

**Cross References: Instrument Nos. 2000024960, 2000030569**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
DECLARATION OF EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND  
COVENANTS OF BUCKHORN ESTATES**

This Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Plat Covenants of Buckhorn Estates was executed as of the date set forth below.

**Witness the following:**

The Buckhorn Estates subdivision located in Hamilton County, Indiana was established by a certain "Declaration of Easement, Restrictions, and Covenants of Buckhorn" which was recorded on January May 24, 2000, as **Instrument No. 2000024960** in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, said Declaration together with all amendments and/or supplements thereto being hereafter referred to as the "Original Declaration"; and

Plats filed with the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana established a total of 57 Lots, and Common Area, comprising the Buckhorn Estates subdivision in accordance with the Declaration; and

Section 14 (a) of the Original Declaration states that its covenants, conditions and restrictions may be amended upon approval by the Members holding at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes for Buckhorn Estates Association of Homeowners, Inc. (the "Association") at a meeting called for the purpose of amending the Declaration; and

After notice was duly given, a Meeting of the Members of the Association was held on March 14, 2020, for the stated purpose of discussing this Amended and Restated Declaration; and

At such meeting, more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Members voted to approve this Amended and Restated Declaration; and

The Members desire to amend certain provisions of the Original Declaration and to restate the same for the convenience of the Owners such that this Amended and Restated Declaration of Easements, Restrictions, and Covenants (the "Amended and Restated Declaration") in no way nullifies or changes the Original Declaration or the effective date of the Original Declaration. However, upon the date of recording of this Amended and Restated Declaration with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office, the Original Declaration shall no longer be in effect and shall be replaced by the following.

Any exhibits contained in the Original Declaration, for historical purposes, may be referred to from time to time, and therefore, for cross-reference purposes, one should refer to them as they were filed with the Hamilton County Recorder. Those exhibits, however, are not exhibits to this Amended and Restated Declaration. Except as to any exhibits to the Original Declaration that may remain relevant, all other provisions of the Original Declaration are hereby modified in their entirety, and superceded by this Amended and Restated Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members of more than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association hereby amend and restate the Original Declaration such that all of the platted dwellings, Lots and lands located within Buckhorn Estates as they have been platted are held and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied and improved, subject to the following restrictions, all of which were and are declared and agreed to be in furtherance of a plan for the improvement and sale of said dwellings, Lots and lands in Buckhorn Estates. Such restrictions below were and are established and agreed upon for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the development as a whole and of each of said dwellings and Lots situated therein. All of the restrictions shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the Owners and upon the parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest, legal or equitable, in and to the real property or any part or parts thereof subject to such restrictions, and shall inure to the benefit of all successors in title to any real estate in the development. Now, therefore, the Original Declaration which is applicable to all Owners and residents within Buckhorn Estates is hereby amended and restated as follows:

1. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Declaration, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, shall mean the following:

(a) "Architectural Review Board" means that entity established pursuant to Paragraph 11 of this Declaration for the purposes therein stated;

(b) "Articles" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as amended from time to time;

(c) "Assessments" means all sum lawfully assessed against the Members of the Association, as amended from time to time;

(d) "Board of Directors" means the governing body of the Association elected by the Members in accordance with the By-Laws;



- (e) "By-Laws" means the Code of By-Laws of the Association;
- (f) "Buckhorn Estates" means the name by which the Real Estate shall be known;
- (g) "Community Area" means: (i) the Lake Control Structures; (ii) the Drainage System; (iii) the Lakes and the Lake Access Easements; (iv) the Roadways to the extent not maintained by public authority; and (v) any utility service lines or facilities not maintained by a public utility company or governmental agency that serve more than one Lot;
- (h) "Association" means Buckhorn Estates Association of Homeowners, Inc., an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns;
- (i) "Drainage Board" means the Hamilton County Drainage Board, Hamilton County, Indiana, its successors or assigns;
- (j) "Drainage System" means the open drainage ditches and swales, the subsurface drainage tiles, pipes and structures, the dry and wet retention and/or detention areas, and the other structures, fixtures, properties, equipment and facilities (excluding the Lakes and the Lake Control Structures) located in the Real Estate and designed for the purpose of controlling, retaining or expediting the drainage of surface and subsurface waters from, over and across the Real Estate, including but not limited to those shown or referred to on the Plat, all or part of which may be established as legal drains subject to the jurisdiction of the Drainage Board;
- (k) "Lake" means any lake as depicted on the Plat;
- (l) "Lake Maintenance Access Easement" means an area designated on the Plat as a means of access, for purposes of maintenance, to a Lake or a Lake Control Structure;
- (m) "Lake Control Structures" means the structure, outfalls, pipes and appurtenances associated therewith or integral thereto, all or part of which has been or may be established as a legal drain subject to the jurisdiction of the Drainage Board;
- (n) "Lot" means a platted lot as shown on the Plat;
- (o) "Lake Lot" means Lots 44 through 57 inclusive as depicted on the Plat;
- (p) "Lot Development Plan" means: (i) a site plan prepared by a licensed engineer or architect; (ii) foundation plan and proposed finished floor elevations; (iii) building plans, including elevation and floors plan; (iv) material plans and specifications; (v) landscaping plan; and (vi) all other data or information that the Architectural Review Board may request with respect to the improvement or alteration of a Lot (including but not limited to the landscaping thereof) or the construction or alteration of a Residence or other structure or improvement thereon;
- (q) "Maintenance Costs" means all the costs necessary to keep the facilities to which the term applies operational and in good condition, including but not limited to the cost of all upkeep, maintenance, repair, replacement of all or any part of any such facility, payment

