership; provided, however, that if any one of such Persons casts a vote or votes representing a Lot without objection from any other Person sharing ownership of such Lot, that Person will thereafter be conclusively presumed to be acting with the authority and consent of all other Persons sharing ownership of such Lot unless and until objection thereto is made to the Board, in writing, at or prior to the time the vote or votes are cast. Neither Membership in the corporation nor a Member's share, right, title or interest in and to the funds and assets of the corporation can be transferred, assigned or hypothecated except as an appurtenance to the Member's ownership of a Lot. Membership may be evidenced by an official list of Owners, which list shall be kept by the Secretary of the Association and as provided by applicable law.

**7.2 Votes.** The Association shall have two classes of voting Members. Class A Members shall be all Owners, except Declarant and each Designated Builder while the Class B Membership is in effect. A Class A Member shall have one (1) vote for each Lot owned by such Member. The Class B Members shall be Declarant and each Designated Builder. The Class B Members shall have three (3) votes for each Lot owned by Declarant and each Designated Builder. No change in the ownership of a Lot shall be effective for voting purposes until the Board receives satisfactory evidence thereof. Fractional votes shall not be allowed. The Class B Membership shall automatically cease and be converted to a Class A Membership upon the happening of the first of the following events:

- (a) the date seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots have been conveyed to a Person other than Declarant or a Designated Builder;
- (b) the date which is twenty (20) years after the date this Declaration is Recorded; or
- (c) the date on which Declarant and each Designated Builder relinquishes the Class B Membership by notifying the Class A Members in writing.

**7.3 Property Rights.** Every Owner shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment in, to and over the Common Areas, subject to this Declaration and to reasonable rules adopted by the Board pursuant hereto. Any Owner may assign that right of enjoyment to (and share the same with) the members of his or her household and assign the same to and share the same with his, her or its tenants and invitees subject to the provisions of this Declaration and to reasonable regulation by the Board. An Owner who leases his, her or its Lot shall be deemed to have delegated such Owner's rights and easements under this *Section 7.3* to the lessee of such Lot for the term of such lease.

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## ARTICLE 8

### ASSESSMENTS

**8.1 Creation of Assessment Right; Covenants to Pay.** In order to provide funds to enable the Association to meet its obligations and to create and maintain appropriate reserves, there is hereby created a right of assessment exercisable on behalf of the Association by the Board. Assessments (herein "Assessments") shall be for Common Expenses and shall be allocated equally among all Lots. Each Owner, by acceptance of his, her or its deed with respect to a Lot, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay the Assessments with respect to such Owner's Lot. Each Owner failing to pay an Assessment within fifteen (15) days of the date that the Assessment is due shall also pay a late charge as set by the Board from time to time. The initial late charge shall be the greater of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month or ten percent of the unpaid Assessment. The fifteen-day delinquency period and late charges shall be subject to any limitations imposed by A.R.S. §33-1803 or other law as amended from time to time. The Owner shall also pay all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association in seeking to collect such Assessments and other amounts. The Assessments with respect to a Lot, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees as provided in this *Section 8.1*, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time such Assessments arose with respect to such Lot; provided, however, that the personal obligation for delinquent Assessments shall not pass to a successor in title of such Owner unless expressly assumed by such successor. No Owner shall be relieved of the obligation to pay any of the Assessments by abandoning or not using his, her or its Lot or the Common Areas, or by leasing or otherwise transferring occupancy rights with respect to his, her or its Lot. However, upon transfer by an Owner of fee title to such Owner's Lot, such transferring Owner shall not be liable for any Assessments thereafter levied against such Lot. The obligation to pay Assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of Assessments or set-off shall be claimed or allowed by reason of the alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association or Board under this Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws.

