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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,
CONDITIONS EASEMENTS, AND
RESTRICTIONS FOR
RAINWATER SUBDIVISION

THIS DECLARATION, (the "Declaration") is made on the date hereinafter set forth by Mark III Properties, Inc. a South Carolina corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant."

WHEREAS, Declarant is the developer of a certain tract of land located near the Town of Lyman, known as **Rainwater Subdivision**, containing 29.02 acres, more or less, shown on a plat for Mark III Properties, Inc., made by 3D Land Surveying, Inc., dated July 15, 2015 and recorded in Plat Book 170 at Page 24117 on 7-28-29, 2015 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

WHEREAS, the Declarant desires to impose certain restrictive covenants upon the Property in order to insure its use for residential purposes, to prevent impairment of the attractiveness of the Property, and to maintain the desired quality of the Subdivision with no greater restriction on the free and undisturbed advantages to the Lot owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Property shall be held, sold, conveyed and used 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 title to the Property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the title to the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof.

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Additional Property" shall mean and refer to any additional real estate that is or may become contiguous, adjacent to or neighboring the Property, all or a portion of which may be made subject to the terms of this Declaration in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

Section 2. "Approved Builder" shall mean and refer to any builder which may be selected by Declarant to buy Lots and to construct homes for sale in the Subdivision.

Section 3. "Association" shall mean and refer to Rainwater Homeowners' Association of Spartanburg, Inc., a South Carolina non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 4. "Board" shall mean and refer to the board of directors of the Association.



Section 5. "Common Area" shall mean and refer to those portions of the Property that are shown and designated on the Plat as "Common Area", including but not limited to, any real property or easements owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, together with any other portions of the Property or any Additional Property that shall be designated by Declarant or the Association (as the case may be) as "Common Area" in a recorded amendment to this Declaration or in some other recorded document. The Common Area shall be owned by the Association for the common use and benefit of the Owners, subject to the easements, terms, conditions and restrictions described in this Declaration. Responsibility for the maintenance of the Common Area, including any paved, landscaped, lighted or other improved areas located within the Common Area shall be the responsibility of the Association

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to **Mark III Properties, Inc.** a South Carolina corporation, and its successors and assigns to whom the rights of Declarant are specifically assigned as evidenced by an instrument signed by Declarant and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Declarant may, at its option, assign only a portion of its rights hereunder, or all of such rights in connection with the appropriate portions of the Property. In the event of such partial assignment, the assignee shall not be deemed to be the Declarant, but may exercise those rights assigned to it by the Declarant. Any such assignment may be made on a non-exclusive basis. At such time as Declarant no longer is the Owner of a Lot in the Subdivision, the rights of Declarant under this Declaration shall inure without further action to the Association.

Section 7. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any numbered plot of land shown on the Plat, excluding Common Area.

Section 8. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot, including Declarant if it owns a Lot and any Approved Builder that owns a Lot, but excluding those persons having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation

Section 9. "Plat" shall mean and refer to: (i) the plat of Rainwater Subdivision, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, and (ii) any revisions, supplements or amendments, thereof; and (iii) subsequent plats and phases of Rainwater Subdivision hereafter recorded by Declarant in the Register of Deeds Office for Spartanburg County, and any revisions, supplements or amendments thereto.

Section 10. "Property" and "Properties" shall mean and refer to the real property shown on the Plat(s) including Common Area and Lots, and such Additional Property as may hereafter be annexed into the Subdivision as hereinafter provided.

Section 11. "Subdivision" shall mean and refer to the Rainwater Subdivision, as the same

is shown on the Plat(s), including the Common Areas.

ARTICLE II - PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area that 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 fees for the maintenance and lighting of entrances, the Common Area, fences, landscaping, sprinkler systems, light fixtures and related bulbs and other reasonable expenses.

(b) The right of the Association and Declarant to suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of the Association's published rules and regulations and the right of the Association to impose a Special Individual Assessment for such infractions;

(c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency or authority. Except as provided otherwise herein, no such dedication or transfer by the Association shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer is signed by fifty-one percent (51%) of each class of members and has been recorded in the Land Records of Spartanburg County, South Carolina;

(d) The right of the Association, in accordance with the articles of incorporation and its bylaws, to impose regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Area and Improvements thereon, which regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Area;

(e) The right of the Association, in accordance with its articles of incorporation and its bylaws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities thereon. No such mortgage of the Common Area shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such mortgage of Common Area is signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members; and

(f) The right of the Association to exchange portions of the Common Area with the Declarant for substantially equal areas of the properties for the purpose of eliminating unintentional encroachments of Improvements onto portions of the Common Areas or for any other purpose or reason.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the bylaws of the Association, his/her rights of enjoyment of the Common Area to the members of his/her immediate family and their guests, tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the Lot of such Owner.

Section 3. Leases of Lots. Any lease agreement between an Owner and a lessee for the lease of such Owner's residence on its Lot shall provide that the terms of the lease shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Declaration, the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Association and that any failure by the lessee to comply with the terms of such document shall be a default under the terms of the lease.