of all insurance with respect thereto, all taxes imposed on the facility and on the underlying land, leasehold, easement or right-of-way, and any other expense related to the continuous maintenance, operation or improvement of the facility;

(r) "Member" means a member of the Association and "Members" means members of the Association;

(s) "Mortgagee" means the holder of a first mortgage on a Residence;

(t) "Owner" means a Person who is the owner of the fee simple title of a Lot except a Person who has or is acquiring such an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation;

(u) "Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other legal entity, or any combination thereof;

(v) "Plat" means the final secondary plat of the Real Estate recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana;

(w) "Reserve for Replacements" means a fund established and maintained by the Association to meet the cost of periodic maintenance and repairs of the Lake Control Structures;

(x) "Residence" means any structure intended exclusively for occupancy by a single family together with all appurtenances thereto, including private garage and outbuildings and recreational facilities usual and incidental to the usage of a single family residential lot;

(y) "Restrictions" means the covenants, conditions, easements, charges, liens, restrictions, rules and regulations and all other provisions set forth in this Declaration, the Plats, and the Register of Regulations, as the same may from time to time be amended;

(z) "Register of Regulations" means the document containing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors or the Architectural Review Board, as the same may from time to time be amended;

(aa) "Roadway" means all or any part of a street, land or road (including the right-of-way) designated to provide access to one or more Lots, all of which have been accepted for maintenance by the municipality and are therefore public streets;

(bb) "Zoning Authority" with respect to any action means the Director of the Department of Community Development of the City of Carmel, Indiana or, where he lacks the capacity to take action, or fails to take such action, the governmental body or bodies, administrative or judicial, in which authority is vested under applicable law to hear appeals, or review action, or the failure to act.

(cc) "Swimming Pool Corp." means Buckhorn Recreation, Inc., an Indiana not-for-profit corporation. The Association owns 50% of the Swimming Pool Corp. The remaining 50% owner is Buckhorn Homeowners Association, Inc., the not-for-profit corporation of



Buckhorn Neighborhood, a neighborhood located south of Buckhorn Estates. The Swimming Pool Corp. owns the following described real estate in Hamilton County, State of Indiana:

Lot #3 Buckhorn as recorded by instrument #9909926143 with the Hamilton County, Indiana Recorder's Office on April 30, 1999 in Plat Cabinet #2, Slide #255.

Such real estate is improved with a swimming pool and related facilities. Swimming Pool Corp. operates and maintains such improved real estate for the equal benefit of residents of Buckhorn Estates and Buckhorn Neighborhood.

2. Declaration. The Real Estate shall be held, transferred, used, and occupied subject to the Restrictions. The Owner of any Lot by: (i) acceptance of a deed conveying title thereto, or the execution of a contract for the purchase thereof; or (ii) by the act of occupancy or use of any Lot, shall accept such deed and execute such contract subject to each Restriction and agreement herein contained. By acceptance of such deed or execution of such contract, each Owner acknowledges the rights and powers of the Association, and the Owners of each of the Lots affected by these Restrictions, to keep, observe, comply with and perform such restrictions and agreements.

