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THIS DECLARATION, A made this 1st day of December, 1992, by Weatherstone Assochates Uling, a North Carolina corporation with its principal office and place of business in Wake County, North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the Declarant;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in the Town of Cary, County of Wake, State of North Carolina, which is more particularly described as:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

AND WHEREAS, Declarant will convey the said properties subject to certain protective covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and charges as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to provide for the preservation and enhancement of the property values, amenities and opportunities in said community and for the maintenance of the properties and improvements thereon, and to this end desires to subject the real property described in Exhibit A together with such additions as may hereafter be made thereto to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth, each and all of which is and are for the benefit of said property and each owner thereof; and

WHEREAS, beclarant has deemed it desirable for the efficient preservation of the values and amenities in said community to create an agency to which should be delegated and assigned the powers of owning, maintaining and administering the community properties and facilities, administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions, collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereinafter created, and promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, Declarant has incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of exercising the functions, aforesaid, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares all of the property described herein in the attached Exhibit A to be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, all of which shall run with the real property, shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

<u>Section 1.</u> Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall mean and refer to Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, a North Carolina non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

<u>Section 2.</u> Weatherstone shall mean and refer to that certain real property subject to this Declaration and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

<u>Section 3.</u> Common Area shall mean and refer to all real property within Weatherstone owned by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association for the common use and enjoyment of all Members.

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size as shown on a recorded subdivision map of Weatherstone which has been approved by Declarant as required by this Declaration.

<u>Section 5.</u> Undeveloped Site shall mean a site or an area of Weatherstone yet undeveloped but intended to contain one or more residential units as provided in the general plan for Weatherstone as approved by the Town of Cary, including any additions thereto.

<u>Section 6.</u> Dwelling Unit shall mean a residence containing sleeping facilities for one or more persons and a kitchen.

<u>Section 7.</u> Member shall mean and refer to every person or entity entitled to membership in Weatherstone Homeowner's Association as provided in this Declaration.

<u>Section 8.</u> Owner shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Dwelling Unit or Site which is a part of Weatherstone, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

<u>Section 9.</u> "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Weatherstone Associates, Inc. as well as their successors and assigns.

<u>Section 10.</u> Board of Directors or Board means those persons elected or appointed to act collectively as the directors of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

<u>Section 11.</u> Book of Resolutions shall mean and refer to the document containing rules and regulations and policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

 $\underline{Section\ 12.}$ Bylaws mean the bylaws of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association as they now or hereafter exist.

ARTICLE II - COMMON AREA OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE

<u>Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment:</u> Every Owner shall have a right of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Site or Dwelling Unit.

<u>Section 2. Delegation of Use:</u> Any Owner may delegate his rights of enjoyment of the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, contract purchasers who reside on the property or his guests.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations: The Board of Directors shall have the power to formulate, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the Common Area. Such rules and regulations, along with all policy resolutions and policy actions taken by the Board of Directors, shall be recorded in a Book of Resolutions, which shall be maintained in a place reasonably convenient to the Members and available to them for inspection during normal business hours.

<u>Section 4. Leasing Common Area Facilities:</u> The Board of Directors shall have the power to lease and use any recreational facility for functions, lessons or special events, and to allow such lessee to charge admission or other fees for functions, lessons or special events.

<u>Section 5. Operating Common Area Facilities:</u> The Board of Directors shall have the power to limit the number of guests, to regulate hours of operation and behavior, and to curtail any use or uses it deems necessary for either the protection of the facilities or the peace and tranguility of adjoining residents.

Section 6. Common Area Facilities Admission Fees: The Association may charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any

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Common Area recreational facility.

Section 7. Suspensions: The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend the voting rights and right to the use of any Common Area facility of a Class A Member or any person to whom that Member has delegated his right of enjoyment for any period during which any assessment against his Dwelling Unit or Site remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, for any infraction of its published rules and regulations.

Section 8. Declarant's Covenant to Convey Title to Common Area: The Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its successors and assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to the property that will be designated Common Area and portions thereof to Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, as contained in a recorded subdivision plat or map, subject to easements of record for utilities, television antenna, drainage, access or other services. Similarly, Declarant will convey to Weatherstone Homeowner's Association properties that will be designated as Common Area which become parts of Weatherstone as those portions are annexed in the future until all designated properties have been conveyed to Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

Section 9. Mortgaging Common Area: The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities and pursuant thereto to mortgage the Common Area, or any portion thereof; provided, however, that the execution of such mortgage shall require the same approval of the membership which is required for special assessments for capital improvements as set forth in Article VI, Section 5 of this Declaration. The rights of such mortgagee in said Common Area properties shall not be subordinate to the rights of the Members.