Section 4. Declarant's Covenant to Convey Title to Common Area. Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its successors and assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to its property designated herein as Common Area to the Association anytime before such time as the Declarant conveys the last Lot to some person other than Declarant. The Common Area shall be free from any monetary liens but subject to easements of record, including any easements established by this Declaration. The Association shall accept the conveyance of all such Common Area pursuant to this Section. Similarly, Declarant will convey to the Association such additional Common Area as is annexed in the future, immediately following its annexation pursuant to the terms of this Declaration. The Association shall accept the conveyance of all such additional Common Area pursuant to this Section.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Membership. Every Owner shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot.

Section 2. Voting Rights. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

- (a) **Class A Members.** "Class A Members" means all Owners, with the exception of the Declarant and Approved Builder(s), and shall be entitled to one 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 the owners of the specific Lot determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
- (b) **Class B Members.** "Class B Member(s)" means the Declarant and any Approved Builder(s) who own a Lot within the Subdivision, and shall be entitled to four (4) votes for each Lot owned by Declarant or Approved Builder(s), respectively.

The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership when Declarant and any Approved Builder(s) elect by written notice to the Association to convert their Class B membership to Class A Membership or when the last Lot in the Subdivision is transferred by deed to an entity or individual other than the Declarant or an Approved Builder.

ARTICLE IV - COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot, hereby covenants, and each Owner, 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 (a) to the Association: (1) Initiation Fee(s) (as defined herein) (2) annual assessments or charges ("Annual Assessments"); (3) special assessments for capital improvements ("Special Assessments"); and (4) special individual assessments as more particularly described below ("Special Individual Assessments"), such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and (b) to the appropriate governmental taxing authority: (1) a pro rata share of ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area; and (2) a pro rata share of assessments for public improvements to or for the benefit of the Common Area, (together with any late penalties therefor) if the Association shall default in the payment of either or both for a period of six (6) months as hereinafter provided. The "Initiation Fee" shall be a charge collected at the initial closing of a Lot to an entity other than the Declarant or the Approved Builder, and again each time the subject Lots is transferred of record. The Annual Assessments, Special Assessments and Special Individual Assessments (collectively, "Assessments" and, individually an "Assessment"), together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such Assessment is made as of that date upon which such Assessment is made and continuing until paid. Each such fee and Assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the Assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent Assessments shall not pass to such Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by them, but shall remain a lien upon the transferred Lot.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments.

(a) The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents of Rainwater Subdivision and in particular for the improvement and maintenance of services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including, but not limited to, the costs of repairs, replacements and additions, the cost of labor, equipment, materials management and supervision, the payment of taxes assessed against the Common Area; the maintenance of water and sewer mains in and upon the Common Area; the maintenance of open spaces and streets which have not been accepted for dedication by a public authority, roadway medians and islands (including medians and islands located in dedicated right-of-way), drives and parking areas within the Common Area, the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the bylaws of the Association; the maintenance of lakes, ponds, retention areas or other bodies of water located within the Common Area, if any; the maintenance of dams and areas surrounding such water; the maintenance of any "sign easement" areas located on any Lot, as shown on the Plat; the maintenance of entranceways, landscaping and lighting of Common Area, road medians and islands and

entranceways, the lighting of streets (whether public or private); the payment of charges for garbage collection and municipal water and sewer services furnished to the Common Area; the costs associated with duties of the Architecture Review Committee; the employment of attorneys and other agents to represent the Association when necessary; the provision of adequate reserves for the replacement of capital improvements including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, paving, and any other major expense for which the Association is responsible; and such other needs as may arise.

(b) At the transfer of Declarant's rights hereunder or the termination of Class B Membership, whichever occurs first, the Association shall establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of Improvements to the Common Area and those other portions of the Subdivision which the Association may be obligated to maintain. Such reserve fund is to be established out of the Annual Assessment and Special Assessments for common expenses.

(c) All monies collected by the Association shall be treated as the separate property of the Association, and such monies may be applied by the Association to the payment of any expense of operating and managing the Subdivision, or to the proper undertaking of all acts and duties imposed upon it by virtue of this Declaration, the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the Association. When a Lot Owner shall cease to be a member of the Association by reason of his divestment of ownership of his Lot, by whatever means, the Association shall not be required to account to such Owner for any share of the funds or assets of the Association, which may have been paid to the Association by such Owner, as all monies which any Owner has paid to the Association shall be and constitute an asset of the Association which may be used in the operation and management of the Subdivision.

Section 3. Annual Assessment. The initial Annual Assessment shall be set by the Declarant. Once the initial Annual Assessment has been set, the Annual Assessment shall be paid on a calendar year basis unless changed by the Board.

