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DECLARATION
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
FOR A PART OF WALNUT RIDGE, A SUBDIVISION
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS DEVELOPMENT, INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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

Lots 1 through 124, inclusive, in Walnut Ridge, 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, protection and enhancement of the values and amenities of such community and for the maintenance of the character, value, desirability, attractiveness and residential integrity of the Lots.

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. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such real estate 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 residential purposes except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter or previously have been conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, for use as a school or park.
2. For a period of ten (10) years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, rock garden, swimming pool, tennis court, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station ("disc"), flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill, wind generating equipment, 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 reflect the type of structure, quality and use of exterior materials, exterior design, exterior color or colors, and location of structure proposed for 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, and any general scheme or plans formulated by Declarant. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall form a developed residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. If Declarant determines that 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) The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by the Declarant to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots. However, 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. 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 simulated brick or stone or stucco. 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, brick, paving stone, asphalt or laid stone. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, stone or siding.

4. 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 retail 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.

5. No exposed exterior television, broadcasting or radio antenna of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot.

6. 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.

7. 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) except that during the months of May through September vehicles may be parked in the driveway only. 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, airplanes, tractors or semitrac-

tors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this restriction shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction.

8. No outside trash or garbage pile, burner, receptacle or incinerator shall be erected, placed or permitted on any Lot. 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. Lots shall be maintained free of trash and debris. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothes line per residence. No firewood storage shall be maintained on any lot in excess of two (2) cords and only in the rear yard on a flat.

9. 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. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the front 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. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.

10. A dwelling on which construction has begun shall be completed within one (1) year from the date the foundation was commenced for such dwelling.

11. 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 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.

12. No swimming pool may extend more than one foot above ground level.

13. 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 their assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog runs and dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Walnut Ridge subdivision, including pot-bellied pigs.

14. 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 eight (8) inches.

15. 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 structures, dwellings, or modular housing improvements shall be moved from outside Walnut Ridge to any Lot.

16. At the time of initial occupancy of the main dwelling, the then owner shall plant, and there shall thereafter be maintained in a growing state by the then owners, at least two deciduous tree with a minimum trunk diameter of one and one-half inches; such tree to be located in the front yard at least ten feet from the front Lot line.

17. No residence shall be constructed less than thirty feet (30') from the front property line, except Lots 44 through 50, inclusive, may be twenty-five feet (25').

18. **ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON LOTS 44 THROUGH 50, INCLUSIVE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:** No residence shall be constructed on Lots 44 through 50, inclusive, less than sixty feet (60') from the south line of the Walnut Ridge subdivision, in Douglas County, Nebraska. Such restricted area is shown on the plat of Walnut Ridge; this restriction shall only apply to inhabited portions of residences, but not related accessory improvements.

**ARTICLE II.
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

1. **The Association.** Declarant has caused the incorporation of WALNUT RIDGE 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 and entrances for Walnut Ridge. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, on public property, on private property subject to an easement in favor of the Association, or on property dedicated to a Sanitary Improvement District.

(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 are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may permit or restrict use of the Common Facilities by Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who may be required to 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 Walnut Ridge; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Walnut Ridge.

2. **Membership and Voting.** Walnut Ridge is divided into one hundred twenty-four (124) separate 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. **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 acquisition, development, maintenance, repair, replacement, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.

(b) The landscaping, mowing, watering, repair and replacement of parks and other public property and improvements on parks or public property within or near Walnut Ridge.

(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 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.

4. Mandatory Duties of Association. The Association shall maintain and repair any fence and/or signs which have been installed and facilitated by the Developer within Walnut Ridge Subdivision in generally good and neat condition.

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. Liens 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 Sections 3 and 4 of this Article.

9. Maximum Annual Dues. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 11, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:

- (a) Sixty and no/100 Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
- (b) In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1998, 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 and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.

11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of seventy-five percent (75%) 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 5, 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 sixteen percent (16%) per annum, compounded annually. 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 Area or abandonment of his 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**

1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to Omaha Public Power District, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system within the Lots, Metropolitan Utilities Company, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 375 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 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, 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. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the rear most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of Lots 1 through 9, inclusive, Lots 44 through 50, inclusive, and Lots 113 through 115, inclusive.

4. 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: (a) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (b) 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.

5. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Walnut Ridge which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 1960, Page 1).

ARTICLE IV.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. 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 twenty (20) 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 four (4) 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 one of these covenants 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 have caused these presents to be executed this 1st day of May, 1993.

ROGERS DEVELOPMENT, INC., a Nebraska corporation,

By *Michael F. Rogers*
President

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

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of May, 1993, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS DEVELOPMENT, INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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Notary Public

