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## DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, RESTRICTIONS, AFFIRMATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND CONDITIONS STONE ORCHARD COVENANTS

# March 6, 2006

In addition to the General Covenants and the WPOA Covenants, the following restrictions and covenants shall be applied to those certain properties or Lots being described as lots 1 through 50 as shown on the plat of Stone Orchard, Valley Subdivision 3-V at Stoney Creek, Wintergreen, which plat is attached hereto and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia herewith. All purchasers and other owners of Stone Orchard properties shall take title to such properties subject to the terms hereof.

## **PART I - DEFINITIONS**

The definition, of the term "Wintergreen", as defined in the General Covenants is specifically incorporated herein, by reference to the General Covenants described below.

"Association" as used herein shall mean and refer to The Stone Orchard Unit Owner's Association, an unincorporated association, its successors and assigns.

"Stone Orchard" as used herein is defined as that certain parcel tract of land which is shown on a plat and survey prepared by Steven L. Key, C.L.S., dated January 18, 2006, titled "Subdivision Plat of Stone Orchard Valley Subdivision 3-V at Stoney Creek, Wintergreen, Nelson County, Virginia" and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia contemporaneously herewith, together with any additional properties which may be subjected to the terms of this Declaration according to the terms hereof.

"Common Maintenance Elements" as the term is used herein, shall mean those elements and areas, which the Association shall be responsible to care for and maintain. No ownership interest is granted to the Association or to others by the use of the term "Common Maintenance Elements".

"Common Maintenance Expenses" as the term is used herein shall mean those expenses that are for the care and maintenance of the Common Maintenance Elements on an ongoing basis, that are set aside as reserves to pay for major foreseeable maintenance expenses relating to the Common Maintenance Elements in the future or that are used to pay for other necessary or reasonable expenses of the Association.

The "Company" as used herein, shall mean High Country Associates, L.L.C., its successors and assigns.

"General Covenants" as used herein shall mean and refer to the "Declaration of Rights, Restrictions, Affirmative Obligations and Conditions Applicable To All Properties In Wintergreen" established on the 10th. day of September, 1974, and which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia in deed book 137, at page 568, as amended. Stone Orchard was subjected to the General Covenants by Declaration recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office on December 25, 2004 as Instrument No.040006193.

"Home" as used herein shall mean a Lot, which has a completed dwelling constructed on it. Completion of a dwelling unit shall be determined by the issuance of a certificate of occupancy from the appropriate governmental authority. The term "Home" does not refer to anything located within the dwelling on the Lot.

"Lot" shall mean a tract or parcel of land designated as a Lot on the Plat of Stone Orchard.

"Owner" shall mean the record owner of a Lot or Home. All Owners of any Lot or Home shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts and other obligations that accrue hereunder.

"Yard Maintenance Area" shall be defined as that area established by the Company or the Association as its responsibility for the maintenance of lawn, landscaping, and view corridors for the Lots and Homes in Stone Orchard. Initially the Yard Maintenance Area shall consist of the walks and driveways, the front, rear and side yards of any Home within the maintenance area set forth on the approved site plan for any residential construction, the Golf Course easement area and within 30 feet of the platted right of way serving all lots.

#### **PART II - RESTRICTIONS**

- All approvals required to be made by the Company under paragraph 1 of Part I of the General Covenants shall be based solely upon the Company's subjective aesthetic and/or design requirements. Explicit objective standards are not established by these covenants because such standards would make it impossible to take full advantage of the individual characteristics of each lot, of on-going technological advances or of changing environmental considerations. Approvals for the erection, placement or alteration of structures required under paragraph 1 of Part I of the General Covenants shall require the approval of the design of postal delivery boxes and the standards upon which such boxes are placed. No change or alteration shall be made in the completed landscape of any Home (except for the replacement of existing materials or plants with similar materials or plants) from the requirements of the landscape plan required by said paragraph I of Part I of the General Covenants, nor shall any change in the exterior lighting associated with any Lot or Home be made except with the prior written approval of the Company, its successors or assigns. All approvals made by the Company (unless a deemed approval as described in paragraph 14 below), shall be in writing and shall be effective when placed in the mail or hand delivered to the individual requesting the approval. The Company shall have the right to condition any approval required by paragraph 1 of Part I of the General Covenants upon the deposit of a reasonable surety of performance by the individual requesting such approval.
- 2. (a) All Homes in Stone Orchard shall be used for residential purposes exclusively, provided, however nothing in this paragraph shall restrain the Company from using one or more Homes as model units or sales offices for the purpose of selling its real estate products. The use

