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DEDICATION, PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS, COVENANTS,  
LIMITATIONS, EASEMENTS, AND APPROVALS APPENDED  
TO AS PART OF THE DEDICATION AND PLAT OF  
INVERNESS LAKES, SECTION III, INVERNESS COMMONS  
A SUBDIVISION IN ABOITE TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

Inverness Lakes Partnership, an Indiana partnership, hereby declares that it is the Owner and Developer of the real estate shown and described in this plat and does hereby lay off, plat, and subdivide said real estate in accordance with the information shown on the final plat, being the certified plat appended hereto and incorporated herein. The Subdivision shall be known and designated as Inverness Lakes, Section III, Inverness Commons, a Subdivision in Aboite Township, Allen County, Indiana.

The Lots shall be subject to and impressed with the covenants, agreements, restrictions, easements, and limitations hereinafter set forth, and they shall be considered a part of every conveyance of land in said Subdivision without being written therein. The provisions herein contained are for the mutual benefit and protection of the owners present and future of any and all land in the Subdivision, and they shall run with and bind the land and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the owners of land included therein, their respective legal representatives, successors, grantees, and assigns.

The Lots are numbered from 63 to 79 inclusive, and all dimensions are shown in feet and decimals of a foot on the plat. All streets and easements specifically shown or described are hereby expressly dedicated to public use for their usual and intended purposes.

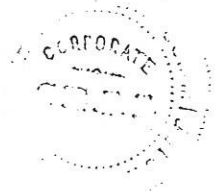
The Developer has previously platted real estate as Inverness Lakes, Sections I and II, and anticipates that it will hereafter plat and subdivide additional real estate as one or more additional sections of Inverness Lakes. The Developer intends that owners of lots in all sections of Inverness Lakes shall be members of the Association and shall be entitled to the use and enjoyment of all property owned by the Association.

The Developer intends that owners of Lots in Inverness Lakes, Section III, Inverness Commons shall also be member of the Commons Association. The provisions hereof respecting the Commons Association, including membership, services and assessments are unique to Section III and do not apply to other sections of Inverness Lakes. Only owners of Lots in Section III are members of and subject to assessment by the Commons Association.

**ARTICLE I INSTRUMENT 94 2884**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1.** "Association" shall mean and refer to the Inverness Lakes Community Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

**Section 2.** "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws initially adopted by Inverness Lakes Community Association, Inc., and all amendments and additions thereto.



Section 3. "Committee" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee, composed of three members appointed by the Developer and who shall be subject to removal by the Developer at any time with or without cause. Any vacancies from time to time shall be filled by appointment of the Developer.

Section 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 5. "Developer" shall mean and refer to Inverness Lakes Partnership, its successors and assigns.

Section 6. "Dwelling Unit" shall mean and refer to the structure used as a residential living unit located upon a Lot, including the garage and any appurtenances.

Section 7. "Lot" shall mean either any of said Lots as platted or any tract or tracts of land as conveyed originally or by subsequent Owners, which may consist of one or more Lots or parts of one or more Lots as platted upon which a residence may be erected in accordance with the restrictions hereinabove set out or such further restrictions as may be imposed by any applicable zoning ordinance, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, no tract of land consisting of part of any one Lot or parts of more than one Lot shall be considered a "LOT" unless said tract of land has a frontage of 50 feet in width at the established building line as shown on this plat.

Section 8. "Inverness Lakes" shall mean and refer to the name by which the real estate which is the subject of this Declaration or any prior or subsequent declaration of any other section of Inverness Lakes shall be known.

Section 9. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 10. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described, and such other real property as has heretofore or may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association by the Developer as other sections of Inverness Lakes.

Section 11. "Restrictions" shall mean and refer to the Dedication, Protective Restrictions, Covenants, Limitations, Easements, and Approvals appended to as part of the Dedication and Plat of Inverness Lakes, Section III.

Section 12. "Subdivision" shall mean Inverness Lakes, Section III, Inverness Commons a subdivision located in Aboite Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Section 13. "Commons Association" shall mean and refer to the Inverness Commons Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 14. "Commons By-Laws" shall mean the "By-Laws" initially adopted by the Inverness Commons Association, Inc., and all amendments and additions thereto.