Section 10. Common Area Dedication or Transfer: The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall have the right to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the membership has been recorded, agreeing to such dedication or transfer, and unless written notice of the proposed action is sent to every Member and not less than thirty (30) days in advance.

ARTICLE III - LAND USE

<u>Section 1. Restrictions:</u> Each Dwelling Unit or Site and the facilities on the Common Area shall be subject to both the restrictions herein and those set forth in the Bylaws.

<u>Section 2. Designated Residential Property Restrictions:</u> All property designated for residential use shall be used, improved and devoted exclusively to residential use.

<u>Section 3. Common Area Restriction:</u> All Common Area recreational facilities and amenities shall be used, improved and devoted exclusively to recreational purposes for the benefit of the Owners.

Section 4. Common Area Offensive Use: No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of the Common Areas. Any ordinances and regulations of all governmental agencies having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed.

Section 5. Common Area Construction or Alteration: No person shall undertake, cause or allow any alteration or construction in or upon any portion of the Common Area except at the direction of and with the express written consent of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

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<u>Section 6.</u> <u>Nuisance or Annoying Activity:</u> No obnoxious or offensive activity shall be carried on, in or upon Weatherstone nor shall anything be done which may be or may become a nuisance or annoyance to any resident within Weatherstone.

<u>Section 7. Parking and Antennas:</u> The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association may regulate the parking of boats, campers, trailers and the placing of tents and other such items on the Common Area (including the provision of special facilities for which a reasonable charge may be made). No automobiles, trucks, tractors, boats, campers or trailers shall be regularly parked within the right-of-way of any street in or adjacent to Weatherstone. The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association may regulate or prohibit the erection of antennas on Dwelling Units or Sites.

<u>PARKING</u>. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided by the owner of each lot for the parking of automobiles owned by such owner, and owners of lots shall not be permitted to park their automobiles on the streets in the development. Owners of lots shall not be permitted to park boats, trailers, campers and all other similar property on the streets in the development, and such property shall be parked in a garage or screened area only.

Section 8. Dwelling Size and Building Location: Except with the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee, no residential structure which has an area of less than 1700 square feet, exclusive of porches, breeze-ways, steps and garages, shall be erected or placed or permitted to remain on any lot. No building or garage shall be located on any lot which does not meet the front yard, rear yard and side yard requirements of the appropriate municipality at the time said building or garage is constructed. Declarant reserves the right to waive in writing any minor violation of this Article of this Declaration, and for purposes hereof, any violation which does not exceed 30% shall be considered a minor violation.

ARTICLE IV - ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 1. Architectural Committee: An Architectural Committee consisting of three (3) persons shall be appointed by Declarant at or prior to the sale and transfer of title to the first Site. This right shall continue until January 1, 2003 or until Weatherstone Associates, Inc. has sold one hundred percent (100%) of all properties in its name and shown on the general plan of development for Weatherstone. Thereafter, the Architectural Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

<u>Section 2. Plan or Design Approval:</u> No Site preparation or initial construction, erection or installation of any improvements, including but not limited to, Dwelling Units, outbuildings, fences, walls, signs, antennas (including satellite dish antennas), clotheslines and other structures, excavation or changes in grade shall be undertaken upon any Site unless the plans and specifications therefore, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the proposed improvements shall have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and expressly approved in writing. No subsequent alteration or modification of any existing improvements or construction, erection or installation of additional improvements may be undertaken or allowed to remain on any of the Sites without the review and express written approval of the Architectural Committee.

Section 3. Effect of Failure to Approve or Disapprove: In the event that the Architectural Committee fails to approve or disapprove the design of any proposed improvements within thirty (30) days after plans and specifications therefore have been submitted and received, approval will not be required, and the requirements of this Article will be deemed to have been fully

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satisfied; provided that the plans and specifications required to be submitted shall not be deemed to have been received by the Architectural Committee if they contain erroneous data or fail to present adequate information upon which the Architectural Committee can arrive at a decision.