From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to a Class A Member, the maximum Annual Assessment may be increased each year by the Declarant or the Board by not more than ten (10%) percent above the maximum Annual Assessment for the previous year without a vote of the Owners. From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to a Class A Member, the maximum Annual Assessment may be increased above ten (10%) percent of the maximum Annual Assessment for the previous year only by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Owners who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

Section 4. Initiation Fee. The Initiation Fee shall be assessed in the amount of one third (1/3) of the Annual Assessment paid by the purchaser of a Lot and shall be paid or transferred to the Association contemporaneously with each transfer of ownership of any Lot to a

party other than the Declarant or an Approved Builder. The Initiation Fee shall not be prorated. The Initiation Fee shall be used for common expenses and can be used for unforeseen expenditures, or to acquire equipment or services deemed necessary or desirable by the Board for common Association purposes.

Section 5. Special Assessments.

(a) In addition to the Annual Assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any calendar 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 in the Subdivision, or for other special or extraordinary, but not recurring purposes as identified and approved by the Board, provided that any such assessment shall be approved by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose at which a quorum is present. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by abandonment of his lot or otherwise.

(b) In addition to the Annual Assessments and the Special Assessments, the Board shall have the power to levy a Special Individual Assessment applicable to any particular Owner (1) for the purpose of paying the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any damaged component of the Common Area, including the public roads (prior to their acceptance for public maintenance), whether occasioned by an act or omission of such Owner, members of such Owner's family, or such Owner's agents, guests, employees, or invitees and not as a result of ordinary wear and tear, or (2) for the payment of fines, penalties or other charges imposed against any Owner relative to such Owner's failure to comply with the terms and provisions of this Declaration, the bylaws of the Association or any rules and regulations promulgated by the Association or Declarant pursuant to this Declaration or the bylaws of the Association. The due date of any Special Individual Assessment levied pursuant to this Section shall be fixed in the Board's resolution authorizing such Special Individual Assessment. Upon the establishment of a Special Individual Assessment, the Board shall send written notice of the amount and due date of such Special Individual Assessment to the affected Owner(s) at least ten (10) days prior to the date upon which such Special Individual Assessment shall be due.

Section 5. 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 Owners not less than thirty (30) days and no more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Owners or of proxies entitled to cast forty (40%) percent of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both Annual Assessments and Special

Assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments. The Annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots owned by Class A Members as of the filing of this Declaration. The first Annual Assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. Subsequent Annual Assessments will be due not more than once in a twelve month period as determined by the Board. The Board 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 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, Lots owned by Declarant or Approved Builder(s) shall be exempt from Annual Assessments and/or Special Assessments during Declarant's or Approved Builder(s)' ownership of the Lot(s), and the Annual Assessment for such Lot(s) shall commence upon the date of sale of the Lot to a Class A Member.

Section 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any Initiation Fee, Annual Assessment, Special Assessment or Special Individual Assessments not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be subject to a \$25 late fee and bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen (15%) percent per annum. The Association may bring an action at law or in equity against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien created herein against the Lot subject to the Assessment in the same manner as prescribed by the laws of the State of South Carolina for the foreclosure of mortgages, and interest, cost and reasonable attorneys' fees for representation of the Association in such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such Assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for payment of the Assessment provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his/her Lot nor shall damage to or destruction of any Improvements on any Lot by fire or other casualty result in any abatement or diminution of the Assessments provided for herein.

Section 9. Effect of Default in Payment of Ad Valorem Taxes or Assessments for Public Improvements by Association. Upon default by the Association in the payment to the appropriate governmental authority of any ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area or assessments for public improvements to or for the benefit of the Common Area, which default shall continue for a period of six (6) months, each Owner of a Lot in the Subdivision shall become personally obligated to pay to the taxing or assessing governmental authority a portion of such unpaid taxes or assessments (including any late payment penalties) in an amount determined by dividing the total taxes, assessments, and penalties due the governmental authority by the total number of Lots in the Subdivision. If such sum is not paid by the Owner within thirty (30) days following receipt of notice of the amount due, then such sum shall become a continuing lien on the Lot of the then Owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns, and the taxing or

assessing governmental authority may either bring an action at law or equity or may elect to foreclose the lien against the Lot of the Owner. This Section shall not become applicable until Class B Membership ceases to exist.

Section 10. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the Assessments against a Lot provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage upon such Lot. 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, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such foreclosure sale or transfer. No foreclosure sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any Assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 11. Obligation of the Declarant with respect to Maintenance Assessments. So long as the Declarant owns at least one Lot in the Subdivision, Declarant may opt to either pay all expenditures in excess of collections (deficit funding) or choose to have its Lots subject to the regular Assessments. After fifty (50%) percent of the Lots are conveyed to Owners other than the Approved Builder (s), any such deficit funding will be considered a loan to the Association and Declarant may require the Association by written notice, to reimburse Declarant in full prior to the expiration of Class B Membership.

ARTICLE V – ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Until such time as the Class B Membership expires, Declarant shall annually appoint the members of the Architecture Review Committee which will be comprised of at least three (3) members. Declarant may elect to designate specific architectural review responsibilities at any time to said Committee prior to a transfer of Declarants rights hereunder.

