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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS,  
ASSESSMENTS, CHARGES, SERVITUDES, LIENS,  
RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS  
FOR  
VAL VISTA LAKES DEVELOPMENT

THIS DECLARATION of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Assessments, Charges, Servitudes, Liens, Reservations and Easements (hereinafter termed the "Declaration") is made this 20th day of February, 1985, by VAL VISTA LAKES DEVELOPMENT, an Arizona General Partnership (hereinafter sometimes termed "Declarant").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the developer of approximately seven hundred and sixty-one acres (761) of land in Gilbert, Maricopa County, Arizona, known as Val Vista Lakes; and legally described in Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to develop, in stages, the aforesaid lands, into planned residential, office, commercial and other communities; and

WHEREAS, at full development it is intended, without obligation, that such communities will collectively have

one or more shopping centers, office parks, lakes, parks, commercial buildings, recreational areas, open spaces, walkways, paths, drives and other social, civic and cultural buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, as part of the various stages of development of the aforesaid lands, Declarant intends, without obligation, to record various subdivision plats; to dedicate portions of Val Vista Lakes to the public for streets, roadways, drainage, flood control, and general public use; and to record various Tract Declarations covering portions of Val Vista Lakes, which Tract Declarations will designate the purposes for which such portions of Val Vista Lakes may be used and may set forth declaration of annexation, additional covenants, conditions, restrictions, assessments, charges, servitudes, liens, reservations and easements applicable to such portions of Val Vista Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to form a non-profit corporation for the social, maintenance and recreational purposes of benefiting Val Vista Lakes, the Owners and the Residents (as said terms are defined hereinbelow), which non-profit corporation (hereinafter termed the "Association") will (1) acquire, construct, operate, manage and maintain a variety of Common Areas upon Val Vista Lakes; (2) establish, levy, collect and disburse the Assessments and other charges imposed hereunder; and (3) as the agent and representative of the Members of the Association and Residents of Val Vista Lakes, administer and enforce all provisions hereof and enforce use and other restrictions imposed on various parts of Val Vista Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Declarant is preparing the necessary documents for the incorporation and organization of the Association and may, without obligation, seek approval thereof by the Federal Housing Administration (hereinafter termed "FHA"), the Veterans Administration (hereinafter termed "VA") and by any other governmental agencies or financial institutions whose approval Declarant deems necessary or desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Declarant therefore wishes to subject

all of Val Vista Lakes to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, assessments, charges, servitudes, liens, reservations and easements (hereinafter collectively called "Covenants") hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, in order to cause the Covenants to run with Val Vista Lakes and to be binding upon Val Vista Lakes and the Owners thereof from and after the date of recordation of this Declaration, Declarant hereby makes all conveyances of Val Vista Lakes, whether or not so provided therein, subject to the Covenants herein set forth; and by accepting Deeds, easements or other grants or conveyances to any portion of Val Vista Lakes, the Owners and other transferees for themselves and their heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, personal representatives, successors and assigns, agree that they shall be personally bound by all of the Covenants (including but not limited to the obligation to pay Assessments) hereinafter set forth except to the extent such persons are specifically excepted herefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE, DECLARANT hereby declares, covenants and agrees as follows:

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS

The following words, phrases or terms used in this Declaration shall have the following meanings:

A. "Annual Assessment" shall mean the charge levied and assessed each year against each Lot, Parcel, or Owner pursuant to Article VII, Section 2, hereof.

B. "Apartment Development" shall mean a Parcel or portion thereof which is described in a Tract Declaration, is limited by the Tract Declaration to residential use, and is comprised of Rental Apartments and surrounding area which are intended, as shown by the site plan therefor approved by the City of Gilbert and the Architectural Committee or otherwise, as one integrated apartment operation under the same ownership.

C. "Architectural Committee" shall mean the

committee of the Association to be created pursuant to Article XI below.

D. "Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association as the same may from time to time be amended or supplemented.

E. "Assessable Property" shall mean any Lot or Parcel, except such part or parts thereof as may from time to time constitute Exempt Property.

F. "Assessment" shall mean an Annual Assessment, Special Assessment and/or Maintenance Charge.

G. "Assessment Lien" shall mean the lien created and imposed by Article VII.

H. "Assessment Period" shall mean the term set forth in Article VII, Section 7.

I. "Association" shall mean the Arizona non-profit corporation to be organized by Declarant to administer and enforce the Covenants and to exercise the rights, powers and duties set forth in this Declaration, its successors and assigns. Declarant hereby reserves the exclusive right to cause such Association to be incorporated and intends to name the Association "The Val Vista Lakes Community Association."

J. "Association Land" shall mean such part or parts of Val Vista Lakes, together with the buildings, structures and improvements thereon, and other real property which the Association may at any time own in fee or in which the Association may at any time have a leasehold interest, for as long as the Association is the owner of the fee or leasehold interest.

K. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

L. "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association as the same may from time to time be amended or supplemented.

M. "Cluster Residential Development" shall mean a Parcel subdivided into Lots with dwelling uses intended for Single Family occupancy and may include those types of

residential housing arrangements known as townhouses, clustered housing, zero-lot line housing and similar arrangements, together with related areas intended for the use and enjoyment of the Owners and residents of the Lots in the Cluster Development.

N. "Commercial Office Development" shall mean a building or buildings constructed on a Lot or Parcel allowed by a Tract Declaration to be used for office use or related use as approved by the Board and the Architectural Committee and within the restrictions created by the Covenants.

O. "Common Area and Common Areas" shall mean (a) all Association Land; (b) all land within Val Vista Lakes which the Declarant, by this Declaration or other recorded instrument, makes available for use by Members of the Association and evidences its intent to convey to the Association at a later date; (c) all land within Val Vista Lakes which the Declarant indicates on a recorded subdivision plat or Tract Declaration is to be used for landscaping, drainage, and/or flood control for the benefit of Val Vista Lakes and/or the general public and is to be dedicated to the public or the City of Gilbert upon the expiration of a fixed period of time, but only until such land is so dedicated; (d) all lands on the Lakefront Lots and Lakefront Parcels, over which the Association or its Members has an easement pursuant to a recorded subdivision plat, Tract Declaration or this Declaration for the enjoyment, maintenance and operation of the Lakes; (e) all other lands within the drainage easement areas as set forth on recorded plats; and (f) areas on a Lot or Parcel within easements granted to the Association or its Members for the location, construction, maintenance, repair and replacement of a wall, or other uses, which easement may be granted or created on a Recorded subdivision plat or Tract Declaration or by a deed or other conveyance accepted by the Association.

P. "Condominium Development" shall mean a horizontal property regime established under the laws of the State of Arizona which is limited by the Tract Declaration therefor to residential use.

Q. "Condominium Unit" shall mean an apartment unit, together with any appurtenant interest in all general and common elements, which is created by a horizontal property regime established under Arizona law. Such term shall not include a Rental Apartment in an Apartment Development.

R. "Covenants" shall mean the covenants, conditions, restrictions, assessments, charges, servitudes, liens, reservations and easements set forth herein.

S. "Declarant" shall mean Val Vista Lakes Development an Arizona General Partnership, and the successors and assigns of Declarant's rights and powers hereunder.

T. "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Condition, Restrictions, Assessments, Charges, Servitudes, Liens, Reservations, and Easements, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

U. "Deed" shall mean a deed or other instrument conveying the fee simple title in a "Lot" or "Parcel".

V. "Designee" shall mean a person designated by a Member pursuant to Article VI, Section 9, to exercise certain of the rights of a Member.

W. "Dwelling Unit" shall mean any building or portion of a building situated upon a Lot or Parcel designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family.

X. "Exempt Property" shall mean the following parts of Val Vista Lakes:

- (1) All land and improvements owned by or dedicated to and accepted by the United States, the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, the City of Gilbert, or any political subdivision thereof, for as long as any such entity or political subdivision is the owner thereof or for so long as said dedication remains effective;
- (2) All Association Land, for as long as the Association is the owner thereof.

Y. "General Commercial Development (including Hotels)" shall mean the improvements placed on a Parcel allowed by a Tract Declaration to be used for various commercial purposes within the restrictions created by the Covenants.

Z. "Lakes" shall mean the lakes shown on the Master Development Plan for Val Vista Lakes, including the land underlying such lakes. The Lakes shall be a part of the Common Area, although portions of the Lakes will be on Lots and Parcels. The Declarant intends to convey fee title to the portions of the Lakes which are not located on Lots and Parcels to the Association at a later date, at which time such portions of the Lakes will become Association Land.

Aa. "Lakefront Easement" shall mean an easement benefiting the Association over, on, and adjacent to the Lakefront Lots, Lakefront Parcels, and certain Exempt Property described in Article IV, Section 4(j).

Bb. "Lakefront Lot" shall mean a Lot which has a portion of its boundary on or in a Lake or, in the case of a Condominium Unit, a Condominium Unit which has a portion of its common elements adjacent to or in a Lake.

Cc. "Lakefront Parcel" shall mean a Parcel which has a portion of its boundary on or in a Lake.

Dd. "Land Use Classification" shall mean the classification to be established by the Declarant pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, which designates the type of improvements which may be constructed on a Lot, Parcel or Association Land and the purposes for which such improvements and surrounding land may be utilized.

Ee. "Lease" shall mean a lease, whether oral or written and regardless of the term thereof, whereby the owner of a Rental Apartment in an Apartment Development lets such Rental Apartment to a Lessee. A Lease (when the term is so capitalized) shall not, for purposes of this Declaration, include any subleases or any leasing arrangements involving property other than a Rental Apartment in an Apartment Development.

Ff. "Lessee" shall mean the lessee under a Lease,

including an assignee of a Lease but excluding any person who has assigned all of his interest in a Lease.

Gg. "Lot" shall mean any (a) area of real property within Val Vista Lakes designated as a Lot on any subdivision plat recorded or approved by Declarant and limited by a Tract Declaration to either Single Family Residential Use or Cluster Residential Use and (b) any Condominium Unit within Val Vista Lakes which is limited to residential use by a Tract Declaration.

Hh. "Maintenance Charges" shall mean any and all costs assessed pursuant to Article X, Sections 2 or 3.

Ii. "Master Development Plan" shall mean the Val Vista Lakes Development Plan approved by the City of Gilbert, as the same may be from time to time amended, a copy of which shall be on file at all times in the office of the Association.

Jj. "Member" shall mean any person holding a Membership in the Association pursuant to this Declaration.

Kk. "Membership" shall mean a membership in the Association and the rights granted to the Owners and Declarant pursuant to Article VI to participate in the Association.

Ll. "Owner" shall mean (when so capitalized) the record holder of legal title to the fee simple interest in any Lot or Parcel including contract sellers, but excluding others who hold such title merely as security. In the case of Lots or Parcels the fee simple title to which is vested of record in a trustee pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 33-801 et seq., legal title shall be deemed to be in the Trustor. An Owner shall include any person who holds record title to a Lot or Parcel in joint ownership with any other person or holds an undivided fee interest in any Lot or Parcel.

Mm. "Parcel" shall mean an area of real property within Val Vista Lakes limited by a Tract Declaration to one of the following Land Use Classifications: Apartment Development, Condominium Development (but only until the horizontal property regime therefor is recorded), Shopping Center, Commercial Office, General Commercial, Well-Site, or other use determined to be suitable by Declarant in accordance with Article IV, Section 1



herein. The term Parcel shall also include an area of land within Val Vista Lakes as to which a Tract Declaration has been recorded designating the area for Single Family Residential use or Cluster Residential use but which has not yet been subdivided into Lots and related amenities and rights-of-way, but any such area shall cease to be a Parcel upon the recordation of a subdivision plat or other instrument covering the area and creating Lots and related amenities. A Parcel shall not include a Lot, any Exempt Property or any Association Land but, in the case of staged developments, shall include areas not yet included in a subdivision plat, horizontal property regime or other recorded instrument creating Lots and related amenities. A Parcel with a Land Use Classification of Apartment Development shall cease to be a Parcel if the Apartment Development is converted to Condominiums.

Nn. "Private Waterfront Area" shall mean the portion of a Lakefront Lot or Lakefront Parcel which lies within the Lake and within the Lakefront Maintenance Easement.

Oo. "Recording" shall mean placing an instrument of public record in the office of the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona, and "Recorded" shall mean having been so placed of public record.

Pp. "Rental Apartments" shall mean Dwelling Units within a permanent improvement consisting of four (4) or more commercially integrated Dwelling Units under single ownership upon one or more contiguous Parcels, each of which is designed and utilized, otherwise than as a hotel or on some other transient basis, for rental or leased residential purposes to non-owners on a non-cooperative basis. This term is intended to include rented or leased apartments in the typically regarded sense as of the date hereof, and it is not intended to include unusual or atypical arrangements or any arrangements whereby the apartment occupant is, directly or indirectly, an owner or beneficiary of ownership in his apartment or whereby he occupies his apartment pursuant to some form of reciprocal use agreement,

irrespective of whether any such arrangements may otherwise fail within the aforesaid definition.

