

GARRETT RANCH THIRD PLAT  
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS & RESTRICTIONS

THIS Declaration is made as of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 2025, by Gatlen Properties LLC, a Kansas limited liability company (“Developer”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Developer has executed and filed with the Register of Deeds of Johnson County, Kansas a plat of the subdivision known as “Garrett Ranch”, which plat includes but is not limited to the following described lots and tracts:

Lots 1 through 117, and Tracts “A” and “B”, Garrett Ranch, Third Plat, a subdivision in the City of Spring Hill, Johnson County, Kansas (“Garrett Ranch, Third Plat”).

WHEREAS, Developer, as the present owner and developer of the above-described real property, desires to place certain restrictions on such lots to preserve and enhance the value, desirability and attractiveness of the development and improvements constructed thereon and to keep the use thereof consistent with the intent of the Developer, and all of said restrictions shall be for the use and benefit of Developer and its future grantees, successors and assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises outlined herein, Developer, for itself and for its successors and assigns, and for its future grantees, hereby agrees and declares that the above-described lots shall be, and they hereby are, restricted as to their use and otherwise in the manner hereinafter set forth.

1. Definitions. For purposes of this Declaration, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Approving Party" means (i) prior to the recording of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Developer (or its designees from time to time) and (ii) subsequent to the recording of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Board (or with respect to Exterior Structures and other matters assigned to it, the Architectural Committee).

(b) "Architectural Committee" means: (i) prior to the Turnover Date, the Developer (or its designees from time to time); and (ii) on and after the Turnover Date, a committee comprised of at least three members of the Homes Association, all of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board (subject to the provisions of Section 14 below).

(c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Homes Association.

(d) "Certificate of Substantial Completion" means a certificate executed, acknowledged and recorded by the Developer with the Recording Office stating that all of the Lots in the Subdivision (as then contemplated by the Developer) have been sold by the Developer and the residences to be constructed thereon are substantially completed; provided, however, that the Developer may execute and record a Certificate of Substantial Completion or similar instrument in lieu thereof in Developer's absolute discretion at any earlier time and for any limited purpose hereunder. The execution or recording of a Certificate of Substantial Completion shall, by itself, constitute an assignment of any of the Developer's rights to the Homes Association or any other person or entity.

(e) "City" means the City of Spring Hill, Kansas.

(f) "Common Areas" means (i) Common Tracts A and B of Garrett Ranch, Third Plat, (ii) any entrances, monuments, berms, street islands, and other similar ornamental areas and related utilities, lights, sprinkler systems and landscaping constructed or installed by or for the Developer or the Homes Association at or near the entrance of any street or along any street, and any easements related thereto, in the Subdivision, (iii) all landscape easements that may be granted to the Developer and/or the Homes Association, for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all Owners within the Subdivision, and (iv) all other similar areas and places, together with all improvements thereon and thereto, the use, benefit or enjoyment of which is intended for all of the Owners within the Subdivision.

(g) "Declaration" means this instrument, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.

(h) “Developer” means Gaten Properties, LLC, a Kansas limited liability company, and its successors and assigns.

(i) “Exterior Structure” means any structure erected or maintained or proposed to be erected or maintained on a Lot other than the main residential structure or any structural component thereof, and shall include, without limitation, any deck, gazebo, greenhouse, animal house, outbuilding, fence, patio wall, rock wall, landscape wall, privacy screen, boundary wall, dock, bridge, patio enclosure, sport court, tennis court, paddle tennis court, swimming pool, hot tub, pond, basketball goal, flag pole, antennae, swing set, jungle gym, trampoline, sand box, playhouse, treehouse, balling cage, or other recreational or play structure, and all exterior sculptures, statuary, fountains, and similar yard decor.

(j) “Green Areas” means Tracts A and B of Garrett Ranch Third Plat and all similar areas that may be platted in the Subdivision as a “Tract” and not for use as a residential lot (as they may be subsequently replaced and/or configured).

(k) “Homes Association” means the Kansas not-for-profit corporation to be formed by or for the Developer for the purpose of serving as the home’s association for the Subdivision.

(l) “Lot” means any lot as shown as a separate lot on any recorded plat of all or part of the Subdivision; provided, however, that if an Owner, other than the Developer, owns adjacent lots (or parts the lots) upon which only one residence has been, is being, or will be erected, then such adjacent property under common ownership shall be deemed to constitute only one “Lot.”

(m) “Owner” means the record owner(s) of title to any Lot, including the Developer, and for purposes of all obligations of the Owner hereunder, shall include, where appropriate, all family members and tenants of such Owner and all their guests and invitees.

(n) “Recording Office” means the Office of the Register of Deeds of Johnson County, Kansas or such other governmental office in which deeds, mortgages and other instruments relating to real property in Johnson County, Kansas are to be recorded to give public notice thereof.

(o) “Subdivision” means all the above-described Lots in Garrett Ranch, Third Plat, all Common Areas, and all additional property which hereafter may be made subject to this Declaration in the maimer provided herein.

(p) “Turnover Date” means the earlier of: (i) the date as of which 100% of all of the Lots in the Subdivision (as then contemplated by the Developer) have been sold by the Developer and the residences have been constructed thereon, or (ii) the date the

Developer, in its absolute discretion, selects as the Turnover Date for all or any specific portion of this Declaration.

2. Use of Land. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Declaration, none of the Lots may be improved, used or occupied for other than single family, private residential purposes. No trailer, outbuilding or Exterior Structure shall at any time be used for human habitation, temporarily or permanently; or shall any residence of a temporary character be erected, moved onto or maintained upon any of the Lots or any Common Areas or be used for human habitation; provided, however, that the Developer or others (including, without limitation, builders and real estate brokerage companies) authorized by the Developer shall have the right to use trailers or temporary buildings or structures or any residence on any Lot or any building that is part of the Common Areas for model, office, sales or storage purposes during the development and build out of the Subdivision. Any such use of any building that is part of the Common Areas by the Developer or project marketing company prior to the filing of the Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be without payment of rent or utilities (other than telephone) by the Developer and the project marketing company to the Homes Association.

