

**Act of Restrictions**  
for  
**Spanish Lakes Subdivision**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

BE IT KNOWN that on this 12 day of May, 2010, before me, the undersigned authority, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, personally came and appeared:

**Spanish Lakes Development, LLC**, a Louisiana limited liability company, domiciled in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, herein represented by its undersigned duly authorized Members, and having a municipal address of 9191 Siegen Lane, Suite IIIB., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (hereinafter referred to as the “Developer” or “Declarant”)

and

**Destiny Interests, L.L.C.**, a Louisiana limited liability company, domiciled in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, herein represented by its undersigned duly authorized Members, and having a municipal address of 9191 Siegen Lane, Suite IIIB., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (hereinafter referred to as “Destiny”).

who did declare that Developer and Destiny are the owners of the following real property:

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE (159) CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF GROUND**, together with all the buildings and improvements located thereon, situated in the City of St. Gabriel, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, in that subdivision known as **SPANISH LAKES**, and being designated on the official map of said subdivision by MR Engineering & Surveying, L.L.C., dated November 10, 2009, entitled “Final Plat of Spanish Lakes, Lots 1 thru 159 (inclusive) & Tract A Thru G, formerly being a 58.49 Ac. Tract, located in Sections 4, 23, & 24, T9S-R1E, Southeast Land District, City of St Gabriel, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, for Spanish Lakes LLC”, as **LOTS ONE (1) THROUGH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (159)**, **INCLUSIVE**, of said subdivision; said lots having such size, shape and dimensions and being subject to such servitudes and building lines as are shown on said map.

(The above described property hereinafter being referred to as the “Property”)

Developer and Destiny do hereby establish and impose these restrictions on the Property, and further the Property shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following servitudes, restrictions, reservations, covenants and conditions which are for the purpose of pursuing a general plan governing building standards, and protecting the value and desirability of the Property; and which covenants shall run with the Property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof. Developer and Destiny give no warranties, express or implied, as to soil conditions.

**1.**  
**DEFINITIONS**

1.1 “Property” or “Properties” shall mean and refer to that certain real property described above or together with such additional real property as may by subsequent amendment be added to and subjected to this Act of Restrictions.

1.2 “Lot” shall mean and refer to any lot or plot of land shown upon the Final Plat or any recorded subdivision map of the Property with the exception of any Common Area and streets dedicated to the public for public use.

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**John R. Morganti**  
Notary #10170  
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1.3 "Common Area" or "Common Property" shall mean any and all real property owned by the Developer and subsequently conveyed to the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

1.4 "Developer" or "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Spanish Lakes Development, LLC, its successors and/or assigns.

1.5 "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities (including the Developer), of full or fee simple title to any Lot. Any person or entity having an interest in any Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be an "Owner" until such time as the interest holder acquires title by foreclosure or any proceeding or act in lieu of foreclosure. An "Owner" may also be referred to as a "Member" for purposes of referring to his membership in the Association.

1.6 "Spanish Lakes" or "Subdivision" shall mean and refer to Spanish Lakes Subdivision, as set forth on the Final Plat for the same. Properties, which become filings of Spanish Lakes that are subjected to these Restrictions by the Developer shall be a part of and constitute the entire Subdivision.

1.7 "Restrictions", "Declaration" or "Declarations" shall mean the entire body of this document entitled "Act of Restrictions for Spanish Lakes Subdivision", as amended from time to time.

1.8 "Association" shall mean Spanish Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc.

1.9 "Committee" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee for Spanish Lakes Subdivision (also herein called the "Architectural Control Committee").

1.10 "Lake" shall mean lake or pond as used herein, or as set out on the official subdivision map of Spanish Lakes Subdivision.

1.11 "Final Plat" shall mean the Final Plat of Spanish Lakes Subdivision that is recorded in the official records of the Clerk of Court of Iberville Parish.

1.12 "Appointment Period" shall mean the period of time commencing as of the date of recordation of this Declaration and continuing until the earlier of (a) the date on which Developer voluntarily relinquishes its right to appoint three (3) members of the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 5.2 and Section 5.5, or (b) December 31, 2015.

1.13 "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

1.14 "By-Laws" shall mean the by-laws of the Association adopted by the Board of Directors, as amended from time to time.

1.15 "Manager" shall mean any person or persons designated as Manager and employed by the Association to perform any of the duties, powers or functions of the Association.

1.16 "Rules and Regulations" shall mean the rules and regulations which may be adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time pursuant to this Declaration.

## 2. PURPOSE

**2.1 Purpose.** The purpose hereof is the creation of a high quality residential community having a uniform plan of development and the preservation of property values and amenities in the community. The Property is hereby subject to the obligations, covenants, restrictions, reservations, servitudes, liens and charges herein set forth, including without limitation the assessment and penalty provisions, to ensure the best use and more appropriate development and improvement of each Lot: to protect the Owners of Lots against improper use of surrounding Lots as that will depreciate the value of their property; to preserve, so far as practicable, the natural beauty of the Property; to prohibit the erection of poorly designed or proportioned structures, and structures built of improper or unsuitable materials; to obtain harmonious color schemes; to insure the highest and best development of the Property; to encourage and secure the proper location and erection of attractive homes on Lots; to prevent haphazard and inharmonious improvements on Lots; to secure and maintain building setback lines; and in general to provide adequately for quality improvements of the Property and thereby enhance the values of investments made by the Developer and purchasers of Lots.

**2.2 Nature and Extent.** All obligations, covenants, restrictions, servitudes and conditions of these Restrictions are intended as and are declared to be reciprocal, predial (landed) servitudes and real obligations established as a charge on each Lot and incidental to ownership thereof and are for the benefit of each Owner and the obligation to honor and abide by each obligation, covenant, restriction, servitude, and condition and to pay any assessments shall be also the personal obligation of each Owner of a Lot in favor of the Owners of the other Lots. The Property and all portions thereof shall be conveyed, transferred and sold by any Owner subject to the conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, servitudes, liens and charges hereinafter set out, all of which are imposed upon the Property and all of which shall run with the land. It is the intent and purpose of these Restrictions to set forth a general plan governing building standards, specified uses and improvements and certain of the provisions herein

contained are intended to prohibit and inhibit the free use and development of the Property. Some provisions hereof are couched in general terms, including, without limitation, those dealing with approval by the Architectural Control Committee of Spanish Lakes Subdivision of proposed plans of improvements to particular Lots. The criteria for approval by the Committee is intended to be subjective and not objective and all criteria for approval or disapproval for proposed building plans cannot be determined in advance of presentation. Accordingly, each Owner of a Lot by recordation of an act transferring title of a Lot to said Owner, whether or not it shall be so expressed in said act, does recognize and agree that these Restrictions are intended to and do restrict, inhibit and prohibit free use and development of the Property and the Lots and each Owner shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Restrictions including, without limitation, those which may be deemed or determined to be vague or indefinite.

### 3. IMPROVEMENT RESTRICTIONS

**3.1 Formation and Purpose.** To carry out the general plan of development and improvement of the Property, to implement the plan of subdivision for the Property and to maintain a high standard of construction and appearance for the benefit of the Owners of Lots, the Developer and Destiny do hereby establish and designate the Architectural Control Committee of Spanish Lakes Subdivision ("the Committee") to perform the duties set forth below.

**3.2 Committee Membership.** The Committee shall eventually consist of three (3) members, being the then serving President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, unless otherwise determined by the majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association. However, until One Hundred percent (100%) of the Lots in all existing and/or planned filings in Spanish Lakes Subdivision have been built, completed, and transferred to Owners who will occupy the homes as their principal residences (unless the Initial Committee previously resigns in writing without designation of a designee or successor), the Committee shall consist of two (2) members or representatives of the Developer (the "Initial Committee"), or their designees or successors. The Developer may voluntarily relinquish control of the Committee to Spanish Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., at any time it may choose.

#### **3.3 Submission of Plans.**

**A. Submission of Preliminary Plans.** Prior to completion and submission of Final Plans (or any amendment to said Final Plans) for any significant improvements on a Lot, the Owner thereof shall submit to the Committee Preliminary Plans (submit to Randy Militello, until the Committee names a successor), on a 1/4" scale, for such proposed improvements consisting of a floor plan, front elevation, site plan with driveway location and any proposed off-street parking. The Committee may issue its written approval or disapproval of such plans or proposals submitted to it anytime within ten (10) days. After written approval by the Committee of the Preliminary Plans, the Owner may move forward with Final Plans for such proposed improvements (which must also be submitted to the Committee as set forth in Section 3.3B below).

