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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,  
RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF SHERWOOD  
COUNTRY ESTATES, PHASE 1, A SUBDIVISION IN  
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA**

Recorder's Cover Sheet

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IN POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA**

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by Norvern, L.L.C., an Iowa limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant."

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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

For Lots 1 through 34 in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES, PHASE I, a Subdivision in Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

Such lots 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 SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES, as well as for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

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 the Lots. 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. The Lots are, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I.  
RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for suburban residential. (R-2 district)
2. No residence, building, storage shed, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, dog house, pool house, or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant or Declarant's appointee as follows:
  - a. An Owner desiring to erect an Improvement on any Lot shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description of 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 relation to the type and exterior of improvements constructed, or approved for construction, on neighboring Lots and in the surrounding area, and any general scheme or plans formulated by Declarant. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be a developed 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 to promote development of the Lots and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots. If Declarant determines that the proposed Improvement will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
  - c. Written Notice of any 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 the approval or disapproval of any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to

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

3. No part of any residence, except as hereinafter provided, may be erected or maintained on any of the Lots nearer to the front street right-of-way ("R.O.W.") than seventy-five (75) feet, nor nearer to the side Lot line than twenty-five (25) feet. Provided, however, that Declarant shall have and does hereby reserve the right with the consent in writing of the record owner of the fee simple title to any such Lot, to change any building line on any such lot or lots, so long as the change conforms to the Pottawattamie County, Iowa Zoning Ordinances.

4. a. Residences designed for construction on Lots in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES, will be required to have the following minimum square footage; to-wit:

- (1) One Story Residences: 1600 square feet of finished living area will be required on ground level.
- (2) One and One-half Story Residences: 1900 square feet of finished living area will be required above the basement level with at least 1300 square feet of finished living area required on the first floor.
- (3) Two Story Residences: 2000 square feet of finished living area will be required above basement level, with at least 1200 square feet of finished living area required on the first floor.
- (4) Bi-Level and Split-Level and Split-Entry Residences: 1900 square feet of finished living area will be required, with at least 1400 square feet of finished living area required on the first floor.

b. The phrase "finished living area" as used in this Section shall include in all cases areas on the first and second floor of the Residence enclosed and finished for all-year occupancy computed on outside measurement of the Residence. The term shall not include any area in any basement, garage, porch or attic finished or unfinished. No structure erected on any lot shall be more than two stories in height, unless consented to in writing by Declarant, or its designee. Declarant, or its designee, shall have and hereby reserves the right to reduce the floor area requirement set forth above, provided the total reduction for any one Residence may not exceed twenty (20) percent of such minimum floor area requirements for such Residence.

c. Each Residence shall include at least an attached two car garage.

5. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, other than one detached single-family dwelling.

6. The exposed front foundation walls must be constructed of material approved by Declarant. All driveways must be constructed of concrete. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete or concrete blocks. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with materials approved in writing by Declarant. The roof of all Improvements shall be covered with simulated shakes, wood cedar shakes or 30 year rated shingles of not less than 280 pounds of weight, or other material approved by Declarant.

7. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof.

8. No exterior television or radio antenna, satellite receiving dish in excess of twenty-four (24) inches in diameter, or exterior solar heating or cooling device of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot.

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

10. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicles 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 Section 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 the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of Pottawattamie County.

11. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup 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, rubble or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothes line shall be permitted

outside of any dwelling at any time. Produce or vegetable gardens may only be planted and maintained in rear yards, with the written approval of Declarant.

12. 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.

13. All fences and landscaping must be approved by Declarant.

14. No above ground swimming pools.

15. Declarant shall have the first option to purchase any Lot if the Lot owner desires to sell such Lot within the thirty-six (36) months following the initial conveyance from Declarant for the same price that Lot Owner paid for said lot. During this period, Lot Owner shall give Declarant immediate written notice of any accepted offer to purchase the Lot, and Declarant shall have thirty (30) days after the date of the notice to exercise its first option to purchase hereunder, by tendering its offer to purchase to Lot Owner. If Declarant does not exercise this first option to purchase within the thirty (30) day period, this right shall terminate and Lot Owner may proceed to sell the Lot pursuant to the prior accepted offer. All options and first rights of refusal hereunder shall terminate upon completion of construction of the residence on the Lot.

16. 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.

17. Driveway approaches 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.

18. No shelter or any fence for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except for a dog house; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure and fences have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns. Dog houses shall only be allowed adjacent to the rear of the building, concealed from public view. No fences, dog runs or kennels may be constructed or installed on any Lot without the written permission of the Declarant. The plans, proposed site location, and materials to be used in the construction of the fences, dog runs or kennels shall be provided to Declarant for Declarant's review. The Pottawattamie County Code shall be used in determining the number of animals that are allowed per Lot. No accumulation of manure outside of a closed airtight container will be permitted on any lot. Each lot owner will be responsible for removing all manure from the property, at least weekly during the months of April through October of each year. Fences enclosing said animals shall be constructed so as to preclude the animals from coming into contact

with people or vegetation on an adjoining lot. No exterior lighting or arenas or exercise areas shall be constructed so that the lighting shines upon an adjoining lot. No activities with said animals shall be conducted in such a way as to cause excessive noise or dust. Each owner of a lot shall immediately remove any manure left by said animal outside of that owner's lot.