3. The Lake. The Association owns title to the Lake. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the Lake. Each Owner of a Lot which abuts the Lake shall be responsible at all times for maintaining so much of the bank of the Lake above the pool level as constitutes a part of, or abuts, his or her Lot and shall keep that portion of a Lake abutting his or her Lot free of weeds and debris and otherwise in reasonably clean condition, so as to keep a consistent, attractive, and uniform appearance around the Lake. No Owner shall pump water out of the Lake. No boats shall be permitted upon any part of the Lake and no dock, pier, wall or other structure may be extended into a Lake without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Directors of the Association, and such governmental authority as may have jurisdiction. No fishing, swimming, wading or ice skating will be permitted in the Lake except if and to the extent authorized by the Board of Directors. Each Owner of a Lot abutting a Lake shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association and each other Owner against all loss or damage incurred as a result of injury to any Person or damage to any property, or as a result of any other cause or thing, arising from or related to use of, or access to the Lake by any Person who gains access thereto from over or across such Owner's Lot. The Association shall have no liability to any Person with respect to the Lake, the use thereof or access thereof, or with respect to any damage to any Lot resulting from the Lake or the proximity of a Lot thereto, including loss or damage from erosion.

4. The Lake Control Structures. The Association owns the title to the Lake Control Structures. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the Lake Control Structures to the extent not maintained by the Drainage Board, and the Maintenance Costs thereof shall be assessed as a General Assessment against all Lots.



5. Drainage System. The Association shall maintain the Drainage System to the extent not maintained by the Drainage Board and the Maintenance Costs thereof shall be assessed against all Lots. Each Owner shall be individually liable for the cost of maintenance of any drainage system located entirely upon his or her Lot which is devoted exclusively to drainage of his or her Lot and is not maintained by the Drainage Board.

6. Roadways. All streets and roads within Buckhorn Estates are maintained and repaired by the municipality, not the Association.

7. Construction of Residences.

(a) Land Use. Lots may be used only for single-family residential purposes. Only one Residence shall be constructed on a Lot. Such Residence shall not exceed the maximum height permitted by and measured pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Carmel, Indiana. No portion of any Lot may be sold or subdivided such that there will be thereby a greater number of Residences in Buckhorn Estates than the number of Lots depicted on the Plat. Notwithstanding any provision in the applicable zoning ordinance to the contrary, no Lot may be used for any "Special Use" that is not clearly incidental and necessary to single family dwellings. No home occupation shall be conducted or maintained on any Lot other than one which does not constitute a "special use" and which is incidental to a business, profession or occupation of the Owner or occupant of such Lot and which is generally or regularly conducted at another location which is away from such Lot. No signs of any nature, kind or description shall be erected, placed, or permitted to remain on any Lot advertising a permitted home occupation;

(b) Size of Residence. Except as otherwise provided herein, no residence may be constructed or rebuilt on any Lot unless such Residence, exclusive of open porches, attached garages and basements, shall have a ground floor area of 3,000 square feet if a one-story structure, or 3,600 square feet if a multi-story structure. In the case of multi-story structure, at least 2,000 square feet must be included in the ground floor of such Residence;

(c) Building Location and Finished Floor Elevation. No building may be erected between the building line shown on the Plat and the front Lot line, and no structure or part thereof may be built or erected nearer than ten (10) feet to any side Lot line or nearer than twenty (20) feet to any rear Lot line. The side yards of each Lot must aggregate thirty (30) feet. No accessory building may be erected in front of a main building or in the required front yard on the side of a corner lot unless the accessory building is attached to the main building by a common wall. All ground floor elevations must be supplied to the Architectural Review Board. Demonstration of adequate storm water drainage in conformity with both on-Lot and overall project drainage plans shall be a pre-requisite for finished floor elevations. The Architectural Review Board shall approve, in writing, such elevations. Before any reconstruction of a home commences, the finished floor elevation shall be physically checked on the Lot and certified by a licensed professional engineer or a licensed land surveyor;

(d) Driveways. All driveways shall be paved asphalt or poured concrete and maintained dust free;



(e) Yard Lights. Each Residence on each Lot shall include a yard light on such Lot at a location, having a height and of a type, style and manufacture approved by the Architectural Review Board. Each such light fixture shall also have a bulb of a maximum wattage approved by Architectural Review Board to insure uniform illumination on each Lot and shall be equipped with a photo electric cell or similar device to insure automatic illumination from dusk to dawn each day. The yard light shall be maintained in proper working order by the Lot Owner;

(f) Fire Place Chase. All fireplace chases shall be of masonry veneer, dryvit, or a material which is equal to or better than masonry veneer or dryvit in quality and appearance. No fireplace chase shall be constructed of stucco board;

(g) Mailboxes. All mailboxes shall be standard as to size, location, design, height, material, composition and colors. The Association will maintain and replace mailboxes due to normal wear and tear as needed (weathering, wood rot, etc.) Any vandalism, accidental damage (vehicle collision, etc.) or abnormal wear (sprinkler placement directly on the mailbox unit, etc.) shall be covered at the expense of the Lot Owner. No Owner shall be permitted to remove altogether or alter the mailbox or post associated with such Owner's Lot. Yearly inspections will be done by the Architectural Review Board to keep the mailboxes in good condition.