**B. Submission of Final Plans.** For any floor plan, other than plans having received prior approval by the Committee, prior to commencement of any work on a Lot, including any grading or clearing thereof (other than weed or trash removal), the Owner of a Lot shall submit to the Committee one set of Final Plans (or any amendment to said Final Plans) and specifications for the construction or remodeling of any residence, garage, building, shed, storeroom, parking pad, fence or wall, swimming pool, greenhouse, playhouse, antenna, satellite dish and other improvement deemed significant in the sole discretion of the Committee. No work may commence on any Lot until the Committee has given the written approval of such Final Plans, or any amendment thereto. No construction on any Lot may proceed except in accordance with submitted Final Plans or amendment thereto, as approved. No building on any Lot may become or continue to be occupied while there exists on such Lot any construction, or activity not in accordance with these Restrictions or not in accordance with Final Plans approved by the Committee as set forth in these Restrictions. Such plans shall be considered as submitted for approval only when they have been delivered to the Chairman of the Committee or to all other Committee members. The following must be submitted:

- i. A copy of the plans or drawings and specifications which show all exterior materials, finishes and designs, including elevations of all four sides of the building, and all interior floor plans, ceiling heights and floor finishes. Any plans for a home or other improvements should be drawn to "industry standards". In the event the plans are not drawn to "industry standards", the Committee may not approve them.
- ii. A plot plan on a scale 1:20, showing the location of all improvements on the Lot, drainage plan for the Lot, building setbacks and servitudes.
- iii. The Construction Deposit (as set forth in Section 3.10 below) must be received prior to the review of the Final Plans by the Committee.

Any other request for any approval required by the Architectural Control Committee of Spanish Lakes shall be submitted in writing by the applicant (with appropriate drawings or other information) to the Committee. Approval required by the Committee is not effective unless it is in writing and signed by a member of the Committee. Unless otherwise stated herein, if a request for approval is submitted to the Committee and the Committee issues no written approval thereof, lack of written approval shall be considered a disapproval of such request by the Committee.

**3.4 Review of Final Plans.** The Committee will attempt to issue its written approval or disapproval of such Final Plans submitted to it anytime within thirty (30) days after submission. If construction is not commenced within six (6) months after the date of written approval of the Final Plans, amendments thereto or any other proposals, then the approval is void.

**3.5 Standards for Review.** The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to approve or disapprove any plans and specifications submitted to it in its sole and uncontrolled discretion, which approval or disapproval may be based upon any grounds, including purely aesthetic considerations which shall be deemed sufficient. Even though the submitted plans follow all guidelines set forth in these Restrictions, they may be disapproved by the Committee because the proposed home does not fit with the general architectural style of the development or the proposed home has too many features that are similar to another home on a Lot in close vicinity of the proposed home. The Architectural Control Committee may issue from time to time a manual containing guidelines for use by builders and homeowners in the selections of concepts, design techniques and/or materials/finishes for construction within the Subdivision. These guidelines shall be utilized by the Architectural Control Committee in its review of plans and specifications. However, notwithstanding anything contained herein or in any such manual of guidelines, the Architectural Control Committee may in its sole discretion approve or disapprove any proposed matter for any reason set forth in these covenants.

**3.6 Finality of Decision.** The decisions of the Committee shall be in said Committee's sole discretion; and shall be final, binding and shall not be appealable.

**3.7 Variances.** Anything in these Restrictions to the contrary notwithstanding, the Committee shall have the right to approve any variances from these Restrictions when it deems it in the best interest of the overall house design or in the interest of the general plan of development for the Subdivision. The Committee, at its discretion, has the right to approve any waivers or deviations from these Restrictions that it deems are appropriate, including a reduction of the required square footage not to exceed ten percent (10%). Further, written approval of the Committee must be obtained by a Lot Owner for any waiver of the Parish Zoning Ordinance the Lot Owner seeks to obtain; any waiver granted by the City of St Gabriel without the prior written approval of the Committee must nevertheless receive Committee approval. The Committee shall have the right to enforce its rights contained herein by a suit for injunctive relief or by bringing any other legal action or actions against a Lot Owner to enforce these restrictions.

**3.8 Indemnification.** Each member of the Committee is hereby indemnified by the Owners of Lots against all cost, damage, loss, liability and/or expense, including attorney fees reasonably incurred or imposed on him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party or in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a member of the Committee at the time such expenses are incurred, unless the member of the Committee is adjudged guilty of willful malfeasance of misfeasance in the performance of his duties. The above described right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of all other rights to which such member of the Committee may be entitled but shall be in addition to such other rights.

**3.9 Landscaping.** A landscape plan and specifications showing the name and placement of plant material, as well as quantity and size shall be submitted to the Committee for approval. The entire front yard of the home must be landscaped and sodded upon completion of the home and prior to occupancy by the homeowner. The Committee has the right to require additional landscaping if the Committee in its sole discretion deems it necessary.

- (a). Complete sodding of the entire front and side yards shall be required prior to occupancy of the home constructed on the Lot. In addition to the front yard, the Lot Owner shall also sod from the front of the lot to the back of the street curb. The rear & side yard shall be either sodded or seeded by the buyer.
- (b). Corner Lots are considered to have two front yards, for landscaping purposes. The Committee may require additional sodding for corner Lots.

**3.10 Construction Deposit.** At the time of lot closing, the Owner shall make a **\$1000.00** Construction Deposit payable to the Developer; and subsequent to the transfer by Developer to the Association of review and approval responsibility, to the Association. The purpose of the Construction Deposit is to ensure:

- (a) Plans are submitted to the Committee as set forth in Section 3.3 above. In the event construction of a house or other improvements is started without the prior written approval of the plans for such, then the entire amount of the Construction Deposit shall be automatically forfeited as liquidated damages to the Developer; and subsequent to the transfer by Developer to the Association of review and approval responsibility, to the Association. Further, all other rights of the Developer, the Committee and the Association may have with respect to approval of the plans shall continue, including rights to injunctive relief, damages and other rights.
- (b) Landscaping be undertaken as set forth in Section 3.9 above. In the event landscaping is not completed according to Section 3.9 above, then the entire amount of the Construction Deposit shall be forfeited automatically as liquidated damages to the Developer; and subsequent to the transfer by Developer to the Association of review and approval responsibility, to the Association. Further, all other rights of the Developer, the Committee and the Association may have with respect to approval of the plans shall continue, including the right to fine the Owner, rights to injunctive relief, damages and other rights.

(c) Compliance with the Restrictions, overall community appearance and that the structure to be constructed is built according to the approved plans. The Committee will issue a written notice to the Lot Owner regarding any violations or damage caused by the construction. Examples of damage are the breaking of any sidewalk in the Subdivision; "rutting" of any rights of way, servitudes or other lots in the Subdivision caused by construction related vehicles; the spilling of concrete on any streets or other areas of the Subdivision. If the violation or damage has not been corrected within five (5) days after the date of the notice, the violation or damage may be corrected by the Committee and the cost of the same shall be charged to the Lot Owner. Said amount may be deducted, without further notice, from the Construction Deposit. The Association and Committee, either of which may act alone, shall have lien rights to enforce payment of any amount billed but not collected within thirty (30) days after the date of such bill. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section however, neither Developer, the Association nor the Committee shall be responsible for the damage to any Lot caused by the activities of the Owner (or builder or others involved in any activity on their behalf) of any other Lot, and shall not be held responsible for any such damage if deductions are not made from the Construction Deposit or other damage collection provisions are not made for such damage.

(d) Catch Basins and Erosion Control, All lot owners are responsible for erosion control and any catch basins on front or side of their lot (hay bales in place) as required to meet EPA Standards. Any violations for failure to meet this provision shall be the responsibility of the lot owner. And inspection of this provision will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

If no violations or damage occur (or if no deductions for such damage are made from the Construction Deposit by the Committee or the Association), the Construction Deposit will be refunded in full to the original submitter of the Construction Deposit after satisfactory completion of construction of improvements on the Lot in accordance with the approved plans and completion of landscaping as set forth in these Restrictions. To the extent any of the Construction Deposit was retained for any violation or damage, the balance will be refunded to the original submitter of the Construction Deposit after satisfactory completion of construction of improvements on the Lot in accordance with the approved plans and completion of landscaping as set forth in these Restrictions.

