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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

PROTECTIVE COVENANTS
FOR WILLIAMSTON RIDGE
SUBDIVISION, FRANKLIN
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS DECLARATION, made this 16 day of January, 1998, by Josephine P. Strickland and Ernestine P. Jones (hereinafter called Owner), Millridge Investments, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation (hereinafter called Millridge), and Grant, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation (hereinafter called Grant), and James M. Adams, Sr. and Charles L. Grant (hereinafter called Declarant);

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, the Owner, Millridge and Grant are the owners of the real property described in Article I of this Declaration and are desirous of subjecting said real property to the Protective Covenants hereinafter set forth, each and all of which is and are for the benefit of such property and for each owner thereof, and shall apply to and bind the successors in interest and any owner thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Owner, Millridge and Grant hereby declare that the real property described in Article I hereof is and shall be held, transferred, sold and conveyed subject to the Protective Covenants set forth below, and that Declarant are the developers of said real property and are assigned the rights and the obligations of the Declarant as are contained in this Declaration.

Article I

The real property which is subject to these covenants is part of Williamston Ridge Subdivision, located in Franklin County, North Carolina, and is more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lots 3 through 8, Williamston Ridge Subdivision, Phase One, Map One, according to that map recorded in Book 1997, Page 186, Franklin County Registry.

Being all of Lot 11, Williamston Ridge Subdivision, Phase One, according to that map recorded in Book Book 1997, Page 301, Franklin County Registry.

Being all of Lots 9 & 10, 12, 13, 14 and 26 through 34, Williamston Ridge Subdivision, Phase One, Map Two, according to that map recorded in Book 1998, Page 66, Franklin County Registry.

Being all of Lots 15 through 25, Williamston Ridge Subdivision, Phase One, Map Three, according to that map recorded in Book 1998, Page 67, Franklin County

The Owner and Declarant may, from time to time, subject additional real property to the Protective Covenants and restrictions herein set forth by appropriate reference hereto.

The real property herein described is subjected to the Protective Covenants hereby declared to insure the best use and the most appropriate development and improvements of each lot thereof; to protect the owners of lots against such improper use of surrounding lots as will depreciate the value of their property; to preserve so far as practicable, the natural beauty of said property; to guard against the erection thereon of poorly designed or proportioned structures, and structures built of improper or unsuitable materials; to obtain a harmonious color scheme; to insure the highest and best development of said property, to encourage and secure the erection of attractive homes thereon, with appropriate locations thereof on lots; to prevent haphazard inharmonious improvements on lots; to secure and maintain proper setbacks from streets, and adequate free spaces between structures; and in general to provide adequately for a high type and quality of investments made by purchasers of lots therein.

Article II

The lots described in Article I hereof shall be used as residential lots. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any residential lot other than one detached single-family dwelling not to exceed three stories in height and private garage for not more than three cars.

Article III

Declarant shall designate and appoint an Architectural Committee composed of three persons (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). The Declarant will appoint all of the original members and all replacements of the Committee until Declarant has assigned this power to the owners of the lots constituting the real property described above plus all additional property made subject to these protective covenants as described herein.

NO SITE PREPARATION AND NO CONSTRUCTION, ERECTIONS, OR INSTALLATION OF ANY STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, OR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WHATSOEVER INCLUDING TREE REMOVAL, FENCES, WALLS, MAIL BOXES, OUTSIDE LIGHTING, NEWSPAPER BOXES, SCREEN PLANTINGS, AND LANDSCAPING, SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN ON ANY LOT WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION UNTIL THE BUILDING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PLOT PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE, AND THE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN WRITTEN APPROVAL AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED STRUCTURES, FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARDS TO TOPOGRAPHY, FLOWING AND IMPOUNDED WATERS, BEGINNING AND FINISHED GROUND ELEVATIONS, EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS, TREES AND SHRUBS TO BE PLANTED, AND NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES, AND HAS ALSO GIVEN WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CONFORMITY AND HARMONY OF THE EXTERNAL DESIGN, EXTERIOR COLORS, AND EXTERNAL MATERIALS, THEREOF WITH OTHER PROPOSED OR EXISTING STRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENTS AND THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE SUBDIVISION.