Qq. "Resident" shall mean:

- (1) Each buyer under a contract of sale covering any part of the Assessable Property, regardless of whether the contract is recorded, and each tenant actually residing or conducting a business on any part of the Assessable Property; and
- (2) Members of the immediate family of each Owner and of each buyer and tenant referred to in subparagraph (1) actually living in the same household with such Owner or such buyer or tenant.

Subject to such rules and regulations as the Association may hereafter specify (including the imposition of special non-resident fees for use of the Association Land if the Association shall so direct), the term "Resident" also shall include the guests or invitees of any such Owner, buyer or tenant, if and to the extent the Board in its absolute discretion by resolution so directs.

Rr. "Shopping Center Development" shall mean the improvements placed on a Parcel allowed by a Tract Declaration to be used as a neighborhood or other shopping center within the restrictions created by these Covenants.

Ss. "Single Family" shall mean a group of one or more persons each related to the other by blood, marriage or legal adoption, or a group of not more than three (3) persons not all so related, who maintain a common household in a Dwelling Unit.

Tt. "Single Family Residential Development" shall mean a development of single family detached housing, each intended for use by a single family as herein defined, and subject to restrictions contained in any Tract Declaration recorded for any such specific development, and which shall be

subject to the restrictions defined in Article IV, and the entire Covenants as applicable.

Uu. "Special Assessment" shall mean any assessment levied and assessed pursuant to Article VII, Section 5.

Vv. "Special Use Fees" shall mean special fees authorized by this Declaration which an Owner, Resident or any other person is obligated to pay to the Association over, above and in addition to any Annual or Special Assessments or Maintenance Charges imposed or payable hereunder.

Ww. "Tenant" shall mean any person who occupies property located on Val Vista Lakes under any type of rental or letting arrangement but is not included in the definition of a Lessee.

Xx. "Tract Declaration" shall mean a declaration recorded pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of this Declaration.

Yy. "Val Vista Lakes" shall mean the real property described on Page 1 of this Declaration and the development to be completed thereon (unless the context otherwise requires that the reference is to the Declarant).

Zz. "Val Vista Lakes Rules" shall mean the rules for Val Vista Lakes adopted by the Board pursuant to Article V, Section 3.

AA. "Visible From Neighboring Property" shall mean, with respect to any given object, that such object is or would be visible to a person six feet tall, standing at ground level on any part of such neighboring property.

BB. "Waterfront Facilities" shall mean docks, wharves, floats, slips, ramps, piers, landings and other structures or equipment designed for use with and access to the Lakes.

## ARTICLE II

### PROPERTY SUBJECT TO VAL VISTA LAKES DECLARATION

#### Section 1. General Declaration Creating Val Vista

Lakes. Declarant intends to develop Val Vista Lakes by subdivision into various Lots and Parcels and to sell and convey such Lots and Parcels. As portions of Val Vista Lakes are developed, Declarant intends, with respect to particular property, to record one or more Tract Declarations covering Lots and Parcels and designating Common Areas which will incorporate this Declaration and which will establish such additional covenants, conditions, and restrictions as may be appropriate for that property. Declarant hereby declares that all of the real property within Val Vista Lakes is and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, occupied, built upon or otherwise used, improved or transferred, in whole or in part, subject to this Declaration and any recorded Tract Declarations applicable thereto, as amended or modified from time to time; provided, however, property which is not part of a Lot or Parcel and which is dedicated to the public or a governmental entity for public purposes shall not be subject to this Declaration and the Covenants herein contained while owned by the public or the governmental entity, although restrictions imposed in this Declaration upon the Owners and Residents concerning the use and maintenance of such public areas shall at all times apply to the Owners and Residents. This Declaration and the Tract Declarations are declared and agreed to be in furtherance of a general plan for the subdivision, improvement and sale of Val Vista Lakes and are established for the purpose of enhancing and perfecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of Val Vista Lakes and every part thereof. All of this Declaration shall run with all Lots, Parcels and Association Land for all purposes and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Declarant, the Association, all Owners, Lessees and Residents and their successors in interest. Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to prevent the Declarant from modifying the Master Development Plan or any portions thereof as to which a Tract Declaration has not been recorded or from dedicating or conveying portions of Val Vista Lakes, including streets or roadways, for uses other than as a Lot, Parcel or Association Land.

Assessments do not apply to land owned by Declarant which has not yet been subdivided or annexed, or for which a Tract Declaration has not yet been recorded. As long as there is a Class B vote, the Declarant pays the difference between Assessments received and Association expenses.

Section 2. Association Bound. Upon issuance of a Certificate of Incorporation by the Arizona Corporation Commission to the Association, the Covenants shall be binding upon and shall benefit the Association.

### ARTICLE III

#### EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF ENJOYMENT IN COMMON AREAS

Section 1. Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner and Lessee and other Member of the Association shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot and Parcel, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other Special Use Fees for the use of any recreational or other facility situated upon the Common Areas. Fees shall be uniform among Members.

(b) The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities and other Common Areas by any Member (i) for any period during which any Assessment against his Lot or Parcel remains delinquent; (ii) for a period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction of this Declaration, a Tract Declaration or the Val Vista Lakes Rules, and (iii) for successive 60-day periods if any such infraction is not corrected during any prior 60-day suspension period.

(c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Association.

Unless otherwise required by zoning stipulations or agreements with the City of Gilbert effective prior to the date hereof or specified on a recorded subdivision plat, no such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the Memberships in each class of Members agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been recorded, except that the Board shall have authority to transfer to such public agencies, authorities or utilities easements and rights-of-way which are intended to benefit Val Vista Lakes and which do not have any substantial adverse affect on the enjoyment of the Common Areas by the Members.

(d) The right of the Association to regulate the use of the Common Areas through the Val Vista Lakes Rules and to prohibit access to those Common Areas, such as landscaped rights-of-way, not intended for use by the Members. The Val Vista Lakes Rules shall be intended, in the absolute discretion of the Board, to enhance the preservation of the Common Areas or the safety and convenience of the users thereof, or otherwise shall serve to promote the best interests of the Owners and Residents.

(e) The right of the Association to limit the use of recreation facilities to Lessees which have not been specifically designated by the Apartment Development Owner or described in Article VI, Section 2(a).

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Member may, in accordance with the Val Vista Lakes Rules and the limitations therein contained and this Declaration (a) delegate his right of enjoyment in the Common Areas and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or his guests or invitees; or (b) designate another person to exercise all of his rights (but not liabilities or voting rights), which other person shall, during the period of such designation, have the sole right to delegate rights of enjoyment pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section.

## ARTICLE IV

LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, PERMITTED USES AND RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Land Use Classifications. As portions of Val Vista Lakes are readied for development, the Land Use Classifications, restrictions, easements, right of way, and other matters, including new or different uses and restrictions therefor and including any number of subclassifications thereof for any special uses, shall be fixed by Declarant in a Tract Declaration which may be recorded for that portion of Val Vista Lakes. Any such Tract Declaration shall be construed as a supplement to this Declaration and fully a part hereof for all purposes to the same extent as if all of the provisions thereof were set forth in this Declaration. In exercising its authority to record Tract Declarations, Declarant shall not impose any new land use classifications or new restrictions which are not generally in conformance with then-existing uses and restrictions applicable to Val Vista Lakes or with the scheme of development contemplated by the Master Development Plan and this Declaration. The land use classifications for Lots, Parcels and Association Land established by a Tract Declaration shall not be changed except as specifically permitted by this Declaration. Contemplated Land Use Classifications are as follows:

- (a) Single Family Residential Use.
- (b) Apartment Development Use, which may be converted to Condominium Development Use upon approval by the Board.
- (c) Condominium Development Use, which may be converted to Apartment Development Use upon approval by the Board.
- (d) Commercial Office Use.
- (e) Shopping Center Use.
- (f) General Commercial Use including hotels.
- (g) Association Use. which may include Common Areas and may include well-sites owned by the Association and used for the withdrawal of groundwaters.

(h) Lake Area Use.

(i) Well-Site Use, which shall be used for the withdrawal of groundwaters.

(j) General Public Use.

(k) Cluster Residential Use, which shall consist of Lots with dwelling units intended for Single Family occupancy and may include those types of residential housing arrangements known as townhouses, clustered housing, zero-lot line housing and similar arrangements, together with related areas intended for the use and enjoyment of the Owners and residents of the Lots in the Cluster development.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration, the definitions and characteristics of such Land Use Classifications, and specific permitted and prohibited uses in such Classifications, shall be determined in the Tract Declaration. All Tract Declarations shall be subject to applicable zoning laws.

Section 2. Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements Applicable to Lots and Parcels Within All Land Use Classifications. The following covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations of easements and rights shall apply to all Lots and Parcels, the Owners thereof, and all Residents, regardless of Land Use Classifications.

(a) Architectural Control. No improvements, alterations, repairs, excavation, grading, landscaping or other work which in any way alters the exterior appearance of any property within Val Vista Lakes, or the improvements located thereon, from its natural or improved state existing on the date a Tract Declaration for such property was first recorded shall be made or done without prior approval of the Architectural Committee, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration. No building, fence, wall, residence or other structure shall be commenced, erected, maintained, improved, altered, or made without the prior written approval of the



Architectural Committee. All subsequent additions to or changes or alterations in any building, fence, wall or other structure, including exterior color scheme, and all changes in the grade of Lots or Parcels, shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee. No changes or deviations in or from the plans and specifications once approved by the Architectural Committee shall be made without prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

(b) Animals. No animal, bird, fowl, poultry or livestock, other than a reasonable number of generally recognized house or yard pets, shall be maintained on any Lot or Parcel and then only if they are kept, bred or raised thereon solely as domestic pets and not for commercial purposes. No animal, bird, fowl, poultry, or livestock shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or to become a nuisance. No structure for the care, housing or confinement of any animal, bird, fowl, poultry, or livestock shall be maintained so as to be Visible From Neighboring Property. Upon the written request of any Member or Resident, the Board shall conclusively determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, whether, for the purposes of this Section, a particular animal, bird, fowl, poultry, or livestock is a generally recognized house or yard pet, whether such a pet is a nuisance, or whether the number of animals or birds on any such property is reasonable. Any decision rendered by the Board shall be enforceable in the same manner as other restrictions contained herein. The Board shall also have the authority to exempt from the foregoing restrictions, or portions thereof, a pet shop in a General Commercial or Shopping Center Land Use Classification.

(c) Temporary Occupancy and Temporary Buildings. No trailer, basement of any incomplete building, tent, shack, garage or barr, and no temporary buildings or

structures of any kind, shall be used at any time for a residence, either temporary or permanent. Temporary buildings or structures used during the construction of a dwelling on any property shall be removed immediately after the completion of construction.

(d) Maintenance of Lawns and Plantings. Each Owner of a Lot or Parcel shall keep all shrubs, trees, hedges, grass and plantings of every kind located on

(i) his Lot or Parcel (including set back areas and Common Areas),

(ii) planted public right-of-way areas between sidewalks (or bikepaths) and the street curb in front of his property, if any,

(iii) any other public right-of-way or easement area which abuts the Owner's Lot or Parcel and which is located between the boundary line of his Lot or Parcel and the paved area of any street, sidewalk, bikepath or similar area, and

(iv) any non-street public right-of-way or easement area adjacent to his Lot or Parcel; neatly trimmed, and shall keep all such areas properly cultivated and free of trash, weeds and other unsightly material; provided, however, that such Owner shall not be responsible for maintenance of any area over which (1) the Association assumes the responsibility in writing; (2) the Association has been given such responsibility by a Recorded instrument as provided in Article X, Section 1 of this Declaration; or (3) the City of Gilbert assumes responsibility, for so long as the Association or the City of Gilbert assumes or has responsibility as provided in Subsections (1), (2) or (3). The Architectural Committee may require landscaping by the Owner of the areas described in Subsections (i), (iii) and (iv) above.

(e) Nuisances; Construction Activities. No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or per-

mitted to accumulate upon or adjacent to any Lot or Parcel, and no odors or loud noises shall be permitted to arise or emit therefrom, so as to render any such property or any portion thereof, or activity thereon, unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to the occupants of such other property. No other nuisance shall be permitted to exist or operate upon any Lot or Parcel so as to be offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to its occupants. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing provisions, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, firecrackers, bells or other sound devices, except security devices used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, used or placed on any such property. Normal construction activities and parking in connection with the building of improvements on a Lot or Parcel shall not be considered a nuisance or otherwise prohibited by this Declaration, but Lots and Parcels shall be kept in a neat and tidy condition during construction periods, trash and debris shall not be permitted to accumulate. In addition, any construction equipment and building materials stored or kept on any Lot or Parcel during construction of improvements may be kept only in areas approved by the Architectural Committee, which may also require screening of the storage areas. The Board in its sole discretion shall have the right to determine the existence of any such nuisance.

(f) Diseases and Insects. No Owner shall permit any thing or condition to exist upon any Lot or Parcel which shall induce, breed or harbor infectious plant diseases or noxious insects.