**3.11 Approval of Plans by Architectural Control Committee.** Prior to commencement of any work on a Lot, including any grading or clearing thereof (other than weed or trash removal), the Owner thereof shall have received approval of all plans in accordance with Section 3 of these Restrictions. If work is done on lot prior to plan approval, a fine in the amount of \$500.00 may be charged to owner and Owner may be forced to cease and desist through injunction or otherwise.

**3.12 Minimum Sizes of Residences.** The minimum size of a residence is to be 1,300 sq feet for lots 1-159 and will be computed on the basis of the square footage area that is mechanically heated and cooled (the "living area"). The living area square footages exclude garages, carports, breezeways, open porches, terraces, patios, overhanging eaves and storeroom areas that are not mechanically heated and cooled.

**3.13 Building Setback Lines.** For all Lots, no residence, car storage structure (other than driveways and parking pads) or outbuilding shall be built nearer the sideline of a Lot than the distance required by City Ordinances, except as may have been waived in an application for a waiver or variance applied for by the Developer. Front and side street (for corner lots) building lines shall be in accordance with the Final Plat for the Subdivision and rear yards shall be in accordance with any applicable ordinances and regulations of Iberville Parish, Louisiana, except as may have been waived by waiver or variance after application for same is approved in writing by the Developer. All other lots have a 20' front building line.

**3.14 Car Storage and Garage Doors.** All garages will require a garage door that shall be equipped with fully operational automatic garage door openers activated by remote control. Garage doors may be constructed of wood, painted metal or composite material acceptable to the Committee and shall be eight minimum (7') foot in height. All garage doors are to be painted. All garage doors must remain closed except during ingress or egress. No vehicles, trailers or boats may be parked in driveways or front yards. No trailers, boats and/or vehicles may be parked on a regular basis on any street or street right-of-way in the Subdivision. Parking for any length of time of trailers, boats and/or vehicles on grass areas of a Lot which is visible from the street is specifically prohibited. Garages are to be used for storing of vehicles; at no time are they ever to be converted into living area, or to have heating or air installed. Use of a garage as a game room or other type of recreation area shall, ipso facto, be considered a violation of this restriction. There are to be no rear carports on any lake lot.

**3.15 Configuration on Lot.** Any house built on any corner lot in the Subdivision must face the street with the least amount of linear footage along the lot. All other houses must face the street on which they border.

**3.16 Driveways.** Driveways shall be constructed of concrete. Asphalt and granular materials such as gravel, crushed stone, or dirt are not permitted for use on driveways. Prior to design of a home, the Driveway Plan for the Subdivision should be obtained from the Committee and followed. The Committee may grant variances from the Driveway Plan when deemed appropriate because of special circumstances of lot layout, house design, utility box location, street drain locations or for other reasons.

**3.17 Foundations.** Foundations shall be designed by the builder, designer or architect of each home. The Committee's approval of construction plans for a home is limited only to appearance and not structural design or engineering, for which the Committee, Developer and the Association take no responsibility and shall have no liability.

**3.18 Ceiling Height.** All residences shall be constructed with interior ceilings on the ground floor not less than nine feet (9') high.

**3.19 Window Units.** Window mounted air-conditioning or heating units may be used in non-living area spaces only, such as garage storage rooms. They must be installed, however, in such a way that they are not visible from any street bordering the lot. There shall be no window units above the first floor of any home.

**3.20 Shutters.** All shutters must be approved by the Committee. Shutter details must be shown on elevation drawings, including the number of battens. Picture windows should not have shutters. Closed shuttered windows (or false windows) shall be framed..

**3.21 Fascia, Eaves & Soffits.** Fascia, eaves and soffits shall be constructed of wood or hardboard. No other synthetic material (including but not limited to aluminum) will be permitted. A substantial portion of the eaves on the front elevation of each home shall be 9 feet and 10 feet (or higher) from ground level.

**3.22 Roof.** When a substantial portion of the roof pitch is the same, it must be a minimum of a 5:12 pitch. At the Committee's discretion, when some roofs of a house have pitches greater than 5:12, then some roof pitches less than 5:12 may be allowed. For second story roofs or for special roofs (such as shed roofs) the Committee may approve a lesser pitch if the designer can show that it is more appropriate to the proportions of the house. Roof materials shall be of various shades of black, dark gray or dark earth tones. The minimum roof composition requirement shall be composition architecturally cut shingles. The Committee may approve any other roofing materials and will specify shingle colors.

**3.23 Ridge Vents.** Only shingle covered or English Tile covered ridge vents will be allowed.

**3.24 Gutters.** All gutters shall be approved by the Committee.

**3.25 Fireplace Chimneys/Stack Vents.** All exposed portions of chimneys must be brick, stucco or synthetic stucco. Chimney caps are required and materials may be brick, slate, terra cotta, bronzed anodized aluminum or copper. All roof penetrations are to be painted to color of the roof or copper colored and must be located in the rear of the home where possible or at the least visible section of roof mass. Plans must show height and width dimensions of chimneys. Plumbing or mechanical vents shall be connected within the attic to minimize number of roof penetrations.

**3.26 Exterior Materials/Colors.** The exterior of the home and accessory buildings shall be constructed of stucco, brick or hardiplank. Fake stone and lava rock are expressly prohibited. Vinyl siding is prohibited. Exterior color samples, including trim, brick, roof material and colors should be submitted simultaneously to the Committee with final plans or at the latest, prior to black-in. If any color selections or materials are installed prior to approval, the Construction Deposit shall be automatically forfeited to the holder thereof. Installation of colors/materials not approved by the Committee may result in mandatory removal and replacement. Any change in exterior colors or materials must be approved by the Committee, as must all changes to plans. The Committee recommends the use of subdued colors. No bright or "strong" colors will be accepted. Colors will be examined not only in relation to one another on the subject home, but in relation to other homes within the line of sight.

**3.27 Skylights/Solar Collectors.** Skylights shall not be located on any elevation of the home that faces a street. Only flat skylights shall be allowed on the sides or the back. There shall be no solar collectors on any home, unless prior approval of the Committee is obtained. Skylights and any proposed solar collectors must be shown on plans when submitted or (if after construction) on a drawing submitted to the Committee

**3.28 Window Coverings.** No foil, sheets, reflective materials, paper or other inappropriate materials or bright colors shall be used on any windows for drapes, sunscreens, blinds, shades or other purpose on a temporary or permanent basis. Interior window coverings shall be lined in a neutral color so as not to detract from the exterior of the home. The Committee suggests the use of inexpensive shades as temporary window coverings until permanent window coverings are installed. Screens on windows should be submitted with plans. If added to the home later, details and location must be submitted to the Committee for prior approval. The use/installation of "burglar bars" on any residence and/or other improvement on a Lot is specifically prohibited.

**3.29 Doors.** Solid core wood, metal or fiberglass doors are required on the front elevations; such doors may have glass panels, subject to Committee approval.

**3.30 Windows.** If false dormers are used, appropriate window treatments must be used to prevent interior or attic from being visible, or framing must be painted black so as not to be visible from any street.

**3.31 Gazebos/Pigeonniers.** Gazebos, pigeonniers or other similar structures, should relate architecturally to the design of the home in both form and material. Details and location of such structures must be submitted for approval by the Committee prior to construction thereof.

**3.32 Storage Sheds.** Storage sheds shall be attached to the residence or garage, and shall be architecturally consistent with and constructed of the same materials as said residence. No prefabricated and/or free-standing structures shall be permitted without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

**3.33 Pools, Spas & Hot Tubs.** The design and location of pools, spas and hot tubs shall be subject to approval of the Committee and shall be harmonious with the architecture and landscape design. Pool fences shall conform to City of St Gabriel/ Iberville Parish requirements and the requirements for fencing in these Restrictions. Pools and pool equipment must have a minimum setback of five feet (5') from the rear property line and five feet (5') from the sidelines of each lot.

**3.34 Underground Utilities/House Meters.** Any new utility lines in the Subdivision shall be installed underground. Electric service from the electric distribution system to a residence or any other structure must be underground. No meters to be installed on front of houses. All meters to be on left or right side of house facing the side property line.

