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**DECLARATION  
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS  
OF DEER CREEK, A SUBDIVISION  
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by Irishstone, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant."

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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

Lots 246 through 450, all inclusive, in Deer Creek, a subdivision as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots (and any "additional lots" as per Article IV, Section 3) are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot."

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Deer Creek, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Deer Creek, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Deer Creek. As used herein, the term "Common Facilities" shall mean all recreational facilities, dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas, signs and entrances for Deer Creek, as well as any and all other facilities acquired, constructed, improved, maintained, operated, repaired, or replaced by the Homeowner's Association for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the members of the Homeowner's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of Deer Creek. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. Each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

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## ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, golf course or for non-profit use.

2. No residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, dog house, tree house, pool house, antenna satellite receiving station or "discs," flag pole or any other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, reconstructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

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

B. Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions of Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the improvements constructed within Deer Creek Subdivision and to protect the value, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the proposed Improvement does not conform with the surrounding improvements or topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring Lots as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.

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

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

to Declarant in this Paragraph, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.

E. At such time as there shall be a completed single family residence constructed and occupied on ninety percent (90%) of all Lots or ten (10) years from the date hereof, whichever shall occur first, all discretions of Declarant under this Article I, Paragraph 2 shall transfer to the Homeowner's Association and shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of Article IV herein.

3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling that does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have minimum setbacks based on zoning as outlined below:

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Zoning</u>	<u>Front Yard</u>	<u>Rear Yard</u>	<u>Interior Side Yard</u>	<u>Side Yard Facing Street</u>
Lots 246 through 269	R-4	25'	25'	5'	15'
Lots 270 through 314 (Estate Lots)	R-3	35'	25'	7'	17.5'
Lots 315-317	R-4	25'	25'	5'	15'
Lots 318 through 390 (Villas)	R-5	25'	25'	5'	15'
Lots 391 through 450	R-4	25'	25'	5'	15'

4. The exposed front foundation walls and any foundation walls facing any street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, stone, stucco or other material approved by Declarant. All exterior front and side walls of all main residential structures not covered by brick, stone, stucco or other approved materials, must have horizontal siding with the color approved by the Declarant. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls not facing a street must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Direct vent fireplaces are permitted. Any fireplace chimneys extending above the roofline shall be covered with brick, stone, stucco or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless otherwise approved by the Declarant, roofs are to be covered with "Weathered Wood" Presidential Shake Celotex shingles or earth-tone tile or slate. All other external materials of any Improvement shall be of white, off-white or earth-tone. All tiwalls must be of brick, concrete, concrete pavers, or other approved interlocking materials. No wood/railroad tiwalls will be allowed.

5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six

(6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale". No premises shall be used in any way for any purpose that may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. No business activities of any kind shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, this paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

6. No exterior television or radio antenna or disc greater than 18" x 24" in size shall be permitted on any Lot other than in an enclosed structure hidden from public view.

7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles be abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.

8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be parked or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semi-tractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Paragraph 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings or other improvements during the period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least a minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Omaha, Nebraska.

9. No incinerator, trash burner or outside fuel tank shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pick up purposes. No garden, lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuse, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothesline shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time. Produce or vegetable gardens may only be maintained in rear yards. All Lots shall be fully sodded at the time of completion of the Improvements.

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

11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the front line of a main residential structure. Fences shall be only composed of wrought iron or ornamental iron or materials that have a like appearance. No fence shall be below the height of four (4) feet or exceed the height of six (6) feet. No wall shall exist above ground.

12. No swimming pool may extend more than one foot above ground level.
13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the grade or contour of any Lot.
14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each Lot and upon each street side of each corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line and shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof; provided, however, this provision shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Omaha.
15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete. No asphalt overlay of driveway approaches will be permitted.
16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except for one dog house constructed for one (1) dog; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the residence. No dog runs or kennels allowed unless approved by the Declarant. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed Subdivision, including pot-bellied pigs.
17. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or a side yard so as not to be visible from the street. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.
18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, unless parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot and is as large in area as the largest Lot.
19. No structure of a temporary character, carport, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time for a residence, either temporarily or permanently. Any owner may erect a swing set, playground equipment, pool house or other non-prohibited structure on a Lot only after securing the prior written approval of the Declarant. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Deer Creek to any Lot without the written approval of Declarant.