3. Building Material Requirements.

(a) Exterior walls of all residences and all appurtenances thereto shall be of stucco, brick, natural stone, board and batten siding, wood (or Masonite type) paneling, wood (or LP or James Hardie type) lap siding, plate glass, glass blocks, wood (or LP or James Hardie type) trim, or any other materials specifically approved by the Developer in writing. Concrete blocks shall not be permitted as an exterior finished surface. All windows and exterior doors shall be constructed of glass, wood, aluminum, metal, vinyl clad, fiberglass, or any other materials specifically approved by the Developer in writing. Roofs of residences shall be covered with concrete tiles, clay tiles, slate, or high-quality composition shingles, all the specific types, colors, styles, dimensions and other aesthetic factors specifically approved by the Developer in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 3 requiring or prohibiting specific building materials or products, any building materials or products that may be or come into general or acceptable usage for dwelling construction of comparable quality and style in the area, as determined by the Approving Party in its absolute discretion, shall be acceptable upon written approval by the Approving Party in its absolute discretion. In the event the City or other government agency with jurisdiction and authority requires specific building materials not authorized above or requires that Owners have additional choices of building materials not authorized above, the Approving Party shall have the right, in its absolute discretion, to establish and regulate in writing the specific types, colors and other aesthetic features of such new or additional building materials.

(b) All applicable exterior components (excluding roofs, brick, stone, and similar components) shall be covered with a workmanlike finish of paint or stain. No

residence or Exterior Structure shall stand with its exterior in any unfinished condition for longer than five months after commencement of construction. All exterior basement foundations and walls which are exposed more than 12 inches above final grade shall be painted the same color as the body of the residence or shall be covered with siding compatible with the structure.

(c) No air conditioning apparatus or unsightly projection shall be attached to or located on the front of any residence. No window air conditioning or heating units shall be permitted.

(d) No metal or other pipe shall be exposed on the exterior of any fireplace or fireplace flue (other than a minimal amount of exterior metal or piping from a direct vent fireplace). All fireplace flues in chimneys shall be capped with a black or color-conforming metal rain cap.

(e) Except as otherwise permitted by the Developer in writing, all residences shall have a house number plate in the style(s) approved by the Developer, which plate shall be located adjacent to the front door or, where not practical, at another location approved by the Developer.

(f) All driveways and sidewalks shall be concrete, patterned concrete, bermanite, interlocking pavers, brick or other permanent stone finishes. Crushed gravel, asphalt and natural driveways and sidewalks along the street or from the driveway to the front door are prohibited. No driveway shall be constructed in a manner as to permit access to a street across a rear property line.

(g) All residences shall have at least a two-car garage. No car ports are permitted.

(h) The Developer, in its discretion, may allow variances from the foregoing requirements of this Section 3.

4. Minimum Floor Area. No residence shall be constructed upon any Lot unless it has a total finished floor area of at least 1,200 square feet (excluding any finished attics, garages, basements and similar habitable areas). The Developer, in its absolute discretion, may allow variances from the minimum square footage requirement.

5. Approval of Plans: Post-Construction Changes; Grading; Erosion Control.

(a) Notwithstanding compliance with the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 above, no residence or Exterior Structure may be erected upon or moved onto any Lot unless and until the building plans, specifications, exterior materials, location, elevations, plot plan, lot grading plan, general landscaping plan, and exterior color scheme (all as and when may be required by the Developer for each particular stage of construction) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Developer or, in the case of

Exterior Structures to the extent provided in Section 8 below, the Architectural Committee, in each case as to architectural consistency and other aesthetic factors. No change or alteration in such building plans, specifications, exterior materials, location, elevations, lot grading plans, general landscaping plans or exterior color scheme shall be made unless and until such change or alteration has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Developer or the Architectural Committee, as the case may be.

(b) Following the completion of construction of any residence or Exterior Structure, no significant landscaping change, significant exterior color change or exterior addition or alteration shall be made thereto unless and until the change, addition or alteration has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Committee. All replacements of all or any portion of a completed structure because of age, casualty loss or other reason, including, without limitation, roofs and siding, shall be of the same materials, colors, location and elevation as the original structure unless and until the changes thereto have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Committee.

(c) All final grading of each Lot shall be completed by the Owner in connection with construction of the residence and shall be in accordance with any master grading plan approved by the City, any related grading plan furnished by the Developer for the development phase containing the Lot and any specific site grading plan for the Lot approved by or for the Developer. No landscaping, berms, fences or other structures shall be installed or maintained that impede the flow of surface water. Water from sump pumps shall be drained away from adjacent residences (actual and future). No changes in the final grading of any Lot shall be made by or for the Owner without the prior written approval of the Approving Party and, if necessary, the City. The Developer shall have no liability or responsibility to any builder, Owner or other party for the failure of a builder or Owner to final grade or maintain any Lot in accordance with the master grading plan or any approved lot grading plan or for the Developer not requiring a lot grading plan or compliance therewith or for the quality or composition of any soil or subsurface material. The Developer does not represent or guarantee to any Owner or other person that any grading plan for the Lots which the Developer or any engineer or other party may approve, or supply shall be sufficient or adequate or that the Lots will drain properly or to any Owner's or other person's satisfaction.

(d) During the construction of the residence and improvements on such Lot and until the Lot is completely established with grass, the Owner, at its expense, shall install and properly maintain hay bales, silt fencing and such other erosion and silt control devices as are necessary to prevent stormwater runoff from the Lot depositing silt or other debris onto adjacent Lots, Common Areas and streets. In connection therewith, the Owner shall comply with all Federal, state and local governmental laws, regulations and requirements, with all applicable pennants, and with all requirements imposed by the,

including, without limitation, preparation of inspection reports, and the Owner shall be responsible for any and all governmental fines and assessments that may be levied or assessed as a result of a failure of the Owner to so comply.

(e) All site preparation, including, but not limited to, tree removal, excavation, grading, rock excavation/removal, hauling, and piecing, etc., shall be at the sole expense of the Owner or builder. All removed trees and excavated rock, etc., shall be removed from the Subdivision and shall not be spoiled within the Subdivision, except as expressly approved by the Developer.