**3.35 Drainage.** The Owner of a Lot is responsible for providing for "positive" storm water drainage in the direction indicated on the drainage plan for Spanish Lakes Subdivision on file with the Department of Public Works of City of St Gabriel/ Iberville Parish: if a drainage plan is not on file with the Department of Public Works of Iberville Parish, Owner shall obtain a drainage plan for their Lot from the Committee. Drainage may be surface and/or subsurface, provided however, that any subsurface drainage system must be approved by the Committee prior to installation thereof. A Lot Owner shall not impede or modify the natural drainage flow of any lot in any manner that will adversely affect other Lot Owners. The Committee or any other Lot Owner shall have the right to bring legal action to enforce this restriction.

**3.36 Completion of Improvements.** Once construction of a house (or any addition thereto) or outside structure has commenced, it must be completed within twelve (12) months. If such improvements are not completed within the time period specified in this section, then the lot owner shall remove the foundation from the lot and restore the lot to a clean and attractive appearance (unless otherwise approved by the Committee).

**3.37 Fences.** No fence shall be erected any closer to the front of a lot than the front building line as set forth on the Final Plat of the Subdivision. All fencing material, except as noted below, shall be of wood, brick, stucco or wrought iron, unless otherwise approved by the Committee. All corner lots shall have wrought iron or painted aluminum on side facing street. Subject to Architectural Control Committee Approval.

**For lots which are adjacent to a lake, or Common Area:**

- (a) Fences on such lots are discouraged except as needed for children, swimming pools and pets.
- (b). Side yard fences on which the rear of yard faces a lake or pond shall taper on the last 12' to the rear fence.
- (c). Rear fence on lake shall be wood picket in style no more than 5' in height or wrought iron, simulated wrought iron or painted aluminum. All metal fences shall be painted black. All wood fences shall be stained a neutral color.

**3.38 Jobsite.** Contractors are required to keep their job sites as neat and clean as possible. No construction materials or grubbing debris may be stored on any Common Area. Construction materials shall be stored in a neat and orderly manner at all times during construction. Mud from construction vehicles on the streets of the Subdivision shall be removed before each day's end. Mud shall not be washed into storm drains; and if mud is washed into storm drains, the violator and lot owner associated with violator will be fine \$250.00. The Committee or the Association, either of which may act alone, shall have lien rights equivalent to the lien rights set out in Section 6.3, 6.5 and 6.6 against the Lot on which the offense occurred or for whom the violator was working. Materials are not permitted to accumulate on any Lot for a period exceeding 30 days from their first delivery.

**3.39 Trash, Littering/Stockpiling.** All construction sites are to be clean so as to provide a pleasing appearance to homeowners, visitors or prospective buyers; and to eliminate any hazards for the visitors who will be touring through the various construction projects. All builders are required to furnish and maintain at least one 30 yard dumpster per every three (3) houses from time of pouring to completion. All wrappers, paper goods and light weight building materials that could potentially blow onto adjacent properties, a lake or park area, shall be maintained, properly stored or deposited in trash receptacles on a daily basis. All food wrappers, containers, etc. from lunch or breaks of workers shall be deposited in trash receptacles on their respective building site. No Common Areas shall be used for lunch or breaks by workers. Stockpiling or dumping on adjacent lots is prohibited. Every effort should be made to keep any construction debris off of adjacent property and lakes. When construction is to begin adjacent to a vacant Lot, the contractor shall not utilize such adjacent property in any manner unless prior approval and conditions have been granted by the adjacent Lot Owner. Any damage to adjacent property is to be repaired immediately. There shall be no burning of construction materials, trash, debris or and other materials on any job site. The Developer, the Association and/or the Committee shall not be responsible for any damage caused by any fires that occur.

**3.40 Utility Usage.** Contractors will use only the utilities provided on the immediate job site on which they are working.

**3.41 Damages.** Any damages to the street curbs, drainage system, street lights, street signs, mailboxes, landscaping, Common Area, lakes, adjacent Lots or any other similar improvements/property and/or infrastructure may be repaired by the Committee and such costs may be deducted from the Construction Deposit (as set forth in

Section 3.10 of these Restrictions). If the cost of the repairs exceeds the amount of the Construction Deposit, the responsible Lot Owner shall be obligated to pay such excess cost and the Committee shall have lien rights (as set out in Sections 6.5 and 6.6) on the responsible Lot Owner's Lot to enforce collection of such amounts. The responsible Lot Owner shall be the Owner of the Lot on which or for which the work was being performed when the damage occurred.

**3.42 Spillage.** Operators of vehicles are required to see that they do not spill any damaging materials while within the Subdivision; and if spillage of a load occurs, operators are responsible for cleaning up the same. If an operator does not clean up a spill, the cost of the clean up will be deducted from the Construction Deposit of the responsible Lot Owner. If the cost of the clean up exceeds the available amount of the Construction Deposit, the responsible Lot Owner will be billed for and be obligated to pay the cost of such clean up. The responsible Lot Owner shall be the Owner of the Lot on which or for which the work was being performed when the spill occurred.

**3.43 Utility Line/Pipe Cuts/Repairs.** If any telephone, cable TV, electrical, water or sewer lines are cut, it is the contractor's responsibility to report such accident to the appropriate utility company (or Dept. of Public Works for City of St Gabriel/ Iberville Parish for cuts of a sewer line). The cost of repairs for such damage will be the responsibility of the Lot Owner whose contractor caused the damage.

**3.44 Short Cuts.** No short cuts across any adjacent lot, any Common Area, landscape area are allowed, and no driving or parking on any of such areas is allowed.

**3.45 Parking of Equipment or Vehicles.** No construction vehicles (trucks, vans, cars, etc.) may be parked overnight on any of the Subdivision property, the streets thereof or properties adjacent thereto. Construction equipment may be left on the site while needed, but shall not be kept on the street or vacant Lots in the subdivision. No building materials or equipment of any kind may be placed or stored on any Lot except in the actual course of construction of an improvement on a lot. No vehicle may be parked on or within any driving surface in any manner that blocks the driving surface in any road or private driveway or on Lots other than the one where the contractor is working. Any unregistered, unauthorized or illegally parked vehicles of any kind will be towed off the property at the expense of the Owner of the vehicle. Contractors may park on the street in front of the subject Lot as long as they do not block the flow of traffic and vehicles are not left overnight. Any vehicles parked on street overnight shall be towed at owner's expense.

**3.46 Concrete Truck Deliveries and Washouts.** Concrete trucks may **only** be washed out in the wash pit site designated by the Developer. Concrete trucks may not be washed out on any Lot, street, right-of-way, sidewalk, street drain, undeveloped property, Common Area, landscape area or park area; and said concrete truck cleanup/wash out shall not take place in such a manner so as to drain into any of said areas. There will be no exceptions to this rule. The builder and/or Owner are responsible for notifying the concrete truck driver as to the location of the wash pit site designated by the Developer and the procedure required for wash out. Any cost of cleanup of the wash pit site or other property by the Committee or the Developer will be deducted from the Construction Deposit at twice the direct cost. Concrete trucks may not use any adjacent Lots or Common Areas for the pour, unless they receive permission from the adjacent property owner and agree to rectify or pay for any damage to such adjacent property. To be paid for by the Homeowner's Association dues for a period of Twelve (12) months per filing (or longer at the Developer's Discretion).

**3.47 Port-O-Lets.** Each Lot Owner (through his builder) shall be required to provide a properly maintained "Port-O-Let" (portable toilet) on-site during construction. Pooling or sharing the cost of "Port-O-Let" by builders of adjacent lots or lots directly across the street is permissible. The "Port-O-Let" shall be maintained on a regular basis and the door of the "Port-O-Let" shall face toward the rear of subject property and not toward the street. Developer may, at his discretion, have a "Port-O-Let" delivered to any lot that does not have one in place by the time the foundation is poured and cost to be paid by the construction deposit.

**3.48 Loud Music.** Loud music or noise (during construction or otherwise) will not be allowed within the Subdivision. Speakers mounted on vehicles or outside of houses under construction will not be permitted. The first violation shall receive a warning in writing, after the first warning there will be a \$100.00 fine for each additional violation. The Committee or the Association, either of which may act alone and **in their sole discretion** as to whether or not a violation has occurred, shall have lien rights equivalent to the lien rights set out in Section 6.3, 6.5 and 6.6 against the Lot on which the violation occurred.