ARTICLE II  
PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;

(b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to the use of the recreational facilities by an Owner for any period during which any assessments against his Lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed 30 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations after hearing by the Board of Directors of the Association;

(c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been recorded.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the Bylaws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

ARTICLE III  
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every Owner of a Lot shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from Ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

Section 2. The Association shall have two classes of voting memberships:

Class A. Class A members shall be all Owners of Lots in Inverness Lakes other than the Developer and such members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any one Lot.

Class B. Class B member(s) shall be the Developer, and such member(s) shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(a) when title to all Lots in all sections of Inverness Lakes have been conveyed, or

(b) on December 31, 2005.

ARTICLE IV  
COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, excepting Developer, 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: (1) annual assessments or charges, (2) special assessments for capital improvements; and (3) lot maintenance assessments or charges; such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. Assessments or any installments thereof which are not paid when due shall bear interest at a fluctuating rate equal to the maximum rate of interest which may be charged under the laws of the State of Indiana for consumer loans, adjusted on the first day of each calendar year. If any Owner shall fail, refuse, or neglect to make any payment of any Assessment when due, the Board of Directors of the Association may in its discretion declare the entire balance of unpaid Assessments to be due and payable, with interest as aforesaid, and file a written Notice of Lien against said Owner's Lot in the office of the Recorder of Allen County, Indiana, which Notice of Lien shall perfect the lien of the Association and have the same force and effect as, and be enforced in the same manner as, a mortgage lien under Indiana law, and shall include attorney's fees, title expenses, interest, and any costs of collection.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of residents of Inverness Lakes, and in particular for the maintenance of any Lot prior to commencement of construction of a Dwelling Unit thereon, and for the improvement and maintenance of the lake(s) and all other Common Areas, including but not limited to, repair, maintenance, lighting, lawn care, snow removal, insurance, taxes, and all other things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association in connection therewith.

Section 3. Maximum Annual Assessments. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance by the Developer of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.

(a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot in Inverness Lakes to an owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased each year not more than 15% above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.

(b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot in Inverness Lakes to an owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above 15% by the affirmative vote or written assent of 51% of each class of members.

(c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of construction, repair, or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the affirmative vote or written assent of 51% of each class of members.



Section 5. Notice and Quorum For Any Action Authorized Under Section 3 and 4. Any action authorized under Sections 3 or 4 and requiring an affirmative vote or written assent of a certain percentage of the Association membership shall be taken at a meeting called for that purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting. If the proposed action is favored by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, but such vote is less than the requisite 51% of each class of members, members who were not present in person or by proxy may give their assent in writing, provided the same is obtained by the appropriate officers of the Association not later than 30 days from the date of such meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the first conveyance of Common Area by the Developer to the Association. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The Association shall, upon demand and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid.

Section 8. Lot Maintenance Assessment.

(a) From and after the date of purchase of a Lot until construction of a single-family residence commences, the Association shall have the exclusive right to perform all maintenance on the Lot, including but not limited to, cutting the grass, keeping the Lot free from weeds, and the removal of trash and debris.

(b) In addition to the liens assessed under this Article IV, each Lot Owner, with the exception of the Developer, may be assessed an annual fee at the rate of \$15.00 per month for two (2) years following the Owner acquiring title to the Lot (the "Lot Maintenance Assessment"). Thereafter, the Association may assess the Lot Owner an annual amount which the Association, in its sole discretion, determines necessary to maintain the Lot as provided in Subparagraph (a) above.

(c) The first annual Lot Maintenance Assessment shall be prorated according to the number of remaining months in the calendar year of purchase, and payment shall be due on January 1 for each succeeding year. After construction commences, the Lot Maintenance Assessment paid in the year of commencement shall be prorated for the remaining month(s) of the year following commencement and be reimbursed to the Lot Owner. The Association may offset such reimbursement against the annual assessment levied under this Article IV in the succeeding year.

(d) From and after the date construction of a single-family residence commences upon a Lot, it shall be the duty of the Lot Owner to perform all maintenance on the Lot, including but not limited to, cutting the grass, keeping the Lot free from weeds, and the removal of all trash and debris. The Association, in its sole discretion, may undertake such Lot maintenance under this Subparagraph (d) should the Lot Owner fail to do so. In that event, the Lot

should the Lot Owner fail to do so. In that event, the Lot Owner shall immediately, upon written demand, reimburse the Association, its agents and/or independent contractors for all expenses incurred in performing such maintenance upon the Lot.

