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DECLARATION  
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
OF BENNINGTON PARK, A SUBDIVISION  
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROBERT J. and SHARON S. BRUNING hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Declarant".

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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

Lots 1 through 40, inclusive, in Bennington Park, a Subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas 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 Bennington Park, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Bennington Park, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Bennington Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots 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 is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

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 Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.

2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, pool house, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station, dishes or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, outdoor lighting, wind mill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

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A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.

B. Declarant shall review such plans in relation to the type and exterior of improvements constructed, or approved for construction, on neighboring Lots and in the surrounding area. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall constitute when developed a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant to promote development of the Lots and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots. If Declarant determines that the harmony of external design and location in relation to the surrounding Improvements and topography of the proposed Improvement will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring Lots as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.

C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.

D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.

3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than the one (1) detached, single-family residential structure, and shall conform to the following minimum requirements:

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| 1. One-story ranch type house with attached garage | 1,300 sq. ft. | On the main floor, exclusive of garage area (garage must be approximately at the same level as the main floor) |
| 2. One-story house with basement garage            | 1,300 sq. ft. | On the main floor  |
| 3. One and one-half and two-story houses           | 1,600 sq. ft. | Total area above the basement level; minimum 1,000 sq. ft. on the main floor                                   |
| 4. Split entry (bi-level) house                    | 1,300 sq. ft. | On the main floor  |
| 5. Tri-level (split level) house                   | 1,600 sq. ft. | Total area above grade   |

For the purposes of these restrictions, two-story height shall, when the basement is exposed above finish grade, be measured from the basement ceiling on the exposed side(s) to the eave of the structure on the same side(s). Area means finished habitable space, measured to the exterior of the enclosing walls, and does not include porches, stoops, breezeways, courtyards, patios, decks, basements, garages or carports. The maximum height of the dwelling shall be two (2) stories. The basement is not considered a story even if it is one hundred percent (100%) above grade on one side, and essentially below grade on the other three (3) sides. All dwellings shall have attached, enclosed, side-by-side, two (2) car garages minimum which must contain area of not less than four hundred twenty (420) square feet. Residences on all lots shall have a minimum set back of twenty-five (25) feet.

4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls not facing a street must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.

5. 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"; 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. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

6. No exterior television or radio antenna or satellite receiving disc of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot (other than in an enclosed structure hidden from public view).

7. 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 at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. 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.

8. 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 twenty (20) 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. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their 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 zoning ordinances of the City of Bennington, Nebraska.

9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time, except for pickup purposes and not in excess of eight (8) consecutive hours. 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, rubble or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothes line per Lot.

10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.

11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards. All Lots shall be fully sodded at the time of completion of the Improvements.

12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.

13. 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 contour of any Lot.

14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street side of each built upon corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed five (5) 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 City of Bennington.

15. 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.

16. 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 that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed.

17. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. 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, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.

18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the largest Lot in the original plat.

19. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Bennington Park to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.

20. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

ARTICLE II.  
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

1. The Association. Declarant shall cause the incorporation of BENNINGTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:

A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Bennington Park. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.

B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.

C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Bennington Park; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Bennington Park.

2. Membership and Voting. Bennington Park is divided into forty (40) separate single-family lots (referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Bennington Park Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

4. Purposes and Responsibilities. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.

B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.

C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.

D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.

E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.

F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.

G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.

H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.

I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.

5. Imposition of Dues and Assessments. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.

6. Abatement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.

7. Lien and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.

8. Purpose of Dues. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article.

9. Maximum Annual Dues. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:

A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.

B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1995, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.

10. Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.

11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.

12. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.

13. Certificate as to Dues and Assessments. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.

14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Facilities or abandonment of the Owner's Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, costs and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.



15. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

ARTICLE III.  
EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to the Omaha Public Power District, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system within the Lots, and the City of Bennington, the Metropolitan Utilities District, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 387 of Douglas County, Nebraska, their successors and assigns, to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service 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 (5) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots; and a sixteen (16) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior Lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The sixteen (16) foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.