Section 1. Plan of Design Approval. All residences, outbuildings, and other structures initially constructed within the Subdivision by an Approved Builder (collectively, "Initial Improvements") shall be built in accordance with plans and specifications which have been previously approved by Declarant. Under no circumstances shall any additional architectural approval be required as to the Initial Improvements constructed by any Approved Builder. **Other than the Initial Improvements constructed by an Approved Builder, no building, fence, wall, porch, deck, or any other structure or improvement (collectively, "Improvements"), including, without limitation, the alteration or painting of the exterior surface of any Improvement, shall be undertaken upon any Lot unless the plans and specifications and location of the proposed Improvement shall have been expressly approved in writing by the Architecture Review Committee.** No subsequent alteration or modification of any Improvements or construction, erection or installation of additional Improvements may be undertaken or allowed to remain on any Lot without the review and express written approval of the Architecture Review Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

Section 2. Architecture Review Committee. Until such time as the Class B Membership expires, Declarant shall annually appoint the members of the Architecture Review Committee, the exact number of members of the Architecture Review Committee being designated by Declarant from time to time. Each member shall be generally familiar with residential and community development design matters and knowledgeable about the Declarant's concern for a high level of taste and design standards within the Subdivision. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the Architecture Review Committee, Declarant, for so long as it has the authority to appoint the members of the Architecture Review Committee, and thereafter the Board, shall have full authority to designate and appoint a successor. Members of the Architecture Review Committee may be removed and replaced at any time with or without cause, and without prior notice, by Declarant, for so long as Declarant has the right to appoint the members thereof, and thereafter by the Board. Subsequent to the expiration of Class B Membership (and earlier if Declarant specifically assigns this right to the Board), the Board shall designate the number of and appoint the members of the Architecture Review Committee on an annual basis. At any time, Declarant may elect not to designate the number of and/or appoint the members of the Architecture Review Committee and may assign this right to the Board.

Section 3. Procedure. No building, fence, wall, or other structure shall be commenced, erected, or maintained upon any Lot or Common Areas, nor shall any exterior addition to, or change, or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Architecture Review Committee.

Section 4. Rejection of Plans and Specifications. The Architecture Review Committee shall have the right to refuse to approve any plans, specifications, and/or plot plans, taking into consideration the suitability of the proposed building or other Improvements, the materials of which it is to be built, whether or not it is in harmony with the surroundings, and the effect it will have on other residences already constructed in the Subdivision.

Section 5. Submittal of Plans to Architecture Review Committee. Prior to the commencement of any construction, each Owner shall submit to the Architecture Review Committee, in duplicate, plans and drawings, in a one-eighth (1/8) scale or larger, which shall contain, at a minimum:

- (a) front, rear and side elevations;
- (b) floor plans showing major dimensions and openings;
- (c) exterior building material to include color and type of material (vinyl, aluminum, cedar, etc.);
- (d) exterior trim color;
- (e) roofing material and color;
- (f) other materials necessary to illustrate the character of the proposed

- construction;
- (g) a statement of the estimated completion dates of all construction and Improvements; and
- (h) other standards set forth within this Declaration (and any amendments hereto) or as may be published by the Architecture Review Committee.

These requirements also pertain to any alterations and/or additions to existing structures.

The documents and other information required to be submitted shall be delivered or mailed to the Architecture Review Committee of Rainwater Homeowners' Association of Spartanburg, Inc. c/o Hinson Management in Boiling Springs, SC or other designee as may be appointed by Declarant or the Board. One complete set shall be retained by the Architecture Review Committee and the second complete set shall be returned to the applicant, with the Architecture Review Committee's approval or disapproval clearly noted thereon.

Section 6. Effect of Failure to Approve or Disapprove.

(a) In the event the Architecture Review Committee or its designated committee fails to approve or disapprove such plans within thirty (30) days after they have been received by the Architecture Review Committee, such approval will be automatic. The terms "Building" or "Improvements" shall be deemed to include the erection, placement, or alteration of any wall, fence, driveway, or parking area, or any such activity undertaken subsequent to initial construction.

(b) If an Owner erects any Improvement on a Lot and a suit to enjoin the erection of or require the removal of such Improvements is not brought by any person or entity having standing to sue within three (3) months from the commencement of construction of such Improvements, then this Article shall be deemed to have been fully satisfied; provided, however, that a Special Individual Assessment may be levied against the Owner for said violations.

Section 7. Hardships. The Architecture Review Committee is authorized to modify or amend, during or before the construction or alteration of any Improvement, the provisions of this Declaration concerning set-back and location and size of Improvements for any particular Lot if in the reasonable opinion of the Architecture Review Committee, such shall be necessary to prevent undue hardship.

Section 8. Enforcement. In addition to the rights of the Declarant and the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration as set forth hereinafter, the Architecture Review Committee shall have the specific, nonexclusive right to enforce the provisions contained in this Article and/or to prevent any violation of the provisions contained in this Article by a proceeding at law or in equity against the Owner violating or attempting to violate any such provisions contained herein. The Architecture Review Committee shall also have the right to request that the Board levy upon an Owner a Special Individual Assessment for said violations. In the event that the Architecture Review Committee, the Declarant or the Association resorts to litigation to determine

the propriety of any constructed Improvement, to remove any unapproved Improvement, or otherwise to remedy a violation of this Article, the Architecture Review Committee, the Declarant, or the Association, as applicable, shall be entitled to recover court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith, which costs, fees and expenses may be levied as a Special Individual Assessment against the offending Owner's Lot.