(g) Repair of Building. No building or structure on any Lot or Parcel shall be permitted to fall into disrepair and each such building and structure

shall at all times be kept in good condition and repair and adequately painted or otherwise finished. In the event any building or structure is damaged or destroyed, then, subject to the approvals required by Subsection (a) above, such building or structure shall be immediately repaired or rebuilt or shall be demolished.

(h) Antennas. No antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of television or radio signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation shall be erected, used or maintained outdoors on any Lot or Parcel, whether attached to a building or structure or otherwise, unless approved by the Architectural Committee.

(i) Mineral Exploration. No Lot or Parcel (other than a Parcel designated as a Well-Site) shall be used in any manner to explore for or to remove any water, oil or other hydrocarbons, minerals of any kind, gravel, earth or any earth substance of any kind.

(j) Trash Containers and Collection. No garbage or trash shall be placed or kept on any Lot or Parcel, except in covered containers of a type, size and style which are approved by the Architectural Committee. In no event shall such containers be maintained so as to be Visible From Neighboring Property except to make the same available for collection and then only for the shortest time reasonably necessary to effect such collection. All rubbish, trash, or garbage shall be removed from the Lots and Parcels and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. No outdoor incinerators shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or Parcel.

(k) Clothes Drying Facilities. Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes shall not be erected, placed or maintained on any Lot or Parcel unless they are erected, placed and maintained exclusively within a fenced service yard or otherwise concealed and shall not be Visible From Neighboring Property.

(l) Machinery and Equipment. No machinery or equipment of any kind shall be placed, operated or maintained upon or adjacent to any Lot or Parcel except (i) such machinery or equipment as is usual and customary in connection with the use, maintenance or construction (during the period of construction) of a building, appurtenant structures, or other improvements; (ii) that which Declarant or the Association may require for the operation and maintenance of Val Vista Lakes; or (iii) that used in connection with any business permitted under a Tract Declaration.

(m) Signs. No signs whatsoever (including, but not limited to, commercial, political and similar signs) which are Visible From Neighboring Property shall be erected or maintained on any Lot or Parcel except:

(i) Signs required by legal proceedings.

(ii) Nor more than two (2) identification signs for individual residences, each with a face area of seventy-two square inches or less.

(iii) Signs (including "for sale" and "for lease" signs) the nature, number, and location of which have been approved in advance and in writing by the Architectural Committee.

(iv) Signs of builders on any Lot or Parcel approved from time to time by Declarant as to number, size, colors, design, message content, location and type.

(v) Such other signs (including but not limited to construction job identification signs, builder signs, and subdivision, shopping center, apartment and business identification signs) which are in conformance with the requirements of the City of Gilbert and which have been approved in writing by the Architectural Committee as to size, colors, design, message content and location.

(n) Restriction on Further Subdivision, Property Restrictions and Rezoning. No Lot or Parcel shall be further subdivided or separated into smaller lots or parcels by any Owner, and no portion less than all of any such Lot or Parcel, nor any easement or other interest therein, shall be conveyed or transferred by any Owner, without the prior written approval of the Board, which approval must be evidenced on the plat or other instrument creating the subdivision, easement or other interest. This provision shall not, in any way, limit Declarant from subdividing or separating into Lots or Parcels any property at any time owned by Declarant and which has not previously been platted or subdivided into Lots. No portion of a Lot but for the entire Lot, together with the improvements thereon, may be rented, and then only to a single family. No further covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements shall be recorded by any Owner or other person against any Lot or Parcel without the provisions thereof having been first approved in writing by the Board and any covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements recorded without such approval being evidenced thereon shall be null and void. No application for rezoning of any Lot or Parcel, and no applications for variances or use permits, shall be filed with any governmental authority unless the proposed use of the Lot or Parcel has been approved by the Board and the proposed use otherwise complies with this Declaration and any applicable Tract Declaration.

(o) Utility Easements. There is hereby created a blanket easement upon, across, over and under each Lot and Parcel for ingress to, egress from, and the installation, replacing, repairing and maintaining of, all utility and service lines and systems, including, but not limited to water, sewers, gas, telephones, electricity, television cable or communication lines and systems, etc. as such utilities are installed in connection with the initial

development of the Lot or Parcel and the construction of the first Dwelling Unit or other building thereon. Pursuant to this easement, a providing utility or service company may install and maintain facilities and equipment on the property and affix and maintain wires, circuits and conduits on, in and under the roofs and exterior walls of buildings on the Lots and Parcels. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Subsection, no sewers, electrical lines, water lines, or other utilities or service lines may be installed or relocated on any Lot or Parcel except as initially programmed and approved by the Declarant or the Architectural Committee, or, if installed after recordation of the Tract Declaration, approved by the Owner and the Architectural Committee.

(p) Party Walls. Except as hereinafter provided, the rights and duties of Owners with respect to Party Walls between Lots and Parcels or Party Fences between Lots and Parcels shall be as follows:

(i) The Owners of contiguous Lots or Parcels who have a Party Wall or Party Fence shall both equally have the right to use such Wall or Fence, provided that such use by one Owner does not interfere with the use and enjoyment of same by the other Owner.

(ii) In the event that any Party Wall or Party Fence is damaged or destroyed through the act of an Owner or any of his tenants, agents, guests, or members of his family (whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable), it shall be the obligation of such Owner to rebuild and repair the Party Wall or Party Fence without cost to the Owner of the adjoining Lot or Parcel. Any dispute over an Owner's liability for such damage shall be resolved as provided in subsection (v) below, but any liability imposed on an Owner hereunder shall not prevent the Owner from seeking

indemnity therefor from the persons causing such damage.

(iii) In the event any Party Wall or Party Fence is destroyed or damaged (including deterioration from ordinary wear and tear and lapse of time), other than by the act of an adjoining Owner, his tenants, agents, guests or family, it shall be the obligation of all Owners whose Lots or Parcels adjoin such Party Wall or Party Fence to rebuild and repair such Wall or Fence at their joint expense, such expense to be allocated among the Owners in accordance with the frontage of their Lots or Parcels on the Party Wall or Party Fence.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, there shall be no impairment of the structural integrity of any Party Wall or Party Fence without the prior consent of all Owners of any interest therein, whether by way of easement or in fee.

(v) In the event of a dispute between Owners with respect to the construction, repair or rebuilding of a Party Wall or Party Fence, or with respect to the sharing of the cost thereof, such adjoining Owners shall submit the dispute to the Board, the decision of which shall be binding.

Anything in the foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding:

(vi) In the case of Party Fences (1) between Common Areas and Lots or Parcels, or (2) constructed by the Declarant or the Association on Common Areas within a Lot or Parcel, the Association shall be responsible for all maintenance thereof, subject to the provisions of Article X, Sections 2 and 3, except that each Owner of a Lot or Parcel shall be responsible for painting the portion of the Party Fence facing his



Lot or Parcel or the portion thereof which is not a portion of the Common Area, and

(vii) The provisions of this Subsection (p) shall not apply to any Party Wall which separates the interiors of two Dwelling Units and the rights of the owners of such Dwelling Units with respect to Party Walls shall be governed by plats to be recorded by the developer of the Dwelling Units.

(q) Utility Service. No lines, wires, or other devices for the communication or transmission of electric current or power, including telephone, television, and radio signals, shall be erected, placed or maintained anywhere in or upon any Lot or Parcel unless the same shall be contained in conduits or cables installed and maintained underground or concealed in, under or on buildings or other structures approved by the Architectural Committee. No provision hereof shall be deemed to forbid the erection of temporary power or telephone structures incident to the construction of buildings or structures approved by the Architectural Committee.

(r) Overhead Encroachments. No tree, shrub, or planting of any kind on any Lot or Parcel shall be allowed to overhang or otherwise to encroach upon any sidewalk, street, pedestrian way or other area from ground level to a height of eight (8) feet without the prior approval of the Architectural Committee.

(s) Trucks, Trailers, Campers and Boats. No motor vehicle classed by manufacturer rating as exceeding 3/4-ton, mobile home, travel trailer, motor home, tent trailer, trailer, camper shell, detached camper, boat, boat trailer, or other similar equipment or vehicle may be parked, maintained, constructed, reconstructed or repaired on any Lot or Parcel or on any street in Val Vista Lakes so as to be Visible From Neighboring Property, the Common Areas or the Streets; provided, however, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to (i) pickup trucks of 3/4-ton or

less capacity with camper shells not exceeding 7 feet in height measured from ground level and mini-motor homes not exceeding 7 feet in height and 18 feet in length which are parked as provided in Subsection (u) below and are used on a regular and recurring basis for basic transportation, (ii) boats permitted to be stored or moored on Lots, Parcels, or Lake Areas pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 below, or (iii) trucks, trailers and campers parked in areas designated for parking in non-residential Land Use Classifications in connection with permitted commercial activities conducted in such non-residential Land Use Classifications.

(t) Motor Vehicles. No automobile, motorcycle, motorbike or other motor vehicle shall be constructed, reconstructed or repaired upon any Lot, Parcel or Street in Val Vista Lakes, and no inoperable or unlicensed vehicle may be stored or parked on any such Lot, Parcel or Street, so as to be Visible From Neighboring Property or to be visible from Common Areas or streets; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to (i) emergency vehicle repairs; (ii) any automobile repair business which may be permitted in any General Commercial or Shopping Center Land Use Classification; (iii) the parking of such vehicles during normal business in areas designated for parking in a non-residential Land Use Classification; (iv) vehicles parked in garages on Lots or Parcels so long as such vehicles are in good operating condition and appearance and are not under emergency repair, (v) the storage of such vehicles in an area designated for such purposes on a Tract Declaration or on a site plan approved by the Architectural Committee.

(u) Parking. It is the intent of the Declarant to restrict On-Street parking as much as possible. Vehicles of all Owners, Lessees and Residents, and of their employees, guests and invitees, are to be kept in garages, carports, residential driveways of the Owner, and other designated parking areas wherever and whenever such facilities are

sufficient to accomodate the number of vehicles at a Lot or Parcel; provided, however, this Section shall not be construed to permit the parking in the above described areas of any vehicle whose parking on Val Vista Lakes is otherwise prohibited or the parking of any inoperable or unlicensed vehicle.

(v) Right of Entry. During reasonable hours and upon reasonable notice to the Owner or other occupant of a Lot or Parcel, any member of the Architectural Committee, any member of the Board, or any authorized representative of either of them, shall have the right to enter upon and inspect any Lot or Parcel, and the improvements thereon, except for the interior portions of any completed residence, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the provisions of this Declaration have been or are being complied with and such persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry.

(w) Declarant's Exemption. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be construed to prevent the erection or maintenance by Declarant, or its duly authorized agents, of structures, improvements or signs necessary or convenient to the development or sale of property within Val Vista Lakes.

(x) Health, Safety and Welfare. In the event additional uses, activities, and facilities are deemed by the Board to be a nuisance or to adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of Owners and Residents, the Board may make rules restricting or regulating their presence on Val Vista Lakes as part of the Val Vista Lakes Rules or may direct the Architectural Committee to make rules governing their presence on Lots or Parcels as part of the architectural guidelines.

(y) Model Homes. The provisions of this Declaration and of Tract Declarations which prohibit non-residential use of Lots and Parcels and regulate parking of vehicles shall not prohibit the construction and

maintenance of model homes by persons engaged in the construction of residential dwellings on Val Vista Lakes and parking incidental to the visiting of such model homes so long as the location of such model homes are approved by the Architectural Committee, the opening and closing hours are approved by the Board, and the construction, operation and maintenance of such model homes otherwise comply with all of the provisions of this Declaration. The Architectural Committee may also permit Lots and other areas to be used for parking in connection with the showing of model homes so long as such parking and parking areas are in compliance with the ordinances of the City of Gilbert and any rules of the Architectural Committee. Any homes constructed as model homes shall cease to be used as model homes at any time the Owner or Builder thereof is not actively engaged in the construction and sale of single family residences of Val Vista Lakes and no home shall be used as a model home for the sale of homes not located on Val Vista Lakes.

(z) Incidental Uses. The Board may approve uses of property within a Land Use Classification which are incidental to the full enjoyment by the Owners of the property within that Land Use Classification. Such approval may be subject to such regulations, limitations and restrictions, including termination of the use, as the Board may wish to impose, in its sole discretion, for the benefit of Val Vista Lakes as a whole. By way of example and not of limitation, the uses which the Board may permit are private roadways and streets within an area having a land use classification of Cluster Residential Use or Condominium Development Use, tennis clubs and/or swimming clubs intended primarily for the benefit of all or certain Owners and Residents within areas having a land use classification of Cluster Residential Use or Condominium Development Use, a business office for the Association within an area having a land use classification of Association Use, tennis courts, swimming pools, and other recreational facilities intended

for usage by the Residents or Owners of more than a single Lot or Parcel within any area classified for residential use, and a sales, information and marketing center operated by Declarant within an area having a land use classification of Association Use. The Declarant intends to utilize a portion of the Association recreation facilities for information and marketing related activities and reserves the right for such use until Declarant no longer owns Parcels or Lots for initial sale to purchasers. Such activity will be accomplished in areas designated by agreement between the Board and Declarant and will not be done in a manner which will substantially distract from the enjoyment by Residents or Members of the recreation facilities. When Declarant has conveyed title to substantially all of the Lots and Parcels, or when the Declarant notifies the Board in writing that all or part of the areas so used are then available to the Association for its use, such areas shall be relinquished to the control of the Association in a condition consistent with the condition and state of repair of the remainder of the recreation facilities. The Association shall not be entitled to compensation for the use of such facilities; however, the Declarant may pay a proportionate share of maintenance, janitorial service, utilities, etc. from its advertising fund in an amount consistent with the actual costs.