Section 9. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment or other charge not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date as provided in Section 1 of this Article IV. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same; may foreclose the lien against the property in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Article IV; or may do both. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape personal liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 10. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to a judgment and court order on a foreclosure of any first mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

#### ARTICLE V COMMONS ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENT

Section 1. Every Owner of a Lot shall also be a member of the Commons Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from Ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

Section 2. The Commons Association shall have two classes of voting memberships:

Class A. Class A members shall be all Owners of Lots in Inverness Lakes, Section III, Inverness Commons other than the Developer and such members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any one Lot.

Class B. Class B member(s) shall be the Developer, and such member(s) shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot Owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(a) When title to all Lots in Section III of Inverness Lakes have been conveyed, or

(b) on December 31, 2005.

#### ARTICLE VI COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligations of Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, excepting Developer, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Commons Association annual assessments or charges, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. Assessments or any installments thereof which are not



paid when due shall bear interest at a fluctuating rate equal to the maximum rate of interest which may be charged under the laws of the State of Indiana for consumer loans, adjusted on the first day of each calendar year. If any Owner shall fail, refuse or neglect to make any payment of any Assessment when due, the Board of Directors of the Commons Association may in its discretion declare the entire balance of unpaid Assessments to be due and payable with interest as aforesaid, and file a written Notice of Lien against said Owner's Lot in the office of the Recorder of Allen County, Indiana, which Notice of Lien shall perfect the Lien of the Commons Association and here the same force and effect as, and be enforced in the same manner as, a mortgage lien under Indiana law, and shall include attorneys' fees, title expenses, interest and any costs of collection.

Section 2. Purpose of Commons Association Assessments. The assessments levied by the Commons Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of paying for the services which are to be provided to each Lot in the Commons Association.

Section 3. Commons Association Assessments. Prior to January 1 of each year, the Board of Directors of the Commons Association shall adopt a budget which shall be used to establish the amount of the Commons Association Assessments for each Lot based on those expenses for the next fiscal year which are for services provided to each Lot. The annual Commons Association budget shall contain the proposed assessment on each Lot which shall be uniform for each Lot. A Commons Association Assessment may be assessed whether or not the Lot has a Dwelling located on it or is otherwise improved.

The annual Commons Association budget and the assessment shall be established using generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis. The Commons Association may provide for a reserve fund for unanticipated expenses if the Commons Association Board of Directors deems it appropriate and necessary. Any delay or failure by the Commons Association Board of Directors to prepare a proposed annual budget and to provide the same to the Lot Owners shall not constitute a waiver or release in any manner of the obligations of each Lot Owner to pay the Commons Association Assessment as herein provided.

The annual Commons Association budget shall be submitted at the annual meeting of the members and shall be approved in whole or in part or may be amended in whole or in part by the majority of the votes cast by the members, provided, however, in no event shall the annual meeting be adjourned without or until the annual budget is approved at such meeting.

Immediately following the adoption of the annual Commons Association budget, each Lot Owner shall be given written notice of the assessment to be assessed against the Owner's Lot. The assessment to be assessed against each Lot shall be paid by the Owner of that Lot in advance in equal annual quarterly installments commencing on the first day of January of such calendar year and on the first day of each quarter thereafter, through and including the following October 1. Payment of the quarterly installments of the Commons Assessment shall be made to the Commons Association to each Lot Owner. The Commons Association assessment for the year shall become a lien on each Lot as of January 1 of each calendar year. The above dates of assessment and payment may be changed by the Commons Association Board of Directors through rules and regulations or provisions in the By-Laws without amending this declaration.

Section 4. Commons Association Services. The Commons Association shall maintain the lawn of each Lot on a scheduled basis as determined by the Commons Association. Owners may plant, install or maintain any flowers, trees, shrubbery or plant



materials on a Lot with the approval of the Architectural Control Committee. The Commons Association may operate and maintain the irrigation system on each Lot, and may determine the interval of irrigation. All water utilized in the irrigation system for each Lot shall be provided by the Owner of that Lot regardless of whether water from such irrigation system partly irrigates an adjacent Lot. The Commons Association shall provide for the removal of snow from the sidewalks and driveways of the Lots according to the guidelines for snow removal adopted by the Commons Association. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining at the Owner's expense any trees located on the Owner's Lot, which maintenance shall include but not be limited to pruning and removing any such trees which are dead or unsightly or any unsightly, dead or dangerous portions of such trees. In the event the Commons Association advises an Owner in writing that replacement or removal of a portion or all of a tree or trees which the Owner is responsible to maintain is necessary, and the Owner fails to maintain or remove such tree or trees after sixty (60) days prior written notice (except that notice is waived in cases of emergency), the Commons Association may in its discretion have the tree or trees maintained or removed and add the amount expended to that Lot's assessment.