2. A perpetual easement is further reserved for the City of Bennington and/or the Metropolitan Utilities District, their successors and assigns to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend thereon pipes, hydrants and other related facilities and to extend therein pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting all cul-de-sac streets; this license being granted for the use and benefit of all present and future owners of these Lots; provided, however, that such licenses and easements are granted upon the specific conditions that if any of such utility companies fail to construct such facilities along any of such Lot lines within thirty-six (36) months of date hereof, or if any such facilities are constructed but are thereafter removed without replacement within sixty (60) days after their removal, then such easement shall automatically terminate and become void as to such unused or abandoned easementways. No permanent buildings, trees, retaining walls or loose rock walls shall be placed in the easementways but same may be used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforementioned uses or rights granted herein.

3. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company files notice that it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

4. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Bennington Park which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 1956, Page 65).

**ARTICLE IV.**  
**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 either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. 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 term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. 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 three (3) 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. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.

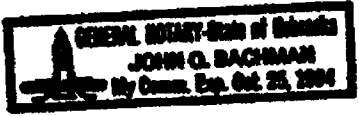
4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these presents to be executed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1993.

  
ROBERT J. BRUNING  
  
SHARON S. BRUNING

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
                          ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1993, by ROBERT J. and SHARON S. BRUNING.



  
Notary Public

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AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,  
RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
OF BENNINGTON PARK, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

This Amendment to Declaration is made the 26th day of December, 1995, by  
ROBERT J. and SHARON S. BRUNING, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant."

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

By Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements of  
Bennington Park, a Subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska dated  
August 19, 1993 and recorded in Book 1091, Page 437 of the records  
of Douglas County, Nebraska (herein the "Declaration"), the Declarant imposed  
covenants, conditions and restrictions on Lots 1 through 40, inclusive in  
Bennington Park, a subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska. In Article IV,  
Paragraph 2, the Declarant reserved the right to amend the Declaration. Article  
II, Paragraph 3 of the Declaration provides as follows:

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without  
consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property  
to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional  
residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of  
the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the  
Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas  
County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and  
acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the  
additional residential lots which shall become subject to this  
Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands  
the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential  
lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall  
be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration,  
and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members  
of the Bennington Park Homeowners Association with all rights,  
privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the  
Association.

Declarant desires to expand the property subject to the Declaration to include  
Lots 41 through 80 in Bennington Park, and to amend the Declaration.

WHEREFORE, the Declarant hereby amends the Declaration, as follows:

1. The Declarant hereby expands the property subject to the Declaration  
to include Lots 41 through 80, inclusive, in Bennington Park, a Subdivision as  
surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska (herein the  
"Additional Lots"). Henceforth, the Additional Lots shall be considered to be  
and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under the Declaration, and  
the Owners of the Additional Lots shall be Members of the Bennington Park  
Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded and  
accruing to Members of the Association.

2. The Declarant confirms that other easements concerning certain of Additional Lots are provided for in the final plat of Additional Lots in Bennington Park, which is filed with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2014, Page 290).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Second Amendment to Declaration to be executed on the date and year first above written.

Robert J. Bruning  
 ROBERT J. BRUNING

Sharon S. Bruning  
 SHARON S. BRUNING

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss.:  
 COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of December, 1995, by ROBERT J. BRUNING and SHARON S. BRUNING.

 GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska  
 KAREN T. RODIS  
 My Comm. Exp. Oct. 30, 1998

Karen T. Rodis  
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AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,  
RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
OF BENNINGTON PARK, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

This Amendment to Declaration is made the 26th day of December, 1995, by  
ROBERT J. and SHARON S. BRUNING, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant."

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

By Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements of  
Bennington Park, a Subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska dated  
August 19, 1993 and recorded in Book 1091, Page 437 of the records  
of Douglas County, Nebraska (herein the "Declaration"), the Declarant imposed  
covenants, conditions and restrictions on Lots 1 through 40, inclusive in  
Bennington Park, a subdivision in Douglas County, Nebraska. In Article IV,  
Paragraph 2, the Declarant reserved the right to amend the Declaration. Article  
II, Paragraph 3 of the Declaration provides as follows:

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without  
consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property  
to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional  
residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of  
the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the  
Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas  
County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and  
acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the  
additional residential lots which shall become subject to this  
Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands  
the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential  
lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall  
be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration,  
and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members  
of the Bennington Park Homeowners Association with all rights,  
privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the  
Association.