Section 9. Reservation of Rights by Declarant. The Declarant expressly reserves the right to assign any of the duties, powers, functions, and approval authority set forth in this Declaration to any assignee at Declarant's sole discretion.

Section 10. Exculpation. Neither Declarant, any Approved Builder nor any member of the Architecture Review Committee, shall be responsible or liable in any way for any defects in any plans or specifications approved by the Architecture Review Committee, nor for any structural defects in any work done according to such plans and specifications approved by the Architecture Review Committee. FURTHER, NEITHER DECLARANT, ANY APPROVED BUILDER NOR ANY MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES TO ANYONE BY REASON OF MISTAKE IN JUDGMENT, NEGLIGENCE, MISFEASANCE, MALFEASANCE OR NONFEASANCE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OR FAILURE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ANY SUCH PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS OR THE EXERCISE OF ANY OTHER POWER OR RIGHT OF THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS DECLARATION. EVERY OWNER WHO SUBMITS PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL AGREES, BY THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND EVERY OWNER OF ANY LOT AGREES, THAT HE WILL NOT BRING ANY ACTION OR SUIT AGAINST THE DECLARANT, ANY APPROVED BUILDER, THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD, ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR OF THE BOARD, OR ANY MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE, TO RECOVER ANY SUCH DAMAGES AND HEREBY RELEASES, REMISES, QUITCLAIMS, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE FOR ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY LAW WHICH PROVIDES THAT A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION NOT KNOWN AT THE TIME THE RELEASE IS GIVEN.

Section 11. Maintenance of Lot. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner of a Lot to prevent the accumulation of litter, trash, packing crates, or any other accumulations which shall create an unkempt condition of the buildings or grounds on a lot and/or which shall otherwise tend to substantially decrease the beauty of the Subdivision as a whole or the specific area. No loose trash will be permitted to be strewn about the Subdivision at any time. Garbage containers must be kept out of sight from the street, except during garbage collection hours. All personal use items shall be stored inside when not in use. These items include, but are not limited to, yard tools, sprinklers, wheel barrows and children's toys which would create a nuisance for the community. All

Improvements on the lot shall be kept within reasonable neighborhood standards as determined by the Architecture Review Committee. In the event the requirements of this section are not adhered to, the Association shall send written notice to the Owner via certified mail giving an additional period for compliance of ten (10) days, unless a hardship or special circumstance requires additional time. If the violation continues, the Association may at its sole discretion hire contractors or other personnel to correct said violation and bill the Owner for all costs incurred. In order to enable the Association to accomplish the foregoing, there is hereby reserved to the Association the right and easement to unobstructed vehicular and pedestrian access over and upon each Lot at all reasonable times to perform maintenance as provided in this Article. In the event the Association performs such exterior maintenance, repair or replacement, the cost of such maintenance, replacement or repairs shall be assessed to the Owner as a Special Individual Assessment and shall become lien against the Lot of such Owner.

ARTICLE VI - USES PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED

Section 1. Residential Use of Property. All Lots in the Subdivision shall be used for single-family, residential purposes only and no business or business activity shall be carried on or upon any Lot at any time, except with the written approval of the Board; provided however, that nothing herein shall prevent Declarant or any Approved Builder from using any Lot owned by Declarant or such Approved Builder for the purpose of carrying on business related to the development, improvement and sale of Lots in the Subdivision.

Section 2. Use of Outbuildings and Similar Structures. No tent, shack, garage, barn, storage building, or other out-buildings shall be erected upon any Lot without approval from the Architecture Review Committee and, if approved, it shall not be used as a residence either temporarily or permanently. No structure of a temporary nature or an unfinished house shall be used as a residence and no house trailer, modular home, manufactured home or mobile home shall be placed on any Lot either temporarily or permanently.

Section 3. Trailers, Boats, Boat Trailers Any boat or boat trailers, camping trailer, recreational vehicle, utility trailer and/or similar equipment used for the personal enjoyment of a resident of a Lot shall at all times be neatly stored and positioned so as to be inconspicuous or shall be within a covered and screened area and such placement is subject to Architecture Review Committee approval. The Architecture Review Committee may ask that such equipment be removed at any time it is deemed to be a nuisance by the Board or the Architecture Review Committee. A Special Individual Assessment will be imposed all cost or expenses incurred by the Association and or the Architecture Review Committee in connection with any violation of this Section.

Section 4. Offensive Activities. No obnoxious or offensive activity shall be permitted anywhere on a Lot or Common Areas nor shall anything be done which may become an annoyance, nuisance, or menace to the Subdivision. No Lot or any part thereof shall be used for any business, commercial, or public purpose.