**3.49 Sunday Work.** Without the express written consent of the Developer or the Committee, no construction work will be allowed on Sundays other than work which is not noisy, such as manual painting and clean up.

**3.50 Sidewalks.** Construction of sidewalks shall be the responsibility of lot owners (parallel to all streets, property line to property line). Broken sidewalks shall be the responsibility of Lot Owners, and are to be repaired by the completion of subject home. Lot Owners of corner lots shall be responsible for "both" fronting sidewalks.

**3.51 Grass and Weeds on Construction Sites.** During home construction, grass and weeds must be appropriately maintained and/or controlled by the builder and Lot Owner. If the Committee is required to contract to have such work performed due to inaction on the part of the builder/Lot Owner, the cost will be billed to the builder/Lot Owner at twice the cost. If such costs are not paid, they may be deducted from the Construction Deposit and/or be enforced using the lien provisions set out in Section 6.

## 4. GENERAL COVENANTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

**4.1 Residential Use.** All Lots are for residential purposes only and no part of the Property shall be used for any commercial purpose except as expressly permitted by these Restrictions. Apartment houses and lodging houses are prohibited. Not more than one single-family residence, with accessory buildings, shall be built or constructed on each Lot. No school, church, assembly hall, or group home of any kind (including, without limitation, any "community home" as defined in La. R.S. 28:477) shall be built or permitted to be built on any Lot nor shall any Lot or existing structure be permitted to be used as such. The owner of any two (2) or more adjoining lots which front on the same street may erect a single family residence on said Lots, in which case the two lots shall be considered as one Lot for the purpose of these Restrictions except for voting purposes.

**4.2 Resubdivision of Lots.** No resubdivision of one or more Lots shall be allowed without the prior written consent of a majority of the Committee; however, the Developer may in its sole discretion subdivide, add or delete any lots, including Common Area Lots or Tracts, in Spanish Lakes without the vote, approval or consent of any other Lot Owner, the Committee, the Association or any other party. No lot or common area may be used for access to any adjacent property without written consent of Developer. The Developer reserves the right to use any lot or portions thereof, or any other area deemed necessary for future pool area, etc.

**4.3 Servitudes and Rights of Way.** Various servitudes and rights of way for installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage facilities and ditches, and for sidewalks are reserved and/or dedicated as shown on the Final Plat and other recorded plats relating to the Property. Within these servitudes, no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, or which may change the direction of the flow or drainage of water through drainage channels in the servitudes (easements) or which may interfere with the passage along the sidewalks. The servitude area on each lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible. To the extent any landscaping, fences or other improvements are placed in any servitude area, such items are subject to removal or damage at the Lot Owner's expense in the event work in the servitude area is required.

**4.4 Single Residence.** No trailer, shack, garage, garage apartment, storage room, barn or other out-buildings shall at any time be used as a residence, temporarily or permanently.

**4.5 Animals.** No animals, livestock, poultry or birds of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other ordinary household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes and further provided that they are kept, bred, or maintained otherwise in accordance with law. Domestic animals shall not be permitted to roam freely, but must be leashed or detained by fences. Domestic animals shall not be of such kind or disposition, or kept in such numbers as to cause a nuisance. Dogs that tend to obsessively bark shall not be allowed to remain outside in the yard of any residence.

**4.6 Refuse.** No trash, ashes or any other refuse may be thrown or dumped on any Lot (vacant or occupied). No building materials may be stored on any Lot except during the construction period of a residence or other approved improvements thereon. No building materials or trash may be stored or deposited on any Lot other than the one under construction, except with the permission of such other Lot Owner. No burning of rubbish or trash will be allowed on a Lot at any time.

**4.7 Lot Maintenance/Inspections.** The Lot Owner shall keep the grass, weeds and vegetation on his Lot mowed and trimmed at regular intervals so as to maintain the same in a neat and attractive manner. For all lots, the yard to be maintained includes the grass area between the front of the lot and the back of any street curb bordering the Lot. Landscaping shall be maintained in a neat and attractive manner by the Lot Owner. Inspections will be made by Developer or Committee representative to check for lot maintenance, dumpsters, port-o-lets, dirt in the streets, erosion control, and maintenance of catch basins. Any Lot found to be in violation will be taken care of (violation will be cured) by Developer or Committee representative (without any notice to Owner or Owner's contractor) and said cure will be paid for out of the construction deposit for said Lot. At any time the construction deposit falls below Five-Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), Owner shall pay sufficient amount to Developer within Ten (10) calendar days from notice to bring the balance back to One-Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. Failure to comply shall be cause for lien on Lot to be filed, Attorney and Lien fees to be paid by owner as deem necessary.

**4.8 Maintenance (Home Exterior).** Each Owner of a home shall keep the exterior of said home reasonably maintained, including garages, carports and other approved outbuildings. Included in this obligation shall be exterior painting, replacement of roofs, gutters, downspouts, windows, doors, shutters and exterior building surfaces and any other necessary maintenance.

**4.9 Playground Equipment.** Playground equipment and swing sets may be made of wood, metal, or plastic. Metal equipment must be kept in good condition, free of rust and chipping paint. Wood is recommended. All such playground equipment must be placed in the rear of the house only. All such equipment must be screened from view with adequate landscape shrubbery or fencing so as to reduce visibility from streets or lakes. No toys, bicycles, sporting equipment, or other playthings may be left overnight on a Lot in a location visible from the street.

**4.10 Basketball Goals.** No basketball goals are allowed unless by special written permission of the Committee.

**4.11 Commercial Activities.** No commercial, business or trade activities shall be conducted on any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may become an annoyance or nuisance to the Subdivision. This restriction, however, shall not prohibit a builder from erecting a temporary shed and/or office on any Lot during the construction of a house on the same Lot. A Builder may use a home or homes as a model and temporary sales office during his building program in the subdivision. An exception to this paragraph is that the Developer (or its designee) may have a construction and/or sales office in the Subdivision. These Restrictions shall not prohibit any home office that is allowed according to the type of zoning on the Subdivision (applying the zoning ordinances of Iberville Parish); however, no direct retail or wholesale sales activities shall be allowed from residences or Lots in the Subdivision.

**4.12 Signs.** No signs of any kind or description shall be displayed on any Lot, other than real estate "For Sale" signs and signs designating those involved in the construction of any residential homes or other approved improvements in the Subdivision (each not exceeding five square feet in size). The Developer is exempt from the restriction. No signs (such as garage sale, lost pet, announcements, for rent, for sale, etc.) shall be attached to any subdivision street sign poles or light poles. No "For Rent" or "For Lease" signs are allowed for a period of 3 years from date of the first lot sale from Developer.

**4.13 Satellite Dishes.** No television (or other) satellite dish larger than 24 inches in diameter, or ones intended to be installed on the front half of the house (or on any side of the house facing a street) may be installed on any Lot except with the prior written approval of the Committee. No satellite dishes shall be installed on any fence.

**4.14 Mailboxes.** The Developer has designated on an attachment hereto (Exhibit "A") the required mailbox (including mounting post) for use on all Lots in the Subdivision (referred to herein as the "Subdivision Mailbox"). Developer will specify design, construction, material and color of the Subdivision Mailbox. When a house is built on any Lot, the Owner thereof shall use a Subdivision Mailbox only, the purchase, installation and maintenance of which shall be the sole responsibility and at the sole cost of each respective Owner. The Committee may designate a mailbox placement plan (depending on requirements of the U.S. Postal Service), in which case each Owner shall place his respective mailbox according to such plan. If the designated mailbox becomes unavailable the Developer shall designate a replacement for the Subdivision Mailbox. In no event shall a mailbox be allowed for use in the Subdivision without the consent of Developer, its successor and/or assign. In the event a mailbox other than the Subdivision Mailbox is installed for use on a Lot, the Developer shall have the right to require its removal and replacement with the Subdivision Mailbox at the sole expense of the Owner of the Lot.

**4.15 Mobile Homes, Trailers and Boats or Other Vehicles.**

- A. The keeping of a mobile home or mobile home trailer, either with or without wheels, on any Lot is expressly prohibited, except for Developer or builder to conduct construction or marketing operations. No school buses shall be kept or stored on any Lot or street in the Subdivision at any time.
- B. No house boat, recreational vehicle (motor home), large camper trailer, truck (larger than a pick-up truck) or trail of any type may be maintained, stored or kept on any Lot
- C. For all Lots small camper trailers and boats may be kept and stored on such Lots, but only if housed completely within a fully enclosed, standard boat port garage which has been approved by the Committee. Small camper trailers and boats may be kept and stored on such Lots, but only if kept in the rear of the home in an area that is completely screened from view of streets and neighboring homes by an opaque fence which has been approved by the Committee.