(h) Drainage. In the event storm water drainage from any Lot or Lots flows across another Lot, provision shall be made by the Owner of such Lot to permit such drainage to continue, without restriction or reduction, across the downstream Lot and into the natural drainage channel or course, although no specific drainage easement for such flow of water is provided on the Plat. To the extent not maintained by the Drainage Board, "Drainage Easements" reserved as drainage swales shall be maintained by the Owner of the Lot upon which such easements are located such that water from any adjacent Lot shall have adequate drainage along such swale. Lots within Buckhorn Estates may be included in a legal drain established by the Drainage Board. In such event, each Lot in Buckhorn Estates will be subject to assessment by the Drainage Board for the costs of maintenance of the portion of the Drainage System and the Lake Control Structures included in such legal drain, which assessment will be a lien against the Lot. The elevation of a Lot shall not be changed so as to affect materially the surface elevation or grade of surrounding Lots. Perimeter foundation drains, sump pump drains, downspouts and water softeners, shall be connected whenever feasible into a subsurface drainage tile. Downspouts and drains shall be designed to disperse runoff for overland flow to street or swale collection systems. Each Owner shall maintain the subsurface drains and tiles located on his or her Lot and shall be liable for the cost of all repairs thereto or replacements thereof;

(i) Vacant Lots. It shall be the duty and obligation of the Owner of a vacant Lot to maintain such Lot and mow the lawn thereof. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to mow the lawn and maintain vacant Lots;



(j) Sheds, Out Buildings. Out buildings, tree houses, playhouses and sheds are specifically prohibited except that the Association may allow them on a case by case basis if approved by the Architectural Review Board.

8. Maintenance of Lots.

(a) Home and Lot Maintenance. Each Owner shall be responsible for all maintenance, repairs, decoration, or replacement of his or her home and any other buildings and the sidewalks on his or her Lot. Each Owner shall promptly repair all injury or damage to his or her Lot, home, building, and/or sidewalks which, if neglected, might adversely affect any other Lot or building or any part of the property maintained by the Association. Each Owner shall keep his or her Lot, and all improvements therein or thereon, in good order and repair and free of debris including, but not limited to, the timely mowing of all lawns, weed control, the pruning and cutting of all trees and shrubbery, the removal of dead trees, limbs and shrubs, and the painting (or other appropriate external care) of all structures and other improvements, all in a manner and with such frequency as is consistent with good property management and consistent with the other Lots in Buckhorn Estates. Tree limbs near sidewalks shall be kept trimmed to a sufficient height to allow pedestrians to have clear passage while walking. Owners shall be responsible to remove snow from sidewalks adjacent to their Lots in a timely manner so that residents, including students going to bus stops and/or school, have a safe place to walk.

(b) Vehicle Parking. No camper, motor home, truck, trailer, boat, disabled vehicle, or vehicle without a properly issued license plate, may be parked or stored overnight or longer on any Lot in open public view;

(c) Signs. Unless otherwise permitted by the Architectural Review Board in the Register of Regulations, no sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except that two (2) signs of not more than four (4) square feet may be displayed at any time for the purpose of advertising the Lot for sale;

(d) Fencing. No fence, wall, hedge or shrub planting higher than eighteen (18) inches shall be permitted between the front property line and the front building set-back line except where such planting is part of Residence landscaping and the prime root thereof is within four (4) feet of the Residence. Corner Lots shall be deemed to have two (2) front yards. Trees shall not be deemed "shrubs" unless planted in such a manner as to constitute a "hedge". No chain link fence shall be erected upon a Lot. All fencing shall be uniform in height, style and color and substantially similar material. All fences on Lake Lots shall be wrought iron or similar material. No fence may be erected on a Lot without the prior approval of the Architectural Review Board, which may establish further restrictions with respect to fences, including limitations on (or prohibition of) the installation of fences in the rear yard of a Lot abutting a Lake and design standards for fences. All fences shall be kept in good repair. No fence, wall, hedge or shrub planting which obstructs sight lines at elevations between two (2) and six (6) feet above the street shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner Lot within the triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting points 25 feet from the intersection of said street lines, or in the case of a street line with the edge of a driveway pavement. No tree shall be permitted to remain within such



distances of such intersections unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sight lines.