19. Any exterior air-conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.

20. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot.

21. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Sherwood County Estates to any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently, without the written approval of Declarant.

22. No water wells may be dug or drilled on any lot in Sherwood County Estates Subdivision.

23. All lots in Sherwood Country Estates shall be connected to the rural water system.

24. All septic tanks and drainage fields shall be located within the area shown on the final plat as the "Sanitary Sewer Corridor".

25. All homes shall be constructed within the area shown on the final plat as the "House Footprint", unless a different location is approved by the Declarant.

## ARTICLE II. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, an Iowa not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES (including all phases thereof), including:

a. While Declarant does not intend to provide common facilities, the Association may in the future acquire, construct, landscape, improve, equip, maintain, operate, repair, keep up and replace Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways, entry areas and green areas; and signs and entrances for SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, on private property subject to an easement in favor of the Association, or on public property.

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

c. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

2. Membership and Voting. The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lots merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot other than Declarant, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

Declarant shall be entitled to one hundred (100) votes per Lot owned or sold to a contractor for future construction of a home.

3. Purposes and Responsibilities. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Iowa 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 regulating to the Common Facilities.

b. The landscaping, mowing, watering, repair and replacement of parks and other public property and improvements on parks, medians, thoroughfares or public property within or near SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

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.

k. The exercise of any and all rights assigned to the Association by Declarant including but not limited to the architectural control of the improvements constructed in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

4. Mandatory Duties of the Association. The Association shall maintain and repair the signs which have been or will be installed by Declarant along the entrances to SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

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

6. Abatement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant or sold by the Declarant to a contractor for future construction of a home.

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

8. Purpose of Dues. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article.

9. Maximum Annual Dues. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:

- a. One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) per Lot.

- b. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 2008, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.

10. Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Three Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$300.00) per Lot.

11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of sixty percent (60%) of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.

12. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.

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

14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of ten percent (10%) 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 of 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 right 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.

16. Declarant's Lots. Notwithstanding the above requirements regarding the payment of assessments, lots owned by Declarant and held for sale shall not be subject to the payment of any assessments until they are sold. Declarant shall, however, pay it's per lot share of mowing vacant lots.

### ARTICLE III. EASEMENTS

1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground storm sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other 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 ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting 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. Declarant reserves an easement over the Northerly twenty (20) feet adjacent to Juniper Road on Lot 52, the Westerly twenty (20) feet adjacent to Kristy Drive on Lots 1 and 25 all in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES for the construction, repair, and maintenance of signs and pertinent equipment attached thereto, to identify SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

3. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

4. Lots 14, 15, and 16 have a settlement retention area constructed on them with a riser pipe and associated storm water runoff protection. An easement for these improvements is reserved over said lots in order to maintain the settlement basin and associated improvements, all as the same have been established and built by the Declarant. The owners of Lots 14, 15, and 16 shall not remove these improvements or

hamper there use and purpose for the owners of lots in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

5. Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 have a settlement retention area constructed on them with a riser pipe and associated storm water runoff protection. An easement for these improvements is reserved over said lots in order to maintain the settlement basin and associated improvements, all as the same have been established and built by the Declarant. The owners of Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 shall not remove these improvements or hamper there use and purpose for the owners of lots in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

6. Lot 1 has a drainage pipe and dump area with rip rap installed in the Northwest corner of said lot which is part of the storm water drainage design of the subdivision. An easement for these improvements is reserved over said lot 1 in order to maintain the improvements as the same have been established and built by the Declarant. The owner of lot 1 shall not remove these improvements or hamper there use and purpose for the owners of lots in SHERWOOD COUNTRY ESTATES.

#### ARTICLE IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted 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 damages of such violation or dues. 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 in perpetuity. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion until all Lots have been sold, or for a period of ten (10) years from the date hereof, whichever first occurs. Lots sold by Declarant shall not include Lots sold to contractors for future construction of homes. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than 100% of the Lots covered by this Declaration. Easements contained herein may not be amended unless they are amended by agreement of all parties concerned with the easement.

3. Norvern, L.L.C., or its successor or assign, 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, Association may from time to time appoint itself 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. The Association shall have the right to revoke any such appointment at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

4. Invalidation of any covenant shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

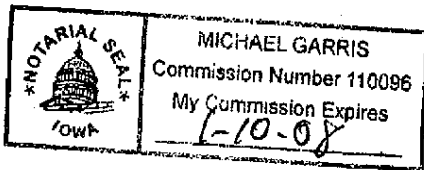
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused these presents to be executed this 13 day of December, 2006.

NORVERN, L.L.C.:

BY: Norman Hansmeyer  
NORMAN HANSMEYER

STATE OF IOWA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF POTTAWATTAMIE )

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Norman Hansmeyer, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is one of the members of Norvern, L.L.C., an Iowa limited liability company, that no seal has been procured by the said limited liability company, and that said instrument was signed on behalf of the said limited liability company by authority of its members and the said members acknowledged the execution of the instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said limited liability company by it voluntarily executed.



(SEAL)

Michael Garris  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR SAID STATE

My Commission Expires: 1-10-08