(f) All building plans and plot plans shall be designed to minimize the removal of existing trees.

(g) Approval of plans or specifications by the Developer or any other Approving Party is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a representation or warranty that such plans or specifications comply with good engineering/architectural practices or any governmental requirements.

(h) Each Owner acknowledges that neither the sale of a Lot by the Developer to a particular builder nor the inclusion of a particular builder on a list of builders building in the area or on a list of approved builders constitutes a representation, endorsement or guaranty by the Developer or any real estate broker/salesperson of the financial stability, qualifications, work or any other matter relating to such builder. Neither the Developer nor any real estate broker/salesperson guarantees or warrants the obligations or construction by any builder.

6. Setbacks. No residence, or any part thereof (exclusive of porches, porticoes, stoops, balconies, bay and other windows, eaves, chimneys and other similar projections), or Exterior Structure, or any part thereof, shall be nearer the street line than the building set back lines shown on the recorded plat for such Lot; provided, however, that the Approving Party shall have (i) the right to decrease, in its discretion, the setback lines for a specific Lot, to the extent they are greater than the minimum setbacks required by the City, by filing an appropriate instrument in writing in the Recording Office and (ii) the right to increase, in its discretion, the setback lines for a specific Lot(s).

7. Commencement and Completion of Construction. Unless the following time periods are expressly extended by the Developer in writing, construction of the residence on a Lot shall be commenced (meaning digging of the foundation) within three (3) months following the date of delivery of a deed from the Developer to the first purchaser of such Lot and shall be completed within twelve (12) months after such construction commencement. In the event such construction is not commenced within such three (3) month period (or extension thereof, if any), the Developer shall have, prior to commencement of construction, the right (but not the obligation) to repurchase such Lot from the Owner, free and clear of all mortgages, mechanic's

liens and similar liens, for an amount equal to 100% of the sale price of the Lot from the Developer to the first purchaser thereof. If such repurchase right is exercised by the Developer, the Owner of the Lot in violation of this construction commencement provision shall not be entitled to reimbursement for taxes, insurance, interest or other expenses paid or incurred by or for such Owner and all taxes and installments of special assessments shall be prorated between Developer and the Owner as of the closing of the repurchase by Developer.

8. Exterior Structures.

(a) No Exterior Structure shall be erected upon, moved onto or maintained upon any Lot except (i) strictly in accordance with and pursuant to the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee as to the applicable building plans, specifications, exterior materials, location, elevations, lot grading plans, landscaping plans and exterior color scheme and (ii) in compliance with the additional specific restrictions set forth in subsection (b) below or elsewhere in this Declaration. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the approval of the Architectural Committee shall not be required for (I) any Exterior Structure erected by or at the request of the Developer or (II) any Exterior Structure that (A) has been specifically approved by the Developer prior to the issuance of a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy as part of the residential construction plans approved by the Developer and (B) has been built in accordance with such approved plans. Compliance with the specific requirements or restrictions set forth in subsection (b) below or elsewhere in this Declaration shall not automatically entitle an Owner to install or maintain any specific Exterior Structures, and the Approving Party, in its discretion, shall always have the right to additionally regulate, prohibit, condition or otherwise restrict any Exterior Structure notwithstanding such otherwise compliance.

(b) Certain Structures

(i) All fence and privacy screen plans must be approved by the Approving Party and (where required) the City prior to installation. No fence shall be installed without a permit from the City (where required) and compliance with all applicable laws and codes. Only wood or wrought iron (or similar) fences (which may include stone, masonry or wood posts) or privacy screens in the specific styles, materials and colors approved by the Developer shall be permitted on the Lots. All fences, retaining walls and privacy screens shall be ornamental and shall not disfigure the property or the neighborhood or interfere with drainage. All fences and privacy screens shall be constructed with a finished side facing outward. No chain link, wire or similar fence shall be permitted, except around any pool area or sport courts installed by or for the Developer. No fence may be installed in any platted landscape easement unless installed by or for the Developer or the Homes Association. Unless and until otherwise specifically

approved in writing by the Approving Party, (A) no fence or privacy screen shall exceed five feet in height, (B) no fence or privacy screen shall be constructed or maintained on any Lot nearer to the front street than the rear corners (as determined by the Approving Party) of the residence, (C) no fence shall be constructed or maintained on any Lot more than one foot from the property line of the Lot, except to the extent necessary for such fence to abut the residence and except for fences around swimming pools, hot tubs and patio areas, (D) all fences (except for fences around swimming pools, hot tubs and patio areas) must be joined to or abutting any previously existing fences on adjacent Lots, (E) all perimeter fences shall be stair-stepped to follow the grade of the Lot, and (F) no wood fence shall be painted or stained any color.

(ii) All basketball goals shall be permanently installed (except as provided below), free standing and not attached to the residence. All backboards shall be transparent, and all poles shall be black or a neutral color. There shall be only one basketball goal per Lot. The Board shall have the right to establish reasonable rules regarding the hours of use of basketball goals and any such rules shall be binding upon all the Lots and the Owner. Portable basketball goals shall be permitted only if stored in the garage at night.

(iii) All recreational or play structures must be approved in advance by the Approving Party and (if allowed) (A) shall be made of materials approved in writing by the Approving Party, (B) (other than basketball goals) shall be located behind the rear corners (as determined by the Approving Party) of the residence and (C) (other than basketball goals) shall be located at least ten (10) feet from each side boundary and ten ( 10) feet from the rear boundary of the Lot.

(iv) No aboveground type swimming pools shall be permitted. All swimming pools shall be fenced, and all hot tubs shall be fenced or otherwise adequately screened, all in accordance with City requirements and the other provisions of the Declaration. All pools and hot tubs shall be kept clean and always maintained in operable condition.

(v) All outside dog houses shall be located in the back yard near the residence, shall be painted or stained (where appropriate) the same color of the residence, and shall have roofs that are the same as the residence.

