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**DECLARATION
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
HICKORY RIDGE
IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by HEARTHSTONE HOMES, INC. a Nebraska corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant."

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Sarpy County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 262 - 562 Inclusive and Outlot "A" , Hickory Ridge, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Sarpy County, Nebraska;

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot."

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Hickory Ridge, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Hickory Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots now and hereafter encumbered by this Declaration shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot are and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms.

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ARTICLE I.
RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Area, or as a church, school, park, or for other nonprofit use.

2. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height, as measured from the highest adjacent public sidewalk grade elevation. The main body of the dwelling shall be painted in earth tone colors. The Declarant reserves the right to appoint an architectural review committee to review and approve or disapprove of any and all plans for improvements in the subject subdivision to ensure compatibility and maintenance of the residential integrity.

3. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale" or "For Rent." No business activities of any kind whatsoever, except those home occupation businesses allowed by virtue of city ordinance, shall be conducted on any lot; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Provided, however, this Paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, its agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots or any other property owned by the Declarant, its agents or assigns.

4. No exterior television, broadcasting or radio antenna of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot, except, those 18" or less in diameter or diagonal measurement, which shall be screened from public view. The foregoing notwithstanding, any earth station, satellite dish or other electronic antenna or aerial specifically exempted from restriction by statute, regulation, binding order of a court or governmental agency shall be maintained in accordance with the strictest interpretation or condition for such use as may be permitted by such order.

5. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot (other than in an enclosed structure); nor shall vehicles or parts of vehicles, unlicensed or otherwise offensive to the neighborhood, be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. Any and all cars parked within the subdivision must be in running condition with all tires inflated. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during

actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.

6. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than seven (7) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot or their guests. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semi-tractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this section shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during the period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable ordinances of the Governing Jurisdiction.

7. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden, lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuse, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time. Produce or vegetable gardens may only be maintained in rear yards.

8. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the front line of a main residential structure. No chain link fencing shall be permitted on any Lot. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than the (10) feet in front of the front building line. If a fence is constructed on any Lot by the developer or by the owner, the owner of any such Lot shall, at his sole expense, maintain and keep such fence in good order, including the removal of graffiti and the prevention of posting of signs, banners or any other thing on said fence, and repair and replace the same with the same style and equal quality fence when and if reasonably necessary.

9. Above ground swimming pools shall be no more than (8') feet or less in diameter and shall extend no more than three (3') feet above ground level.

10. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the grade or contour of any Lot.

11. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of Portland concrete four (4) feet wide by three and one-half (3 1/2") inches thick in front of each Lot and upon

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each street side of each corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line and shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof; provided, however, this provision shall vary to comply with any requirements of the Governing Jurisdiction. It is understood, however, that from time to time because of weather or material shortages occupancy may be allowed prior to sidewalk construction, but only after an escrow has been established to assure such construction when weather and material availability permits.

12. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete. No asphalt overlay of driveway approaches will be permitted.

13. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes.

14. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except for one dog house constructed for one (1) dog. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the residence, screened from public view. No outdoor enclosures for domestic animals (dog runs or kennels) of any kind shall be allowed on any Lot, including similar areas for pot-bellied pigs.

15. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, including grass clippings, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of that allowed by ordinance and regulations of the Governing Jurisdiction.

16. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration, Declarant, its agents, successors and assigns, shall be allowed to operate and maintain model homes, sales office trailers and construction trailers within the subdivision. This right does not expire with the sale of the last buildable lot in the subdivision.

17. No structure, carport, detached garage, trailer, basement or tent shall be erected or used on any Lot at any time. Only sheds which do not exceed ten (10') feet wide, twelve (12') feet deep, and eight (8') feet high may be erected on a Lot, so long as materials and colors are similar to those utilized for the construction of the single family residence of that same Lot.

18. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside the subdivision to any Lot without the written approval of Declarant. No structure of a temporary character may be used as a dwelling at any time.

19. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon that may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

20. All permanent utility service lines from each Lot line to a dwelling or other Improvement shall be underground.

21. Declarant does hereby reserve unto itself the right to require the installation of siltation fences or erosion control devices and measures in such location, configurations, and designs as it may determine appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion.

22. The provisions for lot use, lot area, sideyards, and front yard shall be amended if the public agency having zoning authority shall determine and permit a lesser area, a lesser distance, or a different use either by means of rezoning or the granting of waivers or special use permits.

ARTICLE II.
EASEMENTS

1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to Omaha Public Power District, U.S. West Communications and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system in the area subdivided, their successors and assigns, to erect, operate, maintain, repair and renew poles, wires, cables, conduits and other related facilities, and to extend thereon wires or cables for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for the transmission of signals and sounds of all kinds including signals provided by a cable television system, and the reception on, over, through, under and across a five-foot (5') wide strip of land abutting all front and side side boundary lot lines; an eight-foot (8') wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior lots; and a sixteen-foot (16') wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior lots. The term exterior lots is herein defined as those lots forming the outer perimeter of the above-described subdivision. Said sixteen-foot (16') wide easement will be reduced to an eight-foot (8') wide strip when the adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded, and we further grant a perpetual easement to Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha, their successors and assigns, to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend thereon pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five-foot (5') wide strip of land abutting all cul-de-sac streets. No permanent buildings or retaining walls shall be placed in the said easement ways, but the same may be used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforesaid uses or rights herein granted.

2. U.S. West Communications, Inc. and/or any other telecommunications company may, upon completion of its distribution system, require a connection charge on some or all of the Lots at the time service is requested.

3. Other easements as provided for in the final plat of Hickory Ridge, which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Sarpy County, Nebraska and other easements provided for in further platting(s).

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ARTICLE III.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this declaration to either prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Nothing herein contained shall in any way be construed to impose any obligation, of any kind, upon the Developer and/or Declarant or any successor and assigns of the same, any liability, obligation or requirement to enforce this instrument or any of the provisions contained herein. Failure by the Declarant or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

2. The covenants and restrictions of this declaration shall run with and bind the land for a period of forty (40) years from the date hereof, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant, in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of ten (10) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the Owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.

3. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these present to be executed this 31 day of OCTOBER 2000.

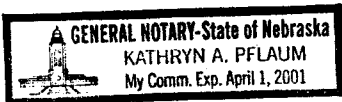
DECLARANT:
HEARTHSTONE HOMES, INC.
a Nebraska corporation,

By: [Signature]
John J. Smith, President

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 31 day of OCTOBER 2000 by John J. Smith, President of Hearthstone Homes, Inc. a Nebraska corporation, known to me to be the identical person who executed the above instrument and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed and the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 31 day of OCTOBER 2000.



[Signature]
Notary Public