**8.2 Lien for Assessments; Remedies; Foreclosure.** There is hereby created and established a lien in favor of the Association against each Lot which shall secure payment of all present and future Assessments assessed or levied against such Lot or the Owner thereof (together with any other amounts levied against such Lot or the Owner thereof pursuant to the Declaration or the Articles, the Bylaws or the Association Rules). Such lien shall be prior and superior to all other liens affecting the Lot in question, except: (a) taxes, bonds, assessments and other levies which, by law, are superior thereto; and (b) the lien or charge of any First Mortgage. Recording of this Declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the liens established hereby, and further Recordation of any claim of a lien for Assessments or other amounts hereunder shall not be required, whether to establish or perfect such lien or to fix the priority thereof, or otherwise (although the Board shall have the option to Record written notices of claims of lien in such circumstances as the Board may deem appropriate). The Board may invoke any or all of the sanctions provided for herein, or any other reasonable sanction, to

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compel payment of any Assessment or installment thereof, not paid when due (a "Delinquent Amount"). Such sanctions include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Interest and Late Fees. The Board may impose late fees and interest in such amounts as it determines are appropriate from time to time, subject to any limitations stated in the Declaration or imposed by law;

(b) Suspension of Rights. The Board may suspend for the entire period during which a Delinquent Amount remains unpaid the obligated Owner's voting rights and rights to use and enjoy the Common Areas;

(c) Collection of Delinquent Amount. The Board may institute an action at law to recover a money judgment or any other proceeding to recover the Delinquent Amount, rent, interest and attorneys' fees without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing same;

(d) Recording of Notice. The Board may record a notice of lien covering the Delinquent Amount plus interest and accrued collection costs as provided in the Declaration. The Board may establish a fixed fee to reimburse the Association or its representative for the cost of recording the notice, processing the delinquency and recording a notice of satisfaction of the lien; and

(e) Foreclosure of Lien. The Board may foreclose the Recorded lien against the Lot in accordance with then prevailing Arizona law relating to the foreclosure of realty mortgages (including any right to recover any deficiency). The sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to a mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof shall extinguish the lien of the Assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer, but shall not relieve such Lot from liability for any Assessments becoming due after such sale or transfer, or from the lien thereof. The Association shall have the power to bid for any Lot at any sale to foreclose the Association's lien on the Lot, and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. During the period the Lot is owned by the Association, no right to vote shall be exercised with respect to that Lot and no Assessment shall be assessed or levied on or with respect to that Lot; provided, however, that the Association's acquisition and ownership of a Lot under such circumstances shall not be deemed to convert the same into Common Areas.

**8.3 Dates Assessments Commence; Declarant's and Designated Builders' Obligations.** Assessments shall be payable with respect to a Lot commencing with the earlier of: (a) initial conveyance of such Lot to a purchaser (other than a Designated Builder) by Declarant or by a Designated Builder (or by a trustee, for the benefit of Declarant or a Designated Builder); or (b) termination of the Class B Membership. Assessments with respect to a Lot shall be prorated as of the date of commencement. Declarant and each Designated Builder shall not be obligated to pay any Assessments with respect to Lots owned by Declarant and each Designated Builder until the Class B Membership is terminated. Until the Class B Membership is terminated, Declarant and each Designated Builder shall pay or contribute to the Association cash, goods or services (as Declarant may elect) as may be necessary to make up any shortfalls in

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the budget of the Association resulting from such Person's exemption from Assessments (but in no event shall Declarant be required to make such payments or contributions in excess of the Assessments Declarant would be required to pay, in the absence of this sentence, with respect to Lots owned by Declarant and in no event shall any Designated Builder be required to make such payments or contributions in excess of the Assessments such Designated Builder would be required to pay in the absence of this sentence, with respect to Lots owned by such Designated Builder). Shortfalls shall be allocated between Declarant and each Designated Builder prorata based on the relative number of Lots owned at either the beginning of the period for which the shortfall occurred or at the time the shortfall is determined and notice is given, as selected by Declarant. Any Person who becomes an Owner of a Lot shall pay the Annual Assessment applicable to such Owner's Lot as such becomes due, and shall pay any Special Assessment levied on or after the date the Person becomes an Owner. The previous Owner of such Lot shall remain liable for all unpaid and delinquent Assessments levied against the Owner of the Lot prior to such transfer of ownership.