Section 5. Livestock. No animals shall be kept, maintained, or quartered on any Lot or tract in the Subdivision except that cats, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, or caged birds may be kept in reasonable numbers as pets for the pleasure of Owners so long as said animals do not constitute a nuisance or menace to the neighborhood.

Section 6. Aesthetics, Natural Growth, Screening. Tall shrubbery or hedges shall be trimmed to reasonable limits where traffic hazards may be created. Further, all Owners shall be required to maintain their Lots and any Improvements thereon at all times in a neat, attractive and presentable manner so as not to detract from the overall appearance of the Subdivision or the surrounding property.

Clotheslines and portable basketball goals shall not be allowed. No bird baths, vegetable gardens, frog ponds, lawn sculpture, artificial plants, birdhouses, rock gardens or similar types of accessories and lawn furnishings, sand boxes or other children's play equipment shall be permitted in the front or side yards of any Lot and the installation or location of a swingset and/or permanent basketball goal on a Lot must receive prior written approval of the Architecture Review Committee.

Section 7. Vehicles. Each Owner subject to these restrictions shall provide space for the off-street parking of automobiles prior to the occupancy of any building or structure constructed on a Lot in accordance with reasonable standards established by the Architecture Review Committee. Vehicles shall not be parked in any front or side yard except in areas designated as a driveway or parking area. Vehicles in disrepair shall not be stored within the Subdivision. No passenger vehicles without current registration and license tags will be allowed in the Subdivision or on any Owner's Lot. Vehicles being repaired out of doors must have work completed within twenty-four (24) hours. Visiting guests only may use paved streets for temporary parking of their vehicles. No commercial vehicles in excess of 10,500 pounds gross vehicle weight may be stored or housed in the Subdivision at any time.

Street parking shall be for temporary parking only and is prohibited as a long term parking solution. The Board or its designee shall have the specific right to impose Special Individual Assessments for extended on-street parking. Special consideration may be granted by the Board for extenuating circumstances.

Section 8. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No portion of a Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash or garbage. Trash, garbage or other waste shall only be temporarily stored awaiting pickup and must be kept in adequate sanitary containers. All equipment for the storage or disposal of trash, garbage or other waste shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Any container used to store garbage, refuse and debris until collected by public or private waste disposal service shall be stored on each Lot so that it shall be out of sight from all streets. All containers shall be removed from the street within twenty-four (24) hours of garbage pick-up.

Section 9. Outdoor Fires. No outside burning of wood, leaves, trash, garbage or other refuse shall be permitted on any Lot, except that an outdoor fireplace or permanent outdoor firepit may be approved by written approval from the Architecture Review Committee as further described herein.

Section 10. Fences and Walls. All fences, walls and other screens or types of barriers must be approved prior to installation or alteration pursuant to Article V, Section 1. Both material and locations of any fences, walls and other screens or types of barriers must be expressly approved in writing by the Architecture Review Committee.

Section 11. Building Requirements. Declarant reserves the right to set, and later increase or decrease minimum heated and under roof square footage requirements with respect to all or any portion of the Property governed under this Declaration and any Additional Property that may be subject to this Declaration as long as the Declarant owns one lot in the Subdivision.

Section 12. Above Ground Pools. No above-ground pool shall be constructed or placed on any Lot, except that inflatable pools for small children are acceptable.

Section 13. Garages. No residence shall be constructed without having at least a one-car garage which will be maintained permanently as a functional garage, with the exception that sales models constructed by Approved Builder(s) are not required to have functional garages while they are being used as sales models; however, there must be space to be converted to functional garage space upon conveyance of the Lot to a Class A Member.

Section 14. Driveways and Entrances to Garages. All driveways and entrances to garages shall be concrete or other substance approved in writing by the Board or the Architecture Review Committee and of a uniform quality.

Section 15. Signage. No signs shall be permitted on any Lots except that a single sign offering the Lot for sale may be placed on such Lot, providing such sign is approved by the Architecture Review Committee. Further, so long as Class B Membership exists, Declarant reserves the right to place additional signs as needed within the Subdivision. The Board through the Architecture Review Committee reserves the right to allow additional signs (such as political or other informational signs) as deemed appropriate after Class B Membership ceases and Declarants Rights have been assigned to the Board.

Section 16. Mailboxes. All residences shall have a special mailbox which will be available from a source to be specified by the Declarant. Common Box Units as required by the USPS shall be located throughout the neighborhood. Initial placement of these units shall be determined by the Declarant and/or Approved Builder with maintenance being the responsibility of the Association.

Section 17. Rules. The Board shall have the power to formulate, publish, and enforce reasonable general rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the yard space of each Lot and the Common Area(s). Such rules and regulations, along with all policy resolutions and policy actions taken by the Board, shall be recorded in a Book of Resolutions, which shall be maintained in a place convenient to the Owners and available to them for inspection during normal business hours and with reasonable notice.