Section 5. Maintenance by Owners. Each Owner shall maintain the appearance of the exterior of his Dwelling Unit and shall replace and/or repair any portion thereof which is damaged or in need of repair or replacement, including, without limitation, siding, roofing, plumbing fixtures, heating and air conditioning systems, driveways, sidewalks, exterior lighting fixtures and other mechanical electrical systems. Notwithstanding the foregoing, not owner may paint, decorate or make any changes in the appearance of any portion of the exterior of his Dwelling Unit, including sidewalks and driveways, which would vary it from the plans which were approved by the Architectural Control Committee. The Commons Association may at its option notify any Lot Owner of a repair or replacement or any item of maintenance which is needed on the exterior of the Dwelling Unit or on the Lot, and in the event the Owner does not maintain, repair or replace that item within 30 days after such notice is given by the Commons Association, the Commons Association may maintain, repair or replace that item at its expense and add the cost thereof to that Lot's assessment.

Each Lot Owner grants to the Commons Association and to each of its authorized agents, employees and contractors an easement and license upon and over the Owner's Lot for the purpose of performing the services or exercising the rights reserved to the Commons Association in this section or in Section 4 above.

Section 6. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Commons Association. Any assessment or other charge not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date as provided in Section 1 of this Article VI. The Commons Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same; may foreclose the lien against the Lot in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Article VI; or may do both. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape personal liability for the assessment provided for herein by abandonment of his Lot.

Section 7. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessment provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to a judgment and court order on a foreclosure of any first mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability or any assessment thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.



ARTICLE VII  
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, wall, deck, swimming pool or spa, or other structure shall be commenced, erected, or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until two sets of plans and specifications showing: (1) the location of improvements on the lot (site plan); (2) the location of the driveway on the site plan; (3) front, rear, and side elevations; (4) the type and colors of exterior materials (including delivery of samples thereof); and (5) the type and location of the front yard lights shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and color and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Architectural Control Committee. The Committee's approval or disapproval, as required in these covenants, shall be in writing. No structure of any kind which does not comply fully with such approved plans shall be erected, constructed, placed, or maintained upon any Lot, and no changes or deviations in or from such plans as approved shall be made without the Committee's prior written consent. In the event the Committee fails to approve or disapprove such plans within 60 days after receipt, or in any event if no suit to enjoin construction has commenced prior to completion of construction, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with. Neither the Developer, the Architectural Control Committee, nor any member thereof, nor any of their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, or assigns shall be liable to anyone by reason of any mistake in judgement, negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or relating to the approval or disapproval or failure to approve any plans so submitted, nor shall they, or any of them, be responsible or liable for any structural defects in such plans or in any building or structure erected according to such plans or any drainage problems resulting therefrom. Every person and entity who submits plans to the Architectural Control Committee agrees, by submission of such plans, that he or it will not bring any action or suit against the Committee or the Developer to recover any damages or to require the Committee or the Developer to take, or refrain from taking, any action whatever in regard to such plans or in regard to any building or structure erected in accordance therewith. Neither the submission of any complete set(s) of plans to the Developer's office for review by the Architectural Control Committee, nor the approval thereof by that Committee, shall be deemed to guarantee or require the actual construction of the building or structure therein described, and no adjacent Lot Owner may claim any reliance upon the submission and/or approval of any such plans or the buildings or structures described therein. In the event the Committee or the Association shall prevail in any litigation brought for the purpose of enforcing compliance with the provisions of this Article V, it shall be entitled to recover from the defendants reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in such enforcement.

ARTICLE VIII  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Residential Purposes. No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes. No building shall be erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling not to exceed two and one-half stories in height. Each Dwelling Unit shall include not less than a two car garage, which shall be built as part of said structure and attached thereto.