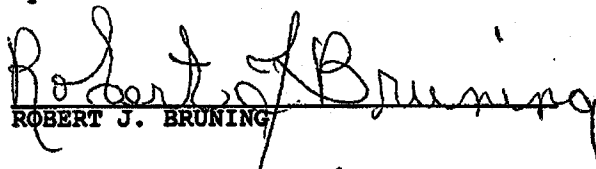
Declarant desires to expand the property subject to the Declaration to include  
Lots 41 through 80 in Bennington Park, and to amend the Declaration.

WHEREFORE, the Declarant hereby amends the Declaration, as follows:

1. The Declarant hereby expands the property subject to the Declaration  
to include Lots 41 through 80, inclusive, in Bennington Park, a Subdivision as  
surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska (herein the  
"Additional Lots"). Henceforth, the Additional Lots shall be considered to be  
and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under the Declaration, and  
the Owners of the Additional Lots shall be Members of the Bennington Park  
Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded and  
accruing to Members of the Association.

2. The Declarant confirms that other easements concerning certain of Additional Lots are provided for in the final plat of Additional Lots in Bennington Park, which is filed with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2014, Page 290).

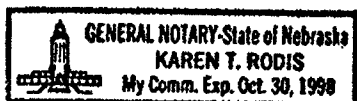
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Second Amendment to Declaration to be executed on the date and year first above written.

  
ROBERT J. BRUNING

  
SHARON S. BRUNING

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
                          ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of December, 1995, by ROBERT J. BRUNING and SHARON S. BRUNING.



  
Notary Public

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DECLARATION  
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
OF BENNINGTON PARK, A SUBDIVISION  
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROBERT J. and SHARON S. BRUNING hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Declarant".

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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

Lots 81 through 84, inclusive, in Bennington Park, a Subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot". The term "Lot" shall also mean and refer to each respective parcel resulting from a Lot split of a Lot whereby two (2) separate residences are created from one (1) originally platted lot as shown upon any recorded subdivision plat which included the above property.

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Bennington Park, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Bennington Park, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Bennington Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots 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 is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I.  
RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for multi-family (duplex) residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed to separate owners so that two single family attached dwellings may be created.
2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, pool house, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna,

satellite receiving station, dishes or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, outdoor lighting, wind mill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.

B. Declarant shall review such plans in relation to the type and exterior of improvements constructed, or approved for construction, on neighboring Lots and in the surrounding area. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall constitute when developed a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant to promote development of the Lots and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots. If Declarant determines that the harmony of external design and location in relation to the surrounding Improvements and topography of the proposed Improvement will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring Lots as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.

C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.

D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.

3. No residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than the one (1) multi-family (duplex) residential structure, with each respective side of the duplex structure containing a minimum of 1,200 sq. ft. of living space on the main floor and above the basement level. Two (2) single-family attached residences may be created for one (1) original duplex structure.

Area means finished habitable space, measured to the exterior of the enclosing walls, and does not include porches, stoops, breezeways, courtyards, patios, decks, basements, garages or carports. The maximum height of the dwelling shall be two (2) stories. The basement is not considered a story even if it is one hundred percent (100%) above grade on one side, and essentially below grade on the other three (3) sides. All dwellings shall have attached, enclosed, side-by-side, two (2) car garages minimum which must contain area of not less than four hundred twenty (420) square feet. Residences on all lots shall have a minimum set back of twenty-five (25) feet.



4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls not facing a street must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.

5. 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"; 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. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

6. No exterior television or radio antenna or satellite receiving disc of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot (other than in an enclosed structure hidden from public view).

7. 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 at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. 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.

8. 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 twenty (20) 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. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their 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 zoning ordinances of the City of Bennington, Nebraska.

9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time, except for pickup purposes and not in excess of eight (8) consecutive hours. 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 except one umbrella-type clothes line per Lot.

10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.