Fencing along 141st Street. All fencing along 141st Street shall be constructed of the same material, and be the same height, the same color and the same design and the same appearance and shall be constructed only with the approval of the Architectural Review Board;

(e) Vegetation. An Owner shall not permit the growth of weeds and volunteer trees and bushes on his or her Lot, and shall keep his or her Lot reasonably clear from such unsightly growth at all times. If an Owner fails to comply with this restriction, the Association (acting through its Board of Directors) may (but shall not be obligated to) cause the weeds to be cut and the Lot cleared of such growth at the expense of the Owner thereof and the Association shall have a lien against the cleared Lot for the expense thereof. All such expenses incurred by the Association shall also constitute the personal obligation of the Lot Owner and shall be immediately due and payable upon the Association's issuance of an invoice or statement to the Owner;

(f) Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on or upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be, or may become, an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. Barking dogs shall constitute a nuisance;

(g) Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for trash. Rubbish, garbage or other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers out of public view. All equipment for storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept clean and sanitary;

(h) Livestock and Poultry. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. The Owners of such permitted pets shall confine them to their respective Lots such that they will not be a nuisance. Owners of dogs shall so control or confine them so as to avoid barking which will annoy or disturb adjoining Owners;

(i) Outside Burning. No trash, leaves, or other material shall be burned upon a Lot if smoke therefrom would blow upon any other Lot and, then, only in acceptable incinerators and in compliance with all applicable requirements;

(j) Antennas and Receivers. No antenna, satellite dish, or other device for the transmission or reception of radio, television, or satellite signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation shall be erected, used or maintained outdoors and above ground, whether attached to a building or otherwise, on any Lot without the written approval of the Architectural Review Board, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided, however, that any such device may be installed and maintained on any Lot without the necessity of such written approval if: (a) it is not visible from neighboring Lots or streets; or (b) the Owner, prior to installation, has received the written consent of the Owners of all Lots who would have views of the device from their Lots; or (c) the device is virtually



indistinguishable from structures, devices or improvements such as heat pumps, air conditioning units, barbecue grills, patio furniture, and garden equipment, which are not prohibited by these covenants;

(k) Exterior Lights. No exterior lights shall be erected or maintained between the building line and rear lot line so as to shine or reflect directly upon another Lot;

(l) Electric Bug Killers. Electric bug killers, "zappers", and other similar devices shall not be installed at a location or locations which will result in the operation thereof becoming a nuisance or annoyance to other Owners, and shall be operated only when outside activities require the use thereof and not continuously;

(m) Tennis Courts. No tennis courts shall be installed or maintained on any Lot;

(n) Swimming Pools. No swimming pool or equipment or building related thereto shall be constructed without the prior approval of the Architectural Review Board. No swimming pool shall be located on a Lake Lot abutting within 35 feet from the water's edge of the Lake at normal pool elevation as established on the engineering design plans for the Lake filed with the Zoning Authority. If a variance permitting installation of a mechanical pool cover in lieu of fencing has been or may be obtained from the Zoning Authority, then the Architectural Review Board may require, as a condition to the location of a swimming pool on a Lot, that the Owner install a mechanical pool cover. If the Architectural Review Board imposes such requirement, then a mechanical pool cover of a type and manufacture approved by the Architectural Review Board shall be installed by the Owner in compliance with all applicable legal requirements established by the Zoning Authority as a condition to such variance, and all requirements established by the Architectural Review Board.

9. Buckhorn Estates Association of Homeowners.

(a) Membership. Each Owner shall automatically be a Member of the Association and shall enjoy the privileges and be bound by the obligations contained in the Articles and By-Laws. If a Person would realize upon his security and become an Owner, he or she shall then be subject to all the requirements and limitations imposed by this Declaration and the Restrictions on other Owners, including those provisions with respect to the payment of Assessments;

(b) Powers. The Association shall have such powers as are set forth in this Declaration and in the Articles and By-Laws, together with all other powers that belong to it by law;

(c) Membership and Voting Rights. The Association shall have one class of membership. Members shall be all Owners. Members 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 each Lot shall be exercised as the Members holding an interest in such Lot determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot;



(d) Reserve for Replacements. The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain the Reserve for Replacements by the allocation and payment to such reserve fund of an amount determined annually by the Board to be sufficient to meet the cost of periodic maintenance, repairs and renewal of the Community Area, and of 50% of the cost of periodic maintenance, repairs and renewal of the Swimming Pool Corp.'s swimming pool and related facilities. In determining the amount, the Board shall take into consideration the expected useful life of the Community Area and the Swimming Pool Corp.'s swimming pool and related facilities. The Reserve for Replacements shall be deposited in a special account with a lending institution, the accounts of which are insured by an agency of the United States of America or may, in the discretion of the Board, be invested in obligations of, or fully guaranteed as to principal by, the United States of America;

(e) Board of Directors. The Owners shall elect a Board of Directors of the Association as prescribed by the Association's Articles and By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association. Directors must be members of the Association.