**8.4 Computation of Assessments; Annual Budget.** The Board shall adopt a budget for each fiscal year of the Association, which budget shall serve as the basis for determining the annual Assessments (herein the "Annual Assessments") for the applicable fiscal year (subject to the limitations of *Section 8.6*). Annual Assessments shall be payable annually or in installments as set by the Board. Within a reasonable period following the meeting of the Board at which it adopts the budget for the year in question, the Board shall deliver or mail to each Owner a copy of the budget and a statement of the amount of the Annual Assessments to be levied against such Owner's Lot for that year. The failure to send or to receive such a statement shall not relieve any Owner of his obligation to pay such an Assessment on or before the due date. All Assessments shall be payable to the Association. In the event the Board fails to adopt a budget for any fiscal year prior to commencement of such fiscal year or fails to determine the Annual Assessments for any year, then until and unless such budget is adopted or the determination is made (as applicable), the budget (and the amount of the Assessments provided for therein) for the year immediately preceding shall remain in effect. Except as provided in *Section 8.6*, neither the budget nor any Annual Assessment levied pursuant thereto shall be required to be approved by the Owners. The Board may increase the Annual Assessments to meet the Association's expenses which exceed the amounts previously budgeted, if the Board determines that such Assessments become necessary or desirable during the fiscal year.

**8.5 Due Dates.** Assessments shall be due and payable as determined by the Board. Assessments shall be deemed "paid" when actually received by the Association or by its designated manager or agent (but if any Assessments are paid by check and the bank or other institution upon which such check is drawn thereafter dishonors and refuses to pay such check, those Assessments shall not be deemed "paid" and shall remain due and payable with interest accruing from the date such Assessments were originally due).

**8.6 Maximum Annual Assessment.** The Annual Assessments provided for herein shall not at any time exceed the "Maximum Annual Assessment," as determined in accordance with this *Section 8.6*. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005, the Maximum Annual Assessment shall not exceed the total amount of the initial Annual Assessment for each Lot.

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Thereafter, except as provided below, unless a greater increase is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of Members represented in person or by proxy at a meeting of Members called for such purpose, the Maximum Annual Assessment for any fiscal year shall be equal to the Maximum Annual Assessment for the immediately preceding fiscal year increased at a rate equal to the greater of: (a) the percentage increase for the applicable fiscal year over the immediately preceding fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index -- All Urban Consumers -- All Items (1982-1984 Average = 100 Base) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (or its successor); or (b) twenty percent (25%). Further, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may, without the approval of the Members, increase the Maximum Annual Assessment for any fiscal year by an amount sufficient to permit the Board to meet any increases over the preceding fiscal year in: (i) premiums for any insurance coverage required by this Declaration to be maintained by the Association; and (ii) charges for utility services necessary to the Association's performance of its obligations under this Declaration, notwithstanding the fact that the resulting increase in the Maximum Annual Assessment is greater than otherwise permitted under the third sentence of this *Section 8.6*. Increases in Annual Assessments shall be subject to any limitations imposed by A.R.S. §33-1803 or other law as such may be amended from time to time.

**8.7 Special Assessments.** In addition to levying Annual Assessments, the Board may levy a Special Assessment, but only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital Improvement owned by the Association or for defraying other extraordinary expenses, provided, however, that such Special Assessment must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>s) of the votes of each class of Members voting in Person or by proxy at a meeting of the Association duly called for such purpose. Special Assessments shall be assessed uniformly among the Owners. Special Assessments shall not be subject to the Maximum Annual Assessment limitations set forth in *Section 8.6*.

**8.8 Reserve Fund.** To insure that the Association shall have adequate funds to meet its maintenance obligations with regard to drainage channels, detention/retention basins, and other Common Area facilities expenses or to purchase necessary equipment or services, each Person, with the exception of Declarant and each Designated Builder, who as a result of a purchase obtains title to a Lot, shall pay to the Association immediately upon becoming the Owner of a Lot a sum equal to one-sixth (1/6<sup>th</sup>) of the current Annual Assessment for the Lot. Funds paid to the Association pursuant to this *Section 8.8* may be used by the Association for any purpose permitted under this Declaration. Payments made pursuant to this *Section 8.8* shall be nonrefundable and shall not be offset or credited against or considered as advance payment of any Assessments levied pursuant to this Declaration. Assessments pursuant to this *Section 8.8* shall not be subject to the Maximum Annual Assessment pursuant to *Section 8.6*, but are secured by the lien created by *Section 8.2*.