(vi) The following Exterior Structures shall be prohibited on the Lots: animal runs, trampolines, tennis courts, sport courts, tree houses, batting cages, detached greenhouses, detached garages and other detached outbuildings.

(vii) No Exterior Structure that is prohibited under Section 9 below shall be permitted under this Section 8.

(c) No fence, wall or other Exterior Structure installed by or for the Developer or Homes Association anywhere in the Subdivision may be removed or altered by any Owner or other person without the prior written consent of the Approving Party.

9. Buildings or Uses Other Than for Residential Purposes: Noxious Activities, Miscellaneous.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 above, no residence or Exterior Structure, or any portion thereof, shall ever be placed, erected or used for business, professional, trade or commercial purposes on any Lot; provided, however, that this restriction shall not prevent an Owner or occupant from maintaining an office area or operating a home-business occupation in his residence in accordance with the applicable ordinances of the City so long as the residential character of the area is maintained.

(b) No illegal, noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on with respect to any Lot; nor shall any trash, ashes or other refuse be thrown, placed or dumped upon any Lot or Common Area; nor shall anything be done which may be or become an annoyance or a nuisance to the Subdivision, or any part thereof, except as may be otherwise expressly permitted by this Declaration. The foregoing shall not be construed to limit or restrict the rights or powers of the Developer or the Homes Association under this Declaration.

(c) Each Owner shall properly maintain his Lot in a neat, clean and orderly fashion. The exterior portions of the residence and all Exterior Structures on the Lot (including, without limitation, any fence that may have been installed by or for the Developer) shall be always kept and maintained by the Owner in good condition and repair. Each residence exterior shall be repainted by the Owner every five years or less, as needed (as determined by the Board). Any exterior color change must be approved in advance in accordance with Section 5(b).

(d) Unlicensed, unregistered, or inoperative motor vehicles are prohibited, except in an enclosed garage.

(e) Overnight parking of motor vehicles, boats, trailers, buses, campers, or similar apparatus of any type or character in public streets, Common Areas or vacant lots is prohibited. Motor vehicles shall be parked overnight in garages or on paved driveway; only. Except as provided in subsection (g) below, no vehicle (other than an operable passenger automobile, passenger van or small truck), commercial truck or van, bus, boat, jet-ski, trailer, camper, mobile home, or similar apparatus shall be left or stored overnight on any Lot, except in an enclosed garage.

(f) Trucks or commercial vehicles with gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or over are prohibited in the Subdivision except during such limited time as such truck or vehicle is being used in the Subdivision during normal working hours for its specific purpose.

- (g) Recreational motor vehicles of any type or character are prohibited except:
  - (i) When stored in an enclosed garage.
  - (ii) When temporarily parked on the driveway for the purpose of loading and unloading (maximum of 24 hours every 14 days); or
  - (iii) With prior written approval of the Approving Party.

(h) No television, radio, citizens' band, short wave or other antenna, solar panel, clothesline or pole, or other unsightly projection shall be attached to the exterior of any residence or erected in any yard. Should any part or all of the restriction set forth in the preceding sentence be unenforceable because it violates a statute or the First Amendment or any other provision of the United States Constitution, the Approving Party shall have the right to establish rules and regulations regarding the location, size, landscaping, and other aesthetic aspects of such projections so as to reasonably control the impact of such projections on the Subdivision, and all parts thereof, and any such rules and regulations shall be binding upon all of the Lots. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, small satellite dishes may be installed, with the prior written consent and in accordance with the requirements of the Approving Party, to render the installation as inoffensive as possible to other Owners.

(i) No artificial flowers, trees or other vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any residence or in the yard. Sculptures, bird baths, bird feeders, fountains, yard art, and similar decorative objects are allowed on the exterior of the residence or in the yard only with the specific written approval of the Approving Party.

(j) Exterior holiday lights shall be permitted only between November 15 and January 31. Except for such holiday lights, all exterior lighting shall be white (clear) and not colored.

(k) No garage sales, sample sales, estate sales or similar activities shall be held within the Subdivision without the prior written consent of the Board.

(l) No speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell or other sound device shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any residence or in any yard, except intercoms, devices used exclusively for security purposes, and stereo speakers used in accordance with any rules specified by the Board.

(m) All residential service utilities shall be underground, except with the approval of the Developer.

(n) In the event of vandalism, fire, windstorm or other damage, no residence or Exterior Structure shall be permitted by the Owner to remain in damaged condition for longer than three months (except with the specific written consent of the Approving

Party) and the Owner shall cause the residence to be rebuilt in all events within 12 months after the.' date of the damage.

(o) No shed, barn, detached garage or other storage facility shall be erected upon, moved onto or maintained upon any Lot. Storage shall be permitted under a deck provided such area is screened with materials and in the manner approved by the Approving Party as otherwise authorized herein.

(p) No outside fuel storage tanks of any kind shall be permitted (except standard propane tanks for outdoor grills).

(q) Except for signs erected by or for the Developer or its approved real estate brokerage company for the Subdivision, no sign, advertisement or billboard may be erected or maintained on any Lot, except that:

(i) One sign not more than three feet high and three feet wide may be maintained offering the residence for sale. For newly constructed homes offered for sale, only a real estate brokerage company sign (which may include a rider identifying the builder), and not also a separate sign for the builder, may be used if a real estate brokerage company is involved.

(ii) One garage sale sign not more than three feet high and/or three feet wide is permitted on the Lot when a permitted garage sale is being held, provided such signs are erected in accordance with City code and are installed no more than two hours before the start of the sale and are removed within two hours after the close of the sale.

(iii) One political sign per candidate or issue not more than three feet high or three feet wide is permitted on the Lot for up to three weeks before the election but must be removed within 24 hours after the election.