ARTICLE VII – EASEMENTS

Section 1. Easements Along Lot Lines. In addition to other easements as are shown on the Plat, a five foot easement is reserved over and across each side and rear lot line, and a ten foot easement is reserved over and across the front lot line of each Lot, for drainage, utility, cable television, gas, water, power, sewer, and telephone installation and maintenance; provided that should two Lots be consolidated to support one residence, then and in that event, the easements herein above provided shall apply only with respect to the exterior lines of such consolidated Lot.

Section 2. Reservation of Right to Grant Utility Easements. Declarant specifically reserves the right to grant specific easements to any utility services at any time following the date hereof until any specific Lot shall be conveyed by Declarant. The right is reserved to authorize the laying and placement of sewer, gas, and water pipelines, telephone, cable television, telegraph, and electrical light poles, and drainage lines, drop inlets and culverts on any of the streets and easements shown on the Plat. An easement for the installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities is hereby reserved over all streets and easements.

Section 3. Access Easement. Easements for access to the Subdivision are reserved as indicated on the Plat and in recorded easements. The Declarant hereby grants, gives and conveys to each Owner a perpetual, nonexclusive easement over the areas designated as a "Court," "Drive," "Road or "Street" on the Plat for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from the Subdivision. The easements granted under this Section are reserved and shall run with the land in perpetuity and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all persons and entities now owning or subsequently acquiring all or a part of the Subdivision, subject to Declarant's right to amend the Plat in the future. Declarant specifically reserves the right to dedicate or convey any street, road or driveway to any governmental entity at any time following the date hereof without the consent or approval of any Owner or the Association.

ARTICLE VIII - SETBACK, LOCATION, AND SIZE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Section 1. Setbacks. No building shall be erected on any Lot nearer to the front lot line or nearer to the side street line than the building setback line shown on the Plat. Any such building shall face toward the front line of the Lot except that buildings to be constructed on corner Lots shall

face in the direction designated by the Architecture Review Committee. No building shall be located nearer to any interior side lot line than the distance determined by applicable building codes.

Section 2. Detached Buildings. Detached buildings, approved as provided in this Declaration shall be of the same exterior material as the house on the Lot and of a size no greater than 12' x 12' and shall be placed no nearer to any Lot line than the distance determined by applicable building codes. **THE LOCATION OF ALL DETACHED BUILDINGS SHALL BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE.** Buildings must be placed on a slab or otherwise appropriately underpinned with such underpinnings screened by landscaping or fencing. Structures built in place are strongly preferred to those manufactured or pre-constructed offsite.

Section 3. Barriers and Obstructions. No wall, fence, or hedge shall be erected between the street and the front corner of the main body of a house on any Lot. Nor shall fences be placed closer to the street than the back third (1/3) of the house on any Lot. On corner lots, walls, fences or hedges will not be allowed to obstruct views of adjacent owners and may not be allowed all the way to the street right of way. The ARC has final approval on all fencing, even those that are constructed as part of the Initial Improvements.

Section 4. No Subdivision of Any Lot. No Lot shall be recut so as to face in any direction other than is shown on the Plat nor shall it be recut so as to make any building site smaller than is provided for on the Plat.

Section 5. Combination of Lot. One or more Lots or parts thereof may be combined with the adjacent Lots to form a single building Lot when (i) such combination is permitted by all applicable laws and regulations and (ii) such combination is approved, in writing, by the Board. In such event, the building line requirements provided herein shall apply to such Lots as combined and side line easements as shown on the Plat(s) shall be moved to follow the new side line so that the easement will run long the newly established side line. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, combined lots will be subject to prorated or double dues such that the total amount of dues assessed is not decreased.

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Declarant, any Approved Builder (so long as it owns a Lot), 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 the Declaration, the articles of incorporation, or bylaws of the Association. The Declarant or the Association shall have the right to impose Special Individual Assessments for infractions of such restrictions. In the event that the Declarant, any Owner, or the Association resorts to litigation to remedy a violation of this Declaration, such Owner, Declarant, any

Approved Builder or the Association, as applicable, shall be entitled to recover court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith, which costs, fees and expenses may be levied as a Special Individual Assessment against the offending Owner's Lot. Failure by the Declarant, the Association, an Approved Builder 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. The Declarant, the Association, an Approved Builder and any Owner shall have the right to request that law enforcement, public safety and animal control officers come on the Subdivision to facilitate the enforcement of the laws, codes and ordinances of any governmental authority.

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

Section 3. Amplification. The provisions of this Declaration are amplified by the articles of incorporation, and bylaws of the Association as may be adopted by the Association, but no such amplification shall alter or amend any of the rights or obligations of the Owners set forth in this Declaration. Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration on the one hand, and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Association on the other, be interpreted, construed and applied to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results. If such conflict necessarily results, however, the provisions of this Declaration shall prevail over any inconsistent provision contained in the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the Association to the contrary, to the extent permitted by law.