The further written approval of the Committee shall be required for any alterations of any approved plans, or subsequent to construction, the alteration or modifications of structures and improvements, insofar as the modification or alteration would affect the conformity and harmony of the external materials with other proposed or existing structure and improvements and general

Article IV

DWELLING SIZE AND DRIVEWAYS, Except with the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee described above, no single-story residential structure which has less than 1200 square feet of heated area; no one and one-half story residential structure which has less than 1400 square feet of heated area; no two or three story residential structure which has less than 1600 square feet of heated area, exclusive of porches, breeze-ways, steps and garages shall be erected or placed or permitted to remain on any lot. All single story residences shall have a roof pitch of not less than 7/12; and one and one-half story residences shall have a roof pitch of not less than 9/12; and all two or three story structures shall have a roof pitch of not less than 7/12. Roof pitches for contemporary designed houses will be approved on an individual basis by the Committee.

The Declarant has the right to waive in writing any minor violation of this Article. Any violation which does not exceed 10% shall be considered a minor violation.

Article V

All structures in the subdivision shall meet the following criteria;

- A. Exterior siding for each dwelling and garage shall be either brick veneer, stone, wood, approved vinyl or concrete siding.
- B. Each dwelling unit shall have a driveway of concrete paving and approved by the Architectural Committee. Such driveway shall be a minimum of 14 feet wide at the street, and may decrease in width as it runs into the lot, no less than 10 feet wide at any point.
- C. Each dwelling shall have a roof shingle approved by the Architectural Committee. All approved roofs will have a minimum warranty of 25 years.
- D. All mail boxes and lamp posts shall be the same and approved by the Declarant, its successors or assigns. All mail boxes and lamp posts will be paid for by builder. Each lot must have entry lamp post.

Article VI

No dwelling shall be erected on any lot nearer to the front lot line than 50 feet, nor nearer to a side lot line than 20 feet, provided, however, on corner lots the dwelling may face either street and may be located no nearer than 40 feet to one street if the same is at least 40 feet from the other street, and no nearer to a rear lot line than 50 feet. Declarant reserves the right to waive violations of these setback requirements which are not in excess of 10% of the requirements stated above.

Article VII

A dwelling may be placed on more than one lot provided that plans and specifications for the same have been approved by Declarant or the appointed Architectural Committee.

Article VIII

No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the

Article IX

No trailer (except recreational vehicles and boats which are parked behind the dwelling and screened from street view), tent, shack, or barn shall be erected or placed on any lot covered by these covenants. No detached structure other than a garage shall be permitted on any lot, unless pre-approved in writing by the Architectural Committee.

Article X

No animals, livestock, or poultry or any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats or household pets may be kept, provided that they are not bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Any animal pens must be approved by the Declarant or the appointed Architectural Committee.

Article XI

No lot or portion thereof shall be dedicated or used for a public street without the written consent of the Declarant, its successors and assigns.

Article XII

No fence, wall, hedge, or mass planting shall be erected or permitted to remain on any lot closer to the front lot line than the front of the dwelling erected on said lot.

Article XIII

All public and private utility distribution lines and facilities to be located in the subdivision shall be placed underground. Declarant has the right to subject the subdivision to a contract and easement with Wake County, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, Wake Electric Membership Co-operative, and any other public or private utility company for the installation of underground utility cables and facilities; and for the installation of street lighting which may require a continuing monthly payment to the utility by the owner of the lot whereon the lights are located, or, a continuing monthly payment by each lot owner for a proportional part of the total street lighting cost.

Article XIV

These restrictions are subject to being altered, modified, cancelled or changed at any time as to said subdivision as a whole or as to any subdivided lot or part thereof by written document executed by the Declarant so long as Declarant shall own one or more lots; or by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the subdivided lots or parts of said subdivision to which these restrictions apply, when Declarant shall no longer own any lot in the Subdivision. Such instrument shall be recorded in the Franklin County Registry.

Article XV

Owner, Millridge, Grant and Declarant dedicate and reserve utility easements across and under an area 30 feet in width located 15 feet on either side of all front, side and rear lot lines. Any recombination of lot areas that results in a different side lot or rear lot line shall change the area subject to this easement; provided however, that no such recombination shall affect the rights of any person, firm, or corporation resulting from the physical location of utility lines or facilities in any such easement area prior to such recombination.

Article XVII

Each owner shall maintain all buildings on his lot in a neat and pleasing manner; and shall keep such lot free and clear of all tall grass, unsightly undergrowth, dead trees, trash and rubbish. For so long as Declarant owns a lot which is subject to these Protective Covenants, Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enforce this provision by specific performance; or, in the alternative, to have the lot and/or buildings cleaned up and maintained and to recover all costs incurred in doing so from the owner, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

Article XVIII

Unless approved in writing by the Architectural Committee no satellite television reception dishes larger than 18" or other devices for the receipt of electromagnetic signals shall be located on any lot subject to the Protective Covenants. Any person desiring to install an exterior television antenna or dish shall first obtain the approval of the Architectural Committee regarding the size, shape, location, proportion, and all other matters regarding the impact of the proposed antenna on the appearance of the house. The Architectural Committee shall exercise its sole discretion in approving or withholding any such approvals.

Article XIX

The Owner, Millridge, Grant and Declarant reserve an easement on the lots which border Darius Pearce Road/Frazier Road as shown on the above referred map for the purposes of locating thereof entrance signs and landscaping for the entrances to the subdivision. Included in these rights is the right of Declarant to go on the easement area and to plant and maintain plants, shrubs, and trees and to maintain, repair, and replace any signs or portions thereof located on such lots. The rights granted hereunder to Declarant shall be for the benefit of the Declarant, and for any person, firm, or corporation which shall hereafter own any lot in the subdivision. Entrance and common landscaped area maintenance will be the responsibility of Declarant until such time as 75% of all lots are sold. At that time Declarant will notify homeowners and this responsibility will be taken over by neighborhood homeowners.

Article XX

Enforcement of these covenants shall be by proceedings at law or in equity by the owner(s) of any lot and/or by the Declarant against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant either to restrain violation or to recover damages.

Article XXI

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

Article XXII

* These covenants are to run with the land and shall be binding upon on all parties and all persons claiming under them for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date these covenants are recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument signed by a majority of the then owners of the lots has been recorded agreeing to change said covenants in full or in part.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Josephine P. Strickland and Ernestine P. Jones have affixed their hands and seals and Millridge and Grant have caused this instrument to be signed in their corporate names and their corporate seals affixed by authority of their Boards of Directors, the day and year first above written.

OWNERS:

Josephine P. Strickland (SEAL)
Josephine P. Strickland

Ernestine P. Jones (SEAL)
Ernestine P. Jones

Millridge Investments, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation

By: James M. Adams, Sr. (SEAL)
James M. Adams, Sr., President

Attest:

By: Gayle W. Adams (SEAL)
Gayle W. Adams, Secretary
(Corporate Seal)

Grant, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation

By: Charles L. Grant (SEAL)
Charles L. Grant, President

Attest:

By: Malcolm E. Harris (SEAL)
Malcolm E. Harris, Asst. Secretary
(Corporate Seal)

DECLARANT:

James M. Adams, Sr. (SEAL)
James M. Adams, Sr.

Charles L. Grant (SEAL)
Charles L. Grant

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Granville

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid do certify that Josephine P. Strickland and Ernestine P. Jones, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this

16 day of January, 1998

My Commission Expires:

William L. Fowler
Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Granville

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid do certify that Gayle W. Adams, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is Secretary of Millridge Investments, 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 herself as its Secretary. Witness my hand and official seal or stamp, this 16 day of January, 1998.

My Commission Expires:

2-16-99

Sylvia L. Fowler
Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Granville

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid do certify that Malcolm E. Harris, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he is Assistant Secretary of Grant, 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 himself as its Assistant Secretary. Witness my hand and official seal or stamp, this 16 day of January, 1998.

My Commission Expires:

2-16-99

Sylvia L. Fowler
Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Granville

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid do certify that James M. Adams, Sr. and Charles L. Grant, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal or stamp, this 16 day of January, 1998.

My Commission Expires:

2-16-99

Sylvia L. Fowler
Notary Public

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, FRANKLIN COUNTY

The foregoing certificate(s) of Sylvia L. Fowler, a

Notar(y) (ies) Public,

is/are certified to be correct.

This instrument was presented for registration this day and hour and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Franklin

County, N.C., in Book 1095, Page(s) 327-333

This 26th day of February, A.D. 1998 at 12:30 o'clock P.M.