**4.16 Vehicle Parking.** No vehicle shall be parked on any street or in front of residences on a frequent, regular or permanent basis after construction of a residence is completed. No Vehicle may be parked on any street or in front of residence overnight. No vehicles may be parked on or within any, common landscape area or on the neutral ground of any street. No vehicles may be parked on any driving surface in any manner which blocks the driving surface in any road or private driveway. Any unregistered, unauthorized or illegally parked vehicles of any kind will be towed off the property at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. Refer to section 3.14 of these Restrictions for other parking requirements. Any violation of the above stated shall result in a fine of no less than \$100.00 per violation to be paid by the Owner of the Lot which relates to the violator.

**4.17 Go-Carts, Motorbikes and Other Similar Vehicles.** No unlicensed go-carts, motorbikes, off-road vehicles and other similar vehicles shall be permitted to be driven on the streets, sidewalks or street right-of-ways of the Subdivision or Common Areas. Also, no unlicensed operators shall be allowed to drive or operate any of these types of vehicles or any other licensed vehicles on the streets, sidewalks or street right-of-ways of the Subdivision or the Common Areas.

**4.18 Firearms.** The use of firearms or air guns is strictly prohibited in Spanish Lakes Subdivision.

**4.19 Antennas, Outside Lighting and Outside Sound.** No outside above-ground lines, outside television antennas, radio antennas, or hanging devices shall be allowed without the prior written consent of the Committee. Antennas will under no circumstances be allowed to be placed in front of the farthest front or side extension of the residence or garage on any Lot. Exterior site lighting and security lighting shall not infringe upon adjacent neighbors. Utility poles shall be prohibited. Outside music, sound-producing devices and any other

mechanical devices shall be subject to the approval of the Committee. Outside music shall not be played so loudly that it is considered a nuisance by neighbors. The Committee shall have the sole discretion as to what may or may not be considered a nuisance.

**4.20 Gardening.** No Lot shall be used for gardening or farming purposes, except that flowers and shrubbery may be grown for non-commercial purposes and a non-commercial garden for use by a single household may be located on a Lot provided that it is not visible from any street. Garden compost may be kept in quantities required by one household only, provided it is not visible from any street and is kept free from obnoxious odors and insects.

**4.21 Clotheslines.** Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes are specifically prohibited and shall not be erected, placed or maintained, nor shall any clothing, rugs or other items be hung from any railing, fence, hedge or wall.

**4.22 Nuisances.** No obnoxious or offensive activity shall be carried on, nor shall anything be done on a Lot which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the other Owners. Decisions of the Association in its sole and uncontrolled discretion shall be final as to what does or does not constitute an annoyance or nuisance. Use of a garage as a game room or other type of recreation area shall, ipso facto, be deemed to be an annoyance or nuisance. The Association is authorized to assess a fine against a Lot or Lot Owner for activities deemed, in the Association's sole and uncontrolled discretion, an annoyance or nuisance; and file a document in the proper public records to perfect a lien to secure the payment of said fine as authorized by Sections 6.5 and 6.6 hereof. The Association may assess per Lot up to \$50.00 for the first offense, up to \$100.00 for the second offense and up to \$500.00 for each offense thereafter.

**4.23 Lakes.** No motorized (gas) boat, motorized waterborne vehicle or electric trolling motors shall be allowed in the lakes. No swimming shall be allowed in the lakes. No decks, piers or other structures shall be allowed in the lakes or on any Common Area, except for any common structures constructed by the Association which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. No boats or other floating devices shall be kept or stored on Common Areas. The Developer, the Association and/or the Committee shall not be responsible for any injury or damage incurred by anyone using the lakes, or Common Areas of the Subdivision. Access to any lake in the Subdivision shall only be across Common Areas. Lakes are not owned by one individual lot owner. Each lake lot owner shall be responsible for maintaining the area between their rear property line and the lake's edge.

## 5. **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**5.1 Organization.** Spanish Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association") will be a Louisiana corporation formed under the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Association shall have the duties, powers and rights set forth in this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. There shall be only one Association that shall have jurisdiction over the Property.

**5.2 Board of Directors.** A Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association. Except during the Appointment Period as stated in Section 1.12 and Section 5.5 of this document, the numbers, term, election and qualifications of the members of the Board of Directors shall be fixed in the Articles of Incorporation and/or the By-Laws. During the Appointment Period, the Board of Directors of the Association shall be three (3) members appointed by the Developer. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, delegate portions of its authority to an executive committee or to other committees, to tribunals, to Managers, to officers of the Association or to agents and employees of the Association. Action by or on behalf of the Association may be taken by the Board of Directors or any duly authorized executive committee, officer, Manager, agent or employee without a vote of Owners, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration.

**5.3 Membership in Association.** The Owners of a Lot shall collectively and automatically constitute a single member of the Association by virtue of and to the extent of the Owner's ownership of the Lot, there being one membership in the Association for each Lot. The membership shall automatically pass with the ownership of the Lot. Persons may hold separate memberships in the Association by virtue of their ownership of separate Lots. Membership in the Association shall not be transferable and shall not pass separate and apart from ownership of a Lot.

**5.4 Voting Rights of Members.** The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and to hold an office in the Association, may be exercised by any Owner, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast for each Lot. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners of such Lot themselves determine and advise the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the vote appurtenant to such Lot shall be suspended in the event more than one Person seeks to exercise it. The voting weight appurtenant to each Lot shall be equal and each Lot shall have one vote.

**5.5 Board of Directors During Appointment Period.** During the Appointment Period, the Board of Directors shall consist of three Directors, and Declarant shall have and hereby reserves the continuing right to appoint the three Directors during such Appointment Period.

**5.6 Duties and Powers of Association.** The Association has been formed to further the common interests of the Owners. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors or through Persons or Managers to

whom the Board of Directors has delegated such powers, shall have the duties and powers hereinafter set forth and, in general, the power to do anything that may be necessary or desirable to further the common interests of the Owners, to maintain, improve and enhance the Common Areas. Among other things, it will be the responsibility of the Association (through its Board of Directors) to:

- A. Elect officers to conduct the affairs of the Association.
- B. Enforce all covenants and restrictions herein contained.
- C. Serve and represent the Owners in any public matter or hearing affecting the Subdivision.
- D. Maintain landscaping, improvements, equipment and structures located at the Subdivision entrance and on all Common Areas throughout the Subdivision.
- E. Maintain the grounds (including cutting the grass) on Common Areas.
- F. Supervise, insure with liability insurance, make rules for and monitor the use of all Common Areas.
- G. Maintain the lakes and the banks thereof in a neat and attractive manner. Keep the fountains in the lakes and the landscape areas in good working order, and replace same when required. Maintain and replace when necessary any equipment, irrigation systems and lighting systems throughout the Subdivision.
- H. Paint, reseal, maintain and replace when required street signs and poles throughout the Subdivision.
- I. Act in any other capacity or matter in which the majority of the Board of Directors so vote.

**5.7 Acceptance of Property and Facilities Transferred by Declarant.** The Association shall accept title to any Common Area indicated as such on the Final Plat, subject to the rights reserved and elsewhere in this Declaration.

**5.8 Management and Care of Common Areas.** The Association shall manage, operate, care for, maintain and repair the Common Area and keep the same in a safe, attractive and desirable condition for the use and enjoyment of the Owners. Upon delivery by Developer, the Association shall receive and accept title to the Common Area, as set out in Section 9.1 and no Owner or any other Person, other than Developer, shall have the right to claim, own or partition any Common Area.

**5.9 Budgets and Assessments.** The Association shall adopt budgets and levy and collect Assessments as required by the By-Laws or otherwise in a manner consistent with the customs and practices of similar organizations in Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

**5.10 Rules and Regulations.** The Association shall from time to time adopt, amend, repeal and enforce rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary of desirable with respect to the interpretation and implementation of this Declaration or any amendment thereto, the operation of the Association, the use and enjoyment of Common Area, the lakes, and the use of Lots. Any Rules and Regulations shall be reasonably and uniformly applied. Rules and Regulations shall be effective only upon adoption by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the event of any conflict between the Rules and Regulations and this Declaration, this Declaration shall prevail. The Association shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, and the Rules and Regulations and shall take such action as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable to cause compliance therewith by each Owner.