#### 10. Assessments.

(a) Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed thereto, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association the following: (1) General Assessments; (2) Special Assessments, to be established and collected as hereinafter provided.

All Assessments, together with late charges, interest thereon and costs of collection thereof (including attorneys fees), shall be a charge on the Lots and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each Assessment is made until paid in full. Each Assessment, together with late charges, interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of the Lot at the time when the Assessment became due;

#### (b) General Assessment.

(1) Purpose of Assessment. The General Assessment levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the Owners of Lots and for the improvement, maintenance and operation of the Lake. In order to promote the recreation and health of the Members of the Association, the General Assessment shall also be used to pay one half (1/2) of the costs and expenses of operating, maintaining and repairing the swimming pool and related facilities of the Swimming Pool Corp. The General Assessment shall also be levied for the payment of real estate taxes (if any) allocable to the Lake and to the real estate owned by the Swimming Pool Corp., which real estate taxes shall be paid by the Association. It shall further be the obligation of the Association to: (i) maintain and pay all costs of maintenance of all public lighting installed and existing in any right-of-way; (ii) pay the costs of all electricity and energy usage attributable to public



lighting installed and existing any right-of-way; and (iii) pay the costs of maintenance of any sidewalks which abut a right-of-way but are not within the right-of-way, and the General Assessment shall also be levied by the Association to comply and pay for with the foregoing maintenance requirements and obligations;

(2) Basis for Assessment.

i. Lots Generally. Each Lot shall be assessed at a uniform rate without regard to whether a Residence has been constructed upon the Lot;

(3) Method of Assessment. By a vote of a majority of the Directors, the Board of Directors shall fix the General Assessment for each assessment year of the Association at an amount sufficient to meet the obligations imposed by this Declaration upon the Association. The Board of Directors shall establish the date(s) the General Assessment shall become due, and the manner in which it shall be paid;

(c) Special Assessment. The Association may levy in any fiscal year a special assessment applicable to that year and not more than the next four (4) succeeding fiscal years for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, repair, or replacement of a capital improvement upon or constituting a part of the Lake and/or the swimming pool and related facilities of the Swimming Pool Corp., provided that any such Assessment shall have the assent of a majority of the votes of the Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of such members duly called for this purpose;

(d) Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments; Remedies of the Association. No Owner may exempt himself or herself from paying General or Special Assessments or any other expense lawfully agreed upon, by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the Common Areas, or by abandonment of the Lot belonging to such Owner. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all applicable Assessments. Where the Owner constitutes more than one person, the liability of such persons shall be joint and several. If any Owner shall fail, refuse or neglect to make any payment of any Assessments when due, the lien for such assessment on the Owner's Lot may be foreclosed by the Board for and on behalf of the Association as provided by law. Upon the failure of an Owner to make payments of any Assessments within ten (10) days after such are due, the Board, in its discretion, may:

- (i) Impose a late charge, which will be considered an addition to the assessment, in an amount to be determined by the Board;
- (ii) Suspend such Owner's right to use the Common Areas and the swimming pool; and
- (iii) Suspend such Owner's right to vote if the Owner is more than six (6) months delinquent.



In any action to foreclose the lien for any Assessments, the Owner and any occupant of the Lot shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment to the Association of reasonable rental for such Lot, and the Board shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver for the purpose of preserving the Lot and to collect the rentals and other profits therefrom for the benefit of the Association to be applied to the unpaid Assessments. The Board may, at its option, bring a suit to recover a money judgment for any unpaid Assessments without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same. In connection with any effort to collect or in any action to recover an Assessment, regardless of whether litigation is initiated, the Board, for and on behalf of the Association, shall be entitled to recover from the Owner of the Lot, not only the delinquent Assessments, but also all late charges imposed, all court costs, all costs of collection, charges, fees and expenses incurred by the Association with respect to such collection effort or action, including but not limited to charges, costs, fees or other expenses incurred by the Association to a managing agent (if any) for administering, monitoring or processing delinquent Owners' accounts, and reasonable attorney's fees. The Association need not accept any tender or a partial payment of an Assessment, or any installment of an Assessment, and all costs, expenses, charges and attorney fees attributable thereto, and any acceptance of any such tender shall not be deemed to be a waiver of the Association's right to demand and receive full payments thereafter. In addition, the Board shall have the power to adopt by Board resolution additional rules and regulations or delinquency procedures.