No signs offering a residence for lease or rent shall be allowed in the Subdivision. Without limiting the foregoing, no sign shall be permitted which (A) describes the condition of the residence or the Lot, (B) describes, maligns, or refers to the reputation, character or building practices of the Developer, any builder, or any other Owner, or (C) discourages or otherwise impacts or attempts to impact a party's decision to acquire a Lot or residence in the Subdivision. In the event of a violation of the foregoing provisions, the Developer and/or the Homes Association shall be entitled to remove any such offending sign, and in so doing, shall not be subjected to any liability for trespass, violation of constitutional or other rights, or otherwise. If these limitations on the use of signs, or any part thereof, are determined to be unlawful, the Board shall have the right to regulate the use of signs in a manner not in violation of law.

(r) No sign (other than community marketing signs approved by the Developer) shall be placed or maintained in any Common Area without the approval of the Approving Party.

(s) No trash, refuse, or garbage can or receptacle (other than construction dumpsters during construction) shall be placed on any Lot outside a residence, except after sundown of the day before or upon the day for regularly scheduled trash collection and except for grass bags placed in the back or side yard pending regularly scheduled trash collection.

(t) Garage doors shall always remain closed except when necessary for ingress and egress.

(u) No residence or part thereof shall be rented or used for transient or hotel purposes, which are defined as: (i) rental of less than three months duration or under which occupants are provided customary hotel services such as room service for food and beverages, maid service, and similar services; or (ii) rental to roomers or boarders, (i.e., rental to one or more persons of a portion of a residence only). No lease may be of less than an entire residence. Each lease shall be in writing, shall require that the tenant and other occupants acknowledge the existence of this Declaration and agree to comply with all provisions of this Declaration, shall provide that the lease shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Declaration and to the rules and regulations promulgated from time to time by the Board, and shall provide that the failure by the tenant to comply with the terms of this Declaration or such rules and regulations shall be a default under the lease. In the event a tenant fails to comply with the terms of this Declaration or such rules and regulations, the Owner shall, if so, directed by the Board, and to the extent permitted by law, terminate the lease and evict the tenant. Prior to the commencement of the term of a lease, the Owner shall notify the Board, in writing, of the name or names of the tenant or tenants and the time during which the lease then shall be in effect. Notwithstanding the existence of a lease, the Owner shall remain liable for all obligations under this Declaration with respect to the Lot and the improvements thereon and the use thereof and the Common Areas, and the Owner shall cause the rented property to be maintained to the same general condition and standards as then prevailing for the Owner-occupied residences in the Subdivision.

(v) Each of the Developer and the Homes Association may enforce the foregoing restrictions and other provisions of this Declaration by establishing, levying and collecting fines and other enforcement charges, having vehicles, trailers or other apparatus towed away at the Owner's expense, or taking such other lawful actions as the Developer or the Homes Association, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

10. Animals. No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred, kept or maintained on any Lot except that dogs, cats and other common household pets may be raised, bred, kept or

maintained so long as (a) they are not raised, bred, kept or maintained for commercial purposes; (b) they do not constitute a nuisance; and (c) city ordinances and other applicable laws are satisfied. Bees, cows, horses, swine, goats, sheep, poultry, other domesticated farm animals, undomesticated (wild) animals, exotic animals, or animals requiring special permits from any government authority are prohibited. All pets shall be confined to the Lot of the Owner except when on a leash controlled by a responsible person. Owners shall immediately clean up after their pets on all streets, Common Areas and Lots owned by others.

11. Lawns. Landscaping and Gardens. Within 60 days after the issuance of any permanent or temporary certificate of occupancy for the residence, all lawns, including all areas between the residence and any adjacent street, regardless of the existence and location of any fence, monument, boundary wall, Bench, sidewalk or right-of-way line, shall be fully sodded and shall remain fully sodded at all times thereafter; provided, however, that the Owner of a Lot may leave a portion of the Lot as a natural area with the express written permission of the Approving Party. No lawn on a Lot shall be planted with zoysia or buffalo grass.

Within 60 days after the issuance of any permanent or temporary certificate of occupancy for the residence, the Owner thereof shall landscape the Lot to the same standards as that generally prevailing throughout the Subdivision (which shall include, but not be limited to, a minimum expenditure of \$1,000.00 on foundation plantings in the front yard, plus at least one hardwood tree of two inch or more caliper in the front yard (in addition to any trees planted by the Developer)). All landscaping shall be installed in accordance with the landscaping plans approved by the Developer and shall be always maintained by the Owner in good condition.

To the extent any of the foregoing items are not completed prior to occupancy, the Owner shall escrow funds, in an amount (if any) and manner determined by the Developer, to assure such installation when weather permits.

All vegetable gardens shall be located behind the rear corners of the residence (as determined by the Approving Party) and at least five feet away from the boundary of the Lot. No vegetable garden(s) shall exceed 100 square feet in size on any Lot, except with the prior written consent of the Approving Party.

Each Owner shall always keep the lawn of the Lot in good condition and uniformly mowed and clipped with a length of grass not to exceed four inches and reasonably free from weeds.

The Developer shall have the right (but not the obligation) to install one or more trees on each Lot. The type(s) and location(s) of tree(s) and timing of planting shall be selected by the Developer in its absolute discretion. Each Owner shall properly water, maintain and replace all trees and landscaping on the Owner's Lot (including any trees planted by or for the Developer, but excluding those in a Common Area maintained by the Homes Association).

12. Easements for Public Utilities: Drainage: Maintenance. The Developer shall have, and does hereby reserve, the right to locate, erect, construct, maintain and use, or authorize the location, erection, construction, maintenance and use of, drains, pipelines, sanitary and storm sewers, gas and water lines, electric and telephone lines, television cables and other utilities, and to give or grant rights-of-way or easements therefor, over, under, upon and through all easements and rights-of-way of record or shown on any recorded plat of the Subdivision or any Common Area. All utility easements and rights-of-way shall inure to the benefit of all utility companies, governmental authorities, the Developer and the Homes Association, for purposes of installing, maintaining or moving any utility lines or services and shall inure to the benefit of the Developer, all Owners and the Homes Association as a cross easement for utility line service and maintenance.

The Developer shall have and does hereby reserve for itself and its successors and assigns and the Homes Association and its successors and assigns a casement over and through all unimproved portions of each Lot for the purpose of performing the powers and duties of the Homes Association and maintaining any Common Area. The Developer shall have the right to execute and record, at any time, an easement with respect to specific areas utilized as provided above.