**5.11 Access Restrictions.** The Association (through the Board of Directors) shall have the power to restrict access, ingress and egress of Owners and invitees to, from and between Common Area and rights-of-way, subject to the Rules and Regulations.

**5.12 Servitudes.** Upon delivery of title to the common areas by the Developer, the Association shall have the power to grant permits and licenses and access, utility, drainage, water facility and other servitudes in, on, over, across or under Common Areas as may be reasonably necessary or useful for the proper maintenance of the Common Areas. The Association shall also have the power to enter into agreements for the construction and maintenance of drainage facilities over adjoining property to further the development of the Property.

**5.13 Restrictions on Builders.** The Developer shall have sole and unlimited discretion to a) determine that any builder or construction tradesman is unsuitable for construction work on the Property, and b) to prohibit the builder or construction tradesman from working on any project in the Subdivision or on any Lot.

**5.14 General Corporate Powers.** The Association shall have all of the ordinary powers and rights of a Louisiana corporation formed under the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Act, including, without limitation, the power and right to enter into partnerships and other agreements, to hire employees, managers, agents, consultants, subject only to such limitations upon such powers as may be set forth in this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the By-laws. The Association shall also have the power to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, required or permitted to be done under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or desirable for, or incidental to, the exercise of any of the express powers or rights of the Association under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws or the Rules and Regulations.

**5.15 Rights During Appointment Period.** Declarant shall have, and hereby retains and reserves, certain rights as set forth in this Declaration with respect to the Association for the duration of the Appointment Period. The rights and reservations of Declarant set forth in this Declaration shall be deemed accepted and reserved in each conveyance of property by Declarant to the Association and in each deed or other instrument by which any Lot is conveyed by Declarant, whether or not specifically stated therein. The rights, reservations and servitudes of Declarant set forth in this Declaration shall be prior and superior to any other provisions of this Declaration and may not, without Declarant's prior written consent, be modified, amended, rescinded or affected by any amendment of

this Declaration. Declarant's consent to any one such amendment shall not be construed as consent to any other or subsequent amendment.

## 6. ASSESSMENTS

**6.1 Regular Assessments.** Each Owner of a Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to agree to pay the Association regular assessments, special assessments, individual assessments, dues and/or charges (including the possible liens that may be imposed by the terms of these Restrictions, including, but not limited to, those set forth in Sections 3.9, 3.10, 3.38, 3.41, 3.48, 4.7 and 4.22), as may be established and provided for in these Restrictions now or as these Restrictions may be amended in the future. Each Lot shall be subject to, the Lot Owner of which shall pay, an initial pro-rated annual assessment (from closing date to December 31) based upon Three Hundred Sixty Dollars per year (\$420.00/yr.) (the "Initial Assessment"); payable at closing/sale from Developer, or Developer's designee, to the first Owner of a Lot. The amount of the Initial Assessment shall continue as the annual assessment for the years after 2010 unless changed by the required vote of the Board of Directors as set forth below. All assessments shall be paid to Spanish Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. After 2010, the assessments may be increased or decreased annually as necessary by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of the Association. Any increase or decrease in assessments and/or dues greater than 25% per year may only be effected by (i) a majority vote of Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose and (ii) the vote of Declarant, for so long as Declarant has the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association (as set forth in Sections 1.12 and 5.15). The Common Expenses to be funded by the annual Assessments shall include amounts to pay for the responsibilities of the Association as set forth in Section 5.6 above and as otherwise set forth in these Restrictions, including, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- (i) management fees and expenses of administration, including legal and accounting fees and insurance premiums;
- (ii) utility charges for utilities serving the Common Areas and charges for other common services for the Subdivision, including trash collection and security services, if any such services or charges are provided or paid by the Association;
- (iii) the expenses of maintenance, operation, and repair of those portions of the Common Areas which are the responsibility of the Association under the provisions of the Declaration, including the maintenance of the drainage facilities;
- (iv) the expenses of maintenance, operation, and repair of other amenities and facilities serving the Subdivision, the maintenance, operation and repair of which the Board from time to time determines to be in the best interest of the Association;
- (v) amounts spent with independent professionals by the Architectural Control Committee for plan review,
- (vi) ad valorem real and personal property taxes assessed and levied against the Common Areas;
- (vii) the expenses for conducting recreational, cultural, or other related programs for the benefit of the Owners and their families, and guests;
- (viii) such other expenses as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association to be Common Expenses, including, without limitation, taxes and governmental charges not separately assessed against Lots;
- (ix) the establishment and maintenance of a reasonable reserve fund or funds (A) for inspection, maintenance, repair, and replacement of those portions of the Common Areas, and any improvements or equipment located thereon, which are the responsibility of the Association and which must be inspected, maintained, repaired, or replaced on a periodic basis, (B) to cover emergencies and repairs required as a result of casualties which are not funded by insurance proceeds, and (C) to cover unforeseen operating contingencies or deficiencies arising from unpaid assessments or liens, as well as from emergency expenditures and other matters, all as may be authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- (x) Anything in these Restrictions to the contrary notwithstanding, the **Developer and/or Developer's designee or designees, shall be exempt** from the payment to the Association of any regular assessments, special assessments, individual assessments or any other assessments, fees or charges of any kind.

**6.2 Special Assessments.** In addition to the regular Assessments authorized above, the Association, acting through its Board of Directors, may levy, in any Assessment Year, special Assessments for Common Expenses, applicable to that year only, provided that such Assessment shall be approved by (i) Declarant, for so long as Declarant owns any Lot primarily for the purpose of sale, and (ii) by a majority of the votes of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.4 below. The Board of Directors may make such special Assessments payable in installments over a period which

may, in the Board's discretion, extend in excess of the fiscal year in each adopted. Such special Assessments are to be pro-rated among the Lots equally as provided with respect to regular Assessments. The Developer is exempted from paying any Special Assessments for any Lots it owns in the Subdivision.

**6.3 Individual Assessments.** Any expenses of the Association occasioned by the conduct of less than all of the Owners, or by the family, tenants, agents, guests, or invitees of any Owner shall be specially assessed against such Owner and his respective Lot. The individual Assessments provided for in this Section, 6.3, shall be levied by the Board of Directors, and the amount and due date of such assessment so levied by the Board shall be specified by the Board. The Board of Directors may levy, as an individual Assessment, an Assessment for the charges that may be imposed by the terms of these Restrictions, including, but not limited to, those set forth in Sections 3.9, 3.10, 3.38, 3.41, 3.48, 4.7 and 4.22. The Developer is exempted from paying any Individual Assessments for any Lots it owns in the Subdivision.

**6.4 Notice of Meeting and Quorum.** Written notice of any meeting of the Association called for the purpose of taking any action, including establishing or changing assessments (when a vote of Owners is required), shall be sent to all Owners not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days in advance of the meeting. Said notice may be sent only by a member of the Board of Directors or any officer of the Association. The presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast twenty-five percent (25%) of all the votes shall constitute a quorum. In the event a quorum is not present at a duly called meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned. Thereafter, written notice of a second meeting shall be given as set forth above in this paragraph and a quorum shall not be required at such second meeting, provided such second meeting is held within 60 days after the first meeting.

**6.5 Liens.** All sums assessed or otherwise levied against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, late charges, and interest as provided herein, shall be secured by an equitable charge and continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association.