Section 3. Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements Applicable to Lots Within Single Family Residential Land Use Classification. The following covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations of easements and rights shall apply only to Lots and the Owners and Residents thereof lying within a Single Family Land Use Classification:

(a) General. Property classified as "Single Family Residential" under a Tract Declaration may be used only for the construction and occupancy of single family detached dwellings and typical residential activities incidental thereto, such as the construction and use of a family

swimming pool. All property within such Land Use Classification shall be used, improved, and devoted exclusively to Single Family residential use. No gainful occupation, profession, trade or other nonresidential use shall be conducted on any such property and no person shall enter into any Lot for engaging in such uses or for the purpose of receiving products or services arising out of such usage. No structure whatever, other than one private, single family residence, together with a private garage for not more than three (3) cars, a guest house or servant quarters, shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot and no facilities for the preparation of food shall be provided or permitted in any guest house or servants' quarters erected on said Lot unless expressly approved by the Architectural Committee within the scope of applicable zoning regulations. In no case shall the guest or servants quarters be leased as a separate dwelling unit.

(b) Tenants. The entire Dwelling Unit on a Lot may be let to a single family tenant from time-to-time by the Owner, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Val Vista Lakes Rules.

Section 4. Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements Applicable to Lakes Areas Land Use Classification.

(a) General. Lakes Areas may include portions of Lots, Parcels and Common Areas, and Lakes Areas shall be designated as such in a recorded plat of dedication, in a Tract Declaration, in a Subdivision Plat recorded by the Declarant, or in a Deed from Declarant to the transferee of a Parcel. Lakes Areas shall consist of the following:

(i) Water Access Areas, which shall be Common Areas where permitted users of the Lakes may have access to the Lakes for boating and other permitted recreational uses.

(ii) The Private Waterfront Areas, which shall be the portions of Lots and Parcels which are subject to easements, as shown on or created by a

recorded plat of dedication, Subdivision Plat, Deed, Tract Declaration, or subparagraph (j) of Article IV, Section 4. for access to and the creation, use, maintenance and operation of the Lake; and

(iii) The Lakes.

(b) Lake Rules. The Val Vista Lakes Rules shall contain specific rules regulating the use and operation of the Lakes Areas, which rules shall be in addition to the provisions of this Section 4. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules covering the following items: the landscaping and construction of fences, retaining walls, docks, ramadas, etc. in Private Waterfront Areas or elsewhere on Lake Lots or Lake Parcels; the storage of boats and other watercraft; the launching, recovery, mooring, storage, maintenance, and operation of boats and other watercraft; the painting, repairing, and overhauling of all or any part of a boat or other watercraft or any equipment in, on, or used in connection therewith; fishing and other aquatic activity; the storage of equipment and personal property of every kind and character; and the discharge, collection or disposal of sanitary sewage, garbage, and other waste substances. All Owners, Lessees and Residents shall abide by the Lake Rules and shall be responsible for all acts of their family, guests, invitees, and Designees. The Board shall have the right to make, supplement, amend, change or revoke the Lake Rules without advance notice to Owners.

(c) Swimming. There shall be no swimming in the Lakes except in case of an emergency.

(d) Right-of-Way. The Association reserves the right to enter upon and use the portion of any Lot or Parcel within the Private Waterfront Area for any lawful purpose in connection with the creation, use, operation and maintenance of the applicable Lake which does not unreasonably interfere with the Owner's use of the Lot or Parcel.

(e) Waterfront Facilities. No Owner of any Private Waterfront Area shall locate, construct, maintain, or operate any Waterfront Facility except within the limits of the Private Waterfront Area of the Owner's Lot or Parcel. Each conveyance or transfer of a Lot or Parcel containing a Private Waterfront Area shall include all right, title, interest and estate of the Owner in the Private Waterfront Area and the Waterfront Facilities thereon. No Waterfront Facilities shall be constructed, erected, installed, placed, altered, or maintained without the prior written consent of the Architectural Committee. Each Owner of any Private Waterfront Area shall, at his sole cost and expense, keep and maintain all Waterfront Facilities located thereon in good and clean appearance and in good and safe condition and repair, including the periodic repair, painting, and refurbishing thereof. Without the prior written consent of the Board, no such Waterfront Facilities shall be used except by the Owner of the Lot or Parcel, or Lessees of a Rental Apartment on the Parcel, to which the Waterfront Facilities are appurtenant and said Owner's and Lessee's family, guests, visitors or tenants. No structures, facilities or other improvements shall be located, constructed, maintained or operated in, upon or under any Private Waterfront Area or in the Lakes except for Waterfront Facilities and other structures and improvements approved by the Architectural Committee.

(f) Boats and Watercraft. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board, only the following types of boats and watercraft shall be allowed in any Lakes Area: power boats operated by the Association for maintenance, safety, or other community purposes or by the Declarant; sailboats; canoes; paddle boats; and electrical or battery operated boats. Except for power boats operated by the Association, no gasoline or other combustible powered boats shall be permitted on any Lakes Area. The size of all boats and watercraft shall be subject to restriction by the Board.



All boats and watercraft must be registered with the Association and must bear identification numbers as assigned by the Association.

(g) Lakes Patrol. One or more persons may be named by the Association to constitute the Lakes Patrol, which person(s) shall have authority to restrict the usage of any Lakes Areas or any portion thereof by any persons, including an Owner, Lessee or Resident, or their family, guests, tenants or designees, and of any boat or watercraft due to negligence in the operation of any boat or watercraft, violation of any safety regulation, or violation of any of the Lakes Rules. Any person whose use of the Lakes Area is restricted by the Lakes Patrol may request review of such restriction by the Board, the decision of which shall be binding. The Board may also restrict the usage of the Lakes Areas by any person on account of any such negligence or violation, as well as for reasons elsewhere set forth in this Declaration.

(h) Use of Private Waterfront Area. The Private Waterfront Area shall be used only for the construction and operation thereon of Waterfront Facilities for the accomodation of private boats or other watercraft owned by the Owner or Residents of a Lot or Parcel, or by the Lessee or Residents of a Rental Apartment in an Apartment Development, containing the Private Waterfront Area and only for non-commercial, recreational purposes. No houseboat may be used or stored in the Private Waterfront Area and no boat or watercraft shall be used as a residence or shall be lived in while in the Lakes Areas. Nothing shall be done or kept in the Private Waterfront Area or on the Lakes which would be a violation of any provision of this Declaration, any Tract Declaration, or the Val Vista Lakes Rules.

(i) Waterfront Access Areas. The Board shall have the sole authority to regulate the use of the Waterfront Access Areas, the Waterfront Facilities to be erected thereon, and the storage of boats and watercraft thereon.

(j) Lake Easement. There is hereby created an easement, the area of which includes all portions of any Lakefront Lot, Lakefront Parcel or any exempt property which is covered in whole or in part by portions of any of the Lakes; the shoreline of the Lakes; and a land area consisting of a strip of land eight feet wide parallel to the shoreline of each Lake and any appurtenant canals, ditches, or other areas created in conjunction with the Lakes. The Lake Easement also includes an area four feet wide on either side, over, and under any pipe or other device used to transport water from any well site or canal to or from any of the Lakes or from any one Lake to the other or away from any of the above areas to any drainage site. The easement is created for two purposes as follows: (a) to allow access on, over, or under any Lot, Parcel or exempt property to reasonably perform maintenance and cleaning on the Lake, lake shore, or lake water distribution system, and (b) to allow access over any portion of the surface of the Lakes by any Member of the Association for boating or other water activity when otherwise allowed by these restrictions, Board Rules or legal Board actions.

Section 5. Variances. The Board may, at its option and in extenuating circumstances, grant variances from the restrictions set forth in Article IV of this Declaration or in any Tract Declaration if the Board determines in its discretion (a) either (i) that a restriction would create an unreasonable hardship or burden on an Owner or Lessee, or (ii) that a change of circumstances since the recordation of this Declaration has rendered such restriction obsolete and (b) that the activity permitted under the variance will not have any substantial adverse effect on the Owners, Lessees, and Residents of Val Vista Lakes and is consistent with the high quality of life intended for residents of Val Vista Lakes.

#### ARTICLE V

#### ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Formation of Association. The Association shall be a nonprofit Arizona corporation charged with the duties and invested with the powers prescribed by law and set forth in the Articles, Bylaws, and this Declaration. Neither the Article nor Bylaws shall, for any reason, be amended or otherwise changed or interpreted so as to be inconsistent with this Declaration.

Section 2. Board of Directors and Officers. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board and such officers as the Board may elect or appoint in accordance with the Articles and the Bylaws as the same may be amended from time to time. The initial Board shall be composed of five members. The Board may also appoint various committees and appoint a Manager who shall, subject to the direction of the Board, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Association. The Board shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Manager or any other employee of the Association.

Section 3. The Val Vista Lakes Rules. By a majority vote of the Board, the Association may, from time to time and subject to the provisions of this Declaration, adopt, amend and repeal rules and regulations to be known as the Val Vista Lakes Rules. The Val Vista Lakes Rules may restrict and govern the use of any area by any Member or Resident, by the family and Designees of such Member; provided, however, that the Val Vista Lakes Rules shall not discriminate among Members and shall not be inconsistent with this Declaration, the Articles or Bylaws. Upon adoption, the Val Vista Lakes Rules shall have the same force and effect as if they were set forth in and were a part of this Declaration.

Section 4. Personal Liability. No member of the Board or of any committee of the Association, no officer of the Association, and no manager, management company and its employees, or other employee of the Association shall be personally liable to any Member, or to any other person, including the Association, for any damage, loss or prejudice suffered or claimed on account of any act, omission, error, or

negligence of the Association, the Board, the manager, the management company and its employees, any representative or employee of the Association, or any committee, committee member or officer of the Association; provided, however, the limitations set forth in this Section 4 shall not apply to any person who has failed to act in good faith or has engaged in willful or intentional misconduct.

Section 5. Ancillary Associations. In the event any homeowners or similar association is to be formed by the developer (other than the Declarant) of a Parcel or subdivision on Val Vista Lakes, the articles of incorporation, bylaws, covenants, conditions of restrictions or horizontal regime, or other governing documents for such association shall not be effective unless the contents thereof have been approved by the Board and the governing documents specify that such association and the rights of its members are subject and subordinate to the provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of the Articles and Bylaws of the Association, and the provisions of the Val Vista Lakes Rules. The declaration of restrictions or horizontal regime may, if so indicated therein, also serve as the Tract Declaration and Certificate of Annexation.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND VOTING

Section 1. Owners of Lots and Parcels. Every Owner of a Lot or Parcel which is subject to assessment shall be a Member of the Association. Each such Owner shall have the following number of Memberships:

- (a) One Membership for each Lot owned by the Member;
- (b) One Membership for each acre (43,560 square feet) or fraction thereof in each Parcel owned by the Member, except any Parcels which have a land use classification of Single Family Residential or Cluster Residential;

(c) One Membership for each eight Rental Apartments constructed as a Parcel which Tract Declaration allows Apartment Development use;

(d) In the case of the Owner of a Parcel designated for Condominium Development but as to which a horizontal property regime has not been recorded, one Membership for each Dwelling Unit permitted upon the Parcel under the Master Development Plan then in effect for Val Vista Lakes, the number of such Dwelling Units to be determined on the assumption that the number of Dwelling Units within a Density Classification on the Master Development Plan will be spread evenly over all land within the Density Classification. If a site plan for the Parcel is subsequently approved by the Architectural Committee and the City of Gilbert for a number of Dwelling Units different than the number of Dwelling Units assumed pursuant to the Master Development Plan, the number of Memberships shall be adjusted, as to the portion of the Parcel covered by the site plan and effective as of the date of adjustment, to reflect the actual number of Dwelling Units authorized by the site plan; and

(e) In the case of the Owner of a Parcel with a land use classification of Single Family Residential or Cluster Residential, one membership for each Dwelling Unit permitted upon the Parcel under the Master Development Plan then in effect for Val Vista Lakes. If a subdivision plat or other instrument creating Lots is recorded covering all or part of the area within the Parcel, the Parcel shall be reduced in size by the area so platted and the number of memberships held by the Owner, as Owner of the Parcel, shall be reduced by a number equal to the number of Lots in the recorded subdivision plat. All memberships attributable to the Parcel shall cease when the land area ceases to be a Parcel because all of the area in the Parcel has been platted or otherwise dedicated to the public and no unplatted Single Family Residential or Cluster Residential

area remains within the Parcel.