Section 4. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. Declarant specifically reserves the right to amend this Declaration, or any portion hereof, on its own motion without the consent of any other Owners or Members so long as Declarant owns at least one (1) Lot in the Subdivision. After Class B Membership has ceased, this Declaration may be amended by a recordable instrument signed by Owners representing not less than sixty seven (67%) percent of the Lots, as provided for in Article III Section 2 of this Declaration. Any amendment must be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. As long as Declarant or any Approved Builder owns any Lot in the Subdivision, no amendment shall be effective without the written consent of Declarant and such Approved Builder.

Section 5. Annexation.

(a) Additional Property may be annexed into the Subdivision and made subject to this Declaration by the Declarant by filing a supplemental declaration of record. Subject to subparagraph (b) below, such annexation must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members.

(b) Notwithstanding the above, Additional Property may be annexed by the Declarant without the consent of the Class A Members within ten (10) years of the date of this instrument;

provided, however, that should Declarant elect to improve and develop all or part of the Additional Property, Declarant shall not have the right to impose covenants and restrictions which materially different from those contained herein without the written approval of the Association.

Section 6. Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications allowed, made or required to be made pursuant to the terms of the Declaration shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given or made when personally delivered (including personal delivery by Federal Express or other nationally recognized overnight private courier service) or the date that is three (3) days after the date of postmark of any notice when deposited with the United States Mail, address in any such event to the party to whom such communication is directed as such address as is set forth below or at such other address as may hereafter be designated in writing by the respective parties hereto:

If to Declarant:
Mark III Properties, Inc.
P.O. Box 170248
Spartanburg, SC 29301

If to Association:
Rainwater Homeowners' Association of Spartanburg, Inc.
c/o Hinson Management
P.O. 160207
Boiling Springs, SC 29316

If to Architecture Review Committee:
Rainwater Homeowners' Association of Spartanburg, Inc.
c/o Hinson Management
P.O. 160207
Boiling Springs, SC 29316

If to Owner (other than Declarant or Approved Builder): at the address of Owner's Lot.

If to an Approved Builder: at the address provided by the Approved Builder.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Notice of Conveyance. The Owner of each Lot shall cause written notice to be delivered to the Association upon the conveyance of any Lot by the Owner, advising the Association of the conveyance.

Section 2. Declarant's Rights. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in this Declaration or the bylaws of the Association may be transferred to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained in this Declaration or in the Association's Bylaws, as applicable. Furthermore, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by both the Declarant and the transferee and duly recorded in the public records of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require the Declarant or any transferee to develop any of the property adjacent to or contiguous with the Property.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration to the contrary, so long as construction and initial sales of units shall continue, it shall be expressly permissible for the Declarant and Approved Builders to maintain and carry on upon portions of the Common Area and public streets such facilities and activities as, in the sole option of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction or sale of such units, including, but not limited to business offices, signs, model units, sales offices, and rental units. The Declarant and Approved Builders authorized by Declarant shall have easements for access to and use of such facilities as well as vehicular access for construction along public streets. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include specifically, without limitation, the right to units owned by the Declarant and any common area or other facilities which may be owned by the Association, as models, sales offices, or rental units.

In addition, notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Declaration, the bylaws, or any Association rules, the Declarant shall have the right to replat or revise the recorded Plats relating to any portion of the Property without the consent of any Owner other than the Owner(s) of the Lots in which the boundaries are altered.

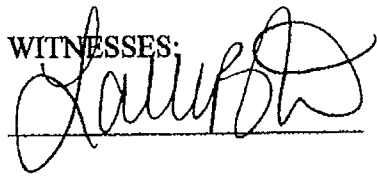
So long as Declarant owns Property within the Subdivision, Declarant may, without the express written consent of any Owner, the Board, the Association or the Architecture Review Committee, include in any contract or deed hereafter executed covering all of any portion of the Subdivision, any additional covenants or restrictions applicable to such lands, so long as they are consistent with and do not lower the standards set forth in this Declaration and do not violate any covenants or restrictions then in effect and recorded against the Subdivision. Further, the Declarant may make any amendments to the Declaration which are necessary to comply with the guidelines established by, or the requirements of, any governmental authority, title insurer or institutional lender without the express written consent of any Owner, the Association, the Board, or the Architecture Review Committee.

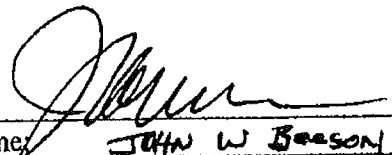
So long as the Declarant continues to have rights under this Article, no person or entity shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Properties without Declarant's review and written consent. Any attempted recordation without compliance herewith shall result in such declaration of covenants, conditions and

restrictions, or similar instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by written consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the public records.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto set its hands and seals this 21st day of July, 2015.

MARK III PROPERTIES, INC.

WITNESSES:

Linda M. Belcher

BY: 
Print Name: JOHN W. BEASON
Title: PRESIDENT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PROBATE

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me the undersigned witness who, after being duly sworn, says that (s)he saw the within Declarant, seal, and as its act and deed deliver the within written Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, and that (s)he, with the other witnesses subscribed above, witnessed the execution thereof.

SWORN to before me this 21st day of July, 2015

Linda M. Belcher
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 01/16/17