<u>Section 4. Right of Inspection:</u> The Architectural Committee shall have the right, at its election, to enter upon any of the Sites in Weatherstone during preparation, construction, erection or installation of any improvements to determine that such work is being performed in conformity with the approved plans and specifications.

Section 5. Exterior Maintenance: The exterior maintenance of Dwelling Units, Sites and improvements constructed thereon shall be the duty of the Owners of such Dwelling Units or Sites (except where specifically provided otherwise) and shall not normally be interfered with by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association or any person. If, however, in the opinion of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association any Owner shall fail to maintain any Dwelling Unit or Site in a manner which is reasonably neat and orderly or shall fail to keep improvements constructed thereon in a state of repair so as not to be unsightly, Weatherstone Homeowner's Association at its discretion, and following ten (10) days written notice to the Owner, may enter upon and make or cause to be made repairs to such improvement and perform such maintenance on the Dwelling Unit or Site such as, but not limited to, the removal of trash, cutting of grass, pruning of shrubbery and seeding for erosion control. Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, or its agents, shall have an easement for the purpose of accomplishing the foregoing. The costs incurred by the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association in rendering all such services, plus a service charge of twenty percent (20%) of such costs, shall be added to and become a part of such other assessments to which such Dwelling Unit or Site is subject.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

<u>Section 1. Members:</u> The Declarant, for so long as it shall be an Owner, and every person or entity who is an Owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Dwelling Unit or Site which is subject by covenants of record to assessments by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, including contract sellers, shall be a Member of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association. The foregoing does not include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Ownership of such Dwelling Unit or Site shall be the sole qualification for membership. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Dwelling Unit or Site which is subject to assessment by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association. The Board of Directors may make reasonable rules relating to the proof of ownership of a Dwelling Unit or Site in Weatherstone.

<u>Section 2. Member Classes and Voting Rights:</u> The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall have two (2) classes of voting Members:

Class A - Class A Members shall be all those Owners with the exception of the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Dwelling Unit or Site in which they hold the required ownership interest. When more than one person or entity holds such interest in any Dwelling Unit or Site all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Dwelling Unit or Site shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Dwelling Unit or Site and no fractional vote may be cast with respect to any Dwelling Unit or Site.

Class B - The Class B Member shall be the Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to seven (7) votes for each Dwelling Unit or Site in which it holds the required ownership

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interest, provided that the Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs first:

(a) The total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership; provided that the Class B membership shall be reinstated with all rights, privileges, responsibilities and voting power if, after conversion of the Class B membership to Class A membership, as provided hereunder, additional lands are annexed to the properties without the assent of the members on account of the development of such additional lands by the Declarant, all within the times and as provided in Article VIII, Section 2; or

(b) January 1, 2003.

<u>Section 3. Voting Rights Suspension:</u> The right of any Class A Member to vote may be suspended by the Board of Directors of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association for just cause pursuant to its rules and regulations and according to the provisions of Article II, Section 7.

Right of Declarant to Representation on Board of Section 4. Directors of the Association: Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, until January 1, 2003, or until Weatherstone Associates, Inc. shall have conveyed one hundred percent (100%) of the properties shown on the general plan of Weatherstone heretofore submitted to the Town of Cary, North Carolina, whichever first occurs, Weatherstone Associates, Inc. (or its express assignee of the right granted in this Section) shall have the right to designate and select a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Whenever Weatherstone Associates, Inc. shall be Association. entitled to designate and select any person or persons to serve on any Board of Directors, the manner in which such person or persons shall be designated shall be as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws of the Association. Weatherstone Associates, Inc. shall have the right to remove any person or persons selected by it to act and serve on said Board of Directors and to replace such person or persons with another person or other persons to act and serve in the place of any Director or Directors so removed. Any Director designated and selected by Weatherstones Associates, Inc. need not be an Owner. Any representative of Weatherstone Associates, Inc. serving on the Board of Directors of the Association shall not be required to disqualify himself from any vote upon any contract or matter between Weatherstone Associates, Inc. and the Association where Weatherstone Associates, Inc. may have a pecuniary or other interest. Similarly, Weatherstone Associates, Inc., as a member of the Association, shall not be required to disqualify itself upon any vote upon or entrance into any contract or matter between Weatherstone Associates, Inc. and the Association where Weatherstone Associates, Inc. may have a pecuniary or other interest.

