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COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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DECLARATION MEC.

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by Robert C. Rhein Interests, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Section 1 of Article II of this Declaration, which real property is a portion of a residential development known as Greycrest; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to insure the attractiveness of the individual lots and community facilities within this portion of Greycrest and to prevent any future impairment thereof, to prevent nuisances, to preserve, protect and enhance the values and amenities of the said property and to provide for the maintenance of the open spaces, walkways, recreational facilities and other community facilities located within Greycrest subdivision entrance, landscaped islands located in the street rights-of-way located within Greycrest, and land in the common open space of Greycrest; and, in order to accomplish these objectives, deems it advisable to subject the real property described in Section 1 of Article II, together with such additions as may hereafter be made thereto (as provided in Article II) to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Declarant deems it desirable in order to insure the efficient preservation, protection and enhancement of the values in Greycrest and the residents' enjoyment of the specific rights, privileges and easements in the community properties that an organization be created to which will be delegated and assigned the powers of owning and maintaining the community facilities and administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions and collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereinafter imposed; and

WHEREAS, Developer has caused to be created for the purposes aforesaid, a North Carolina non-profit corporation under the name and style of Greycrest Homeowners Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant declares that the real property described in Section 1 of Article II, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be made pursuant to Article II hereof, is and shall be owned, held, transferred, sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges and liens which shall run with the real property (except as provided in Article V, Section 9 hereafter) and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all owners thereof, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Greycrest . Homeowners Association, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit Section 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers and owners of an equity of redemption, but excluding those having such interest in a lot solely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to the "Existing Property" described in Article II, Section 1 hereof and any additions thereto, as are or shall become subject to this Declaration and any Supplementary Declaration under the provisions of Article II hereof.

Section 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and designated as "Common Open Space," or "Common Area" or "Green Space" or "Associated Owned Lakes" or "Community Recreational Facility," including, but not limited to, pond fishing pier, walkways and playground areas on any plat of the property described on Schedule A attached hereto and duly recorded in the Mecklenburg County Public Registry in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration. The Common Area to be owned by the Association at the time of conveyance of the first lot is described as follows:

Being all of the property designated Common Area on the map of Greycrest recorded in Map Book 21 at Page 942 in the Mecklenburg Public Registry.

Section 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land, with delineated boundary lines, shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties, with the exception of any common area, common open space, community recreational facilities, playground areas, streets, lakes, walkways or or easements shown on any recorded map. In the event any lot is increased or decreased in size by resubdivisions, through recordation of new subdivision plats, any such newly platted lot shall thereafter constitute a lot for the purposes of this Declaration.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Robert C.
Rhein Interests, Inc. and shall also mean and refer to any person,
firm or corporation which shall hereafter become vested, at any
given time, with title to two or more undeveloped lots for the
purpose of causing residence building(s) to be constructed thereon,
and any such successor in title to Robert C. Rhein Interests, Inc.
shall be a Declarant during such period of time as said party is
vested with title to two or more such lots so long as said lots are
undeveloped, developed but unconveyed, or improvements constructed
thereon are unoccupied, but only during such period.

Section 7. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

ADDITIONS THERETO

Section 1. Existing Property. The real property which is, and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to this Declaration, irrespective of whether there may be additions thereto as hereinafter provided, is located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and is shown on map recorded in Map Book 31 at Page 470 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for

This property shall be herein referred to as "Existing Property".