20. Except for connection and access facilities, all utility service lines from each Lot line to a dwelling or other Improvement shall be underground.

21. No garage doors shall be permitted to remain open except when entry to and exit from the garage is required.

22. No manufactured home, as that term is defined in Section 71-4603(1) of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, 1943, shall be permitted in Deer Creek Subdivision.

## **ARTICLE II RESIDENTIAL LOT RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS AS RELATED TO GOLF COURSE**

1. All Lot owners hereby acknowledge that certain of the Lots may not have an unobstructed view, or may not have any view at all of the Golf Course to be constructed on Lots 452 through 458 of Deer Creek Subdivision, (hereinafter "Golf Course" or "Golf Course Lots"), and that the right of privacy appurtenant to each residential lot shall be subject to such disruption and invasion, by noise, windblown debris and the like, as is normally associated with Golf Course construction/maintenance, grass mowing and equipment maintenance.

2. Assumption of Golf Course Risks: By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner acknowledges that owning property in Deer Creek is subject to each of the following risks and that the owner assumes each of these risks: (i) the risk of damage to property or injury to persons or animals from golf balls hit on or over an Owner's Lot or other portions of the Development; (ii) the entry by golfers onto Owner's Lot or other portions of the Development to retrieve golf balls; (iii) overspray in connection with the watering or fertilizing of the roughs, fairways and greens on the Golf Course; (iv) noise from Golf Course maintenance and operation equipment (including, without limitation, compressors, blowers, mulchers, tractors, utility vehicles and pumps, all of which may be operated at all times of the day and night and/or continuously); (v) the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals on the Golf Course; (vi) odors arising from irrigation and fertilization of the turf situated on the Golf Course; and (vii) disturbance and loss of privacy resulting from golf course maintenance, golf cart traffic and golfers. Additionally, each Owner acknowledges and understands that pesticides and chemicals may be applied to the Golf Course throughout the year and that reclaimed water, treated waste water or other sources of non-potable water may be used for irrigation of the Golf Course.

Each Owner expressly assumes such detriments and risks and agrees that neither Declarant, any Residential Developer, the Golf Course Owner, or any director, officer, manager, employee or agent thereof, nor any of their successors or assigns shall be liable to the Owner or occupant of any Lot, or any family member, guest, employee or agent, or anyone else claiming any loss or damage, including without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or damage arising from personal injury, destruction of property, trespass or any other alleged wrong or entitlement to remedy based upon, due to, arising from or otherwise related to the proximity of the Owner's Lot or residence to the Golf Course. Each Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Declarant, the Residential

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Developers, and the Golf Course Owner, and their successors and assigns against any and all such claims by Owner's family members, invitee or agents. The Owner's foregoing indemnity obligations shall not exceed the amount of liability insurance maintained by the Owner at the time the event occurred that gave rise to the Owner's indemnity obligations.

3. Appearance of Golf Course: Each Owner acknowledges, understands and agrees that no Owner shall have the right to compel the Golf Course Owner to maintain the Golf Course or any improvements thereon to any particular standard of care and that the appearance of the Golf Course and improvements shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Golf Course Owner.

4. Golf Course Easements. There is reserved for the benefit of the Golf Course Owner, and its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive right and easement appurtenant to the Golf Course as the dominant tenement over each Residential Lot as the servient tenement for purposes of overspray in connection with the watering and fertilizing of the roughs, fairways, tees and greens on the Golf Course and for the intrusion of golf balls onto or over the servient tenement from the roughs, fairways, tees and greens of the Golf Course. Any person for whose benefit the right and easement for overspray and intrusion is reserved shall not be liable to any Owner for any damage to person or property occasioned by such overspray or intrusion unless occasioned by the intentional act of such Person. The right and easements reserved by this section shall be for the benefit of the Golf Course Owner, Declarant and the Residential Developers and their successors and assigns and for the benefit of their employees, contractors, agents, guest, invitees, licensees and all persons playing the golf course, (collectively referred to as "Beneficiaries").