**8.9 Transfer Fee.** Each Person, other than Declarant and each Designated Builder, who as a result of a purchase obtains title to a Lot shall pay to the Association immediately upon becoming the Owner of the Lot (at Close of Escrow) a transfer fee in such amount as may be established from time to time by the Board. Assessments pursuant to this *Section 8.9* shall not

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be subject to the Maximum Annual Assessment pursuant to *Section 8.6*, but are secured by the lien created by *Section 8.2*.

**8.10 Records and Statements of Payment.** The Treasurer shall cause to be kept detailed and accurate records, in chronological order, of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Common Areas and any other property owned or controlled by the Association, specifying and itemizing the expenses incurred and expenditures made. All records authorizing such expenditures shall be available for examination by Owners at convenient hours designated by the Board. Within fifteen (15) days following the Board's receipt of a written request from any Owner, or such shorter time as may be required by applicable law, the Board shall issue to the requesting party (or to the person designated by such requesting party) a written statement stating that, as of the date of the statement: (a) all Assessments (including collection fees, interest, costs and attorneys' fees, if any) have been paid with respect to the Lot of such Owner; or (b) if any such amounts have not been paid, the amount(s) then due and payable. Subject to the limitations of applicable law, the Association may impose a reasonable charge for the issuance of such a statement that must be paid at the time the request for such certificate is made.

**8.11 Discharge of Liens.** The Board may cause the Association or any Owner or Occupant (by Assessment) to discharge any mechanics' or materialmen's liens or other encumbrances which in the opinion of the Board may constitute a lien against the Common Areas. When less than all of the Owners are responsible for any such lien or encumbrance, those Owners that are responsible shall be jointly and severally liable for the amount necessary to discharge the same, and for all costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with such lien or encumbrance.

## ARTICLE 9

### USE OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS

**9.1 Use of Association Funds.** In addition to the powers enumerated in the Articles and Bylaws, the Association shall apply all funds and property collected and received by the Association from any source ("Funds") for the common good and benefit of the Property, the Owners and the Occupants. The Funds may be used, among other things, to insure, acquire, construct, alter, clean, maintain, supervise, pay ad valorem taxes, provide and operate, in any manner whatsoever, any and all land, properties, Improvements, services, Community's, programs, studies and systems within the Property and the Common Areas as may be necessary, desirable or beneficial to the general common interests of the Owners and Occupants. In connection with the foregoing, the Funds may be used for the administration, office expenses, salaries and other personnel costs of the Association. The Association may in its discretion collect and maintain Funds to be held in reserve for any of the uses referred to in this *Section 9.1*.

**9.2 Borrowing Power.** The Association may borrow money in such amounts, at such rates, upon such terms and security, and for such periods of time as the Board deems necessary or appropriate, and may utilize Funds to repay any such loans.

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9.3 **Association's Rights in Spending Funds From Year to Year.** The Association shall not be obligated to spend in any year all Funds received by it in such year, and the Board may carry forward as surplus or hold in reserve (for general purposes or for specified future expenditures) any balances remaining. The Association shall not be obligated to reduce the amount of the Annual Assessments in any succeeding year if a surplus or reserves exist from a prior year or years.

## ARTICLE 10

### **RIGHTS AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATION**

10.1 **Rights, Powers and Duties of the Association.** In addition to the rights and powers of the Association set forth in this Declaration, the Association shall have such rights and powers as are set forth in the Articles and Bylaws, together with such rights, powers and duties as are granted by law or as may be reasonably necessary in order to effect all of the objectives and purposes of the Association as set forth herein. A copy of the Articles and Bylaws shall be available for inspection at the office of the Association during reasonable business hours.

