

NOTICE TO CLOSING ATTORNEYS: THIS DECLARATION IMPOSES ASSESSMENTS CONSTITUTING A LIEN ON EACH LOT IN THE SUBDIVISION. PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF A PARTICULAR LOT WITH REGARD TO PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS. THE ASSOCIATION'S CONTACT INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,
) RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, CHARGES AND
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG) LIENS FOR **Weston**

THIS Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens for **Weston Homeowners Association, Inc.** is made this 10th day of July, 2020, by **ECS Development LLC.**, (the "Developer," as further defined in Article I herein). Any defined terms used herein shall have the meaning set out in Article I hereafter:

RECITALS

1. The Developer are the owners of the real property described in Exhibit A of this Declaration and desires to develop thereon a Community, which may include common lands and facilities, for the sole use and benefit of the Owner of each Lot to be located within the Community.
2. The Developer has or may from time to time acquire additional real property which it may desire to develop as additional phases of such Community which the Developer may incorporate as additional phases of this Community and bring same under this Declaration.
3. The Developer is desirous of maintaining control of design criteria, Structure location, Plans and construction specifications, and other controls to assure the integrity of the Community. Each purchaser of a Lot or Dwelling in the Community will be required to maintain, modify, change, and construct the Dwelling and any Structure in accordance with the design criteria contained herein and established by the Developer or Architectural Control Authority, When Empowered, as hereinafter provided.
4. The Developer desires to provide for the preservation of the value and amenities in such Community and for the maintenance of such common lands and facilities, if any.
5. The Developer desires to subject the real property described in Exhibit A to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges, and liens, hereinafter set forth and to the guidelines, policies, procedures, rules and regulations adopted by the Developer or the Association, When Empowered. Each and all of which is and are (i) binding upon the Community and each Owner, (ii) for the sole benefit of the Developer for so long as it owns any portion of the Property, and thereafter for the sole benefit of the Association, and (iii) shall run with the title to the land.

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6. The Developer has deemed it desirable, for the efficient preservation of the values and the amenities in the Community, to create the Association to which will be delegated and assigned as further described herein, the powers of maintaining and administering any Common Area or Area of Common Responsibility, of administering and enforcing the Declaration; of establishing and amending the reasonable rules, regulations and policies for the proper management of the Association and for the promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Community; and of levying, collecting and disbursing the Assessments and charges hereinafter created. The Developer may assign or delegate, either permanently or temporarily, any or all of the foregoing powers to one or more entities or persons without notice to or the consent of any Owner.

7. The Developer has caused or will cause the Association to be incorporated under the laws of the State of South Carolina, as a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of exercising the aforesaid functions, among others.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Developer declares that the real property described in Exhibit A, annexed hereto and forming a part hereof, and any additions thereto which the Developer may incorporate from time to time in the Community is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, and liens hereinafter set forth which shall run with the title to the Property and all Lots therein and which shall be binding on all Owners.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The following capitalized words when used in this Declaration, any Supplement, or any Supplemental Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit) shall have the following meaning:

(A) "ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL AUTHORITY(IES)" shall mean and refer to any appointees of the Developer, or boards appointed by the Developer, while the Developer retains all or part of the rights and authority for architectural control in the Community, and the Board of Directors of the Association, When Empowered or architectural control boards appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association, When Empowered.

(B) "ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES" shall mean and refer to the set of policies, rules and procedures which may be promulgated and/or amended by the Developer or the Architectural Control Authority, When Empowered, from time to time, which shall act as a guide for the architectural control and review process and for the maintenance, construction or renovation of Structures within the Community. Failure to publish any Architectural Guidelines shall not diminish the architectural control and review authority of the Developer or the Architectural Control Authority, When Empowered, as set forth in this Declaration.

(C) "AREA OF COMMON RESPONSIBILITY" shall have the meaning and refer to any Common Area, together with those areas, if any, the Developer or the Association, When

Empowered, has established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, any Cost Sharing Agreement, or other applicable covenant, contract, or agreement. The location and dimensions of the Area of Common Responsibility may be established, adjusted, or eliminated by the Developer as long as it owns a Lot in the Community.