Each such Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of the Lot or Parcel to which the Membership is attributable. There shall be only one Membership for each Lot, for each Dwelling Unit, for each eight (8) Rental Apartments and for each acre (or fraction thereof) in a Parcel, which Memberships shall be shared by any joint owners of, or owners of undivided interests in, a Lot or Parcel.

Section 2. Lessees.

(a) Lessees of Rental Apartments are not members of the Association. Each Lessee of a Rental Apartment during the period of the lease shall have the right to the use of the Lakes to include boating and fishing privileges within limits established by the Board. The Board or the Lakes Patrol shall have the right to restrict such use of any Lessee for infraction of the rules for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days. Such Lessees shall not have the right to the use of other recreation amenities unless specifically designated by the Owner of a Membership for membership privileges as otherwise allowed by these Covenants, the Bylaws, or the Articles, and more specifically described in this Section 2(b) below.

(b) Each Owner of a Parcel for which a Tract Declaration allows Apartment Development use, shall have one Membership for each acre (43,560 square feet) or fraction thereof, plus one Membership for each eight Rental Apartment units constructed on the Parcel. The Owner of the Parcel may designate Lessees of his choice to utilize the membership privileges (but not the vote), up to the number of Assessments required by the Memberships attributable to the Tract and the Rental Apartment units, providing, however, that such designations must be made for a period not less than six (6) months or the term of the Lease, whichever is less. Such Owner shall provide information pertaining to the designation for use of such Memberships, and shall be responsible for complying with rules covering

such designation published by the Board. The Board retains the right to terminate the designation of any Lessee for cause as it so determines within the rules made for that purpose.

Section 3. Declarant. The Declarant shall be a Member of the Association for so long as it holds a Class B Membership pursuant to Section 4 below or owns any Lot or Parcel in Val Vista Lakes.

Section 4. Voting. (A) The Association shall have two classes of voting Memberships:

Class A. Class A Memberships shall be all Memberships, except the Class B Membership held by the Declarant, and each Owner shall be entitled to one vote for each Class A Membership held by the Owner, subject to the authority of the Board to suspend the voting rights of the Owner for violations of this Declaration in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Class B. There shall be one Class B Membership which shall be held by the Declarant and the Class B Membership shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned by the Declarant plus three (3) votes for each Lot which qualifies for a reduced Assessment as described in Article VII. For purposes of this Section only and in order to pursue the development of Val Vista Lakes contemplated by the Master Development Plan, the Class B Member shall at any time be deemed to be the owner of 4000 Lots, less a number of Lots equal to the number of Class A Memberships required to pay a full Assessment then held by Class A Members. The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Memberships, on the basis of the number of Lots and Parcels actually owned by the Declarant, on the happening of the first of the following events:

- (1) When the total votes outstanding in the Class A Memberships required to pay a full Assessment equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B Membership, or

(2) The first day of January, 1994.

(B) In determining the point at which Class B memberships revert to Class A memberships, those Class A memberships which qualify for the reduced Assessment in Article VII shall not be counted.

Section 5. Right to Vote. No change in the ownership of a Membership shall be effective for voting purposes unless and until the Board is given actual written notice of such change and is provided satisfactory proof thereof. The vote for each such Membership must be cast as a unit, and fractional votes shall not be allowed. In the event that a Membership is owned by more than one person or entity and such owners are unable to agree among themselves as to how their vote or votes shall be cast, they shall lose their right to vote on the matter in question. If any Member casts a vote representing a certain Membership, it will thereafter be conclusively presumed for all purposes that he was acting with the authority and consent of all other owners of the same Membership unless objection thereto is made at the time the vote is cast. In the event more than one vote is cast for a particular Membership, none of the said votes shall be counted and all said votes shall be deemed void.

Section 6. Cumulative Voting for Board Members. In any election of the members of the Board, every owner of a Membership entitled to vote at such an election shall have the number of votes for each Membership equal to the number of directors to be elected, except that the Class B Member shall have the number of votes designated in Section 4 above times the number of directors to be elected. Each Member shall have the right to cumulate his votes for one candidate or to divide such votes among any number of the candidates. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes, up to the number of the Board members to be elected, shall be deemed elected.

Section 7. Membership Rights. Each Member shall have the rights, duties and obligations set forth in this Declaration and such other rights, duties and obligations as are set forth in the Articles and Bylaws, as the same may be amended from time to time.



Section 8. Transfer of Membership. Except as provided in Section 9 of this Article VI, the rights and obligations of the owner of a Class A Membership in the Association shall not be assigned, transferred, pledged, conveyed or alienated in any way except upon transfer of ownership to an Owner's Lot or Parcel, as applicable, and then only to the transferee of ownership to the Lot or Parcel. A transfer of ownership to a Lot or Parcel may be effected by deed, intestate succession, testamentary disposition, foreclosure of a mortgage of record, or such other legal process as now in effect or as may hereafter be established under or pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona. Any attempt to make a prohibited transfer shall be void. Any transfer of ownership to a Lot or Parcel shall operate to transfer the Membership(s) appurtenant to said Lot or Parcel to the new Owner thereof.

Section 9. Use of Membership; Designees. Subject to the Val Vista Lakes Rules, all of the owners of a Membership may designate one or more non-Members (herein referred to as a "Designee") to exercise all of the rights of the Member under this Declaration except the Member's voting rights, but such designation shall not relieve the Member of any liabilities or obligation as an Owner or Lessee or with respect to the Membership. So long as such designation is in effect, the Member shall be permitted to exercise only his voting rights and the Board may, among other things, in its discretion, set maximum or minimum periods for which such designation may be in effect and limit the number of persons who may be so designated by any Member at any one time. The designee need not be a Resident and need not live on Val Vista Lakes unless the Board adopts rules requiring such residence.

Section 10. Adjustment in Votes of Class B Member. In the event the general plan of development contemplated by the Master Development Plan (or modification thereof) is not pursued to completion and an affirmative statement of abandonment of any or all parts of the general plan previously approved by the City of Gilbert is recorded in the office of the County Recorder of

Maricopa County, Arizona, then, in such event the number of Lots deemed owned by the Declarant pursuant to Section 4 above shall be reduced by the number of Dwelling Units or commercial Memberships attributable on the Master Plan to the area so abandoned. In the event the Declarant shall make a "constructive abandonment" of the general plan of development, then, and in such event, the number of Lots deemed owned by the Declarant pursuant to Section 4 above shall be reduced by the number of Dwelling Units attributable on the Master Development Plan to the area so abandoned. For the purposes of this Section, a "constructive abandonment" shall be deemed to have occurred when the Declarant shall fail to record a Tract Declaration for a period of one (1) year from the date of the recording of the most recent Tract Declaration and shall have made no substantial progress towards planning or preparation for continuation of the general plan of development for a period of one (1) year. A constructive abandonment shall not occur if the lack of recordation and planning or preparation shall be due to strikes, acts of God, war, riot, insurrection, or other acts which are beyond the control of the Declarant.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS AND CREATION OF LIEN

Section 1. Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments and Maintenance Charges. The Declarant, for each Lot and Parcel hereafter established within Val Vista Lakes, hereby covenants and agrees, and each Owner by acceptance of a Deed therefor (whether or not it shall be so expressed in such Deed) is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association the following assessments and charges: (1) Annual Assessments established by this Article VII, (2) Special Assessments for capital improvements or other extraordinary expenses or costs established by this Article VII, and (3) Maintenance Charges established by Article X, Sections 2 and 3, all such Assessments to be established and collected as

hereinafter provided. The Annual Assessments, Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the Lot or Parcel and shall be a continuing servitude and lien upon the Lot or Parcel against which each such Assessment is made. The Annual and Special Assessments against each Lot or Parcel shall be based on the number of Memberships appurtenant to the Lot or Parcel. Each such Annual and Special Assessment and Maintenance Charge, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Lot or Parcel at the time when the Assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent Assessments shall not pass to the successors in title of the Owner unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Annual Assessments. In order to provide for the uses and purposes specified in Article IX hereof, including the establishment of replacement and maintenance reserves, the Board in each year, commencing with the year in which the first Tract Declaration is recorded, shall assess against each Lot and Parcel an Annual Assessment. The amount of the Annual Assessment, subject to the provisions of Section 4 hereof, shall be in the sole discretion of the Board but shall be determined with the objective of fulfilling the Association's obligations under this Declaration and providing for the uses and purposes specified in Article IX.

Section 3. Uniform Rate of Assessment. The amount of any Annual or Special Assessment against each Lot and Parcel shall be fixed at a uniform rate per Membership, except that the following Owners shall pay only 25% of the Annual Assessment otherwise attributable to his Membership during the periods hereafter specified:

- (a) The Owner of a Lot shall pay only 25% of the Annual Assessment attributable to his Membership until the earlier of (i) the completion of the first Dwelling Unit on the Lot or (ii) six months from the commencement of construction of the first Dwelling

Unit on the Lot.

(b) The Owner of a Parcel restricted under a Tract Declaration to uses other than residential shall pay only 25% of the Annual Assessments otherwise attributable to his Membership until the earlier of (i) the completion of the first building on the Parcel, or (ii) six months from the commencement of construction of the first building on the Parcel.

(c) The Owner of a Parcel which, under a Tract Declaration, is to be used as an Apartment Development (and which has not been converted to Condominiums) or a Condominium Development (and for which the horizontal property regime has not been recorded) shall pay only 25% of the Annual Assessment otherwise attributable to each of his Memberships for the following time periods:

(i) With respect to Memberships attributable to acreage within the Parcel, until a site plan has been approved by the Board and the City of Gilbert for any portion of the Parcel and an Apartment Development or Condominium Development has either been completed on the Parcel or six months have elapsed since construction of the Development was commenced.

(d) The Owner of a Parcel which, under a Tract Declaration, has been classified as Single Family Residential or Cluster Residential (and which remains a Parcel because it has not yet been subdivided) shall pay only 25% of the Annual Assessment otherwise attributable to each of his Memberships.

(e) The Declarant shall not be required to pay assessments for Class B Memberships but shall be required to subsidize the Association the difference between the cost of operating and administering the Association. When the Class B Membership ceases in accordance with Article VI, Declarant shall no longer be required to subsidize the cost of operating and administering the Association but shall be

subject to payment of Assessments for all remaining undeveloped Parcels and Lots owned by Declarant, and shall be eligible for the reduced assessment in the same way as any other Class A Member.

For purposes of this Section, a Dwelling Unit or other building shall be deemed completed when, in the opinion of the Board, the building is ready for occupancy or, in the case of a commercial rental building, ready for the making of interior tenant improvements. As long as there is a Class B vote, for purposes of determining the amount of Annual and Special Assessments only, in order to insure that no individual Member shall pay more than a fair share of expenses, the Class B Member shall be deemed, with respect to Parcels and Lots owned by the Declarant, to have the number of Memberships he would have if Class A Memberships were subtracted from 4,000 as described in Article VI, Section 4(b). If the Owner of a Parcel or Lot ceases to qualify for the reduced 25% rate during the period to which an Annual Assessment is attributable or the Parcel ceases to be a Parcel because it has been subdivided for Single Family Residential usage, the Assessment attributable to a Membership shall be prorated between the applicable rates on the basis of the number of days in the period that the Owner qualified for each rate. Annual Assessments may be collected on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis and Special Assessments may be collected as specified by the Board unless otherwise determined by the resolution of the Members of the Association approving the Special Assessment.

Section 4. Maximum Annual Assessment. The Annual Assessment to be established by the Board may not exceed a certain amount, hereinafter referred to as the "Maximum Annual Assessment", which Maximum Annual Assessment shall be determined and shall vary in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Until January 1 of the year following the recordation of the first Tract Declaration, the Maximum Annual Assessment against each Owner shall be \$300.00 per each Membership.

(b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following recordation of the first Tract Declaration and during such year, the Maximum Annual Assessment shall be increased effective January 1 of each year without a vote of the Membership in conformance with the rise, if any, of the Consumer Price Index as hereinafter defined. The Maximum Annual Assessment for each such period shall be computed by reference to the statistics published in the Monthly Labor Review by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, designated "Consumer Price Index--U.S. City Average for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, 1967 Equals 100, All Items", hereinafter called the "Consumer Price Index". For purposes of identification, the Consumer Price Index for June, 1980 was 247.8. The Maximum Annual Assessment shall be computed by the following formula:

X = Consumer Price Index for September of the year immediately preceding the year of the first Annual Assessment.

Y = Consumer Price Index for September of the year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the Maximum Annual Assessment is to be determined.

$\frac{Y}{X}$  X \$300 = the Maximum Annual Assessment for the year in question.