(e) Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the Assessments provided for herein against a Lot shall be subordinate to the lien of any recorded first mortgage covering such Lot and to any valid tax or special assessment lien on such Lot in favor of any governmental taxing or assessing authority. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. The sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof shall, however, extinguish the lien of Assessments as to payments which became due more than twelve (12) months 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;

(f) Certificates. The Association shall, upon demand by an Owner, at any time, furnish a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association that the Assessments on a Lot have been paid or that certain Assessments remain unpaid, as the case may be;

(g) Annual Budget. By a majority vote of the Directors, the Board of Directors shall adopt an annual budget for the subsequent fiscal year, which shall provide for allocation of expenses in such a manner that the obligations imposed by the Declaration will be met;

#### 11. Architectural Control.

(a) The Architectural Review Board. The Architectural Review Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. In the alternative, the Board of Directors may choose to serve as the Architectural Review Board;

(b) Purposes. The Architectural Review Board shall regulate the external design, appearance, use, location and maintenance of the Property and of improvements thereon in



such manner as to preserve values and to maintain a harmonious relationship among structures, improvements and the natural vegetation and topography;

(c) Change in Conditions. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration, no improvements, alterations, repairs, change of colors (including but not limited to shingle colors), excavations, changes in grade, planting or other work that in any way alters any Lot or the exterior of the improvements located thereon from its natural or improved state shall be made or done without the prior approval by the Architectural Review Board of a Lot Development Plan therefor. Prior to the commencement by an Owner of:

(1) construction, reconstruction, erection or alteration of any Residence, roof (including roof repairs and/or shingle replacements) building, fence, wall, swimming pool, tennis court, patio, pier, dock, recreational equipment, or other structure on a Lot; or

(2) any plantings on a Lot, a Lot Development Plan with respect thereto shall be submitted to the Architectural Review Board, and no building, fence, wall, Residence, or other structure shall be commenced, erected, maintained, improved, altered, made or done, or any plantings made, by any Person without the prior written approval by the Architectural Review Board of a Lot Development Plan relating to such construction, erection, alteration or plantings. Such approval shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all approvals, consents, permits and/or variances required by law from governmental authorities having jurisdiction over Buckhorn Estates, and no Owner shall undertake any construction activity within Buckhorn Estates unless legal requirements have been satisfied. Each Owner shall complete all improvements to a Lot strictly in accordance with the Lot Development Plan approved by the Architectural Review Board. As used in this subparagraph (c), "plantings" do not include flowers, bushes, shrubs or other plants having a height of less than 18 inches;

(d) Procedures. In the event of the Architectural Review Board fails to approve, modify or disapprove in writing a Lot Development Plan within thirty (30) days after such plan has been duly filed with, and is actually received by, the Architectural Review Board, this approval will be deemed granted. A decision of the Architectural Review Board may be appealed to the Board of Directors which may reverse or modify such decision by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors then serving;

(e) Guidelines and Standards. The Architectural Review Board shall have the power to establish such architectural and landscaping design guidelines and standards as it may deem appropriate to achieve the purpose set forth in subparagraph (b) to the extent that such design guidelines and standards are not in conflict with the specific provisions of this Declaration. The guidelines and standards may include provisions governing roofs and shingles. Any such guideline or standard may be appealed to the Board of Directors which may terminate or modify such guideline or standard by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors then serving.



## 12. Easements.

(a) Plat Easements. In addition to such easements as are created elsewhere in this Declaration and as may have been created by the original developer pursuant to written instruments recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, Lots are subject to drainage easements, sewer easements, utility easements and lake maintenance access easements, either separately or in any combination thereof, as shown on the Plat, which are reserved for the use of Owners, public utilities companies and governmental agencies as follows:

(1) Drainage Easements. (DE) are created to provide paths and courses for area and local storm drainage, either overland or in adequate underground conduit, to serve the needs of Buckhorn Estates and adjoining ground and/or public drainage systems; and it shall be the individual responsibility of each Owner to maintain the drainage across his or her own Lot. Under no circumstances shall said easement be blocked in any manner by the construction or reconstruction of any improvement, nor shall any grading restrict, in any manner, the water flow. Said areas are subject to construction or reconstruction to any extent necessary to obtain adequate drainage at any time by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over drainage and by the Association, but the Association shall not have any duty to undertake any such construction or reconstruction. In the event the Association undertakes any such construction or reconstruction, its obligations to restore the affected real estate after any such construction or reconstruction shall be limited to regrading and reseedling. Under no circumstances shall the Association be liable for any damage or destruction to any fences, structures, or other improvements which are damaged, destroyed or remodeled by the Association, or its agents or employees as a result of such construction or reconstruction. Said easements are for the mutual use and benefit of the Owners;

(2) Sewer Easements. (SE) are created for the use of the local government agency having jurisdiction over any storm and sanitary waste disposal system which may be designed to serve Buckhorn Estates for the purpose of installation and maintenance of sewers that are a part of said system;

(3) Utility Easements. (UE) are created for the use of Buckhorn, the Association and all public utility companies, not including transportation companies, for the installation and maintenance of mains, ducts, poles, lines and wires, as well as for all uses specified in the case of sewer easements;

(4) Lake Maintenance Access Easements. (LMAE) are created for the use of the Association, the Drainage Board and the Clay Township Regional Waste District for the purpose of gaining access to the Lake, the Lake Control Structures, the Drainage System in the course of maintenance, repair or replacement of any thereof.