Section 2. Home Occupations. No Lot shall be used for any purpose other than as a single-family residence, except that a home occupation, defined as follows may be permitted: any use



conducted entirely within the Dwelling Unit and participated in solely by a member of the immediate family residing in said Dwelling Unit, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the Dwelling Unit for dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof and in connection with which there is: (a) no sign or display that indicates from the exterior that the Dwelling Unit is being utilized in whole or in part for any purpose other than that of a Dwelling Unit; (b) no commodity is sold upon the Lot; (c) no person is employed in such home occupation other than a member of the immediate family residing in the Dwelling Unit; and (d) no mechanical or electrical equipment is used; provided that, in no event shall a barber shop, styling salon, beauty parlor, tea room, fortune-telling parlor, licensed child care center or other licensed or regulated baby-sitting service, animal hospital, or any form of animal care or treatment such as dog trimming be construed as a home occupation.

Section 3. Single Owner Contiguous Lots. Whenever two (2) or more contiguous Lots in the Subdivision shall be owned by the same person, and such Owner shall desire to use two or more of said Lots as a site for a single Dwelling Unit, he shall apply in writing to the Architectural Control Committee or Board of Directors of the Association for permission to so use said Lots. If permission for such a use shall be granted, the Lots constituting the site for such single Dwelling Unit shall be treated as a single Lot for the purpose of applying these Restrictions to said Lots, so long as the Lots remain improved with one single Dwelling Unit.

Section 4. Subdivision of Lots. No lot or combination of Lots may be further subdivided unless 75% of the Lot Owners have approved by signing an instrument of approval and until said approval has been obtained from the Allen County Plan Commission.

Section 5. Improvements. Before any Dwelling Unit on any Lot in this Subdivision shall be used and occupied as a dwelling or otherwise, the Developer or any subsequent Owner of such Lot shall install improvements serving such Lot as provided in the plans and specifications for such improvements filed with the appropriate governmental authorities, together with any amendments or additions thereto which said governmental authorities may authorize or require. This covenant shall run with the land and be enforceable by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Subdivision, by the Association, or by any aggrieved Lot Owner in this Subdivision.

Section 6. Permits and Certificates. Before any Dwelling Unit located on any Lot may be used or occupied, such user or occupier shall first obtain from the Allen County Zoning Administrator an Improvement Location Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy as required by the Allen County Zoning Ordinance.

Section 7. Time for Building Completion. Every Dwelling Unit on any Lot in the Subdivision shall be completed within twelve (12) months after the beginning of such construction.

Section 8. Building Sizes. No Dwelling Unit shall be built on any Lot having a living area of the main structure, exclusive of one-story open porches, breezeways, or garages, of less than 2,000 square feet for a one-story Dwelling Unit, nor less than 2,400 square feet for a Dwelling Unit of more than one-story.

Section 9. Garages. All Dwelling Units must have at least a full-size, attached, two-car garage.

Section 10. Building Setback. No Dwelling Unit or any improvements or structures shall be located on any Lot nearer to the front Lot line or nearer to the side street line or the rear Lot line than the minimum building setback lines shown on the



recorded plat. In any event, no Dwelling Unit shall be located nearer than a distance of seven (7) feet to a side Lot line, and no nearer than a distance of twenty-five (25) feet to a rear Lot line if there is no rear setback line shown on the recorded plat.

Section 11. Minimum Lot Size. The minimum Lot size for the placement of a dwelling unit is 15,000 square feet. The minimum width at the building setback line of a Lot is 50 feet.

Section 12. Building Materials. All Dwelling Units and other permitted structures shall be constructed in a substantial and good workmanlike manner and of new materials. No roll siding, asbestos siding, or siding containing asphalt or tar as one of its principal ingredients shall be used in the exterior construction of any Dwelling Unit or other permitted structure on any Lot, and no roll roofing of any description or character shall be used on the roof of any Dwelling Unit or other permitted structure on any Lots.

Section 13. Exterior Building Surfaces and Colors. All exterior building surfaces, materials, and colors shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 14. Yard Light. An automatic dusk-to-dawn light of type and at a location approved by the Architectural Control Committee shall be installed by the builder or Lot Owner on each Lot in front of the front building line.

Section 15. Driveways. All driveways from the street to the garage shall be poured concrete and not less than sixteen (16) feet in width.