The Developer and the Homes Association, through its authorized representative(s), may at any reasonable time enter any Lot, without being deemed guilty of trespass, for the purpose of inspecting the Lot and any improvements thereon to ascertain any compliance or noncompliance with the requirements and terms of this Declaration and/or any plans approved hereunder.

The Developer and the builder of the residence on the Lot shall have reasonable access to each Lot for the purpose of inspecting and maintaining erosion control devices until final stabilization of the full Lot is achieved by sodding and landscaping. No Owner shall prevent or inhibit the Developer's or the builder's reasonable access for such purpose, and no Owner shall remove or damage any erosion control devices installed by the Developer or the builder. Each Owner shall notify the builder and the Developer of any damage to such erosion control devices.

In the event any easement rights granted in this Section are exercised with respect to any Lot, the party so exercising such easement rights shall exercise the same in a reasonable manner so as to minimize all adverse effects on the Owners and shall promptly repair any damages to such Lot resulting from the exercise of such easement rights and restore the Lot to as near the original condition as possible.

No water from any roof, downspout, sump pump, perimeter basement drain, or surface drainage shall be placed in or connected to any sanitary sewer line.

13. Common Areas.

(a) The Developer shall have the right (but not the obligation) to provide Common Areas for the use and benefit of the Subdivision. The size, location, nature and

extent of improvements and landscaping in the Common Areas, and all other aspects of the Common Areas that are provided by the Developer, shall be determined by the Developer in its absolute discretion.

(b) The Developer and its successors, assigns, and grantees, the Owners, and the Homes Association shall have the right and easement of enjoyment in and to all the Common Areas, but only for the intended and permitted use of such Common Areas. Such right and easement in favor of the Owners shall be appurtenant to, and shall automatically pass with, the title to each Lot. All such rights and easements shall be subject to the rights of any governmental authority or any utility therein or thereto.

(c) Any ownership by the Homes Association of any Common Area and the right and easement of enjoyment of the Owners in the Subdivision as to any Common Area shall be subject to the right of the Developer to convey sewage, water, drainage, pipeline, maintenance, electric, telephone, television and other utility easements over, under, upon and through such Common Area, as provided in Section 12 above.

(d) No Owner shall improve, destroy or otherwise alter any Common Area without the express written consent of the Approving Party.

(e) Owners of Lots adjacent or nearby the Common Areas shall prevent erosion and pollutant discharges and runoff onto the Common Areas.

(f) The following rules, regulations and restrictions shall apply to the use of the Green Areas:

(i) No automobiles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, or other motorized vehicles or apparatus of any kind shall be allowed in the Green Areas except for mowing and otherwise maintaining the Green Area.

(ii) No refuse, trash or debris shall be discarded or discharged in or about the Green Areas except in designated trash bins.

(iii) Access to the Green Areas shall be confined to designated areas, except that Owners of Lots adjacent to the Green Areas may have access to the area from their respective Lots (where applicable).

(iv) There shall be no cleaning of fish at any water feature, pond, lake, or in any other Green Area.

(v) No swimming or wading shall be allowed in any lake or creek.

(vi) No docks or other structures shall be built into or over any Lake other than by the Developer or the Homes Association.

(g) Each of the Developer and the Homes Association shall have reasonable access through Lots adjacent to the Common Areas for the purposes of maintenance and improvement thereof, but any party exercising such right shall be responsible for repairing any damage caused by it to adjacent Lots in connection with the use of such access right.

(h) The Developer and the Homes Association shall have the right from time to time to make, alter, revoke and enforce additional rules, regulations and restrictions pertaining to the use of any Common Area.

(i) Each of the Developer and the Homes Association, in its discretion, shall have the right to reconfigure and/or replat all or any part of the Subdivision then owned by it, including, without limitation, to make part of a Common Area tract a part of a Lot, and vice versa. [In addition, each of the Developer and the Homes Association shall have the right to transfer to the City (but only with the City's consent) title to or easements overall or any part of the Common Areas so that such become public areas maintained by the city.

14. Architectural Committee.

(a) No more than two (2) members of the Board shall serve on the Architectural Committee at any time. The positions on the Architectural Committee may be divided by the Board into two classes with staggered two-year terms. The foregoing provisions of this subsection (a) shall not apply until the Turnover Date. Until the Turnover Date, the Developer or its designees shall be the Architectural Committee.

(b) The Architectural Committee shall meet as necessary to consider applications with respect to any Exterior Structures that require the approval of the Architectural Committee as provided in Section 8 above and to consider any other matters within the authority of the Architectural Committee as provided in this Declaration. The Architectural Committee may specify a form of application that must be used by applicants. A majority of the members of the Architectural Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting and every act or decision made by a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act or decision of the Architectural Committee.

(c) At each meeting, the Architectural Committee shall consider and act upon written and complete applications that have been submitted to it for approval in accordance with this Declaration. In making its decisions, the Architectural Committee may consider any and all aspects and factors that the individual members of the Architectural Committee, in their discretion, determine to be appropriate to establish and maintain the quality, character and aesthetics of the Subdivision, including, without limitation, the building plans, specifications, exterior color scheme, exterior materials,

location, elevation, lot grading plans, landscaping plans and use of any proposed Exterior Structure. All decisions of the Architectural Committee shall be in writing and delivered to the applicant, who shall be responsible for keeping the same. The Architectural Committee may establish in advance and change from time-to-time certain procedural and substantive guidelines and conditions that it intends to follow in making its decisions. The Architectural Committee shall act upon each written application complete with all required drawings and other information within 25 days after the date on which such completed application is received.