11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten

(10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards. All Lots shall be fully sodded at the time of completion of the Improvements.

12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.

13. 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 contour of any Lot.

14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street side of each built upon corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed five (5) 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 City of Bennington.

15. 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.

16. 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 that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed.

17. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. 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, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.

18. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Bennington Park to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.

19. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

## ARTICLE II. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

1. The Association. Declarant shall cause the incorporation of BENNINGTON PARK TOWNHOME HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:

A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members and the maintenance and repair of the improvements to the Lots as set forth herein. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Bennington Park. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.

B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.

C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Bennington Park; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Bennington Park.

2. Membership and Voting. The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association. It is understood that the Owner of each respective lot created as a result of a Lot split shall each be entitled to one (1) vote.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Bennington Park Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

4. Purposes and Responsibilities. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board

of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

A. The exterior maintenance with respect to improvements constructed on the Lots.

B. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.

C. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.

D. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility or any improvement to a Lot against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.

E. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.

F. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.

G. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.

H. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.

I. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.

J. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.

5. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant hereby covenants for each Assessable Lot and for each Owner of any Assessable Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefore or by entering into a contract for the purchase thereof, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or in such contract, that it is, and shall be, deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:

- (1) Special assessments for capital improvements, and
- (2) Monthly assessments for exterior maintenance and other operational expenses with respect to each Assessable Lot as deemed necessary by the Association, and

as such assessments shall be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The special assessments and monthly assessments together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment shall be made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person, persons, or entity who, or which, was the Owner of the property at the time when the assessment became due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to such Owner's successors in title, unless expressly assumed by them.

6. Purpose or Assessments. The assessments levied upon the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the health, safety, recreation and welfare of the residents in the Properties and for exterior maintenance, and other matters as more fully set out in Article V herein. Assessments shall be levied solely against an Assessable Lot. Assessable Lot shall mean and refer to any Improved Lot which the Board of Directors of the Association determines is entitled to the benefits for which assessments are levied by the Association as provided in this instrument. An Improved Lot shall mean and refer to any Lot upon which shall be erected a dwelling the construction of which shall be at least 80% constructed according to the plans and specifications for construction of said dwelling.

7. Monthly Assessments. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to levy and assess from time to time against any Assessable Lot any monthly maintenance assessment for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 1 of Article III herein for exterior maintenance.

8. Special Assessment for Capital Improvements. The Association may levy special assessments from time to time against a Lot for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 2 of Article III herein for the costs of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvements on such Lot, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each Lot, who shall vote in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

9. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 1. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Sections 3 or 4 of this Article II shall be sent to all Members not less than 10 days nor more than 50 days in advance of such meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members, in person or by proxy, entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each Lot shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum, at such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. Any such subsequent meeting shall be held within 60 days following the preceding meeting.

10. Rate of Assessment. The monthly assessments shall be paid pro rata by the Owners of all Assessable Lots based upon the total number of Assessable Lots; provided, however, the Board of Directors of the Association may equitably adjust such prorations if it determines that certain Assessable Lots on which all of the improvements are not yet completed do not receive all of the benefits for which such assessments are levied. The monthly assessments may be collected on a monthly or other periodic basis by the Association. The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the amount of the monthly or other periodic assessments against each Assessable Lot. Written notice of the assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The dates payments are due shall be established by the Board of Directors. The special assessments for capital improvements shall only be assessed against the Assessable Lot for which the costs of such construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of any capital improvements occurs. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether or not all assessments on a specified Assessable Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments, on a

particular Assessable Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of its issue by the Association.

11. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessment; Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest at the maximum legal rate allowable by law in the State of Nebraska, which at the time of the execution of these Declarations, is sixteen (16) percent per annum. Should any assessment remain unpaid more than sixty (60) days after the due date, the Association may declare the entire unpaid portion of said assessment for said year to be immediately due and payable and thereafter delinquent. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or may foreclose the lien of such assessment against the property through proceedings in any Court having jurisdiction of actions for the enforcement of such liens. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided herein by abandonment or title transfer of such Owner's Lot.

12. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien on the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage, first deed of trust, or other initial purchase money security device, and the holder of any first mortgage, first deed of trust, or other initial purchase money security device, on any Lot may rely on this provision without the necessity of the execution of any further subordination agreement by the Association. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the status or priority of the lien for assessments made as provided herein. The Association, if authorized by its Board of Directors, may release the lien of any delinquent assessments on any Lot as to which the first mortgage, first deed of trust or initial purchase money security device thereon is in default, if such Board of Directors determines that such lien has no value to the Association. No mortgagee shall be required to collect any assessments due. The Association shall have the sole responsibility to collect all assessments due.

13. Abatement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.

### ARTICLE III EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The Association may provide exterior maintenance and special assessments upon each Assessable Lot as set forth hereinafter.

1. Monthly Assessments. Monthly assessments may be assessed for, but not limited to, the following:

A. Maintenance of trees and shrubs, lawns, and other exterior landscaping improvements as originally installed by the builder, except such improvements as may be within the confines of any fenced in area on any Assessable Lot or installed by or at the direction of the Owner, which improvements shall be the responsibility of the Owner. The Owner understands that the original landscape as installed by the builder is warranted for a period of one year from the time of planting. The Owner is responsible for replacement of all dead landscaping improvements after the one year warranty period expires and the Owner agrees to allow the Association to replace such dead landscape improvements at the expense of the Owner of record at the time of replacement and the Owner shall reimburse the Association on demand. The Association shall have no duty to repair, replace or maintain any exterior concrete surfaces.

B. Operation and maintenance of an underground watering system.

C. Snow removal as to be determined by the guidelines set forth by the Board of Directors.

D. Optional exterior window cleaning as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

2. Special Assessments. Special assessments may be assessed for, but not limited to, the following:

A. Maintain, repair, and replace roofs.

B. Maintain, repair, including painting, of all exterior walls, with the exception that the Association shall not assume the duty to repair or replace any glass surfaces, including, but not limited to, window glass and door glass. The Association shall not assume the duty to repair or replace any doors, door openers, and cooling units for air conditions systems. However, the Association shall assume the duty to paint the exterior surfaces of exterior doors.

C. Maintain, repair and replace gutters.

#### ARTICLE IV PARTY WALLS

1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall which is built as part of the original construction of any dwelling upon a Lot, and which is placed on the dividing line between any adjoining Lots, shall constitute a party wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repairs and maintenance of any party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of such party wall in proportion to the length of each Lot and party wall.

3. Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other Owner or Owners shall thereafter make use of such party wall, such other Owner or Owners shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use, without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owner or Owners to call for a larger contribution from other Owners under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

4. Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, an Owner who, by his negligent or willful act, causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements, shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements and repair of damage caused by the elements.

5. Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

6. Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Article, each Owner involved shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator, and all Owners shall be bound by any decision arrived at by a majority of all such arbitrations. Arbitration shall be governed by the terms of the Uniform Arbitration Act, to the extent consistent with the foregoing provisions.

**ARTICLE V**  
**INSURANCE**

1. The Association may but shall not be obligated to, purchase and provide physical property coverage insurance with respect to the improvements (residential and related structures) in any amount equal to at least ninety percent (90%) of the full replacement value of the original improvements against losses by fire, lightning, wind storm and other perils covered by standard extended coverage endorsements. The full replacement value of the original improvements is defined as the base price of the original structure excluding, but no limited to, custom finished basements and any other improvements over the base original price. Insurance premiums are assessed uniformly based upon the base price of the original structures. Betterments done to the original structure and additional custom improvements shall not be covered by the Association's policy. The intent is to provide only coverage based only upon the basic purchase price excluding any custom betterments.

The Association shall also purchase and provide comprehensive general liability coverage insurance against any other hazards and in such amounts as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association. The Association, in addition to the foregoing, shall provide Directors and Officers liability coverage insurance for the Association, for its Officers, and members of the Board of Directors. Finally, if the Association has any employees of any nature, the Association shall purchase and provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all employees who may come within the scope of Nebraska Workers' Compensation laws.