ARTICLE VI - ASSESSMENTS

<u>Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of</u> <u>Assessment:</u> The Declarant, for each Site and each Dwelling Unit owned, hereby covenants, and every other Owner of any Site and any Dwelling Unit covered by this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not expressed in any such deed or other covenant, is deemed to covenant and agrees to pay to Weatherstone Homeowner's Association:

(a) Annual assessments or charges;

(b) Special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be fixed, established and collected from time to time as hereinafter provided.

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The annual and special assessments on a Dwelling Unit or Site, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest and costs, and reasonable attorney's fees (as provided in North Carolina General Statutes 6-21.2) incurred by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association in collecting delinquent assessments shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who was the Owner of such Dwelling Unit or Site at the time when the assessment shall pass to his successors or assigns in title unless expressly excused in writing by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

<u>Section 2.</u> Purpose of Assessments: The assessments levied by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall be used exclusively for the purposes of promoting the beautification of Weatherstone, the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the Owners in Weatherstone, the enforcement of these covenants and the rules of Weatherstone, and in particular, the improvement and maintenance of the services and facilities of the Common Area.

Section 3. Annual Assessment: To and including December 31, 1993, the Annual Assessment shall not be in excess of Two Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$240.00) per Dwelling Unit or Site, except as otherwise provided herein, the exact amount of which shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) From and after December 31, 1993, the basic annual assessment may be increased by the Board of Directors of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association effective January 1 of each year, without the vote of the Members, by a percentage which may not exceed the percentage increase reflected in the U.S. City Average, Consumer Price Index-United States (published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C.) or such index as may succeed the Consumer Price Index, for the twelve (12) month period ending the immediately preceding July 1.

(b) Notwithstanding the preceding subparagraph, after December 31, 1993, the basic annual assessment may be increased by the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of the Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose. For this purpose, the Class B Member shall be entitled only to one vote for each Dwelling Unit or Site as to which it owns the required ownership interest. Written notice of the meeting shall be given to all members not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. Special Assessment for Repairs: In the event any portion of any Common Area is damaged or destroyed by an Owner or any of his guests, tenants, licensees, agents or family members, such Owner does hereby authorize Weatherstone Homeowner's Association to repair said damaged area in a good and workmanlike manner. The amount necessary for such repairs, labor and material, shall become a special assessment upon the Dwelling Unit or Site of said Owner.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements: In addition to the Annual Assessments authorized above, the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association may levy one or more special assessments applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying the costs of construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair, or replacement of a described capital improvement upon the Common Area, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of the Members (as defined and determined above in Section 3(b)) who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Members not

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less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment: Both Annual and Special Assessments (with the exception of the Special Assessment authorized by Article VI, Section 4 above) must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Dwelling Units or Sites and may be collected on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis in advance.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments-Due Dates: The Annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Dwelling Units or Sites on the first day of the year following the date on which such Site has either: (a) had construction of a Dwelling Unit begun; or (b) been owned by one other than Declarant for two (2) years. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the Annual Assessment against each Dwelling Unit or Site at least thirty (30) days in advance of each Annual Assessment period. Written notice of the Annual Assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. If the Board of Directors shall determine that it would be inequitable to require the payment of the full amount of the Annual Assessment (as might be the case if only a few of the recreational amenities are available for the use of the Members at such time), the Board may waive payment of any portion of the assessment. The due dates and appropriate penalties for late payment shall be established by the Board of Directors. Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, upon demand at any time, shall furnish a certificate in writing setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Dwelling Unit or Site have been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. Such certificates shall be conclusive evidence of payment status.

Section 8. Remedies for Non-Payment of Assessments: Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the due date at a rate not to exceed 10%. The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay any assessments and interest or foreclose the lien created herein in the same manner as prescribed by the laws of the State of North Carolina for the foreclosure of Deeds of Trust. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees (as set forth in Article VI, Section 1 above), of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by the nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Dwelling Unit or Site.

In the event of such action at law and in the further event that such action results in a judgment being entered against the Owner and in favor of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, then, and in that event, Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall be further empowered to execute on that judgment in such manner and to the extent provided and permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages and Ad Valorem <u>Taxes:</u> The lien of the assessments provided for herein on any Dwelling Unit or Site shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage, deed of trust or first purchase money deed of trust representing a first lien on said property and shall be subordinate to ad valorem taxes. Sale or transfer of any Dwelling Unit or Site shall not affect the assessment lien; provided, however, that the sale or transfer of any Dwelling Unit or Site pursuant to a decree of foreclosure on a mortgage thereon or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Dwelling Unit or Site from liability or liens arising from assessments thereafter becoming due.