5. Prior to commencement of any construction activities on any Lot which is adjacent to one or more of the Golf Course Lots, a silt fence must be installed in a trench constructed along all boundary lines of such lot which are adjacent to the golf course, so as to prevent any run off of silt or other erosion from such lot onto the golf course property.

### **ARTICLE III. LANDSCAPE BUFFER AND BOUNDARY FENCE**

1. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Deer Creek Homeowners' Association to maintain, repair and replace the Landscape Buffer and Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing and replacing the Landscape Buffer and Boundary Fence.

### **ARTICLE IV. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

1. The Association. Declarant shall cause the incorporation of Deer Creek Homeowners' Association, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the



"Association"). The Association shall have as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:

A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs and entrances for Deer Creek. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, on public property, on private property subject to an easement in favor of the Association, or on property dedicated to a Sanitary Improvement District.

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

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

2. Membership and Voting. Deer Creek, Phase II, initially contains Two Hundred Five (205) single family residential Lots (referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. The Association shall include further phases of Deer Creek as may be developed by the Declarant. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The owners of each Lot, whether one or more persons or entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the members of the Association, except that Declarants shall have three votes for each lot owned until the total number of lots owned by non-Declarants equals 80% of the total number of lots included in the Association (including further phases of Deer Creek as developed by the Declarant), at which time all lots shall be entitled to one vote.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such



expansion may be effected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment to Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration. In addition, the Amendment to Declaration may declare that all or any part of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to the Declaration shall be Boundary Lots as that term is defined in Article III herein and such additional Boundary Lots shall be subject to all restrictions and obligations on Boundary Lots set forth herein.

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

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

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

B. The landscaping, mowing, watering, repair and replacement of parks, medians and islands in cul-de-sacs, outlets and other public property and improvements on parks or public property within or near Deer Creek.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Mandatory Duties of Association. The Association shall maintain and repair any entrance landscaping, entrance monuments, and signs that have been installed by Declarant in generally good and neat condition and any property or lots which the Association may own.

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

7. Abatement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues and assessments in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant. Lots owned by the Declarant shall not be subject to imposition of dues, assessments or Association liens.

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

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

10. Annual Dues. The Board of Directors may establish annual dues in such amount as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes and responsibilities of the Association.

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE V. EASEMENTS**

1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to Omaha Public Power District, US West Company, and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system or telephone service within the Lots, Metropolitan Utilities Company, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 405 of Douglas County, Nebraska, their successors and assigns, to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service and for the transmission of signals and sounds of all kinds including signals provided by a cable television system and the reception on, over, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior Lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots; and a sixteen (16) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior Lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The sixteen (16) foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.

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

3. All easements along side lot lines shall be automatically released if the lots adjoining both sides of the side lot line(s) are under common ownership and one dwelling unit is constructed on all of such lots.

4. Other easements are provided for in the final plat(s) of Deer Creek which are filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska.

## ARTICLE VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted only to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover all loss or damages arising out of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, but shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of five (5) years each unless terminated as provided below. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant, in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of five (5) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended or, after twenty-five (25) years, terminated, by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots. Provided, however, that the provisions of Article I, Paragraph 22 shall not be amended or changed by Declarant, any person, firm, corporation, partnership or entity designated in writing by Declarant, or seventy-five (75%) of the owners of the Lots.

3. By written consent of the Declarant for a period of five (5) years from the date hereof, any or all of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements as they apply to the Lots may be waived, modified, or amended for any Lot or Lots, in any manner, for such a time period, and on such conditions, if any, which the Declarant may determine in its full and absolute discretion after considering the benefits and detriments which the waiver modification or amendment will have on the Deer Creek subdivision and the Owner requesting the waiver. Declarant's decision on any requested waiver, modification or amendment shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal of Declarant's decision. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Paragraph, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any requested waiver, modification, or amendment.

4. Declarant, or its successors or assigns, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Declarant shall appoint the Association or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these presents to be executed this 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, 2001.

DEER CREEK DEVELOPMENT

By: K. Irish

By: IRISHSTONE, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company, member

STATE OF NEBRASKA     )  
                                  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2001, by Kevin Irish, personally known to me to be the Manager of IRISHSTONE,  
L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act  
and deed and the voluntary act and deed of the limited liability company.

Carole J. Hunsley  
Notary Public

