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#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF

# **Carmel In the Woods**

#### **SUBDIVISION**

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#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property located in Leon County, Florida, and more particularly described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the properties described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

#### ARTICLE I

#### DEFINITIONS

- 1. <u>Section</u> "Association" shall mean and refer to Carmel In the Woods Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.
- 2. <u>Section</u> "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the

Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

- 3. <u>Section</u> "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.
- 4. <u>Section</u> "Common Area" shall mean all real property (including the improvements thereto) owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the owners. The Common Area which will be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first Lot consists of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Additional real property may be conveyed to the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners as the Properties are developed.
- 5. <u>Section</u> "Lot" shall mean and refer to each of the numbered lots described in "Exhibit B" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.
- 6. <u>Section</u> "Declarant" shall mean and refer to W-D Properties, L.C./Swanson Construction Joint Venture, and its heirs, successors and assigns if such heirs, successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

#### ARTICLE II

#### PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 1. <u>Section</u> <u>Owners' Easements of Enjoyment.</u> Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;
- (b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

- (c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members or to mortgage all or any part of the Common Area (no such dedication, transfer or mortgage shall be
- (d) effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer signed by 2/3rds of each class of members has been recorded); and
- 2. <u>Section</u> <u>Delegation of Use.</u> Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

#### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- 1. <u>Section</u> Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.
  - 2. Section The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:
- 3. <u>Class A.</u> The Class A members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
- 4. <u>Class B.</u> The Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:
- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, or
- (b) upon the expiration of five (5) years from the date of the recording of this Declaration.

# ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

- 1. Section Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.
- 2. <u>Section Purpose of Assessments.</u> The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the Properties and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area and of the homes situated upon the properties.
- 3. <u>Section Maximum Annual Assessment.</u> Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) per Lot.
- (a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased each year not more than 5% above the assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.
- (b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above 5% by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- (c) The Board of Directors may increase the annual assessment at any time to an amount not in excess of the maximum.

- 4. <u>Section</u> <u>Special Assessments for Capital Improvements.</u> In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- 5. Section Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 or 4 shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting. At such meeting, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast a majority of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum.
- 6. <u>Section</u> <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment and Collection.</u> Both annual and special assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly or quarterly basis.
- 7. Section Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments; Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a lot is binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

- 8. <u>Section</u> <u>Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments</u>: <u>Remedies of the Association</u>. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum or at such other legal rate as may be established by the Board of Directors. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.
- 9. <u>Section</u> <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages.</u> The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. The sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof or the bona fide conveyance to a mortgagee in satisfaction of a first mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.
- 10. <u>Section</u> <u>Exempt Property.</u> All properties dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of Florida shall be exempt from the assessments created herein, except no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

# ARTICLE V

### **EASEMENTS**

The Declarant hereby reserves, excepts, imposes, grants and creates a non-exclusive, perpetual easement to and on behalf of the Declarant, the Association, the Owners, their grantees, heirs and successors in interest for drainage and utility purposes and for ingress and egress over, under and across that portion of the property described in "Exhibit C" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. This easement shall be maintained by the Association. Within this easement, no structure,

planting or other material which may interfere with the use and purpose of the easement shall be placed or permitted to remain.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein by made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said Board, or its designated committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

#### ARTICLE VII

### EXTERIOR BUILDING MATERIALS

The exterior of all residences shall be finished primary in brick or hard stucco. This does not include EFIS - Exterior Insulating Finishing System, Dryvit, Sto or similar products. Wood, vinyl and metal trim and siding may be used, but shall not comprise more than 15% of any building elevation. Doors and windows are excluded from this calculation. No three tab shingles, nor metal roofs are permitted. The only fence type permitted is a three rail alternate board on board fence.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### LAND USE AND BUILDING TYPE

No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes and such other purposes set forth in this Declaration. No building of any type shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than a single family residence.

# ARTICLE IX SUBDIVISION OF LOT

No Lot shall be re-subdivided.

# ARTICLE X DWELLING SIZE

No dwelling shall be permitted on any Lot unless the finished interior ground floor area of the main structure, exclusive of open porches, carports and garages, contains at least 2,400 square feet for a one-story dwelling, or a least 2,250 square feet on the ground floor for a dwelling of two stories, with the total square footage of finished interior floor areas being a minimum of 2,400 square feet, exclusive of open porches, carports and garages. No dwelling shall exceed two and one-half stories in height.