**6.6 Effect of Nonpayment; Remedies of the Association.** Any Assessment, or portion thereof, which is not paid when due shall be considered delinquent. Any Assessment delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days after the date when due shall incur a late charge in an amount as may be determined by the Board from time to time and shall also commence to accrue simple interest at the rate of twelve per cent (12%) per annum. In the event an Owner fails to pay an Assessment within ten days (10) after the due date thereof, the Board of Directors of the Association may send the delinquent Owner notice of such payment due. If the delinquent Owner fails to pay the amount due within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing of such notice, the Board of Directors may elect to file a claim of lien against the Lot of the delinquent Owner by recording notice setting forth: (a) the amount of the claim of delinquency; (b) the late charges, interest and costs of collection (including attorneys' fees) which have accrued thereon; the legal description and/or municipal address of the Lot against which the lien is claimed; and (d) the name of the Owner of the Lot as shown upon the records of the Association. The notice of lien shall be signed and acknowledged by an officer of the Association or other duly authorized agent of the Association. The lien shall be prior to any declaration of homestead rights and any other lien, encumbrance or Mortgage encumbering the Lot; provided, however, that a previously recorded first mortgage or second mortgage encumbering the Lot shall be and remain prior and superior in all respects to the lien, encumbrance or Mortgage encumbering the Lot. The lien shall secure all amounts set forth in the notice of lien, as well as all subsequently accruing amounts (including attorneys' fees). The lien shall continue until the amounts secured by it and all subsequently accruing amounts (including attorneys' fees) are fully paid or otherwise satisfied. When all amounts claimed under the notice of lien and all other costs (including attorneys' fees) and Assessments which have accrued subsequent to the filing of the notice of lien have been fully paid or satisfied, the Association shall execute and record a notice releasing the lien. Unless paid or otherwise satisfied, the lien may be foreclosed in the manner for foreclosure of mortgages in the State of Louisiana. The lien shall not be affected by any sale or transfer of the Lot, except that any such sale or transfer pursuant to a foreclosure of a previously recorded first mortgage or second mortgage shall extinguish the lien, but it shall not relieve the purchaser or the transferee of the Lot from liability for, or the Lot from the lien of, any Assessments, late charges, interest and costs of collection (including attorneys' fees) made thereafter. Any delinquent Assessments and costs of collection (including attorneys' fees) which are extinguished by the foregoing provision may be reallocated by the Association and assessed to all Lots as a common expense. In the event that the Assessment remains unpaid sixty (60) days from the original due date, the Association may, as the Board shall determine, institute suit to collect such amounts and to foreclose its lien. The equitable charge and lien provided for in this Article shall be in favor of the Association, and each Owner, by his acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to Lot, vests in the Association and its agents the right and power to bring all actions against him personally for the collection of such Assessments as a debt and/or to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of immovable property. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments provided for herein, including by way of illustration but not limitation, non-use of the Common Areas or abandonment of his Lot, and an Owner shall remain personally liable for Assessments, interest, late charges and associated costs (including attorneys' fees) which accrue prior to a sale, transfer, or other conveyance of his Lot.

## 7.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**7.1 Interpretation of Restrictions.** These Restrictions, including all obligations, covenants, Restrictions, servitudes and conditions, shall, to the maximum extent permissible by law, be strictly enforced, construed, and interpreted to provide authority to the Declarant, the Association and the Committee to create and

maintain the Subdivision. The letter of these Restrictions shall be enforceable even when violations hereof are technical and apparently minor in nature.

**7.2 Knowing Violation of Restrictions.** In the event of a knowing or intentional violation of these Restrictions, or in the event of a continuing violation of these Restrictions after receipt, by the violator or Owner of the Lot on which the violation occurs, of written notice of a violation, the party bringing a successful action to enforce these Restrictions by injunction, declaratory judgment, or otherwise shall be entitled to recover from the violator, or Owner of the lot, reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed and awarded by the court.

**7.3 Amendment of Restrictions by Developer.** The Developer reserves the right to amend these Restrictions one or more times in any manner or for any purpose deemed necessary or appropriate in the sole discretion of the Developer. Any amendment of these Restrictions shall be in writing and shall be effective when filed for recordation in Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana. The amendment may increase or decrease lot sizes or common area Lots on Tracts, square footage requirements, or other amendments as determined by the Developer to be in furtherance of the development of the Subdivision, future filings of the subdivision or property adjoining the subdivision. Developer reserves the right to dedicate and use for road right of ways, sewer, water, electrical and other utility purposes all or any portion of the Common Area, Common Property or Common Tracts as Developer's sole discretion.

**7.4 Amendment of Restrictions by Owners.** Except as may otherwise be provided in these Restrictions, any covenant, condition, restriction, servitude or other provision contained in this Declaration may be amended or repealed at any time and from time to time upon approval of the amendment or repeal by a vote of Members of the Association holding at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of the Association, present in person or by proxy at a duly constituted meeting. The amendment may increase or decrease lot sizes, square footage requirements, or other amendments as determined by the voting group to be in furtherance of the development of the Subdivision. Notwithstanding the above to the contrary, however, so long as the Developer is an Owner of a Lot or Lots in the Subdivision, there shall be no amendment to these Restrictions without the written consent of the Developer on the amendment document.

**7.5 Notices.** Any notice required to be sent to any Owner under the provisions of these Restrictions shall be deemed to have been properly given and completed when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the house on a Lot in the Subdivision, or if there is no house on a Lot, the address which the Owner of such lot have given the Secretary of the Association for mailing of notices. If no address has been given the Secretary for mailing of notices for lots which do not have a house thereon, then notices are not required to be made to the Owner of such Lot, but may be sent to the person who appears as Owner on the records of the Assessor for Iberville Parish, Louisiana at the time of mailing at the address shown on such Assessor's records.

**7.6 Enforcement.** If any Owner, his agents, employees, heirs, successors, or assigns, or anyone acting on his behalf, shall violate or attempt to violate any of the provisions hereof, it shall be lawful for any Owner, the Association, Committee, or Developer to prosecute any proceeding at law or in equity against such an Owner violating or attempting to violate any such obligations, covenant, restrictions, servitudes and conditions and to prevent him or them from so doing by a mandatory or prohibitory injunction without the necessity of providing bond; each Owner being deemed, by purchase of any Lot, to have waived and relinquished any right to require the posting of bond. However, the availability of injunctive relief shall not preclude (or be precluded by) any other available remedy for any violation or threatened violation, including, without limitation, the recovery of damages. Failure of any person or entity to enforce any provision of these Restrictions shall, in no event, be deemed to be a waiver of the right to do so thereafter against such violating Owner or any other Owner which may participate in a similar violation at a future date.

**7.7 Severability.** Invalidation of any one of these reservations, restrictions, covenants or conditions, or any portions thereof, by judgment, court order or otherwise shall in no way affect any other provision of these Restrictions, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

## **8. COMMON AREAS**

**8.1 Common Areas.** At a point in time when the Developer deems appropriate, the Developer shall convey to Spanish Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., certain Common Areas (for use by the Association for construction of and maintenance and use of, landscape areas, and other Common Property for recreational use). It shall be the responsibility of the Association to maintain liability insurance with at least \$1,000,000.00 on Common Areas and make rules for the use of and supervise the use of other facilities that the Association may own. By purchase of a Lot in the Subdivision, each such Owner is deemed to have released and held harmless the Developer, Association Officers, the Board of Directors, the Committee and its members, for any liability on, or related to, the Common Areas; including any personal injury or death of persons that use, maintain or are otherwise on or in the Common Areas and the facilities thereof. The Board of Directors of the Association shall establish rules and regulations for use of the lakes, and Common Area, which rules and regulations must be adhered to by the Owners and their invitees and which rules and regulations must be adhered to by the Owners and their invitees and which rules and regulations may be amended and changed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Baton Rouge, LA, on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses and me, Notary Public, after a due reading of the whole.

**Witnesses:**

- 1) Brenda Barber  
Printed Name: Brenda Barber
- 2) Jordan Cowart  
Printed Name: Jordan Cowart

**Spanish Lakes, L.L.C.**

- By: J. Clayton Mitchell  
Clayton Mitchell, Member
- By: David P. Law  
David P. Law, Member
- By: Randy Militello  
Randy Militello, Member
- By: Don Militello  
Don Militello, Member

**Destiny Interests, L.L.C.**

- By: David P. Law  
David P. Law, Member
- By: J. Clayton Mitchell  
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**Notary Public**

Printed Name: John R. Morganti  
Bar Roll Number: 15022  
My Commission Expires: with life

EXHIBIT "A"



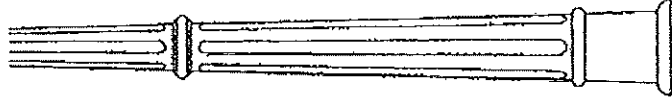
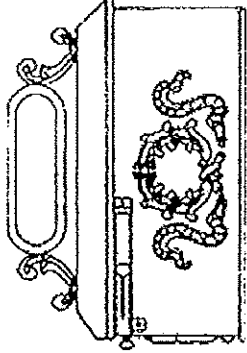
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