10.2 **Association's Rights of Enforcement.** The Association, as the agent and representative of the Owners, shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration. Further, Declarant and any other Owner, so long as Declarant and such other Owner owns property within the Community, shall have the right and authority, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration; provided that, any Owner, other than Declarant, desiring to enforce any provision of this Declaration shall first request that the Association enforce such provision, and if the Association fails to act upon such Owner's request within a reasonable time, then such Owner may pursue enforcement of the provisions on its own.

10.3 **Contracts with Others.** Subject to the restrictions and limitations contained herein, or in the Articles, the Bylaws, and the laws of the State of Arizona, the Association may enter into contracts or other transactions with other parties, including Declarant or its affiliated companies. Such contracts or other transactions shall not be void or voidable because one or more directors or officers of the Association are employed by, have a financial interest in or are otherwise affiliated with such other parties, including Declarant or its Affiliates (even if such officer(s) or director(s) is present and/or votes at the meeting of the Board or committee which authorizes the contract or transaction), if (a) the fact of such interest has been previously disclosed or made known to the other members of the Board or the committee acting upon such contract or transaction, and (b) the transaction or contract is fair and reasonable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any management contract entered into by the Association must be terminable, without penalty, by the Association for cause at any time and without cause upon reasonable notice.

10.4 **Procedure for Change of Use of Common Areas.** Upon adoption of a resolution by the Board stating that the then current use of a specified part of the Common Areas is no longer in the best interests of the Owners and Occupants, and the approval of such resolution by not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of all Members entitled to vote and

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voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, the Board shall have the power and right to change the use thereof (and in connection therewith to take whatever actions are required to accommodate the new use), provided such new use: (a) also shall be for the common benefit of the Owners and Occupants; and (b) shall be consistent with any Recorded deed and zoning regulations.

**10.5 Procedure for Transfers of Common Areas.** The Association shall not dedicate or otherwise convey title to the Common Areas, or mortgage or otherwise encumber Common Areas except upon: (i) the adoption of a resolution by the Board stating that the transaction would be in the best interests of the Owners and Occupants, (ii) the approval of such resolution by Owners of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Lots (excluding Declarant and Designated Builders) and by Declarant; and (iii) approval of the proposed action by VA or FHA, if required under *Section 14.10*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, if ingress or egress to any Lot is through Common Area to be dedicated, conveyed or encumbered, such dedication, conveyance or encumbrance shall be subject to an easement for ingress and egress benefiting such Lot.

## ARTICLE 11

### MAINTENANCE

#### **11.1 Common Areas and Public Rights-of-Way.**

**11.1.1 Areas of Association Responsibility.** The Association, or its duly designated representative, shall maintain manage and control all Common Areas and shall keep the Common Areas in good, clean, attractive and sanitary condition, order and repair, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof. The Association's costs of doing so shall be Common Expenses of the Association. Such responsibilities shall include, without limitation: (a) maintenance, repair and replacement of all landscaping situated upon the Common Areas; (b) maintenance, repair and replacement of landscaping in or upon public rights-of-way immediately adjacent to the Common Areas; and (c) operation, maintenance, repair and liability for all drainage structures including any detention/retention basins.

**11.1.2 Delegation of Responsibilities.** The Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether the Association or an individual Owner should be responsible for maintenance of certain Common Areas or public rights-of-way considering cost, uniformity of appearance, location and other relevant factors.

**11.1.3 Standard of Care; Disclaimer of Liability.** The Association shall use a reasonably high standard of care in providing for the repair, management and maintenance of the Common Areas so that the Community will reflect a high degree of pride of ownership. The Board, however, shall be the sole judge as to the appropriate level of maintenance of all Common Areas by the Association. Notwithstanding any duty the Association may have to maintain and repair the Common Areas, the Association and Declarant shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by a latent condition or by any Member, Owner, Occupant or other Person.