(d) After the Turnover Date, any applicant or other person who is dissatisfied with a decision of the Architectural Committee shall have the right to appeal such decision to the Board provided such appeal is filed in writing with a member of the Board within 30 days after the date the Architectural Committee renders its written decision. In making its decisions, the Board may consider any and all aspects and factors that the individual members of the Board, in their discretion, determine to be appropriate to establish and maintain the quality, character and aesthetics of the Subdivision, including, without limitation, the building plans, specifications, exterior color scheme, exterior materials, location, elevation, lot grading plans, landscaping plans and use of any proposed Exterior Structure. Any decision rendered by the Board on appeal of a decision of the Architectural Committee shall be final and conclusively binding on all parties and shall be deemed to be the decision of the Architectural Committee for all purposes under this Declaration. The Board from time to time may adopt, amend and revoke rules and regulations respecting appeals of decisions of the Architectural Committee, including, without limitation, requiring payment to the Homes Association of a reasonable fee by the appealing party.

15. No Liability for Approval or Disapproval: Indemnification.

(a) Neither the Developer, the Homes Association, nor any of their officers, directors, managers, representatives or agents, nor any member of the Architectural Committee or the Board (or any committee thereof) shall be personally liable to any person for any approval, disapproval or failure to approve any matter submitted for approval, for the adoption, amendment or revocation of any rules, regulations, restrictions or guidelines or for the enforcement of or failure to enforce any of the restrictions contained in this Declaration or any other declaration or any such rules, regulations, restrictions or guidelines.

(b) If any Owner commences a lawsuit or files a counterclaim or crossclaim against the Homes Association, the Board, the Architectural Committee, any other committee, or any individual, director, officer or committee member, and such Owner fails to prevail in such lawsuit, counterclaim or crossclaim, the Homes Association, the Board, committee or individual director, officer or committee member sued by such

Owner shall be entitled to recover from such Owner all litigation expenses incurred in defending such lawsuit, counterclaim or crossclaim, including reasonable attorneys' fees. Such recovery right shall constitute a lien against the Owner's Lot and shall be enforceable against such Lot.

(c) To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Homes Association shall indemnify each officer and director of the Homes Association, each member of the Architectural Committee, and the Developer (to the extent a claim may be brought against the Developer by reason of its appointment, removal of or control over, or failure to control, any such other persons) (each, an "Indemnified Party") against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon the Indemnified Party in connection with any action or proceeding, or any settlement thereof, to which the Indemnified Party may be a party or in which the Indemnified Party may become involved by reason of serving or having served in such capacity (or, in the case of the Developer, by reason of having appointed, removed or controlled or failed to control any officer or director of the Association), provided the indemnified Party did not act, fail to act or refuse to act with fraudulent or criminal intent in the performance of the Indemnified Party's duties. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any indemnified Party may be entitled at law or otherwise.

16. Potential View Obstruction. No Owner has any right to an unobstructed view beyond the boundaries of the Owner's Lot. No Owner shall be entitled to prevent the construction or location of any structure, trees, landscaping or other item on any other part of the Subdivision, where otherwise permitted by this Declaration, because such structure, trees, landscaping or the item obstructs any view from the affected Lot

17. No Liability for Swimming Pool or Playground Equipment. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, all Owners acknowledge and accept the inherent risks and hazards (whether foreseeable or not) associated with use of any swimming pool and any diving board and/or slide and any playground equipment that may be installed as part of the Common Areas. The Developer and the Homes Association and the officers, directors, managers, representatives, and agents of the Developer and the Homes Association shall have no liability or responsibility to any Owner or other party with respect to such inherent risks and hazards. Each Owner, for himself, the members of his family, his guests and invitees, shall be deemed to have released and agreed never to make a claim against the Developer, the Homes Association and/or any officer, director, manager, representative or agent of the Developer or the Homes Association for any personal injury or death that may be suffered or incurred by any of such releasing parties in connection with use of the swimming pool area or any playground area, and each of them shall be deemed to have waived any and all claims and causes of action that any of them may ever have against any of such released parties with respect thereto.

18. No Liability for Lakes. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, all Owners acknowledge and accept the inherent risks and hazards (whether foreseeable or not) associated with the lakes that are part of the Common Area. The Developer and the Homes Association and the officers, directors, managers, representatives and agents of the Developer and the Homes Association shall have no liability or responsibility to any Owner or other party with respect to such inherent risks and hazards. Each Owner, for himself, the members of his family, his guests and invitees, shall be deemed to have released and agreed never to make a claim against the Developer, the Homes Association and/or any officer, director, manager, representative or agent of the Developer or the Homes Association for any personal injury or death that may be suffered or incurred by any of such releasing parties in connection with use of the lakes, and each of them shall be deemed to have waived any and all claims and causes of action that any of them may ever have against any of such released parties with respect thereto.

19. Trail System Disclosure. The Developer may (but is not obligated to) construct a walking trails system within the Subdivision. The size, location, and material used for constructing the trail system shall be determined by the Developer in its absolute discretion. If required by the city, the Developer will enter into a public access agreement(s) among the Developer, the Homes Association and the City for any such trail system.

20. Commercial Area. Within Garrett Ranch, Third Plat there shall be no area designated for commercial business.

21. Covenants Running with Land; Enforcement; Waivers. The agreements, restrictions, reservations and other provisions herein set forth are, and shall be, covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon all subsequent grantees of all parts of the Subdivision. The Developer, and its successors, assigns and grantees, and all parties claiming by, through or under them, shall conform to and observe such agreements, restrictions, reservations and other provisions; provided, however, that neither the Developer, the Homes Association nor any other person or entity shall be obligated to enforce any such agreements, restrictions, reservations or other provisions. By accepting a deed to any of the Lots, each future grantee of any of the Lots shall be deemed to have personally consented and agreed to the agreements, restrictions and reservations set forth herein as applied to the Lot owned by such Owner.

The Developer, the Homes Association and each Owner shall have the right (but not the obligation) to sue for and obtain an injunction, prohibitive or mandatory, to prevent the breach of, or to enforce the observance of, the agreements, restrictions, reservations and other provisions set forth in this Declaration, in addition to pursuing an action at law for damages. To the extent permitted by law, if the Developer or the Homes Association files such court action and is successful in obtaining judgment or consent decree in such court action or otherwise obtaining compliance by the breaching party, the Developer and/or Homes Association shall be entitled to receive from the breaching party, as part of the judgment or decree or any dismissal or settlement, its or their reasonable legal fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Developer and/or

Homes Association with respect to such action. The Developer and/or Homes Association shall be entitled to recover any reasonable attorneys' fees incurred enforcing or collecting upon a judgment against any Owner for unpaid dues or damages related to any violation of any of the agreements, restrictions, reservations and other provisions set forth in this Declaration.