If the Bureau of Labor Statistics shall change the method of determining the Consumer Price Index, the formula for determining the Maximum Annual Assessment shall be altered or amended, if possible, so as to continue the base period and base figure, but in the event it shall be impossible to do so, or in the event the Bureau of Labor Statistics shall cease to publish the said statistical information and such information is not available from any other source, public or private, then and in any such events a new formula for

determining the Maximum Annual Assessment shall be adopted by the Board.

(c) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the recordation of the first Tract Declaration, the Maximum Annual Assessment may be increased above the Maximum Annual Assessment otherwise determined under Subsection (b) above by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements and Extraordinary Expenses. In addition to the Annual Assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any Assessment Period, a Special Assessment applicable to that period only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Association Land, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, or for the purpose of defraying other extraordinary expenses, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy duly called for such purpose. In connection with any such Special Assessment, Owners qualifying for paying only 25% of the Annual Assessment attributable to their Memberships pursuant to Section 3 above shall also be required to pay only twenty-five percent (25%) of the Special Assessment otherwise attributable to each such Membership. The provisions of this Section are not intended to preclude or limit the assessment, collection or use of Annual Assessments for the aforesaid purposes.

Section 6. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 4 and 5. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Sections 4 or 5 of this Article shall be sent to all Members no less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent

(60%) of all the votes (exclusive of suspended voting rights) of each class of Membership 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 the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 7. Establishment of Annual Assessment Period. The period for which the Annual Assessment is to be levied (the "Assessment Period") shall be the calendar year, except that the first Assessment Period shall commence upon the filing of the first Tract Declaration and terminate on December 31 of such year. The Board in its sole discretion from time to time may change the Assessment Period by recording with the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona, an instrument specifying the new Assessment Period.

Section 8. Rules Regarding Billing and Collection Procedures. The Board shall have the right to adopt rules and regulations setting forth procedures for the purpose of making the Assessments provided herein and for the billing and collection of the Annual and Special Assessment and the Maintenance Charges imposed pursuant to Article X, Section 2 and 3, provided that said procedures are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof. The failure of the Association to send a bill to a Member shall not relieve any Member of his liability for any Assessment or charge under this Declaration, but the Assessment Lien therefor shall not be foreclosed or otherwise enforced until the Member has been given not less than thirty (30) days written notice prior to such foreclosure or enforcement, at the address of the Member on the records of the Association, that the Assessment or any installment thereof is or will be due and of the amount owing. Such notice may be given at any time prior to or after delinquency of such payment. The Association shall be under no duty to refund any payments received by it even though the ownership of a Membership changes during an Assessment



Period; successor Owners of Lots or Parcels and successor Lessees shall be given credit for prepayments, on a prorated basis, made by prior Owners and Lessees. In case the owner of a Membership becomes liable for payment of an increased sum pursuant to Section 3 of this Article during the Assessment Period, he shall notify the Association but his failure to notify the Association shall not relieve him of the liability for such amounts. The amount of the Annual Assessment against Members who become such during an Assessment Period upon the recordation of a Tract Declaration shall be prorated and such new Members shall be liable for a proportionate share of any previously levied Special Assessment if such Assessments are paid in installments.

Section 9. Collection Costs and Interest on Delinquent Assessments. Any Assessment or installment thereof not paid when due shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date until paid at a rate equal to the greater of (a) twelve percent (12%) per annum or (b) the then prevailing interest rate on loans insured by the Federal Housing Association, or (c) the then prevailing interest rate on loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, and the Member shall be liable for all costs, including attorney's fees, which may be incurred by the Association in collecting the same. The applicable interest rate on delinquent Assessments shall be determined on a daily basis. The Board may also record a Notice of Delinquent Assessment against any Lot or Parcel as to which an Assessment is delinquent and constitutes a lien and may establish a fixed fee to reimburse the Association for the Association's cost in recording such Notice, processing the delinquency and recording a notice of payment, which fixed fee shall be treated as a collection cost of the Association secured by the Assessment Lien.

Section 10. Evidence of Payment of Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges. Upon receipt of a written request by a Member or any other person, the Association within a reasonable period of time thereafter shall issue to such Member or other person a written certificate stating (a) that all

Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges (including interest, costs and attorney's fees, if any, as provided in Section 9 above) have been paid with respect to any specified Lot or Parcel as of the date of such certificate, or (b) if all Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges have not been paid, the amount of such Annual and special Assessments and Maintenance Charges (including interest, costs and attorney's fees, if any) due and payable as of such date. The Association may make a reasonable charge for the issuance of such certificates, which charges must be paid at the time the request for any such certificate is made. Any such certificate, when duly issued as herein provided, shall be conclusive and binding with respect to any matter therein stated as against any bona fide purchaser of, or lender on, the Lot or Parcel in question.

Section 11. Property Exempted from the Annual and Special Assessments and Assessment Lien. Exempt Property shall be exempted from the assessment of the Annual and Special Assessments and, except as provided in Article X, Section 3, from Maintenance Charges and the Assessment Lien; provided, however, that in the event any change of ownership of Exempt Property results in all or any part thereof becoming Assessable Property in any year, the same thereupon shall be subject to the assessment of the Annual and Special Assessments and, if exempt therefrom, Maintenance Charges (prorated as of the date it became Assessable Property) and the Assessment Lien.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### ENFORCEMENT OF PAYMENT OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND OF ASSESSMENT LIEN

Section 1. Association as Enforcing Body. The Association, as the agent and representative of the Members, shall have the exclusive right to enforce the provisions of this Declaration. However, if the Association shall fail or refuse to enforce this Declaration or any provision hereof for an

unreasonable period of time after written request to do so, then any Member may enforce them on behalf of the Association by any appropriate action, whether in law or in equity.

Section 2. Association's Remedies to Enforce Payment of Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges. If any Member fails to pay the Annual or Special Assessments or installments when due, or to pay Maintenance Charges assessed pursuant to Article X, Sections 2 and 3, the Association may enforce the payment of the Annual or Special Assessments, Maintenance Charges and/or the Assessment Lien by taking either or both of the following actions, concurrently or separately (and, by exercising either of the remedies hereinafter set forth, the Association does not prejudice or waive its right to exercise the other remedy):

(a) Bring an action at law and recover judgment against the Member personally obligated to pay the Annual or Special Assessments or the Maintenance Charges;

(b) Foreclose the Assessment Lien against the Lot or Parcel in accordance with the then prevailing Arizona law relating to the foreclosure of realty mortgages (including the right to recover any deficiency).

Section 3. Subordination of Assessment Lien to First Mortgage or Deed of Trust; Priority of Lien. The Assessment Lien provided for herein shall be subordinate to any first mortgage lien held by, or deed of trust of which the beneficiary is, a lender who has lent funds with the Lot or Parcel as security, or held by the lender's successors and assigns, and shall also be subject and subordinate to liens for taxes and other public charges which by applicable law are expressly made superior. Except as above provided, the Assessment Lien shall be superior to any and all charges, liens or encumbrances which hereafter in any manner may arise or be imposed upon each Lot or Parcel. Sale or transfer of any Lot or Parcel shall not affect the Assessment Lien; provided, however, that if the sale or transfer is pursuant to foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust to which the Assessment Lien is

subordinate, or pursuant to any sale or proceeding in lieu thereof, the purchaser at the mortgage foreclosure or deed of trust sale, or any grantee taking by deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall take the Lot or Parcel free of the Assessment Lien for all Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges that have accrued up to the date of issuance of a sheriff's or trustee's deed or deed in lieu of foreclosure; but upon the date of issuance of a sheriff's or trustee's deed or deed in lieu of foreclosure, the Assessment Lien immediately shall become and remain superior to any and all other charges, liens or encumbrances (except liens for taxes or other public charges which by applicable law are expressly made superior), and such mortgage or deed of trust foreclosure sale purchaser or grantee shall take subject to all Annual and Special Assessments, Maintenance Charges and the Assessment Lien thereof accruing subsequent to the date of issuance of a sheriff's or trustee's deed or deed given in lieu of foreclosure.

Section 4. Costs to be Borne by Member in Connection with Enforcement of Payment of Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges. In any action taken pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, the Member shall be personally liable for, and the Assessment Lien shall be deemed to secure the amount of, the Annual and Special Assessments and Maintenance Charges together with interest and the Association's collection costs and attorney's fees, including those costs and fees specified in Article VII, Section 9.

## ARTICLE IX

### USE OF FUNDS; BORROWING POWER

Section 1. Purposes for which Association's Funds may be Used. The Association shall apply all funds and property collected and received by it (including the Annual and Special Assessments, fees, loan proceeds, surplus funds and all funds and property received by it from any other source) for the common good and benefit of Val Vista Lakes and the Members and Residents

by devoting said funds and property, among other things, to the acquisition, construction, alteration, maintenance, provision and operation, by any manner or method whatsoever, of any and all land, properties, improvements, facilities, services, projects, programs, studies and systems, within or without Val Vista Lakes, which may be necessary, desirable or beneficial to the general common interests of Val Vista Lakes, the Members and the Residents. The Association shall not expend funds directly or indirectly to support, endorse, or contribute to any political candidate or issue. The following are some, but not all, of the areas in which the Association may seek to aid, promote and provide for such common benefit: social interaction among Members and Residents, maintenance of landscaping on Common Areas and public right of way and drainage areas within Val Vista Lakes, recreation (including operation and maintenance of the Lakes) liability insurance, communications, ownership and operation of vehicle storage areas, transportation, health, utilities, public services, safety and indemnification of officers and directors of the Association. The Association also may expend its funds for any purposes which any municipality may expend its funds under the laws of the State of Arizona or such municipality's charter.

Section 2. Borrowing Power. The Association may borrow money in such amounts, at such rates, upon such terms and security, and for such period of time as is necessary or appropriate.

Section 3. Association's Rights in Spending Funds From Year to Year. The Association shall not be obligated to spend in any year all the sums received by it in such year (whether by way of Annual or Special Assessments, fees or otherwise), and may carry forward as surplus any balances remaining. The Association shall not be obligated to reduce the amount of the Annual Assessment in the succeeding year if a surplus exists from a prior year and the Association may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Board in its discretion may determine to be desirable for the greater financial security of the Association and the accomplishment of

its purposes.

Section 4. Administration of Special Use Fees.

The Association is authorized to bill for, sue for, collect, administer and disburse all Special Use Fees and the payment thereof shall be secured by the Assessment Lien; provided, however, that all Special Use Fees collected shall, if imposed in connection with a particular improvement, be separately accounted for as to each separate improvement pertaining to which they are collected and shall be expended on the particular improvement to which they pertain.

Section 5. Insurance.

The Association shall maintain insurance against liability incurred as a result of death or injury to persons or damage to property on the Common Areas. The Association shall also cause the Owners of Private Waterfront Areas to be named as additional insureds on liability policies covering the Private Waterfront Areas in amounts not less than \$1,000,000.00 for injuries or death in one occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 for damage to property, insuring the Owners against liabilities to the public arising out of use of the Lake.

ARTICLE X

MAINTENANCE

Section 1. Common Areas and Public Right of Way.

The Association, or its duly delegated representative, shall maintain and otherwise manage all Common Areas, including, but not limited to, the landscaping, walkways, paths, parking areas, drives, recreational facilities and the roofs, interiors and exteriors of the buildings and structures located upon said properties; provided however, the Association shall not be responsible for providing or maintaining the landscaping or structures on any Common Areas which are part of Lots or Parcels unless (i) such landscaping or structures are available for use by all Owners and Residents or are within easements intended for the general benefit of Val Vista Lakes and (ii) the Association assumes in writing the responsibility for such maintenance or

such responsibility is set forth in a recorded instrument as hereinafter provided. The Association shall also maintain any landscaping and other improvements not on Lots and Parcels which are within the exterior boundaries of Val Vista Lakes, which are within areas shown on a subdivision plat or other plat of dedication for Val Vista Lakes or covered by a Tract Declaration, and which are intended for the general benefit of the Owners, Lessees and Residents of Val Vista Lakes, except the Association shall not maintain areas which (i) the City of Gilbert or other governmental entity is maintaining or (ii) are to be maintained by the Owners of a Lot or Parcel pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(d), of this Declaration unless the Association elects to maintain such areas and as to which the Association has not made such an election to maintain. Specific areas to be maintained by the Association may be identified on subdivision plats recorded or approved by the Declarant, in Tract Declarations and in deeds from the Declarant to a transferee of a Lot or Parcel, but the failure to so identify such areas shall not affect the Association's rights or responsibilities with respect to such Common Areas and other areas intended for the general benefit of Val Vista Lakes.

The Board shall use a reasonably high standard of care in providing for the repair, management and maintenance of said property so that the Val Vista Lakes development will reflect a high pride of ownership. In this connection the Association may, subject to any applicable provisions on Special Assessments for capital improvements, in the discretion of the Board:

- (a) Reconstruct, repair, replace or refinish any improvement or portion thereof upon Association Land;
- (b) Construct, reconstruct, repair, replace or refinish any road improvement or surface upon any portion of the Common Area used as a road, street, walk, driveway, parking area, or lake area, except that no permanent improvements (other than portions of the Lakes) shall be made by the Association on any Common Area that is not

Association Land and the Association shall provide only maintenance on Common Areas which are not Association Land;

(c) Replace injured and diseased trees and other vegetation in any Common Area, and plant trees, shrubs and ground cover to the extent that the Board deems necessary for the conservation of water and soil and for aesthetic purposes;

(d) Place and maintain upon any Common Area such signs as the Board may deem appropriate for the proper identification, use and regulation thereof;

(e) Do all such other and further acts which the Board deems necessary to preserve and protect the Common Area and the beauty thereof, in accordance with the general purposes specified in this Declaration.