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Neither the Association nor Declarant shall be liable to any Person for any claim, injury or damage arising from the use of the Common Areas, which shall be used at the risk of the user. Declarant has no duty or obligation to maintain, operate, manage or repair the Common Areas.

**11.2 Walls and Fences Between Lots and Common Areas.** If a wall is located on the boundary line between Common Areas and a Lot, then the Association shall be responsible for the painting and maintenance and repair of the surface on the side thereof that faces the Common Areas and the top of such wall, and the Owner or Owners owning the opposite side of the wall shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, painting and replacement of such opposite side. In the case of destruction of both sides of such wall or structural damage, the Owner(s) owning Lots adjacent to the wall shall be responsible for one-half of the cost of replacement or repair of the wall and the Association shall be responsible for the other one-half. Unless originally constructed by or for Declarant or otherwise approved in writing by the Board or Committee, a wall may not be located on the Common Areas unless it is part of the Common Areas.

**11.3 Maintenance and Repair.** Every Owner and Occupant shall perform promptly all maintenance and repair work required by this Declaration, the Association Rules, the Design Guidelines and the Bylaws. If (a) any portion of any Lot is maintained so as to present a nuisance, or substantially detracts from or affects the appearance or quality of any neighboring Lot or other area, or is used in a manner which violates this Declaration, or (b) the Owner of any Lot or the Occupant of such Owner's Lot, by willful or negligent act or omission, damages any Common Area, or (c) the Owner of any Lot or the Occupant of such Owner's Lot fails to perform such Owner's obligations under this Declaration, the Association Rules, the Design Guidelines, the Articles and the Bylaws, the Association, by Board resolution, may make a finding to such effect, specifying the particular condition(s) that exist, and thereafter give notice to the Owner of such Lot that unless specified corrective action is taken within a specified time period the Association, at such Owner's expense, may take whatever action is appropriate to compel compliance including, without limitation, appropriate legal action. If at the expiration of the specified time period the requisite corrective action has not been taken by the Owner, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, at its sole discretion, to cause corrective action to be taken and/or to commence appropriate legal action. The cost thereof, including court costs and attorneys' fees, including an administrative charge equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount incurred by the Association, together with all damages resulting from such Owner's or Occupants acts or failure to act, plus interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum on all amounts from the date incurred by the Association until the date paid to the Association by the Owner, shall be added to and become a part of the Assessments to which the offending Owner and the Owner's Lot is subject and shall be secured by the lien described in *Section 8.2*. The foregoing shall not limit the right of others to enforce the provisions of this Declaration as described in *Section 14.1*

**11.4 Assessment of Certain Costs of Maintenance and Repair of Common Areas and Public Areas.** In the event that the need for maintenance or repair of Common Areas and other areas maintained by the Association is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner, his or her family, guests or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be

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added to, and become a part of, the Assessment to which such Owner and the Owner's Lot is subject, and shall be secured by the Assessment lien described in *Section 8.2*.

## ARTICLE 12

### TERM; AMENDMENTS; TERMINATION

**12.1 Term; Amendment.** The covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration as it may be amended from time to time: (a) shall run with and bind the Property, (b) shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or by the owner of any property subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns; and (c) shall remain in full force and effect (as amended, if applicable) until January 1, 2027, at which time said conditions, covenants and restrictions shall automatically be extended for successive periods of twenty-five (25) years each, unless revoked by an affirmative vote of: (i) Members owning not less than sixty-seven percent (67%) of all Lots; and (ii) Declarant, so long as Declarant is an Owner. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Declaration may be amended only by the vote or written consent of: (i) Members owning not less than sixty-seven percent (67%) of all Lots; and (ii) Declarant, so long as Declarant is an Owner. No amendment to this Declaration shall be effective until such amendment is Recorded.