Section 10. Exempt Property:

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dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority shall be exempt from the assessments created herein; provided, however, no land or improvements devoted to Dwelling Unit use shall be exempt from said assessments.

<u>Section 11. Annual Budget:</u> By a majority vote of the directors, the Board shall adopt an annual budget for the subsequent year of operation, which shall provide for allocation of expenses in such a manner that the obligations imposed by the Declaration and any and all Supplementary Declarations will be met.

ARTICLE VII - EASEMENTS

Section 1. Walks, Drives, Parking Areas, Utilities, Etc.: Weatherstone, including Sites and Common Areas, shall be subject to such easements for driveways, walkways, parking areas, water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage facilities, gas lines, telephone and electric power lines, television antenna lines, other utilities, ingress, egress and regress and otherwise as shall be established by the Declarant or by its predecessor in title, prior to the conveyance of the property designated to be the Common Area to Weatherstone Homeowner's Association; and Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall have the power and authority to grant and establish further easements upon, over, under and across the Common Area.

Section 2. Declarant's Easement to Correct Drainage: For a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of conveyance of the first Site in a parcel, phase or section, the Declarant reserves a blanket easement and right on, over and under the ground within that parcel, phase or section to maintain and to correct drainage or surface water in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. Such right expressly includes the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any gradings of the soil, or take any other similar action reasonably necessary. Declarant shall give reasonable notice of intent to take such action to all affected Owners. These rights and reservations are assignable by the Declarant.

Section 3. Easement to Town of Cary: An easement is hereby established for municipal, state or public utilities serving the area, their agents and employees over all Common Area hereby or hereafter established for setting, removing and reading utility meters, maintaining and replacing utility or drainage connections, and acting with other purposes consistent with the public safety and welfare, including, without limitation, police and fire protection.

ARTICLE VIII - ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

<u>Section 1. Annexation by Members:</u> Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, additional lands may be added and annexed to Weatherstone only if two-thirds (2/3) of each class of all the votes entitled to be cast, in the aggregate, by Members are cast in favor of annexation. In such event, the holder of Class B voting rights shall be entitled only to one vote for each Dwelling Unit or Site owned. A meeting shall be duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Members not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

For the purpose of such meeting, the presence thereat of Members or authorizing proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of the votes, in the aggregate, of the Members, shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called within sixty (60) days thereafter, subject to the notice requirement set forth above, and the required quorum of such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum of the preceding meeting.

If a quorum is present and a majority of the votes are cast in

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favor of the annexation, but the majority is less than the two-thirds (2/3) majority of each class required for approval of the annexation, and it appears that the required two-thirds (2/3) of each class may be achieved if the Members not present or voting by proxy assent to the annexation, then and in that event, the Members not present or voting by proxy may assent to or dissent from the proposed annexation in writing within one hundred twenty (120) days following the date of the meeting. If the number of votes cast at the meeting in favor of the annexation, together with the votes deemed to have been cast by the Members assenting to the annexation, shall constitute the requisite two-thirds (2/3) majority of each class of all votes entitled to be cast, the annexation shall stand approved.

<u>Section 2. Annexation by Declarant:</u> The Declarant may annex additional lands to Weatherstone in the following manner:

(a) If, within twenty (20) years of the date of incorporation of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association the Declarant should develop, from time to time, an additional tract or additional tracts of land, consisting of any property contiguous to the boundaries shown in the general plan of Weatherstone, such additional lands may be annexed to Weatherstone without the assent of the Members.

(b) The Declarant may annex to Weatherstone the additional land described in Sub-Section (a) of this Section 2 by recording in the Wake County Registry a Declaration of Annexation, duly executed by Declarant, describing the lands annexed and incorporating the provisions of this Declaration. The additional land shall be deemed annexed to Weatherstone on the date of recordation of the Declaration of Annexation, and no other action or consent shall be necessary except applicable governmental approval.

(c) Subsequent to recordation of the Declaration of Annexation by such Declarant, the Declarant shall deliver to the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association one or more deeds conveying any property that will be designated as Common Area within the lands annexed as such designated property is developed.