The Board shall be the sole judge as to the appropriate maintenance of all Common Areas and other properties maintained by the Association. Any cooperative action necessary or appropriate to the proper maintenance and upkeep of said properties shall be taken by the Board or by its duly delegated representative.

In the event any subdivision plat, Tract Declaration, deed restriction or this Declaration permits the Board to determine whether or not Owners of certain Lots or Parcels will be responsible for maintenance of certain Common Areas or public right-of-way areas, the Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether or not it would be in the best interest of the Owners, Lessees, and Residents of Val Vista Lakes for the Association or an individual Owner to be responsible for such maintenance, considering cost, uniformity of appearance, location and other factors deemed relevant by the Board. The Board may cause the Association to contract with others for the performance of the maintenance and other obligations of the Association under this Article X and, in order to promote uniformity and harmony of appearance, the Board may also cause the Association to contract to provide maintenance services to Owners of Lots and Parcels having such responsibilities in



exchange for the payment of such fees as the Association and Owner may agree upon.

Section 2. Assessment of Certain Costs of Maintenance and Repair of Common Areas and Public Areas. In the event that the need for maintenance or repair of Common Areas and other areas maintained by the Association is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Member, his family, guests, invitees or Designees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to and become a part of the Assessment to which such Member and the Member's Lot, Parcel or Lease and Rental Apartment is subject and shall be secured by the Assessment Lien. Any charges or fee to be paid by the Owner of a Lot or Parcel pursuant to Section 1 of this Article X in connection with a contract entered into by the Association with an Owner for the performance of an Owner's maintenance responsibilities shall also become a part of such Assessment and shall be secured by the Assessment Lien.

Section 3. Improper Maintenance and Use of Lots and Parcels. In the event any portion of any Lot or Parcel is so maintained as to present a public or private nuisance, or as to substantially detract from the appearance or quality of the surrounding Lots and Parcels or other areas of Val Vista Lakes which are substantially affected thereby or related thereto, or in the event any portion of a Lot or Parcel is being used in a manner which violates this Declaration or any Tract Declaration applicable thereto, or in the event the Owner or Lessee of any Lot, Parcel or Apartment is failing to perform any of its obligations under this Declaration, any Tract Declaration, or the architectural guidelines and standards of the Architectural Committee, the Board may by Resolution make a finding to such effect, specifying the particular condition or conditions which exist, and pursuant thereto give notice thereof to the offending Owner that unless corrective action is taken within fourteen (14) days, the Board may cause such action to be taken at said Owner's cost. If at the expiration of said 14-day period of time the requisite corrective action has not been taken, the Board shall

be authorized and empowered to cause such action to be taken and the cost thereof shall be added to and become a part of the Assessment to which the offending Owner and the Owner's Lot or Parcel is subject and shall be secured by the Assessment Lien.

## ARTICLE XI

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Establishment. The Declarant shall establish an Architectural Committee to perform the functions of the Architectural Committee set forth in this Declaration and shall adopt the procedural rules and regulations for the performance of such duties by the Architectural Committee, including procedures for the preparation, submission and determination of the application for any approvals required by this Declaration or any Tract Declaration. The Architectural Committee shall consist of such number of regular members and alternate members as the Declarant may designate and such members shall be appointed by the Declarant. The appointees need not be architects, Owners, or Residents and do not need to possess any special qualifications of any type except such as the Declarant may, in its discretion, require. The Architectural Committee shall hold regular meetings, a quorum for such meeting shall consist of a quorum of the regular members, and the concurrence of a majority of the regular members shall be necessary for any decision of the Architectural Committee. An alternate member, approved by the Declarant, may participate at any meeting at which there is not a quorum of regular members present, may constitute a quorum by his (their) presence and shall have all of the authority of a regular member while so participating. The Architectural Committee shall promulgate architectural guidelines and standards to be used in rendering its decisions. Subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article, the decision of the Architectural Committee shall be final on all matters submitted to it pursuant to this Declaration.

Section 2. Appeal. Any Owner or other Resident

aggrieved by a decision of the Architectural Committee may appeal the decision to the Committee in accordance with procedures to be established by the Committee. Such procedures would include the requirement that the appellant has modified the requested action or has new information which would in the Committee's opinion warrant a reconsideration. If the Committee fails to allow an appeal or if the Committee, after appeal, again rules in a manner aggrieving the appellant, the decision of the Committee is final.

Section 3. Fee. The Board may establish a reasonable processing fee to defer the costs of the Association in considering any requests for approvals submitted to it, which fee shall be paid at the time the request for approval is submitted.

Section 4. Appointment of Architectural Committee Members. Architectural Committee members are appointed by the Declarant and may be replaced at the discretion of the Declarant. Declarant's right to appoint Architectural Committee members shall cease and the Board shall be vested with that right and all other rights of the Declarant pertaining to the Architectural Committee as stated in Article XI, five years after the date on which Class B vote expires, at such time Declarant no longer owns any property at Val Vista Lakes, or when such right is expressly relinquished by Declarant to Board in writing, whichever condition occurs first.

## ARTICLE XII

### RIGHTS AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Association's Rights and Powers as set Forth in Articles and Bylaws. In addition to the rights and powers of the Association set forth in this Declaration, the Association shall have such rights and powers as are set forth in its Articles and Bylaws. Such rights and powers, subject to the approval thereof by any agencies or institutions deemed necessary by Declarant, may encompass any and all things which a natural person could do or which now or hereafter may be authorized by

law, provided such Articles and Bylaws are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration and are necessary, desirable or convenient for effectuating the purposes set forth in this Declaration. After incorporation of the Association, a copy of the Articles and Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection at the office of the Association during reasonable business hours.

Section 2. Association's Rights of Enforcement of Provisions of this and Other Instruments. The Association, as the agent and representative of the Owners and Lessees, shall have the right to enforce the Covenants set forth in this Declaration and/or any and all covenants, restrictions, reservations, charges, servitudes, assessments, conditions, liens or easements provided for in any contract, deed, declaration or other instrument which (a) shall have been executed pursuant to, or subject to, the provisions of this Declaration, or (b) otherwise shall indicate that the provisions of such instrument were intended to be enforced by the Association or by Declarant.

Section 3. Contracts with Others for Performance of Association's Duties. Subject to the restrictions and limitations contained herein, the Association may enter into contracts and transactions with others, including Declarant and its affiliated companies, and such contracts or transactions shall not be invalidated or in any way affected by the fact that one or more directors or officers of the Association or members of any committee is employed by or otherwise connected with Declarant or its affiliates, provided that the fact of such interest shall be disclosed or known to the other directors acting upon such contract or transaction, and provided further that the transaction or contract is fair and reasonable. Any such director, officer or committee member may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board or committee of which he is a member which shall authorize any contract or transaction described above or grant or deny any approval sought by the Declarant, its affiliated companies or any competitor thereof and may vote thereat to authorize any such

contract, transaction or approval with like force and effect as if he were not so interested.

Section 4. Change of Use of Association Land and Procedure Therefor. Upon (a) adoption of a resolution by the Board stating that in the Board's opinion the then present use of a designated part of the Association Land or of the Association's interest in other Common Areas is no longer in the best interests of the Owners and Residents and (b) the approval of such resolution by a majority of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, the Board shall have the power and right to change the use thereof (and in connection therewith, construct, reconstruct, alter or change the buildings, structures and improvements thereon in any manner deemed necessary by the Board to accomodate the new use), provided such new use (i) shall be for the benefit of the Owners and Residents, and (ii) shall be consistent with any deed restrictions (or zoning regulations) restricting or limiting the use of the Association Land.

#### ARTICLE XIII

##### TERM; AMENDMENTS; TERMINATION

Section 1. Term; Method of Termination. This Declaration shall be effective upon the date of recordation hereof and, as amended from time to time, shall continue in full force and effect for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. From and after said date, this Declaration, as amended, shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless there is written approval to terminate this Declaration by at least 90% of the Owners within six (6) months prior to the expiration of the initial effective period hereof or any ten (10) year extension. The Declaration may be terminated at any time by written approval of at least ninety percent (90%) of each class of Members. Anything in the foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, no action to terminate this Declaration shall be effective unless

and until the written consent to such termination has been obtained, within a period from six (6) months prior to such vote to six (6) months after such vote, from the holders of Recorded first mortgages or deeds of trust to which the Assessment Lien is subordinate pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 above, on seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots and Parcels upon which there are such Recorded first mortgages and deeds of trust. If the necessary written approvals and consents are obtained, the Board shall cause to be recorded with the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona, a Certificate of Termination, duly signed by the President or Vice President and attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association, with their signatures acknowledged. Thereupon these Covenants shall have no further force and effect, and the Association shall be dissolved pursuant to the terms set forth in its Articles.

Section 2. Amendments. This Declaration may be amended by recording with the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona, a Certificate of Amendment, duly signed and acknowledged as required for a Certificate of Termination in Section 1 of this Article. The Certificate of Amendment shall set forth in full the amendment adopted, and, except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, shall include written approval of at least ninety percent (90%) of the Owners in favor of the adoption of the amendment; provided, however, after twenty (20) years from the date of recordation of this Declaration, written approval of Owners constituting seventy-five percent (75%) of each class of membership shall be necessary to amend this Declaration.

Section 3. Right of Amendment if Requested by Governmental Agency or Federally Chartered Lending Institutions. Anything in this Article to the contrary notwithstanding, Declarant reserves the right to amend all or any part of this Declaration to such an extent and with such language as may be requested by the Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") or the Veterans Administration ("VA") and to further amend to the extent requested by any other federal, state or local governmental agency which requests such an amendment as a condition precedent

to such agency's approval of this Declaration, or by any federally chartered lending institution as a condition precedent to lending funds upon the security of any Lot(s) or Parcel(s) or any portions thereof. Any such amendment shall be effected by the recordation, by Declarant, of a Certificate of Amendment duly signed by or on behalf of the partners, authorized agents, or authorized officers of Declarant, as applicable, with their signatures acknowledged, specifying the federal, state or local governmental agency or the federally chartered lending institution requesting the amendment and setting forth the amendatory language requested by such agency or institution. Recordation of such a Certificate shall be deemed conclusive proof of the agency's or institution's request for such an amendment, and such Certificate, when recorded, shall be binding upon all of Val Vista Lakes and all persons having an interest therein. It is the desire of Declarant to retain control of the Association and its activities during the anticipated period of planning and development. If any amendment requested pursuant to the provisions of this Section deletes, diminishes or alters such control, Declarant shall have the right to prepare, provide for and adopt as an amendment hereto, other and different control provisions. Except as provided in this Section 3, Declarant shall not have any right to amend this Declaration otherwise than in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### ANNEXATION OF LAND

Section 1. Annexation Without Approval and Pursuant to General Plan. Additional property may be annexed to Val Vista Lakes and become subject to this Declaration and subject to the jurisdiction of the Association without the approval, assent or vote of the Association or its Members, provided that a Supplementary Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, as described hereinafter in the

Section of this Article entitled "Supplementary Declarations", covering the property sought to be annexed shall be executed and recorded by Declarant or its successors and assigns; provided, however, no Supplementary Declaration shall be so executed and recorded pursuant to this Section more than seven (7) years (i) subsequent to the recordation of this Declaration or (ii) subsequent to the last recordation of a Supplementary Declaration, whichever of (i) or (ii) shall have later occurred, provided however, that annexation of additional property ten (10) years or more after the date of Recordation of this Declaration shall require written approval of at least seventy five percent (75%) of both classes of Members. The recordation of said Supplementary Declaration shall constitute and effectuate the annexation of said property described therein, making said real property subject to this Declaration and subject to the functions, powers and jurisdiction of the Association, and thereafter said property shall be part of the Val Vista Lakes and all of the Owners of Lots or Parcels in said property shall automatically be Members of the Association.

Section 2. Supplementary Declarations. The annexations authorized under the foregoing section shall be made by recording in the office of the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona, a Supplementary Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, or similar instrument, with respect to the property which shall extend the plan of this Declaration to such property.

Such Supplementary Declarations contemplated above may contain such complementary additions and modifications of the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the annexed property and as are not inconsistent with the plan of this Declaration. In no event, however, shall any such Supplementary Declaration, revoke, modify or add to the covenants established by this Declaration.



MISCELLANEOUSSection 1. Interpretation of the Covenants.