**12.2 Right of Amendment if Requested by Governmental Agency or Federally Chartered Lending Institution.** Anything in this *Article 12* to the contrary notwithstanding, Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration as may be requested or required by the FHA, VA or any other agency with whom Declarant elects to do business as a condition precedent to such agency's approval of this Declaration. Any such amendment shall be effected by Declarant recording an amendment duly executed and acknowledged by Declarant specifying the agency requesting the amendment and setting forth the requested or required amendment(s). Recordation of such Amendment shall be deemed conclusive proof of the agency's or institution's request or requirement and such Certificate, when Recorded, shall be binding upon all of the Property and all persons having an interest therein.

## ARTICLE 13

### EMINENT DOMAIN AND INSURANCE

#### (COMMON AREAS)

**13.1 Eminent Domain.** The term "Taking" as used in this *Section 13.1* shall mean condemnation by eminent domain or sale under threat of condemnation. In the event of a threatened Taking of all or any portion of the Common Areas, the Owners hereby appoint the Board and such persons as the Board may designate to represent all of the Owners in connection with the Taking. The Board shall act, in its sole discretion, with respect to any awards made or to be made in connection with the Taking and shall be entitled to make a voluntary sale to the condemnor in lieu of engaging in a condemnation action. Any awards received on account of the Taking shall be paid to the Association and shall constitute Funds of the Association.

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**13.2 Association's Authority to Purchase Insurance.** The Association shall purchase and maintain such property damage and liability insurance upon the Common Areas and such other insurance as the Board, in its absolute discretion, may determine. The Association shall be the named insured in all policies providing such insurance. Neither the Association nor the Board, nor any Member of the Board or officer or agent of the Association, shall be liable to any Person for failure of the Association to secure and maintain any such insurance coverage where such insurance coverage is not available in the State of Arizona at a reasonable cost and on other reasonable terms and conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association shall obtain and maintain at all times, at the Association's expense, directors' and officers' liability insurance covering all officers and directors of the Association, as well as all regular and alternate members of the Committee, in amounts and on terms adequate to permit the Association to meet its obligations to indemnify such persons pursuant to the Articles and Bylaws.

**13.3 Individual Responsibility; Disclaimer of Liability.** It shall be the responsibility of each Owner or Occupant to provide insurance for himself on his real or personal property interests on or within the Property, including, but not limited to, additions and Improvements thereto, furnishings and personal property thereon, and for his personal liability. No Person shall maintain any insurance which would limit or reduce in any manner the insurance proceeds payable under the insurance maintained by the Association in the event of damage to the Improvements or fixtures on the Common Areas. The Association, any Board member and Declarant shall not be liable to any Person or mortgagee if any risks or hazards are not covered by the insurance obtained by the Association or if the amount of such insurance is not adequate.

**13.4 Insurance Claims.** The Association is hereby irrevocably appointed and authorized by the Owners to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association and to execute and deliver releases upon the payment of claims, and to do all other acts reasonably necessary to accomplish any of the foregoing. The Board has full and complete power to act for the Association in this regard and may, at its discretion, appoint an authorized representative or committee, or enter into an insurance trust agreement wherein the trustee shall have authority, to negotiate losses under any policy purchased by the Association. All proceeds from insurance acquired by the Association shall be payable to the Association. Any proceeds resulting from damage to the Common Areas shall be used to repair the damage unless otherwise approved by a majority of the votes of each class of Members at a meeting called for such purpose. Any proceeds remaining upon repair of such damage may be retained by the Association as reserves or to reduce future Assessments.

## ARTICLE 14

### ADDITIONAL TERMS

**14.1 Enforcement.** The Association shall have the standing and power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the Association Rules and to obtain injunctive relief and damages, and its costs in doing so, including, but not limited to, reasonable

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attorneys' fees, together with interest thereon from the date the costs are expended at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, shall constitute a lien on all Lots owned by the Owner or Owners against whom the action is taken (or against whose Occupants the action is taken), which lien shall have the priority and may be enforced in the manner described in **Section 8.2**. In addition, any Owner or Owners shall have the standing and power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws, and the prevailing party or parties in any action by an Owner or Owners to enforce any such provisions shall be entitled to recover from the other party or parties its or their costs in such action (including reasonable attorneys' fees), together with interest thereon at the rate equal of twelve percent (12%) per annum, and shall further be entitled to have all such costs (including such interest) included in any judgment awarded to the prevailing party or parties in such action. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to take any such enforcement action shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. While Declarant has no reason to believe that any of the restrictive covenants contained in this Declaration are or may be invalid or unenforceable for any reason or to any extent, Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such restrictive covenant. Any Owner or other Person acquiring title or an interest in a Lot in reliance on one or more of such restrictive covenants shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and by accepting a deed to the Lot agrees to hold Declarant harmless therefrom.