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of a portion of a Home as an office by the owner or tenants thereof shall be considered a residential use if such use does not create customer or client traffic to and from the Home.

- (b) No enclosed structure, except as hereinafter provided shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling with an attached garage or carport.
- (c) The right to maintain a Home as a model unit or sales office may be assigned to the developer of homes within Stone Orchard.
- 3. Each Home Owner shall provide a screened area in which garbage receptacles, fuel tanks, water tanks or similar storage receptacles, electric and gas meters, air-conditioning equipment, and other unsightly objects must be placed or stored in order to conceal them from view from the road and adjacent properties. Plans for such screened area delineating the size, design, texture, appearance and location must be approved by the Company prior to construction. Garbage receptacles and fuel tanks may be located outside of such screened area only if located underground. Clotheslines and drying yards shall not be placed on any Home or Lot at any time.
- 4. Each Home shall have provided at least two (2) spaces for the parking of automobiles off streets prior to the occupancy of any building or structure constructed on said property in accordance with reasonable standards established by the Company.
- 5. No mobile home, motor home, trailer, tent, or other similar temporary out building or structure shall be placed or stored on any Lot or Home at any time, either temporarily or permanently, provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to shelters or temporary structures used by the contractor during the construction of the main dwelling house, it being clearly understood that these latter temporary shelters may not, at any time, be used as residences or permitted to remain on the Lot after completion of construction.
- 6. No television antenna, satellite dish, radio receiver or sender or other similar device shall be attached to or installed on the exterior portion of any Home or Lot except as specifically permitted under regulations promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission.
- 7. The utility and drainage easement reserved by the Company in paragraph eleven (11) of Part I of the General Covenants shall be located along any two (2) of the boundary lines of each Lot and Home in Stone Orchard provided, however, if a specific location of such easements is shown on the recorded subdivision plat, such specific easement location shall be in addition to the utility and drainage easements provided hereby.
- 8. No Lot or Home shall be subdivided, or its boundary lines changed, nor shall application for a subdivision or boundary change of a lot be made to Nelson County, except with the written consent of the Company. However, the Company hereby expressly reserves to itself, it successors, or assigns, the right to replat any Lot or Lots owned by it and shown on the plat of any subdivision with Wintergreen in order to create a modified building Lot or Lots, and to take such other steps as are reasonably necessary to make such replatted Lot suitable and fit as a building site including, but not limited to, the relocation of easements, walkways, rights of way, private roads, bridges, parks, recreational facilities and other amenities to conform to the new

boundaries of said replatted Lots, provided, however, no Lot originally shown on a recorded plat shall be reduced to a size more than ten (10%) percent smaller than the smallest Lot shown on the first plat of the affected subdivision section recorded in the public records. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prohibit the combining of two (2) or more contiguous Lots into one (1) larger Lot. Following the combining of two (2) or more Lots into one (1) larger Lot, only the exterior boundary lines of the resulting larger Lot shall be considered in the interpretation of these covenants.