(D) "AREA OF EXTENDED LOT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY" shall mean and refer to that portion of the road right-of-way, whether owned by the Developer, the Association, or any applicable governmental entity, extending from the end of the road's curbing (or the end of the pavement itself, if no curbing exists) to any property line of a Lot that is contiguous to the road. Unless designated as Common Area or unless the Association has assumed maintenance responsibility for this area as part of its Area of Common Responsibility, each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance and proper use of their corresponding Area of Extended Lot Owner Responsibility pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration, including without limitation obtaining appropriate Architectural Control Authority approvals, in addition to any other applicable governmental approvals, that may be required for any and all Structures and landscaping built upon or located in the Area of Extended Lot Owner Responsibility. All remedies available to the Developer and the Association, When Empowered, for the failure of an Owner to properly maintain, use, or construct or locate Structures upon a Lot shall also be available to the Developer and the Association, When Empowered, for the failure of an Owner to properly maintain, use, or construct or locate Structures upon the Area of Extended Lot Owner Responsibility, as provided for in this Declaration. Said authority of the Developer and the Association, When Empowered, to control the Areas of Extended Lot Owner Responsibility is subordinate to the authority and approval of any property owner or applicable governmental entity possessing rights over or ownership of the Areas of Extended Lot Owner Responsibility.

(E) "ASSESSMENTS" shall have the meaning specified in Article VI.

(F) "ASSOCIATION" shall mean and refer to the **Weston Homeowners Association, Inc.**, its successors and assigns.

(G) "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" shall mean and refer to the members of the board of directors of the Association whether elected or appointed.

(H) "BY-LAWS" shall mean and refer to the by-laws of the Association attached hereto as Exhibit B.

(I) "COMMON AREA" shall mean and refer to those areas of land within the Property, the location and dimensions of which may be established, modified, or adjusted by the Developer as long as it owns a Lot in the Community, shown as "Common Area" on any recorded plat of the Property or so designated in any conveyance to the Association by the Developer including, but not limited to, any and all Structures thereon or the furniture, fixtures or equipment thereon, entrance signs, lights, sprinklers, shrubs, landscaping, parking places, drainage or other easements used, owned or maintained by the Association or the Developer for the benefit of the Community, whether or not located within the street right-of-ways which have been dedicated to a governmental agency or a Lot. In addition, the following property, as shown on the subdivision plat referenced

in Exhibit "A" hereto, is hereby designated by the Developer as Common Area: (1) that certain parcel of land, with any improvements thereon, that maybe identified in the future by recorded plats or easements as "Detention Area or Ponds"; (2) any other parcels of land, with any improvements thereon, that maybe identified by the Developer at his sole description as necessary for any purpose to complete the Community. Such areas are intended to be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of Members of the Association, subject to the Regulations established and amended from time to time by the Developer or the Board of Directors of the Association, When Empowered, and are not dedicated for use by the general public. NO REPRESENTATION FROM ANY PARTY OR SALES AGENT, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE DEVELOPER, OR OTHER ENTITY AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF A COMMON AREA, SIZE, SHAPE, OR COMPOSITION OF ANY COMMON AREA OR ACCESS LOCATION, OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED HEREIN OR PROVIDED IN WRITING BY THE DEVELOPER, SHALL BE RELIED UPON, NOR SHALL IT IN ANY WAY REQUIRE THE DEVELOPER TO COMPLY WITH THAT REPRESENTATION. The Community may not contain Common Area, and the fact that there are provisions in this Declaration referencing Common Area does not mean there is or will be Common Area in the Community.

(J) "COMMUNITY" shall mean and refer to the subdivision of the Property.

(K) "DECLARATION" shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Easements, Charges, and Liens, any amendment or modification thereof, and any supplements thereto that annex additional land.

(L) "DIRECTOR" shall mean and refer to an appointed or elected member of the Board of Directors.

(M) "DEVELOPER" shall mean and refer to ECS Development LLC., his successors and assigns; provided such successors or assigns are designated as such by the Developer. The Developer may make partial or multiple assignments of its rights under this Declaration. All such assignees shall be deemed to be the Developer only as to those rights which may have been assigned to them.

(N) "DWELLING" shall mean and refer to a single family home, patio home, garden home, townhouse, condominium unit, or apartment, if constructed in the Community.

(O) "LOT" shall mean and refer to any parcel of land with such improvements, Structures, or Dwellings as may be erected thereon, shown and described as a "Lot" on any recorded subdivision plat of the Property, but shall not include the Common Area or the streets or road right-of-ways in the Community.

(P) "MASTER PLAN" shall mean and refer to the drawing, sketch, map, or Planned Unit Development plan that represents the conceptual land plan for the future development of the Community. Since the concept of the future development of the undeveloped portions of the Community, including without limitation the Lots, streets or road right-of-ways and any Common Area, are subject to continuing revision and change at the discretion of the Developer, present and