**14.2 Notice of Violation.** The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to Record a written notice of a violation by any Owner or Occupant of any restriction or provision of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws or the Association Rules. Recordation of a notice of violation shall serve as a notice to the Owner and Occupant, and to any subsequent purchaser of the Lot, that there is such a violation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure by the Association to Record a notice of violation shall not constitute a waiver of any existing violation or evidence that no violation exists.

**14.3 No Partition.** No Person acquiring any interest in the Property or any part thereof shall have a right to, nor shall any person seek, any judicial partition of the Common Areas, nor shall any Owner sell, convey, transfer, assign, hypothecate or otherwise alienate all or any of such Owner's interest in the Common Areas or any funds or other assets of the Association except in connection with the sale, conveyance or hypothecation of such Owner's Lot (and only appurtenant thereto).

**14.4 Interpretation of the Covenants.** Except for judicial construction and as hereinafter provided, the Association, by its Board, shall have the exclusive right to construe and interpret the provisions of this Declaration. In the absence of any adjudication to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Association's construction or interpretation of the provisions hereof shall be final, conclusive and binding as to all Persons and property benefited or bound by this Declaration.

**14.5 Severability.** If any provision of this Declaration or any application thereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Declaration and any other application of such provision shall not be affected thereby.

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**14.6 Rule Against Perpetuities.** If any of the interests, privileges, covenants or rights created by this Declaration shall be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the Rule against Perpetuities or any related rule, then such provision shall continue until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the survivor of the descendants of the President of the United States living on the date this Declaration is Recorded.

**14.7 Change of Circumstances.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration, no change of conditions or circumstances shall operate to extinguish, terminate or modify any of the provisions of this Declaration.

**14.8 Gender and Number.** Wherever the context of this Declaration so requires, words used in the masculine, feminine or neuter genders, or the singular or plural number, shall each include the others.

**14.9 Captions; References to Articles or Sections.** All captions, titles or headings of all *Articles* and *Sections* are for the purpose of reference and convenience only and are not to be deemed to limit, modify or otherwise affect any of the provisions hereof or to be used in determining the intent or context thereof. References to an *Article* or a *Section* without further attribution shall be deemed to refer to an article or a section, as the case may be, of this Declaration.

**14.10 Approvals Required.** For as long as there is a Class B Member and if VA or FHA certification is desired by Declarant, the following actions will require the prior approval of the VA or FHA, unless such agencies have waived such requirements or unless the last sentence of this *Section 14.10* applies: (i) annexation of additional properties into the Community (unless such annexation is in accordance with a plan of annexation or expansion previously approved by such agencies); (ii) mergers and consolidations; (iii) mortgaging or otherwise encumbering Common Area; (iv) dedication or other transfer of Common Areas; (iv) dissolution of the corporation; and (vi) amendment of provisions in the Articles, this Declaration or the Bylaws to the extent required to be approved by the FHA or VA pursuant to their rules and regulations. Consent of the FHA and VA to the foregoing will not be required if the FHA and VA have elected not to approve the Community for certification or if such approval has been revoked, withdrawn, canceled or suspended.

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EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

SONORAN RANCH ESTATES II LOTS 1 - 572, COMMON AREA "A" (BUFFERYARD DRAINAGE) AND COMMON AREA "B" (DRAINAGE/RECREATION), RECORDED IN BOOK 60 OF MAPS, PAGE 47. AS RECORDED IN BOOK \_\_\_\_\_ OF MAPS AND PLATS AT PAGE \_\_\_\_\_, AND BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, G&SRB&M, TUCSON, PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

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