- Section 2. Additions to Existing Property. Additional property may be brought within the scheme of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association in the following ways:
- (a) Additional land within the area described in the metes and bounds description attached hereto as Schedule A and incorporated herein by reference may be annexed to the Properties by Declarant and brought within the scheme of this Declaration and within the jurisdiction of the Association, in future stages of development, without the consent of the Association or its members; provided, however, that said annexations, if any, must occur within ten (10) years after the date of this instrument.
- (b) Additional residential property (and common area), outside of the area described in the aforementioned SCHEDULE A may be annexed to the Properties and brought within the scheme of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association with the consent of the members entitled to at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes appurtenant to all Class A lots and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes appurtenant to all Class B lots, if any, as hereinafter defined in Article III, Section 2. The Association may participate in mergers or consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same or similar purposes as the Association, thereby adding to the Association, or to a surviving homes association, the properties, rights and obligations of the nonprofit corporation with which it merges or consolidates. Any such merger or consolidation shall have the assent of the members as provided above in this subsection (b), and no such merger or consolidation shall revoke, change or add to any of the provisions of this Declaration except as herein provided.
- (c) The additions authorized under Subsection (a) and (b) shall be made by filing of record Supplementary Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions with respect to the additional properties which shall extend the scheme of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association to such properties and thereby subject such additions to assessment for their just share of the Association's expenses. Said Supplementary Declarations may contain such complementary additions and modification of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration as may be necessary to reflect only the different character of the added properties and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any lot which is subject to assessment.

Section 2. The voting rights of the membership shall be appurtenant to the ownership of the lots. There shall be two classes of lots with respect to voting rights:

(a) Class A Lots. Class A lots shall be all lots except Class B lots as the same are hereinafter defined. Each Class A lot shall entitle the Owner(s) of said lot to one (l) vote. When more than one person owns an interest (other than a leasehold or security interest) in any lot, all such persons shall be members

and the voting rights appurtenant to said lot shall be exercised as they, among themselves, determine.

(b) Class B Lots. Class B lots shall be all lots owned by Declarant which have not been converted to Class A lots as provided in paragraphs (1) or (2) below. The Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B lot owned by Declarant.

The Class B lots shall cease to exist and shall be converted to Class A lots:

- (1) When the total number of votes appurtenant to the Class A lots equals the total number of votes appurtenant to the Class B lots; provided, that the Class B lots shall be reinstated with all rights, privileges and responsibilities of such Class, if, after conversion of the Class B Lots to Class A lots hereunder, additional land containing lots is annexed to the existing property pursuant to Article II above, thus making the Declarant the owner, by virtue of the newly created Lots and of other Lots owned by Declarant, of a sufficient number of Class B Lots to cast a majority of votes (it being hereby stipulated that the conversion and reconversion shall occur automatically as often as the foregoing facts shall occur); or
 - (2) On December 31, 1992,

whichever event shall first occur.

When the Class B lots cease to exist and are converted to Class A lots, Declarant shall have the same voting rights as other owners of Class A lots.

ARTICLE IV

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owner's Easement of Enjoyment. Except as limited by Section 2 of this Article IV, every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area established initially and in all future Stages or Sections of the development, which right and easement 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 and to limit the use of said recreational facilities to Owners who occupy a residence on the Properties, and to their families, tenants, and guests as provided in Section 2 of this Article IV;
- (b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and rights of an Owner to the use of the recreational facilities for any period during which any assessment against his lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations.
 - (c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless the members entitled to at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes appurtenant to all Class A lots and at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes appurtenant to all Class B lots agree to such dedication or transfer and signify their agreement by a signed and recorded written document, provided that this

Association from granting easements for the installation and maintenance of sewerage, utilities, including CATV, and drainage facilities upon, over, under and across the Common Area without the assent of the membership when such easements, in the opinion of said Board, are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Properties.

(d) the right of the Association, with the assent of members entitled to at least two-third (2/3) of the votes appurtenant to each class of lot (Class A and B), to mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or otherwise hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

Section 2. Delegation of Use.

- (a) Family. The right and easement of enjoyment granted to every Owner in Section 1 of this Article may be exercised by members of the Owner's family who occupy the residence of the Owner within the Properties as their principal residence in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
- (b) Tenants. The right and easement of enjoyment granted to every Owner in Section 1 of this Article may be delegated by the Owner to his tenants or contract purchasers who occupy a residence within the Properties, or a portion of said residence, as their principal residence in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
- (c) <u>Guests</u>. Recreational facilities located on common areas situated upon the Properties may utilized by guests of Owners, tenants or contract purchasers subject to such rules and regulations governing said use of the Association as may be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. 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 in Use 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. Any such assessment or charge, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney fees, shall also be the personal or corporate obligation of the person(s), firm(s), or corporation(s) owning such property at the time when the assessment fell due, but such personal obligation shall not be imposed upon such Owners' successors in title unless expressly assumed by them. Although unpaid assessment charges are not the personal obligation upon such Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by the successorrs in title, the unpaid assessment charges continue to be a lien upon the property against which the assessment has been made.