Except for judicial construction, the Association, by its Board, shall have the exclusive right to construe and interpret the provisions of this Declaration. In the absence of any adjudication to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Association's construction or interpretation of the provisions hereof shall be final, conclusive and binding as to all persons and property benefited or bound by the Covenants and provisions hereof.

Section 2. Severability. Any determination by any court of competent jurisdiction that any provision of this Declaration is invalid or unenforceable shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any of the other provisions hereof.

Section 3. Rule Against Perpetuities. If any interest purported to be created by this Declaration is challenged under the Rule against Perpetuities or any related rule, the interest shall be construed as becoming void and of no effect as of the end of the applicable period of perpetuities computed from the date when the period of perpetuities starts to run on the challenged interest; the "lives in being" for computing the period of perpetuities shall be (a) those which would be used in determining the validity of the challenged interest, plus (b) those of the issue of the Board who are living at the time the period of perpetuities starts to run on the challenged interest.

Section 4. Change of Circumstances. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration, no change of conditions or circumstances shall operate to extinguish, terminate or modify any of the provisions of this declaration.

Section 5. Rules and Regulations. In addition to the right to adopt rules and regulations on the matters expressly mentioned elsewhere in this Declaration, the Association shall have the right to adopt rules and regulations with respect to all other aspects of the Association's right, activities and duties,

provided said rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration.

Section 6. Declarant's Disclaimer of Representations. Anything to the contrary in this Declaration notwithstanding, and except as otherwise may be expressly set forth on a recorded plat or other instrument recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona, Declarant makes no warranties or representations whatsoever that the plans presently envisioned for the complete development of Val Vista Lakes can or will be carried out, or that any land now owned or hereafter acquired by it is or will be subjected to this Declaration, or that any such land (whether or not it has been subjected to this Declaration) is or will be committed to or developed for a particular (or any) use, or that if such land is once used for a particular use, such use will continue in effect.

Section 7. References to the Covenants in Deeds. Deeds to and instruments affecting any Lot or Parcel or any part of Val Vista Lakes may contain the Covenants herein set forth by reference to this Declaration; but regardless of whether any such reference is made in any Deed or instrument, each and all of the Covenants shall be binding upon the grantee-Owner or other person claiming through any instrument and his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Section 8. Successors and Assigns of Declarant. Any reference in this Declaration to Declarant shall include any successors or assignees of Declarant's rights and powers hereunder.

Section 9. Gender and Number. Wherever the context of this Declaration so requires, words used in the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders; words used in the neuter gender shall include the masculine and feminine genders; words in the singular shall include the plural; and words in the plural shall include the singular.

Section 10. Captions and Titles. All captions, titles or headings of the Articles and Sections in this Declaration are for the purpose of reference and convenience only

and are not to be deemed to limit, modify or otherwise affect any of the provisions hereof or to be used in determining the intent or context thereof.

Section 11. Notices. If notice of any action or proposed action by the Board or any committee or of any meeting is required by applicable law, this Declaration or resolution of the Board to be given to any Owner or Resident then, unless otherwise specified herein or in the resolution of the Board, such notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if notice of such action or meeting is published once in any newspaper in general circulation within the City of Gilbert or Val Vista Lakes. This Section shall not be construed to require that any notice be given if not otherwise required and shall not prohibit satisfaction of any notice requirement in any other manner.

Section 12. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a Class B Membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the FHA or the VA, as applicable, unless the need for such approval has been waived by FHA or VA: Dedications of Common Areas (except where such dedication is required as of the date hereof to the City of Gilbert); and amendment of this Declaration.

Section 13. Use of Water Rights. Any and all water rights, whether as to surface water and/or groundwater, including rights existing by virtue of inclusion of the Lot or Parcel, or any portion thereof, within the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, that may be deemed to be appurtenant to a Lot or Parcel, or to the Common Areas, located within Val Vista Lakes, shall be made available to the Association, or to an entity designated in writing by the Board, to be used for the benefit of the Owner of any such Lot or Parcel, all other Owners, the Association and Val Vista Lakes for the purposes of filling and maintaining the Lakes, irrigation of the Common Areas and for such other purposes as the Association deems appropriate, provided that such water rights shall only be used in connection with the real property constituting a part of Val Vista Lakes and for a purpose which will enhance and protect

the value, desirability and attractiveness of Val Vista Lakes. No Owner shall have any right to demand or receive water from the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District or to pump any groundwater from a Lot or Parcel. Each grantee of Declarant by the acceptance of a deed of conveyance, or each purchaser under any contract for such deed of conveyance, or each purchaser under any agreement of sale, or each Person acquiring a membership in the Association, and the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the foregoing Persons: (a) accept the same subject to the exclusive use of the water rights by the Association, or its designee as hereinabove set forth, as a covenant running with the land and an equitable servitude; (b) agree to execute any and all documents that may be required in order to authorize the use of such water rights by the Association or its designee; and (c) hereby constitute and appoint the Association as their attorney-in-fact to execute, acknowledge and deliver any instruments or documents necessary, appropriate or helpful for such purpose, which power of attorney is irrevocable and coupled with an interest. Notwithstanding any provision in this paragraph, each Owner remains responsible to the City of Gilbert or any other government entity or water company which provides water to such Owner for his individual use in connection with his Lot or Parcel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, VAL VISTA LAKES DEVELOPMENT, a partnership, has hereunto caused its name to be signed by the signatures of its duly authorized officials as of the day and year first above written.

VAL VISTA LAKES DEVELOPMENT, an  
Arizona General Partnership  
(Declarant)

By T. Dennis Barney  
T. Dennis Barney  
Managing Partner  
By Donald T. Stapley, Jr.  
Donald T. Stapley, Jr.  
Managing Partner

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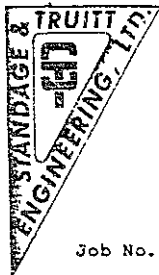
On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1985, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared T. Dennis Barney and Donald T. Stapley, Jr. who acknowledged <sup>themselves</sup> ~~himself~~ to be the Managing Partners of VAL VISTA LAKES DEVELOPMENT, an Arizona General Partnership, and that they as such officers being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the partnership, by <sup>themselves</sup> ~~himself~~ as such officers.

Kandy L. Lutz

Notary Public

My commission expires:

April 5, 1985



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Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
FOR  
VAL VISTA LAKES PARCEL

Job No. 841022

24 October 1984

The SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 6 East,  
Gila & Salt River Base & Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona.

EXCEPT that portion described as follows:

Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence  
N 88°17'09" W (an assumed bearing) along the South line of  
said Section 4 for a distance of 22.51 feet; thence  
N 00°36'50" W for a distance of 801.30 feet; thence  
S 44°08'50" E for a distance of 30.76 feet to a point on the  
North-South mid-section line of said Section 4; thence  
S 00°42'35" E along said North-South mid-section line for a  
distance of 779.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND EXCEPT that portion described as follows:

A portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 1 South,  
Range 6 East, Gila & Salt River Base & Meridian, Maricopa  
County, Arizona, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the SW corner of said Section 4; thence  
N 00°42'47" W (an assumed bearing) along the West line of  
said Section 4 for a distance of 1836.04 feet; thence  
N 89°17'13" E for a distance of 192.42 feet to the beginning  
of a curve concave to the South, the center of which bears  
S 00°42'47" E for a distance of 500.00 feet; thence  
Southeasterly along the arc of said curve through a central  
angle of 17°10'01" for a distance of 149.81 feet; thence  
S 00°42'47" E for a distance of 642.72 feet; thence  
S 56°23'55" E for a distance of 601.09 feet; thence  
N 33°36'05" E for a distance of 553.09 feet; thence  
S 56°23'55" E for a distance of 209.07 feet to the beginning  
of a curve concave to the Northeast, the center of which  
bears N 33°36'05" E for a distance of 500.00 feet; thence  
Southeasterly along the arc of said curve through a central  
angle of 16°14'26" for a distance of 141.72 feet; thence  
S 17°21'39" W for a distance of 156.52 feet to the beginning  
of a curve concave to the East, the center of which bears  
S 72°38'21" E for a distance of 1000.00 feet; thence  
Southerly along the arc of said curve through a central  
angle of 15°38'48" for a distance of 273.09 feet to a point  
of tangency; thence S 01°42'51" W for a distance of 748.69



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feet to a point on the South line of said Section 4; thence  
N 88°17'09" W along said South line for a distance of  
1320.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

An area containing 117.634 acres more or less.



VAL VISTA LAKES  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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Parcel No. 1:

The Northeast quarter of Section Four (4), Township One (1) South, Range Six (6) East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Parcel No. 2:

The South half of the Northwest quarter of Section Four (4), Township One (1) South, Range Six (6) East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Parcel No. 3:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of Section Four (4) Township One (1) South, Range Six (6) East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Parcel No. 4:

The Southeast quarter of Section Four (4), Township One (1) South, Range Six (6) East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona;

EXCEPT that portion lying 12.5 feet on each side of the following-described line:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona, and using as a base the East line of the said Section 4, the said East line having a bearing of North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, based on a magnetic bearing of North 17 degrees 32 minutes West; thence North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, 2160 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 39 degrees 30 minutes West, 33 feet; thence South 51 degrees 18 minutes West, 414 feet; thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 573 feet, a distance of 335.5 feet, measured on 100 foot chords; thence South 47 degrees 45 minutes West, 598.6 feet; thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 573 feet, a distance of 173.5 feet, measured on 100 foot chords; thence South 10 degrees 24 minutes West, 571.7 feet; thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 573 feet, a distance of 1031.7 feet, measured on 100 foot chords; thence North 46 degrees 15 minutes West, 31.1 feet; thence South 2 degrees 34 minutes East, 770.5 feet to a point in the South boundary line of said Section 4, from which point the South quarter corner of said Section 4 bears North 39 degrees 23 minutes East, 10 feet, and the termination of said line; end

EXCEPT a strip of land 25 feet in width in the Southeast quarter of Section 4, and the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona; the said strip of land lying 12½ feet on each side of the following described center line:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the said Section 4, and using as a base the East line of the said Section, the said East line having a bearing of North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, based on a magnetic bearing of North 17 degrees 32 minutes West; thence North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, a distance of 2160 feet; thence South 39 degrees 30 minutes West, a distance of 33 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 3 degrees 10 minutes East, a distance of 2181.9 feet to a point in the Northeast quarter of the said Section 9, from which point the Southeast corner of the said Section 4 bears North 39 degrees 23 minutes East, a distance of 23 feet; thence North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, a distance of 23 feet.



PARCEL NO. 3:

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The Northeast quarter of Section Five (5), Township One (1) South, Range Six (6) East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona;

EXCEPT the following described parcel:

BEGINNING at the East quarter corner of Section 5; thence North 36 feet; thence North 88 degrees 22 minutes 40 seconds East 2,631.94 feet to a point on the West line of the Northeast quarter of Section 5; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East 3.3 feet to the center of Section 5; thence East 2,632.97 feet along the South line of the Northeast quarter of Section 5 to the point of beginning.

Parcel No. 6:

The Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona; EXCEPT that portion lying 12-1/2 feet on each side of the following described line:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona, and using as a base the East line of the said Section 4, the said East line having a bearing of North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, based on a magnetic bearing of North 17 degrees 32 minutes West; thence North 3 degrees 10 minutes West, 2160 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence South 86 degrees 30 minutes West, 33 feet;  
 thence South 81 degrees 18 minutes West, 414 feet;  
 thence on a curve to the left, having a radius of 573 feet, a distance of 335.5 feet, measured on 100 foot chords;  
 thence South 47 degrees 45 minutes West, 698.6 feet;  
 thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 573 feet, a distance of 173.5 feet, measured on 100 foot chords;  
 thence South 30 degrees 24 minutes West, 571.7 feet;  
 thence on a curve to the right, having a radius of 573 feet, a distance of 1031.7 feet, measured on 100 foot chords;  
 thence North 46 degrees 26 minutes West, 31.1 feet;  
 thence South 2 degrees 54 minutes East, 770.5 feet to a point in the South boundary line of said Section 4, from which point the South quarter corner of said Section 4 bears North 89 degrees 23 minutes East, 10 feet;  
 thence continuing South 2 degrees 54 minutes East, 23 feet;  
 thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes West, 2,618.7 feet to a point on the West boundary line of Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona, from which point the Northwest corner of the said Section 9 bears north 1 degree 37 minutes West, 40.4 feet;  
 thence continuing South 89 degrees 01 minutes West, 36.9 feet;  
 thence South 78 degrees 19 minutes West, 105.6 feet;  
 thence South 63 degrees 24 minutes West, 64.6 feet;  
 thence South 63 degrees 24 minutes West, 64.6 feet;  
 thence South 63 degrees 09 minutes West, 968.5 feet;  
 thence South 69 degrees 02 minutes West, 1014.4 feet;  
 thence South 88 degrees 32 minutes West, 590.9 feet to a point on the North and South mid-section line of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona;  
 thence North 1 degree 50 minutes West along the North and South mid-section line of said Section 8, a distance of 773.2 feet to a point, said point being the North quarter corner of the said Section 8, and the termination of said line.