## **ARTICLE VII:**

## INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

Section I. Insurance on Common Property. The Association's Board of Directors or duly authorized agent shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements on the Common Property and other property, if any, which the Association is obligated to maintain. Thi8 insurance shall provide, at a minimum, fire and coverage, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.

The Board shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents, and, if reasonably available, director' and officers' liability insurance. public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million \$1,000,000.00Dollars.

The Board is authorized to contract with or otherwise arrange to the required insurance coverage through the Declarant and to reimburse Declarant for the cost. Declarant shall be authorized, but not obligated, to purchase the required insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association and the Owners. The coverage shall include the Association a named insured, The Declarant and Association shall agree upon the terms and conditions applicable to reimbursement by the Association 6r costs incurred by Declarant in obtaining the required coverage. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, the Board shall not be required to comply with the provisions of subsections (b) through (e) below if the Board has contracted for or otherwise arranged to obtain the required insurance coverage through the Declarant.

Premiums for all insurance shall be a common expense of the Association. The policies may contain A reasonable deductible, and the deductible amount shall not be subtracted from the amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equal 8 the full replacement cost.

All insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association, as a trustee for the respective benefited parties, except as otherwise provided above and shall be governed by the provisions set forth below:

- (a) All policies shall be written with a Company autorized to do business in Georgia,
- (b) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors; provided. however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in any settlement negotiations.
- (c) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance

purchased by individual Owners. occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.

- (d) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. In conducting such reviews, the Board may engage an expert whom in its sole discretion it deems fit
- (e) The Association's Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
  - (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors its manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
  - (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruction instead of paying cash;
  - (iii) that no policy may be canceled, invalidated. or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;
  - (iv) that no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal, invalidated, or suspended on account of any defect or conduct of any director, officer. or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;
  - (v) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
  - (vi) that no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association.

In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board shall obtain worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, and a fidelity bond or bonds on directors officers, employees. and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment, but if reasonably available, 8hall not be less than three (3) months assessments plus e reasonable amount to cover all or a reasonable portion of reserve funds in the custody of the Association at any time during the term of the bond', provided, however, fidelity coverage herein required may be reduced based on financial controls which take one or more of the following: (a) the Association or management company, if any, maintains a separate bank account for the working account and the reserve account, each with appropriate access controls and the bank in which funds are deposited sends copies of the monthly bank statements directly to the Association; (b) the

management company. if any, maintaining separate records and bank accounts for each association that uses its services and the management company does not have the authority to draw checks on, or to transfer funds from, the Association's reserve account; or (c) two members of the Board of Directors must sign any checks written on the reserve account. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal or substantially modified without 8t least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy' the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Section 2. Individual Insurance. Each Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance on One Lot and all structures constructed thereon and a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on a Lat. If reasonably available, the casualty insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire and other hazards commonly insured under an "all-risk" policy, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the fill' replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. If all risk coverage is not reasonably available, Owners shall obtain, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times and Owners shell provide a certificate of such required insurance to The Board of upon request. Authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by an Owner shall be vested in the Owner and the Mortgagee of such Owner.

Section 3. Damage and Destruction -Insured by Association. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the citation the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims covered under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section. means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.

The Board of Directors must proceed to repair or reconstruct any damage or destruction to the Common Property on behalf of the Association unless within sixty (O days after the casualty, it obtains the agreement of at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the total Association vote (and of the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX) to not repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No Mortgagee as provided above shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed.

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If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is not to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to cover the cost of repair or reconstruction, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Association'8 members, levy a special assessment against all Owners in proportion to the number of Lots owned by such Owners, Additional assessment may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association in an Association account.

In the event that it should be determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then the property shall be restored to it\* natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Community by the Association in a neat and attractive condition.

<u>Section 4. Damage and Destruction-Insured by Owner</u> The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement on a Int shall be repaired by the Owner within seventy-five (75) days after the damage or destruction. However, where repairs cannot be completed within seventy-five (75) days, they shall begin within the required period and shall be diligently and continuously pursued until their completion. Alternatively, the Owner may decide to demolish and remove all damaged improvements on the Lot within seventy five (75) days after such damage or destruction.