Section 2. Purposes of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Properties, the enforcement of these Covenants and the rules of the Association, and in particular for the improvement, and maintenance of the Properties and providing the services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of any

Maintenance Easements, including but not limited to, the cost of repair, replacement and additions thereto, the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision thereof, the payment of taxes assessed the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the By-Laws, the employment of attorneys to represent the Association when necessary, and such other needs as may arise.

Without limiting the generality of the above-described purposes, the assessments levied by the Association may be used for the acquisition, construction, improvement (including landscaping and planting) and maintenance of the following common recreational facilities located or to be located in the Common Area: pond, fishing pier, picnic area, playground areas, entrance-ways and road medians. Additionally, the assessments may be used to landscape, plant and maintain any planting sign or entrance-way easements reserved by Declarant on any Lots.

Section 3. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall not be in excess of \$ 6.00 per Class A Lot and \$ 2.00 per Class B Lot, except as otherwise provided herein.

- (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 by the Board of Directors effective January 1 of each year, without a vote of the membership, but subject to the limitation that the percentage of any such increase shall not exceed 10% of the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.
- (b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased without limitation if such increase is approved by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes appurtenant to each class of lots (Class A and Class B), cast in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
 - (c) Any annual assessment established by the Board of Directors shall continue thereafter from year to year as the annual assessment until changed by said Board.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, special assessment(s) for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, repair, replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, repayment of indebtedness and interest thereon, borrowing of funds to make property comply with zoning ordinance(s), borrowing of money for capital improvement and pledging or mortgaging of Association property as security for loans, including fixtures and personal property, related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the same assent of the members as provided in Section 3(b) of this Article and shall bein the ratio of three (3) to one (1) for Class A and Class B lots as provided in Section 3(c) of this Article.

Section 5. Assessment Rate. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and shall be collected on an annual basis.

Section 6. Notice of Ouorum for any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such

cast sixty (60%) percent of all the votes appurtenant to each Class A lot and Class B lot shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice or requirement, and if the same is called for a date not later than sixty (60) days after the date of the first meeting, the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting.

Section 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at a minimum rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum or at the rate established by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the fircal year of the Association, whichever is less. The association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs and reasonable attorney fees of such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his lot.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The liens provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage or first deed of trust on a lot. Sale or transfer of any lot shall not affect any assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any lot which is subject to any mortgage or deed of trust, pursuant to a foreclosure thereof or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to the payment thereof which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof, but the liens provided for herein shall continue to be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage or deed of trust.

Section 10. Exempt Property. All property dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of North Carolina shall be exempt from the assessents created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

ARTICLE VI

USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Land Use. All lots shall be used for residential purposes only, except that the Declarant or its assigns may maintain models and sales offices on the Properties.

Section 2. Nuisance. No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted upon any lot or in any dwelling nor shall anything be done thereon or therein which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Section 3. Animals. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any lot or in any dwelling except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept or maintained provided they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes.

ARTICLE VII

EASEMENTS

Easements for installation and maintenance of driveway, walkway, parking area, water line, gas line, cable television, telephone, electric power line, sanitary sewer and storm drainage facilities and for other utility installations are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. Further, easements ten feet in width for such purposes are reserved over, under and through and along the rear lot lines of all lots shown on recorded plats, and easements five feet in width for such purposes are reserved over, under and through and along all side lot lines of all lots shown on recorded plats, as well as temporary easements five feet in width along the front lot lines for construction, maintenance and repair purposes. In the event it is determined that other and further easements are required over any lot or lots in locations not shown on the recorded plat and not along rear or side lot lines, such easements may be established by the Declarant, except that if any such easements are reserved or established after the conveyance of a lot or lots to be affected thereby, the written assent of the Owner or Owners of such lot or lots and of the trustees and mortgagees in deeds of trust constituting a lien thereon shall be required. Within any such easements above provided for, no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may interfere with the installation, delivery and maintenance of public utilities, or which may obstruct or change the direction of flow of drainage channels in the easements or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force