- 9. No livestock, fowl or other animals may be kept or maintained on any Lot or Home except domestic cats, dogs and pet birds (except parrots) which may be kept in reasonable numbers as pets for the pleasure and use of the occupants, but not for any commercial use or purpose. No doghouses, pens or animal shelters of any kind shall be permitted on any Lot. No animal shall be allowed to run loose upon the exterior of any Home or Lot.
- 10. No permanently mounted through the wall or window mounted air-conditioning units shall be permitted to be installed in or maintained in any Home unless expressly approved in writing by the Company or its assigns.
- 11. No exterior loud speaker or other out of doors audio broadcasting system shall be erected, installed, maintained or operated on any Home or Lot unless such action shall have been approved by the Company.
- 12. No structure, pool or other facility shall be constructed or maintained on any Lot or Home so that it shall be heated or cooled by an alternative energy source (including, but not limited to, active or passive solar energy or by wind driven electrical generators), which shall involve the construction or erection of any separate structure or unusual exterior architectural feature or features without the prior written approval of the Company.
- 13. No private golf carts, motorcycles, motorbikes, motor homes or ATV's (all terrain vehicles) shall be operated or stored on any Lot or Home without the written consent of the Company.
- 14. In the event an approval shall be requested in a writing delivered to the Company or its designated representative for any item or action covered by these covenants, and the Company shall take no action on such request for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such request, such item or action shall be taken as approved by the Company.

#### PART III - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION

- 1. Every Owner of a Lot or Home in Stone Orchard as shown by the records in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of such property.
- 2. The Owner(s) of each Lot or Home in Stone Orchard shall have a single vote in the Association for each property owned. Whenever a property is owned of record in the names of

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two or more persons or entities, whether fiduciaries, joint tenants, tenants in common, or if the Lot shall be owned by a corporation, LLC or a partnership, then such Owners shall file with the Secretary of the Association an instrument in writing signed by such Owners designating one Owner (one Officer, one Manager or one Partner in the case of a corporation, LLC or partnership respectively) to cast the vote attributable to such property. Individuals or entities which hold an interest in the property solely for the purpose of securing an obligation or debt shall not be considered Owners hereunder. The principle of this section shall apply, insofar as possible, to the execution of proxies, waivers, consents or objections for the purpose of ascertaining a quorum.

#### PART IV - OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

1. Every Owner shall contribute toward the expense of the maintenance of the Common Maintenance Elements and payment of Common Maintenance Expenses, as provided by these covenants and the By-laws of the Association. Each Lot shall pay an annual assessment of \$50.00 per year. Each Home shall be assessed equally by the Association once it has been certified to be a completed dwelling as provided for in the definition of "Home". Assessments shall begin on the first day of the month following the granting of a certificate of occupancy. Quarterly assessments for newly completed units shall be prorated if the assessment does not begin on the first day of a quarter. The Association shall fix a quarterly assessment for Homes in an amount sufficient to provide for the maintenance of the Common Maintenance Elements and other Common Maintenance Expenses, subject to adjustment from time to time, as the Association may deem necessary.

Such quarterly charge shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of every calendar quarter, shall at the option of the Board of Directors when established at a duly called meeting of said Board, bear interest at the highest rate permitted by law or at such lesser rate as may be established by the Board of Directors of the Association from due date until paid, and with such interest shall be a lien on the Home, assessed prior in right to all other charges whatsoever except real estate taxes on such Lot or Home and amounts and liabilities secured by any mortgage instruments or deeds of trust duly recorded prior to the perfection of the lien and securing institutional lenders. In the event any Owner is delinquent in the payment of any quarterly assessment for a period in excess of thirty (30) days, the Association is authorized to discontinue all services that the Association is furnishing to his Home and residents thereof.

- 2. (a) Every Home Owner must perform promptly all maintenance and repair work within his own Home excluding, however, the Common Maintenance Elements, which if omitted would affect the Common Maintenance Elements and/or any other Home, and shall be expressly responsible for the damages and liabilities that his failure to do so may engender.
- (b) Every Home Owner shall be responsible for the repairs of internal installations of the Home which serve only such Home, such as water, light, power, sewerage, telephone, sanitary installations, doors, windows, lamps and all other accessories belonging to the Home.
- (c) A Home Owner shall reimburse the Association for any expenditures it incurs in repairing or replacing any Common Maintenance Element or facility damaged through the

Owner's negligence or failure to promptly perform all maintenance and repair work within his Home.