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS

<u>Section 1. Enforcement:</u> The Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association 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.

<u>Section 2. Rights of Mortgage Lenders:</u> Lenders holding mortgages shall have the following rights:

(a) In the event that any member is in default in any obligation hereunder which default remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days, every lender who is a mortgagee as to the Dwelling Unit or Site of the defaulting Member shall be immediately notified of such default, provided that such lender and/or insurer shall have given written certified notice by mail to the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association that it is a mortgagee or insurer as to the Dwelling Unit or Site of such Member and shall have requested the notice of default as herein set forth.

(b) Every first mortgagee and/or insurer of the first mortgage of the Dwelling Unit or Site of a Member of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall have the right, during regular business hours, and after written notice given at least three (3) business days in advance, to examine the books and

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records of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

<u>Section 3. Amendment by Owners:</u> The covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Weatherstone Homeowner's Association or the Owner of any Dwelling Unit or Site subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. The covenants, conditions and restrictions of the Declaration may be amended during the first thirty (30) year period or thereafter by an instrument signed by the Owners of not less than ninety percent (90%) of the Dwelling Units or Sites, provided, however, that the Board of Directors of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association may amend this Declaration to correct any obvious error or inconsistency in drafting, typing or reproduction without action or consent of the Owners, and such amendment shall be certified as an official act of the Board and recorded in the Wake County Registry.

Section 4. Amendment to Achieve Tax-Exempt Status: The Declarant, Weatherstone Associates, Inc., for so long as it shall retain control of the Board of Directors of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, and thereafter, the Board of Directors, may amend this Declaration as shall be necessary, in its opinion, and without the consent of any Owner, in order to qualify the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association or Weatherstone, or any portion thereof, for tax-exempt status. Such amendment shall become effective upon the date of its recordation in the Wake County Registry.

<u>Section 5.</u> Certification and Recordation of Amendment: Any instrument amending these covenants, conditions and restrictions (other than an amendment by the Board to correct an error or inconsistency in drafting, typing or reproduction) shall be delivered, following approval by the Owners, to the Board of Directors. Thereupon, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days after delivery, do the following:

(a) Reasonably assure itself that the amendment has been duly approved by the Owners as provided in Section 3 of this Article. (For this purpose, the Board may rely on its roster of Members and shall not be required to cause any title to be examined.)

(b) Attach to the amendment a certification as to its validity, which certification shall be executed by the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association.

(c) Within the thirty (30) day period aforesaid, cause the amendment to be recorded in the Wake County Registry.

Section 6. Effect and Validity of Amendments: All amendments shall be effective from the date of proper recordation in the Wake County Registry. When any instrument purporting to amend the covenants, conditions and restrictions has been certified by the Board of Directors and recorded as provided in this Section, it shall be conclusively presumed that such instrument constitutes a valid amendment as to the Owners of all Dwelling Units or Sites in Weatherstone.

<u>Section 7. Conflicts:</u> In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between this Declaration and the Bylaws of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association or Articles of Incorporation of the Weatherstone Homeowner's Association, the provisions of this Declaration shall control.

Section 8. Severability: Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

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ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION OR INSOLVENCY OF THE WEATHERSTONE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Weatherstone Homeowner's Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of Weatherstone Homeowner's Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which Weatherstone Homeowner's Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Weatherstone Associates, Inc., as the Declarant, has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its President and attested by its corporate Secretary and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto, all by order and authority duly granted by its corporate Board of Directors the day and year first above written.

ANTEST: Secretary

WEATHERSTONE ASSOCIATES, INC. President

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

Michael & Sachaen I, Karen Conroy, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that Kay B. Gill personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is <u>1954</u> Secretary of Weatherstone Associates, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by her at its Michael & Secretary. WITNESS my hand and official seal this the

day i Qu 1992. Commission Expires: -6/22/93-Notary Public UBL <u>ص:</u>

Michael M. Sandman NORTH CAROLINA --- WAKE COUNTY The foregoing certificate _____of

(are) certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time

and in the book and page shown on the first page hereof. KENNETH C. WILKINS, Register of Deeds

<u>P. anne</u> Aest./Deputy Register of Deer

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EXHIBIT A

BEING all of Lots 17 through 32 inclusive, and Lots 102 through 106 inclusive, Weatherstone Subdivision, as shown on map recorded in Book of Maps 1992, Page 1430, Wake County Registry.