Section 3. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this Dpeclaration shall run and bind the land, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless terminated or altered by a vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of a vote of the Owners after the expiration of said twenty-five (25) year period. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty-five year period by an instrument signed by the Owners of not less than ninety (90%) percent of the lots, and thereafter by an instrument signed by the Owners of not less than seventy-five (75%) percent of the lots. Any amendment must be properly recorded. For the purpose of this section, additions to existing property as provided in Article II, Section 2 hereof shall not constitute an "amendment".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Robert C. Rhein Interests, Inc. has caused this instrument to be executed this 2rd day of Applember, 1983.

ATTEST: SECTROS TO CAROLINA CAROLINA

ROBERT C. RHEIN INTERESTS, INC.

By: Ril M. We Quant of y

STATE OF NORTH GAROLINA

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COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

This and day of September , 198%, personally came before me Richard Mulestmoreland of who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is the like President of Robert C. Rhein Interests, Inc. that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument in writing is the corporate seal of the said corporation, and that said writing was signed and sealed by him in behalf of said corporation by its authority duly given.

Notary Publ

My Commission Expires:

P.M. HARRIS Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires June 26, 1991

SCHEDULE A

Lying and being in Steele Creek Township, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Sam Neely Road, said beginning point being located at the westernmost corner of that property conveyed to J. R. Neely by deed recorded in Book 2071 at page 500 in the Mecklenburg Public Registry; and running thence with two of Neely's lines (now or formerly), (1) S 22-14-24 E 765.61 feet to an iron and (2) N 62-33-36 E 287.28 feet to an iron in the line of NCNB National Bank, Trustee (now or formerly); thence with two of said trustee's lines (1) S 19-55-30 E 1340.15 feet to an iron and (2) N 86-34-24 E 575.35 feet to an iron near Steele Creek Road right-of-way: thence S 22-26-30 W 340.25 feet to an iron in said right-of-way; thence S 47-27-20 W 341.4 feet to an iron; thence S 33-20-14 E 98.83 feet to a point in the centerline of Steele Creek Road right-of-way; thence eight lines with said centerline as follows: (1) S 38-29-27 W 75.9 feet: (2) S 39-41-41 W 51.27 feet; (3) S 41-07-38 W 50.67 feet; (4) S 42-52 W 48.63 feet; (5) S 44-12-55 W 55.15 feet; (6) S 44-44-34 W 76.82 feet; (7) S 45-06 W 84.35 feet; and (8) S 45-11-48 W 174.72 feet; thence partially with a boundary of property shown on map recorded in Map Book 17 at page 328 in the Mecklenburg Public Registry, S 87-23-08 W 168.2 feet to an iron; thence with three boundaries of the property shown on said map, (1) N 61-03-04 W 394.64 feet to a property stone, (2) S 58-10-44 W 359.59 feet to an iron and (3) N 14-56 W 987.92 feet to an iron, R. R. Grier's easternmost corner (now or formerly); thence with Grier's line, N 30-22-36 W 839.82 feet to an iron, F. P. Odell's corner (now or formerly); thence with the southeast boundaries of Odell and C. R. Staney (now or formerly), N 62-36 E 792.89 feet to an iron; thence with Staney's northeast boundary, N 22-10-39 W 759.18 feet to a point in the centerline of Sam Neely Road; thence with the centerline of said road, N 61-29-34 E 289.93 feet to the iron at the place of BEGINNING; containing 67.321 acres, and being shown on boundary survey dated October 7, 1986, prepared by John R. Yarbrough & Associates, Inc. and entitled "Project - Robert C. Rhein Interests, Inc.", to Which survey reference is hereby made.