Section 16. Sidewalks. Plans and specifications for this Subdivision on file with the Allen County Plan Commission require the installation of concrete sidewalks within the street rights-of-way in front of Lots 63 through 68. Installation of said sidewalks shall be the obligation of the Owner of any such Lot, exclusive of the Developer, shall be completed in accordance with said plans and specification and prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for any such Lot and the cost of installation shall be a lien against such Lot enforceable by the Allen County Plan Commission or its successor agency. Should such Certificates of Occupancy be issued to the Developer, the Developer shall be considered an Owner for the purposes of enforcement of this covenant.

Section 17. Fencing. The only fencing permitted shall be a split rail (two rails high, not to exceed four feet high) or a privacy fence around an immediate patio of not more than six feet which must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee in writing, unless a variance from this fence requirement shall have been approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 18. Pools and Hot Tubs. No above ground pool which requires a filtration system or other above ground pool which is more than six (6) feet in diameter and 18 inches deep shall be placed or maintained on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with Article V.

Section 19. Mailboxes. The initial type and location of mailbox stations shall be the responsibility of the Developer. The installation of mailboxes and numbers shall be the responsibility of the property owners the type, style, and size of which shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 20. Radio and Television Antennas. No radio or



television antenna with more than thirty (30) square feet of grid area or which attains a height of six (6) feet above the highest point of the roof shall be attached to any Dwelling Unit. No free standing radio or television antenna shall be permitted on any Lot. No television receiving disk or dish shall be permitted on any Lot or on any Dwelling Unit. No solar panels attached or detached shall be permitted.

Section 21. Duty to Repair and Rebuild.

(a) Each Lot Owner shall, at his sole cost and expense, repair his Dwelling Unit, keeping the same in a condition comparable to the condition of such Dwelling Unit at the time its initial construction was completed, excepting only usual wear and tear.

(b) If all or any portion of a Dwelling Unit is destroyed by fire or other casualty, then the Owner shall, with all due diligence, promptly rebuild, repair, or reconstruct such Dwelling Unit in a manner which will substantially restore it to its condition as existed immediately prior to the casualty. No improvement upon a Lot which has been partially or totally destroyed by fire or other casualty shall remain in such condition for more than three (3) months from the time such destruction or damage occurred.

Section 22. Utility and Underground Drainage Easements.

Easements for the installation and maintenance of utilities and underground drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. No Owner of any Lot shall erect or grant to any person, firm, or corporation, the right, license, or privilege to erect or use or permit the use of overhead wires, poles, or television service (except such poles and overhead facilities that may be required at those places where distribution facilities enter and leave the subdivision). Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit street lighting or ornamental yard lighting serviced by underground wires or cables. Electrical service entrance facilities installed for any Dwelling Unit or other structure connecting the same to the electrical distribution system of any electric public utility shall be provided by the Owners of all Lots and shall carry not less than three (3) wires and have a capacity of not less than 200 amperes. Any electric public utility charged with the maintenance of any underground installation shall have access to all easements in which said underground installations are located for operation, maintenance, and replacement of service connections. Any such electric public utility shall not be liable for damage to walks, driveways, lawn, or landscaping which may result from installation, repair, or maintenance of such service.

Service 23. Surface Drainage.

Surface Drainage Easements and Common Areas used for drainage purposes, as shown on the plat, are intended for either periodic or occasional use as conduits for the flow of surface water runoff to a suitable outlet and the land surface shall be constructed and maintained so as to achieve this intention. Such easements shall be maintained in an unobstructed condition during and after construction and the County Surveyor or a proper public authority having jurisdiction over storm drainage shall have the right to determine if any obstruction exists and to repair and maintain or to require such repair and maintenance as shall be reasonably necessary to keep the conduits unobstructed.

Section 24. Use of Public Easements.

In addition to the utility easements herein designated, easements in the streets as shown on this plat are hereby reserved and granted to the Developer, the Association, and any public or quasi-public utility company engaged in supplying one or more of the utility services contemplated in Sections 22 and 23 or this Section 24 of



Article VII, and their respective successors and assigns, to install, lay, erect, construct, renew, operate, repair, replace, maintain, and remove all and every type of gas main, water main, and sewer main (sanitary and/or storm) with all necessary appliances, subject, nevertheless, to all reasonable requirements of any governmental body having jurisdiction thereof as to maintenance and repair of said streets.

Section 25. Flood Protection Grade. In order to minimize potential damages from surface water, flood protection grades are established as follows: all Dwelling Units to be constructed on the Lots designated herein shall be constructed at or above the minimum flood protection grades. Such grades shall be the minimum elevation of a first floor or the minimum sill elevation of any opening below the first floor. The flood protection grade for Lots 66 through 70 is 806.0 feet above mean sea level.