Whenever the Developer or the Board determines that a violation of this Declaration has occurred and is continuing with respect to a Lot, the Developer or the Homes Association may file with the Recording Office a certificate setting forth public notice of the nature of the breach and the Lot involved.

No delay or failure by any person or entity to exercise any of its rights or remedies with respect to a violation of this Declaration shall impair any of such rights or remedies; nor shall any such delay or failure be construed as a waiver of that or any other violation.

In addition to the specific provisions of this Declaration that allow the Developer to make certain decisions or give permission for certain matters, the Developer or the Homes Association (acting through the Board) may, under special situations or circumstances as determined by it, allow variances or waivers of the requirements or terms set forth in this Declaration. Any such variation or waiver so granted by the Developer or the Homes Association shall not constitute a waiver of such requirement or term in any other situation or under any other circumstances.

No waiver of any violation shall be effective unless in writing and signed and delivered by the person or entity entitled to give such waiver, and no such waiver shall extend to or affect any other violation or situation, whether similar to the waived violation. No waiver by one person or entity shall affect any rights or remedies that any other person or entity may have; provided, however, that a duly authorized, executed and delivered waiver by the Homes Association, acting upon a decision of the Board, respecting a specific violation or potential violation of this Declaration with respect to a specific Lot shall constitute and be deemed as a waiver by all other persons and entities (other than the Developer) of such violation or potential violation.

22. Assignment of Developer's Rights. The Developer shall have the right and authority, by written agreement made expressively for that purpose, to assign, convey and transfer to any person(s) or entity, all or any part of the rights, benefits, powers, reservations, privileges, duties and responsibilities herein reserved by or granted to the Developer, and upon such assignment the assignee shall then for all purposes be the Developer hereunder with respect to the assigned rights, benefits, powers, reservations, privileges, duties and responsibilities. Such assignee and its successors and assigns shall have the right and authority to further assign, convey, transfer and set over the rights, benefits, powers, reservations, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of the Developer hereunder.

23. Release or Modification of Restrictions.

(a) The provisions of this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2055, and shall automatically be continued thereafter for successive periods of five (5) years each; provided, however, that following the Turnover Date the Owners of at least a majority of the Lots within the Subdivision as then constituted may release the Subdivision from all or part of such provisions as of December 31, 2055, or at the expiration of any extension period, by executing (in one or more counterparts), acknowledging and recording in the Recording Office an appropriate agreement in writing for such purpose, at least one (1) year prior to December 31, 2055, or to a subsequent expiration date, whichever is applicable. The provisions of this Declaration also may be amended, modified, or terminated, in whole or in part, at any time by a duly acknowledged and recorded written agreement (in one or more counterparts) signed by (i) the Owners of at least 60% of the Lots within the Subdivision as then constituted and (ii) if prior to the recording of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Developer, or if after the recording of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Homes Association under express authority and action of the Board. After the recording of the Certificate of Substantial Completion or with the Developer's written consent, this Declaration also may be amended, modified or terminated, in whole or in part, at any time by a duly acknowledged and recorded written instrument executed by the Homes Association after the proposed amendment, modification or termination as been first approved by the affirmative vote of 75% or more of the full number of directors on the Board of the Homes Association and then approved at a duly held meeting of the members of the Homes Association (called in whole or in part for that purpose) by the affirmative vote of Owners owning at least 60% of the Lots.

(b) Anything set forth in this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Developer shall have the absolute, unilateral right, power and authority to modify, revise, amend, change or add to any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, as from time to time amended or supplemented, by executing, acknowledging and recording in the Recording Office a written instrument for such purpose, if (i) any of the Veteran's Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any successor or similar agencies thereto shall require such action as a condition precedent to the approval by such agency of the Subdivision, or any part of the Subdivision or any Lot in the Subdivision, for federally-approved mortgage financing purposes under applicable programs, laws and regulations, (ii) the City requires such action as a condition to approval by the City of some matter relating to the development of the Subdivision, (iii) a typographical or factual error or omission needs to be corrected in the opinion of the Developer, (iv) such action is appropriate, in Developer's discretion, in connection with a replat of all or any part of the Subdivision or (v) until December 31, 2035, to make any other amendment the Developer may determine to be appropriate. No such amendment by the Developer shall require the consent of any Owner or the Homes Association.

(c) If the rule against perpetuities or any rule against restraints on alienation or similar restriction is applicable to any right, restriction or other provision of this Declaration, such right, restriction or other provision shall terminate (if not earlier terminated) upon lapse of 20 years after the death of the last survivor of the individual(s) signing this Declaration on behalf of the Developer and the now-living descendants of the individual(s) signing this Declaration on behalf of the Developer as of the date of such execution.

24. Extension of Subdivision. The Developer shall have, and expressly reserves, the right, from time to time, to add to the existing Subdivision and to the operation of the provisions of this Declaration other adjacent or nearby lands (without reference to any tract, street, park or right-of-way) by executing, acknowledging and recording in the Recording Office a written instrument subjecting such land to all of the provisions hereof as though such land had been originally described herein and subjected to the provisions hereof; provided, however, that such declaration or agreement may contain such deletions, additions and modifications of the provisions of this Declaration applicable solely to such additional property as may be necessary or desirable as solely determined by the Developer in its discretion.

25. Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions set forth herein, or any part thereof, by an order, judgment or decree of any court, or otherwise, shall not invalidate or affect any of the other provisions or parts.

26. Governing Law. This Declaration shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Kansas.

(signature page(s) to follow)



**Exhibit "A"**

**Legal Description**

Lots 1 through 117, and Tracts "A" and "B", Garrett Ranch, Third Plat, a subdivision in the City of Spring Hill, Johnson County, Kansas.