13. Enforcement. Subject to the mandatory grievance resolution procedures and requirements set forth in Article 8 of the Amended & Restated Code of By-Laws of the Association, the Association and any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration or the other Restrictions, but the Association shall not be liable for damage or any kind to any Person for failure either to abide by, enforce or carry out any of the Restrictions. No delay or failure by the Association or any Person to enforce any of the Restrictions or to invoke any available remedy with respect to a violation or violations thereof shall under any circumstances be deemed or held to be a waiver by the Association or that Person of the right to do so thereafter, or an estoppel of the Association or that Person to assert any right available to it, him or her upon the occurrence, recurrence or continuation of any violation or violations of the Restrictions. In any action by the Association or an Owner to enforce this Declaration or the other Restrictions, such party shall be entitled to recover all costs of enforcement, including attorneys' fees, if it substantially prevails in such action.

14. Amendments. This Declaration may be amended or changed, in whole or in part, at any time upon approval by the Owners of a majority of the Lots who are in good standing. For purposes of this provision, "good standing" shall mean Owners who are no more than six (6) months delinquent on the payment of any Assessments, or any installments thereof, as determined by the Board at the time of the aforesaid approval. All Owners in good standing must be given the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendment(s). Such approval for an amendment to this Declaration may be obtained:

- (a) at a meeting of the members of the Association duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of the Association's By-Laws; or
- (b) by written consents or approvals received from the Owners; or
- (c) pursuant to any other procedure recognized under Indiana law, including those recognized under the Indiana Nonprofit Corporations Act of 1991, as amended, including, but not limited to, written mail-in ballots; or
- (d) any combination of the above.

The President and Secretary of the Association shall execute the amendment, certifying that the Owners of a majority of the Lots who are in good standing approved such amendment. Thereafter, the amendment shall be filed with the Hamilton County Recorder.

15. Interpretation. The underlined titles preceding the various paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Declaration are for convenience of reference only, and none of them shall be used as an aid to the construction of any provision of this Declaration. Wherever and whenever applicable, the singular form of any work shall be taken to mean or apply to the plural, and the masculine form shall be taken to mean or apply to the feminine or to the neuter.



16. Duration. The foregoing covenants and restrictions are for the mutual benefit and protection of the present and future Owners, and the Association, and shall run with the land and be binding on all parties and all Persons claiming under them until 2025, at which time said covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless changed in whole or in part pursuant to the process described in Paragraph 14 above entitled "Amendments".


17. Severability. Every one of the Restrictions is hereby declared to be independent of, and severable from, the rest of the Restrictions and of and from every other one of the Restrictions, and of and from every combination of the Restrictions. Therefore, if any of the Restrictions shall be held to be invalid or to be unenforceable, or to lack the quality of running with the land, that holding shall be without effect upon the validity, enforceability or "running" quality of any other one of the Restrictions.

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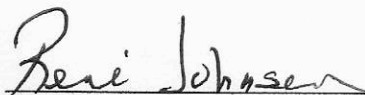


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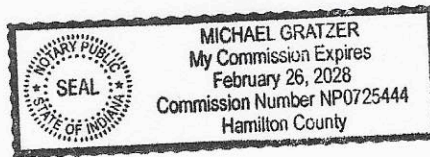
Buckhorn Estates Association of Homeowners, Inc., by:

  
David Anderson, President

Attest:

  
Rene' Johnson, Secretary

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )



Before me, a notary public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared David Anderson and Rene' Johnson, the President and Secretary, respectively, of Buckhorn Estates Association of Homeowners, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit corporation, who acknowledged execution of the within and foregoing for and on behalf of said corporation and its members and who, being duly sworn, stated that the Certifications and representations made therein are true. Witness my hand and notarial seal this 9 day of June, 2020.

  
Notary Public - Signature

Michael L. Gratzler  
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My Commission Expires:  
02/26/2028

Residence County: Hamilton

"I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security Number in this document, unless required by law." /s/ P. Thomas Murray, Jr., Esq.

This instrument prepared by, and should be returned to:

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