Section 26. Individual Water and Sewage Systems. No individual water supply system or individual sewage disposal system shall be installed, maintained, or used on any Lots in this Subdivision.

Section 27. Sanitary Sewer Restrictions. No rain and storm water runoff or such things as sump pump water discharge, roof water, street pavement, and surface water, caused by natural precipitation, shall at any time be discharged into or permitted to flow into the Sanitary Sewage System, which shall be a separate sewer system from the Storm Water and Surface Water Runoff Sewer System. No sanitary sewage shall at any time be discharged or permitted to flow into the above mentioned Storm Water and Surface Water Runoff Sewer System.

Section 28. Use of Other Structures and Vehicles. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, boat trailer, truck, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle (RV), camper shell, all terrain vehicle (ATV), camper or camping trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, dog house, or other outbuilding shall be either used or located on any Lot, or adjacent to any Lot, public street, or right-of-way within the Subdivision at any time, or used as a residence either temporarily or permanently. Temporary structure(s) or trailer(s), however, which are used by the Developer's contractor(s) or by one or more builders may, with approval of the Developer, be located on one or more lots. No automobile which is inoperable shall be habitually or repeatedly parked or kept on any Lot (except in the garage) or on any street in Inverness Lakes. No trailer, boat, truck, or other vehicle, except an automobile, shall be parked on any street in Inverness Lakes for a period in excess of twenty-four hours in any one calendar year.

Section 29. Animals. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose.

Section 30. Drilling, Refining, Quarrying, and Mining Operations. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying, or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for the use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained, or permitted upon any Lot.

Section 31. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one sign of not more than five square feet advertising such Lot for sale or rent or signs used by a builder to advertise such Lot during the construction and sales period. The Developer shall have the right to (a) erect larger signs allowed by applicable zoning regulations when advertising the subdivision and (b) place signs on Lots

designating the Lot number of said Lots. This restriction shall not prohibit placement of occupant name signs and Lot numbers as allowed by applicable zoning regulations.

Section 32. Trash and Garbage. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage, or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. No outside incinerators shall be kept or allowed on any Lot.

Section 33. Fires. No outdoor fires for the purpose of burning leaves, grass, or other forms of trash shall be permitted to burn upon any street roadway or Lot in this Subdivision, other than that as related to the construction of a dwelling unit.

Section 34. Rights of Ingress and Egress. The rights of ingress and egress to the Subdivision shall only be in such locations as shown on the Plat of the Subdivision.

Section 35. Enforceability. The Association, the Developer, the Allen County Plan Commission, and any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens, and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of these Restrictions. Failure by the Association, the Developer, the Allen County Plan Commission, or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 36. Partial Invalidation. Invalidation of any one of these Restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provision(s) which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 37. Covenants, Restrictions, and Extensions. The covenants and restrictions herein contained shall run with the land, and be effective for a term of twenty (20) years from the date these Restrictions are recorded, after which time they shall automatically be extended for successive periods of ten (10) years; provided these Restrictions may be amended by an instrument signed by not less than 75% of the Lot Owners, and provided further, the Developer, its successors, or assigns shall, with the approval of the Allen County Plan Commission, have the exclusive right for a period of two (2) years from the date of recording of the plat to amend any of these Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Inverness Lakes Partnership, Owner of the real estate described in said plat, has set its hand this 25th day of April, 1994.

INVERNESS LAKES PARTNERSHIP,  
an Indiana partnership.

By: Inverness Lakes Developers L.P.,  
its authorized partner,

By: Sturges Griffin Trent Development  
Corp., its general partner

By: Karl I Bandemer  
Karl I Bandemer, Vice President



STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF ALLEN )

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Karl I Bandemer, Vice President of Sturges Griffin Trent Development Corp., the general partner of Inverness Lakes Developers L.P., the authorized partner of Inverness Lakes Partnership, an Indiana partnership, and acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing instrument on behalf of said partnership for the purposes and uses therein set forth this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1994.

Catherine Crabill  
Notary Public

Catherine Crabill  
Printed Name

My Commission Expires:  
07-16-96

County of Residence:  
Allen Co.

This Instrument Prepared by: Philip L. Carson, Attorney at Law.