The above insurance shall not cover the personal property of any Owner of any Lot, it being the Owner's responsibility to provide such insurance coverage for the Owner's protection. In addition, the Association may purchase such additional insurance against other hazards which may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

2. The Association is hereby irrevocably appointed as agent for each Owner of each and every Lot and for the holder of any Mortgage on any Lot, to adjust any and all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association on the improvements on the Lots, joinder by any such Owner or mortgagee. All insurance proceeds shall be applied by the Association toward repairing the damage covered by such insurance, provided that reconstruction or repair shall not be compulsory where the damage exceeds two-thirds (2/3) of the value of all the buildings and improvements on all of the Lots covered by such insurance.

The deductible portion of the applicable master insurance policy shall be borne equally by those Lots which have suffered the loss. Should the Owners so elect not to rebuild, the insurance proceeds, along with the insurance indemnity, if any, shall be credited to each Owner in accordance with such Owner's pro rata share of the loss as sustained from the casualty for which the proceeds shall be payable. Such sums shall be first applied towards satisfaction of any recorded first mortgage, first deed of trust, initial purchase money security device against such Lots, next applied towards satisfaction of junior recorded liens in order of their priority, next toward the cost of razing the improvements or any remnants thereof from said Properties, and the filling and leveling of any of said Lots, as needed, and the remainder shall then be paid to such Owner of such razed properties on a pro rata basis.

In case the insurance proceeds do not equal the cost of repairs or rebuilding, the excess cost shall be considered a maintenance expense to be assessed and collected by the Association from the Owner of the damaged improvements. In any case of over insurance, any excess proceeds of insurance received shall be credited towards the working fund of the Association.

3. Each Lot Owner may obtain such additional insurance for the individual Owner's benefit and at such Owner's own expense as may be deemed necessary by the Lot Owner, including coverage for specific improvements and betterments in the Owner's unit, personal liability, specific personal property items, the ten



percent (10%) co-insurance provision of the full replacement cost of the base price of the original structure, and any exclusions of insurance coverage from the master policy provided by the Association.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**ACCESS**

The Association, its officers, employees and agents, and contractors and repairmen designated by the Association, shall have the right to go on any Lot for the purpose of performing the duties of the Association hereunder, and the Association is hereby granted a specific easement for such purposes.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**UTILITY METERS AND SERVICE LINES**

In order to facilitate the installation, operation, maintenance and repair of an underground watering system, such Lots as shall be designated from time to time by the Association shall have a dual metering system for water so as to permit the drawing of water for watering of the lawns, shrubs, trees and other vegetation located upon the Lots. It is understood that the amount of water metered for the residential use on any such Lot shall be paid for by the Owner of each Lot receiving water.

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
**EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION**

1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to the Omaha Public Power District, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system within the Lots, and the City of Bennington, the Metropolitan Utilities District, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 387 of Douglas County, Nebraska, their successors and assigns, to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service 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 (5) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots; and a sixteen (16) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior Lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The sixteen (16) foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.

2. A perpetual easement is further reserved for the City of Bennington and/or the Metropolitan Utilities District, their successors and assigns to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend thereon pipes, hydrants and other related facilities and to extend therein pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting all cul-de-sac streets; this license being granted for the use and benefit of all present and future owners of these Lots; provided, however, that such licenses and easements are granted upon the specific conditions that if any of such utility companies fail to construct such facilities along any of such Lot lines within thirty-six (36) months of date hereof, or if any such facilities are constructed but are thereafter removed without replacement within sixty (60) days after their removal, then such easement shall automatically terminate and become void as to such unused or abandoned easementways. No permanent buildings, trees, retaining walls or loose rock walls shall be placed in the easementways but same may be

used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforementioned uses or rights granted herein.

3. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company files notice that it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

4. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Bennington Park which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2014, Page 290).

ARTICLE IX.  
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 either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. 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 term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. 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 three (3) 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. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.

4. 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these presents to be executed this 26th day of December, 1995.

Robert J. Bruning  
ROBERT J. BRUNING  
Sharon S. Bruning  
SHARON S. BRUNING

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
                          ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of December, 1995, by ROBERT J. and SHARON S. BRUNING.

Karen T. Rodis  
Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska  
KAREN T. RODIS  
My Comm. Exp. Oct. 30, 1998

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