# ARTICLE XI

# FRONT PORCHES/ROOFS

Each residence shall have a covered front porch of sufficient size as to permit placement of at least 2 chairs on the porch. Determination of compliance with this standard shall be as per ARTICLE VI. All roofs shall have a minimum roof pitch of 7/12, and all shingles be architectural, not 3-tab.

#### ARTICLE XII

## BUILDING, DRIVEWAY AND FENCE LOCATION

No building shall be located on any Lot: nearer than 40 feet to the front Lot line; nearer than 40 feet to the rear Lot line; nearer than 15 feet to a side-interior Lot line; or nearer than 30 feet to any side street line. For the purposes of this Article XII, eaves and steps shall not be considered as a part of a building, provided, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building to encroach upon another site. No driveway shall be located nearer than five (5) feet to an interior Lot line except a back-up turn-around pad may be located as near as one (I) foot to a Lot line. No fence shall be located nearer to the front Lot line than the rear of the primary building. The Board of Directors of the Association or an Architectural Control Committee appointed by the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant variances to the restrictions provided for in this Article.

ARTICLE XIII
GARAGES

Each residence shall have a functional 2 or 3 vehicle garage attached thereto. No garage's vehicular door may face the front - only side or rear entry garages are permissible. Garages may only be converted into living space provided a new garage is built adequate to accommodate a minimum of 2 vehicles.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### NUISANCES

No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

#### ARTICLE XV

#### TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, storage building, or other outbuilding shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence or for storage either temporarily or permanently.

# ARTICLE XVI

#### SIGNS

No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one sign of not more than five square feet to advertise the property for sale or lease.

### ARTICLE XVII

#### LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, provided, however, dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

#### RADIO AND TELEVISION ANTENNA

No exterior radio, television or satellite-dish antenna may be installed on any portion of the Properties unless such installation and the size, color and design of the antenna have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association or an architectural control committee appointed by the Board.

## ARTICLE XIX

# MAIL BOXES

No mail box or paper box or other receptacle of any kind for use in the delivery of mail, newspapers, magazines or similar materials shall be erected or located on the Properties unless and until the size, location and type of material for said boxes or receptacles shall have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association or an architectural control committee appointed by the Board. In any event the mail box shall be constructed of materials found on the exterior of the residence.

#### ARTICLE XX

# GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

No Lot shall be used, maintained, or allowed to become a dumping ground for scraps, litter, leaves, limbs or rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be allowed to accumulate on any Lot or other part of the Properties and shall not be kept except in sanitary containers installed in such a manner to be acceptable to the Board of Directors of the Association or an architectural control committee appointed by the Board. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and shall not be visible from the street.

#### ARTICLE XXII

#### **OUTSIDE STORAGE**

No outside storage of vehicles or boats is permitted. Outside storage of construction material is permitted during the course of construction. The Board of Directors of the Association or an Architectural Control Committee appointed by the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant variances to the restrictions provided for in this Article.

#### ARTICLE XXIII

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. <u>Section Enforcement.</u> The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. The failure of the Association or any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. <u>Section Severability.</u> Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

- 3. <u>Section Annexation.</u> Additional residential property and common areas may be annexed to the Properties with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members; and \*\*\*\*\*\*(OPTIONAL)\*\*\*\*\* Additional lands within the lands described in "Exhibit \*\_\_\_\_" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof may be annexed by the Declarant without the consent of any members within five (5) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. Any such annexation shall subject said land to these covenants, conditions and restrictions, and the Owners of each Lot in such annexed area shall have the same rights, benefits, obligations and duties as the Owners of the Lots described in this Declaration.
- 4. <u>Section Amendment.</u> The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than ninety percent (90%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners. No Amendment shall affect the priority of the lien of any first mortgage on any Lot over the lien of the assessments provided for herein unless the holder of the mortgage joins in the execution of the amendment. Any amendment must be recorded.
- 5. <u>Section FHA/VA Approval.</u> As long as there is a Class B membership and there are outstanding any mortgages insured or guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: annexation of additional properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has caused this Declaration to be executed the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

W-D PROPERTIES, L.C./SWANSON CONSTRUCTION JOINT VENTURE

Print Name:	By: Its:
Print Name:	<u></u>
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON	
	was acknowledged before me this day of He is personally known to me or has produced
	Notary Public State of Florida My commission expires: