

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, EASEMENTS,  
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR

MEADOWS AT WINCHESTER

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS (the "Declaration") is made as of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1997, by Lehman Road Associates, an Ohio general partnership ("Developer").

A. Developer is the owner of the real property more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

B. Developer desires to develop the Property into a residential subdivision, and to restrict the use and occupancy of the Property for the protection of the Property and the future owners of the Property.

C. Developer declares that all of the Property shall be held, developed, encumbered, leased, occupied, improved, used, and conveyed subject to the following covenants, easements, conditions and restrictions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the Property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of any portion of the Property.

**I. DEFINITIONS**

A. "Annual Assessment" - amount to be paid to the Association by each Owner annually.

B. "Assessments" - collectively referring to Annual Assessments, Lot Assessments and Special Assessments.

C. "Association" - Meadows at Winchester Homeowners' Association, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

D. "Association Documents" - the articles of incorporation, code of regulations and any and all procedures, rules, regulations or policies adopted by the Association.

E. "Board" - the board of trustees of the Association.







and shall allow for termination by either party, without cause, and without penalty, upon no more than 90 days' prior written notice.

**G. Insurance.**

1. The Association shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate blanket property insurance, liability insurance and flood insurance covering all of the Common Property in an amount as is commonly required by prudent institutional mortgage investors.

2. The Association may, in the Board's discretion, obtain and maintain the following insurance: (a) fidelity bond coverage and workers' compensation insurance for all officers, directors, board members and employees of the Association and all other persons handling or responsible for handling funds of the Association, (b) adequate comprehensive general liability insurance, (c) officers' and trustees' liability insurance to fund the obligations of the Association under Section X.D, (d) additional insurance against such other hazards and casualties as is required by law, and (e) any other insurance the Association deems necessary.

3. In the event of damage or destruction of any portion of the Common Property, the Association shall promptly repair or replace the same, to the extent that insurance proceeds are available. Each Owner hereby appoints the Association as its attorney-in-fact for such purpose. If such proceeds are insufficient to cover the cost of the repair or replacement, then the Association may levy a Special Assessment pursuant to Section V to cover the additional costs.

**H. Condemnation.** The Association shall represent the Owners in any condemnation proceedings or in negotiations, settlements and agreements with the condemning authority for acquisition of the Common Property, or any portion thereof. Each Owner hereby appoints the Association as its attorney-in-fact for such purpose. The awards or proceeds of any condemnation action shall be payable to the Association, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Owners.

**I. Books, Records.** Upon reasonable request of any Member, the Association shall be required to make available for inspection all books, records and financial statements of the Association.

**V. ASSESSMENTS**

**A. Reserve Fund.** The Board may establish a Reserve Fund for financing the operation of the Association, for paying necessary costs and expenses of operating the Association and repairing and maintaining the Common Property.

**B. Types of Assessments.** The Developer, for each Lot owned, covenants and agrees, and each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Lot, is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association the following assessments: (i) Annual Assessments; (ii) Special Assessments;



F. Remedies.

1. Late Charge; Acceleration. If any Assessment remains unpaid for 10 days after all or any part thereof shall become due and payable, the Board may charge interest at the lesser of the rate of 12% per annum or the highest rate permitted by law, together with an administrative collection charge of \$25.

2. Liability for Unpaid Assessments. Each Assessment or installment of an Assessment, together with interest thereon and any costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees shall become the personal obligation of the Owner(s) beginning on the date the Assessment or installment thereof becomes due and payable. The Board may authorize the Association to institute an action at law on behalf of the Association against the Owner(s) personally obligated to pay any delinquent assessment. An Owner's personal obligation for a Lot's delinquent Assessments shall also be the personal obligation of his/her successors in title who acquire an interest after any Assessment becomes due and payable and both such Owner and his/her successor in title shall be jointly and severally liable therefor. Except as otherwise provided herein, the transfer of an interest in a Lot shall neither impair the Association's lien against that Lot for any delinquent Assessment nor prohibit the Association from foreclosing that lien.

3. Liens. All unpaid Assessments, together with any interest and charges thereon or costs of collection, shall constitute a continuing charge in favor of the Association and a lien on the Lot against which the Assessment was levied. If any Assessment remains unpaid for 10 days after it is due, then the Board may authorize any officer or appointed agent of the Association to file a certificate of lien for all or any part of the unpaid balance of that Assessment, together with interest and costs, with the appropriate governmental office containing a description of the Lot which the lien encumbers, the name(s) of the Owner(s) of that Lot, the amount of the unpaid portion of the Assessment, and such other information as the laws of the State may require. The certificate may be signed by any officer, authorized agent or Manager of the Association. Upon the filing of the certificate, the subject Lot shall be encumbered by a continuing lien in favor of the Association. The Assessment lien shall remain valid for a period of five years from the date such certificate is duly filed, unless the lien is released earlier or satisfied in the same manner provided by the law of the State for the release and satisfaction of mortgages on real property, or unless the lien is discharged by the final judgment or order of any court having jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the lien for Assessments provided for in this Section shall be subordinate to the lien of any bona fide first mortgage on a Lot.

4. Vote on Association Matters; Use of Common Property. If any Assessment remains unpaid for 30 days after it becomes due, then the delinquent Owner's voting rights upon Association matters and privileges to use the Common Property, except for necessary ingress and egress to his/her Lot, shall be suspended until such Assessment is paid.

## VI. MAINTENANCE

A. Maintenance by Association. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of all landscaping and other flora, structures, and improvements situated upon the Common Property and all personal property used in connection with the operation of the Common Property.

B. Maintenance by Owner. Each Owner or occupant shall repair, replace, and maintain in good order and condition, at his/her expense, portions of, improvements to, structures on, and, equipment and components used in connection with, his/her Lot. This maintenance responsibility includes, without limitation, promptly furnishing all necessary materials and performing or causing to be performed at his/her own expense all maintenance, repairs and replacements within such Lot that, if omitted, would adversely affect the safety and usefulness of the Common Property. Each Owner shall maintain those portions of his/her Lot that are adjacent to any portion of the Common Property in accordance with the Rules and the requirements set forth in this Declaration.

C. Right of Association to Repair Lot. If any Owner fails to maintain his/her Lot in the manner required herein, and if the Board determines that any maintenance of that Lot is necessary to ensure public safety, to permit reasonable use or enjoyment of the Common Property by Owners, to prevent damage to or destruction of any other part of the Common Property or to comply with the Rules or the terms of this Declaration, then the Board may authorize its employees or agents to enter the Lot at any reasonable time to complete the necessary maintenance and the Board may levy a Lot Assessment for all reasonable expenses incurred.

D. Damage to Common Property By Owner or Occupant. If the Common Property is damaged by any Owner or occupant, his/her family, guests, or invitees, then the Board may levy a Lot Assessment against such Owner for the cost of repairing or replacing the damaged property. The Association shall be entitled to enter a Lot to repair or maintain any Common Property adjacent to such Lot.

## VII. ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

All Property at any time subject to this Declaration shall be governed and controlled by this Article.

A. Design Review Board. The Design Review Board shall be a board consisting of three (3) persons. Until the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint and remove all three members of the Design Review Board at will. After the Turnover Date, the Board shall have the right to appoint all three members to the Design Review Board at will. The Design Review Board shall have the exclusive authority, by action of two or more of the members thereof, at a private or public meeting to determine the architectural standards





B. Use of Common Property. The Common Property may be used only in accordance with the purposes for which they are intended and for any reasonable purposes incidental to the residential use of a Lot. All uses of the Common Property shall benefit or promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, comfort, recreation, and enjoyment of the Owners and occupants, and shall comply with the provisions of this Declaration, the laws of the State, and the Rules.

C. Hazardous Actions or Materials. Nothing shall be done or kept in any Lot or in or on any portion of the Common Property that is unlawful or hazardous, that might reasonably be expected to increase the cost of casualty or public liability insurance covering the Common Property or that might unreasonably disturb the quiet occupancy of any person residing on any other Lot. This paragraph shall not be construed so as to prohibit the Developer from construction activities consistent with its residential construction practices.

D. Signs. No signs of any character shall be erected, posted or displayed upon the Property, except: (i) marketing signs installed by the Developer while marketing the Lots and residences for sale; (ii) street and identification signs installed by the Association or the Developer; and (iii) one temporary real estate sign not to exceed six square feet in area advertising that such Lot is for sale.

E. Animals. No person may keep, breed, board or raise any animal, livestock, reptile, or poultry of any kind for breeding or other commercial purpose on any Lot, or in or upon any part of the Common Property, unless expressly permitted by the Rules.

F. Nuisances. No noxious or offensive trade shall be permitted on the Property or within any dwelling located on the Property.

G. Business. No industry, business, trade, occupation or profession of any kind may be conducted, operated or established on the Property, without the prior written approval of the Board.

H. Storage. No open storage of any kind is permitted. No storage buildings of any kind are permitted, including without limitation, sheds or barns.

I. Hotel/Transient Uses; Leases. No Lot may be used for hotel or transient uses, including without limitation, uses in which the occupant is provided customary hotel services such as room service for food and beverage, maid service, furnishing laundry and linen, or similar services, or leases to roomers or boarders. All leases shall be in writing and shall be subject to this Declaration.

J. Vehicles. The Board shall be entitled to create and enforce reasonable rules concerning the parking of any vehicle permitted in the Common Property. In addition to its authority to levy Lot (except in an enclosed structure shielded from view) Assessments as penalties for the violation of such rules, the Board shall be authorized to cause the removal of any vehicle violating such rules. No trucks, commercial vehicles, boats, trailers, vans, campers



R. Fencing. All fencing shall conform to the standards set forth by the Design Review Board.

S. Swimming Pools. No above ground swimming pool extending twelve (12) inches or more above the finished grade of the Lot shall be permitted upon any Lot except that this Article VIII, Paragraph S shall not be intended to prohibit the installation of a hot tub or sauna.

## IX. EASEMENTS AND LICENSES

A. Entry and Landscaping Easement. An easement (the "Easement") is hereby reserved in favor of Developer, the Association and their respective agents and contractors over, under and upon the cross-hatched area identified on Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Easement Area"), being a portion of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Property, to construct, repair, reconstruct and maintain entry and landscaping features. The Easement shall run with the land and shall be binding on all future Owners of any portion of the Lot containing any portion of the Easement Area, except as hereinafter set forth. Developer shall construct entry and landscaping features within the Easement Area and shall repair, reconstruct and maintain the same as is reasonably deemed necessary by Developer. The Easement, along with the obligation to repair, reconstruct and maintain, shall be conveyed to the Association as described in Article IV, Paragraph A of this Declaration. After such conveyance to the Association, Developer shall have no further obligation or liability relating to the Easement, or the Easement Area.

B. Easement of Access and Enjoyment Over Common Property. Every Owner shall have a right and easement (in common with all other Owners) of enjoyment in, over, and upon the Common Property, and a right of access to and from his/her Lot, which rights shall be appurtenant to, and shall pass with the title to, his/her Lot, subject to the terms and limitations set forth in this Declaration, subject to the Rules. An Owner may delegate his/her rights of access and enjoyment to family members, occupants, guests and invitees.

C. Right of Entry for Repair. The duly authorized agents, officers, contractors, and employees of the Association shall have a right of entry and access to the Property, including without limitation the Lots, for the purpose of performing the Association's rights or obligations set forth in this Declaration. The Association may enter any Lot to remove or correct any violation of this Declaration or the Rules, or to maintain, repair, and replace the Common Property, but only during reasonable hours and after providing seventy-two (72) hours advance notice to the Owner, except in cases of emergency.

D. Easement for Utilities and Other Purposes. The Board or Developer may convey easements over the Common Property to any entity for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, and operating poles, pipes, conduit, wires, ducts, cables, and other equipment necessary to furnish electrical, gas, sewer, water, telephone, cable television, and other similar utility or security services, whether of public or private nature, to the Property and to any entity for such other purposes as the Board or Developer deems appropriate; provided that such equipment or the exercise of such easement rights shall not unreasonably interfere with the Owners' use and enjoyment of the Property. The Board or Developer may grant such easements

over all portions of the Property for the benefit of adjacent properties as the Board or Developer deems appropriate; provided that the grant of such easements imposes no undue, unreasonable, or material burden or cost upon the Property; and further provided that the Board or Developer may not convey any easement over a Lot without the prior written consent of the Owner of such Lot (which consent shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld).

E. Easement for Services. A non-exclusive easement is hereby granted to all police, firemen, ambulance operators, mailmen, deliverymen, garbage removal personnel, and all similar persons, and to the local governmental authorities and the Association (but not to the public in general) to enter upon the Common Property to perform their duties.

## X. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Term. This Declaration shall bind and run with the land for a term of 30 years from and after the date that this Declaration is filed for recording with the appropriate governmental office and thereafter shall automatically renew forever for successive periods of 10 years each, unless earlier terminated by a majority of the Members.

B. Enforcement; Waiver. This Declaration may be enforced by any proceeding at law or in equity by the Developer, any Owner, the Association, the Design Review Board, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, against any person(s) violating, or attempting to violate, any covenant or restriction, to restrain and/or to enjoin violation, to obtain a decree for specific performance as to removal of any nonconforming Improvement, and to recover all damages, costs of enforcement and any other costs incurred (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees). Failure of Developer, the Association or any Owner to enforce any provision of this Declaration or the Rules in any manner shall not constitute a waiver of any right to enforce any violation of such provision. By accepting a deed to a Lot, each Owner is deemed to waive the defenses of laches and statute of limitations in connection with the enforcement of this Declaration or the Rules.

C. Amendments. Until the Turnover Date, Developer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, unilaterally amend this Declaration at any time and from time to time, without the consent of any other Owners. Any such amendment may impose covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements upon the Property in addition to those set forth herein including, without limitation, restrictions on use and covenants to pay additional charges with respect to the maintenance and improvement of the Property. After the Turnover Date, Developer may unilaterally amend this Declaration, without the consent of any other Owners, if such amendment is: (a) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation or judicial order, (b) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Lots, (c) necessary to conform to the requirements of United States Federal Housing Administration, or (d) necessary to correct errors; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the title to any Lot unless the Owner thereof has consented to such amendment in writing. No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of Developer without the written consent of

Developer or the assignee of such right or privilege. Developer shall have the right and power, but neither the duty nor the obligation, in its sole and absolute discretion and by its sole act, to subject additional property to this Declaration at any time and from time to time by executing and recording in the appropriate governmental office an amendment to this Declaration specifying that such additional property is part of the Property. An amendment to this Declaration shall not require the joinder or consent of the Association, other Owners, mortgagees or any other person. In addition, such amendments to the Declaration may contain such supplementary, additional, different, new, varied, revised or amended provisions and memberships as may be necessary or appropriate, as determined by Developer, to reflect and address the different character or intended development of any such additional property.

D. Developer's Rights to Complete Development. Developer shall have the right to: (a) complete the development, construction, promotion, marketing, sale, resale and leasing of properties; (b) construct or alter Improvements on any property owned by Developer; (c) maintain model homes, offices for construction, sales or leasing purposes, storage areas, construction yards or similar facilities on any property owned by Developer or the Association; or (d) post signs incidental to the development, construction, promotion, marketing, sale and leasing of property within the Property. Further, Developer shall have the right of ingress and egress through the streets, paths and walkways located in the Property for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to, purposes related to the construction, maintenance and operation of Improvements. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall limit the rights of Developer or require Developer to obtain approval to: (i) excavate, cut, fill or grade any property owned by Developer or to construct, alter, remodel, demolish or replace any Improvements on any Common Property or any property owned by Developer as a construction office, model home or real estate sales or leasing office in connection with the sale of any property; or (iii) require Developer to seek or obtain the approval of the Association or the Design Review Board for any such activity or Improvement on any Common Property or any property owned by Developer. Nothing in this Section shall limit or impair the reserved rights of Developer as elsewhere provided in this Declaration.

E. Developer's Rights to Replat Developer's Property Developer reserves the right, at any time and from time to time, to amend, alter or replat any plat or development plan and to amend any zoning ordinance which affects all or any portion of the Property; provided, however, that only real property owned by Developer shall be the subject of any such amendment, alteration or replatting. Each Owner and Member and the Association, for themselves and their successors and assigns, hereby consents to and approves any such amendment, alteration or replatting and shall be deemed to have joined in the same.

F. Mortgagee Rights. A holder or insurer of a first mortgage upon any Lot, upon written request to the Association (which request shall state the name and address of such holder or insurer and a description of the Lot) shall be entitled to timely written notice of:

- (a) any proposed amendment of this Declaration;
- (b) any proposed termination of the Association; and

- (c) any default under this Declaration which gives rise to a cause of action by the Association against the Owner of the Lot subject to the mortgage of such holder or insurer, where the default has not been cured in 60 days.

Each holder and insurer of a first mortgage on any Lot shall be entitled, upon request and at such mortgagee's expense, to inspect the books and records of the Association during normal business hours.

G. Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify every officer and trustee of the Association against any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon any officer or trustee in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the Board) to which he/she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or trustee. The officers and trustees shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence. The officers and trustees of the Association shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or trustees may also be Members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and trustee free from and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or trustee, or former officer or trustee, may be entitled.

H. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or word in this Declaration is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in conflict with any law of the State, then the requirements of such law shall prevail and the conflicting provision or language shall be deemed void in such circumstance; provided that the remaining provisions or language of this Declaration shall continue in full force and effect.

I. Captions. The caption of each Article, section and paragraph of this Declaration is inserted only as a matter of reference and does not define, limit or describe the scope or intent of the provisions of this Declaration.

J. Notices. Notices to an Owner shall be given in writing, by personal delivery, at the Lot, if a residence has been constructed on such Lot, or by depositing such notice in the United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of the Owner of the Lot as shown by the records of the Association, or as otherwise designated in writing by the Owner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Developer has caused the execution this Declaration as of the date first above written.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

LEHMAN ROAD ASSOCIATES  
an Ohio general partnership

By: M/I SCHOTTENSTEIN HOMES, INC.,  
an Ohio corporation

*Janis A. Eckstein*  
Printed Name: Janis A. Eckstein  
*Olga Elizabeth McEwen*  
Printed Name: Olga Elizabeth McEwen

By: *Paul S. Coppel*  
Paul S. Coppel  
Senior Vice President/General Counsel

By: DOMINION HOMES, INC.,  
an Ohio corporation

*Patty G. Crocker*  
Printed Name: Patty G. Crocker

By: *David S. Borrer*  
David S. Borrer  
Executive Vice President

*Christina L. Cain*  
Printed Name: Christina L. Cain

By: HOMEWOOD CORPORATION  
an Ohio corporation

*Elizabeth S. Schilling*  
Printed Name: Elizabeth Schilling

By: *John H. Bain*  
John H. Bain  
President

*Tracy L. Rice*  
Printed Name: Tracy L. Rice



STATE OF OHIO )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of November, 1997, by Paul S. Coppel, the Senior Vice President/General Counsel of M/I Schottenstein Homes, Inc., an Ohio corporation, on behalf of the corporation.



OLGA ELIZABETH McCOLEMAN  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPT. 9, 2002

Olga Elizabeth McColeman  
Notary Public

STATE OF OHIO )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of November, 1997, by David S. Borrer, the Executive Vice President of Borrer Corporation, an Ohio corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Patty G. Crocker  
Notary Public  
  
PATTY G. CROCKER  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
Feb. 28, 2000

STATE OF OHIO )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24 day of Nov., 1997, by John H. Bain, President of Homewood Corporation, an Ohio corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Theresa L. Rice  
Notary Public

This instrument Prepared By:

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THERESA L. RICE  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 28, 2000