3. The Association may perfect its lien against any Home or Lot for which assessments are not paid within ninety (90) days from the time such assessments became due.

### PART V - FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association shall be authorized to enter upon, maintain and care for those areas of Lots and those exterior portions of Homes as shall be defined as the Common Maintenance Elements. Initially the Common Maintenance Elements shall be defined as the Yard Maintenance Area of individual Lots and the exterior painting for Homes within the subdivision plat of Stone Orchard. This maintenance obligation shall include:
  - (a) Landscape maintenance including trimming the grass, raking and removing leaves, mulching shrubbery, limbing trees and removing brush to maintain view corridors in the Yard Maintenance Area;
  - (b) Maintaining the entrance sign to the subdivision and common area landscaping including entrance areas;
  - (e) Such additional responsibilities relating to exterior maintenance, landscaping and related items as the Association shall agree to in writing; provided, however, that nothing set forth herein shall require the Association to replace or to undertake structural repairs to any of the improvements located on any of the lots.
- 2. These maintenance obligations shall continue and may not be reduced by the Association until January 1, 2010, at which the Association may elect to reduce its maintenance obligation upon an affirmative vote of 50% of the votes accruing to Lots and Homes. This reduction may also include a reduction in the Yard Maintenance Area provided such reduction shall be equitably applied to all Lots.

#### **PART VI - ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS**

1. All covenants, restrictions, and affirmative obligations set forth in this Declaration shall run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and persons claiming under them specifically including, but not limited to, the successors and assigns, if any of the Company for a period of thirty (30) years from the execution date of this Declaration, after which time, all said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless an instrument signed by a two-thirds majority of the then owners of property substantially affected by a change in covenants, has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants in whole or in part. Unless the contrary shall be determined by a court of equity jurisdiction, "substantially affected" shall mean those properties in Wintergreen shown on the plat or plats which have been subjected to this Declaration of Stone Orchard Covenants identified in the records in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia.

- 2. In the event of a violation or breach of any of the restrictions contained herein by any property owner, or agent of such owner, the owners of properties in the neighborhood or subdivision, or any of them, jointly or severally, shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity to compel compliance to the terms hereof or to prevent the violation or breach in any event. In addition to the foregoing, the Company and/or the Association shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity to compel compliance to the terms hereof or to prevent the violation or breach in any event. In addition to the foregoing, the Company and/or the Association shall have the right, whenever there shall have been built on any property in the subdivision any structure in violation of these restrictions, to enter upon such property where such violation exists and summarily abate or remove the same at the expense of the owner, if after thirty (30) days written notice of such violation it shall not have been corrected by the owner. Any such entry and abatement or removal shall not be deemed a trespass. The failure to enforce any rights, reservations, restrictions, or condition contained in this Declaration, regardless of how long such failure shall continue, shall not constitute a waiver of or a bar to such right to enforce. The Board of Directors shall have all rights provided under §55-513 B. of the Code of Virginia relating to the violation of the declaration or any rules and regulations of the Association; provided however no rules and regulations may be adopted by the Association without the prior written consent of the Company for so long as the Company shall own any Lot or Home in Stone Orchard.
- 3. The Company for a period of ten years after the date of the recordation of this Declaration shall have the right without the assent of the other Members of the Association, from time to time, subject additional properties to these Stone Orchard covenants and to annex such properties and the owners of such properties into the Association. Upon such annexation, all of the new lot and their owners shall have the same rights and obligations as the original lots and owners subject hereto. The Company may annex additional properties to the Association by recording a declaration in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia subjecting such additional properties to these Stone Orchard Covenants.
- 4. The Company shall have the absolute and unilateral right at any time prior to the conveyance by it or by any successor developer of the final lot, which has been subjected to these Stone Orchard Covenants to an individual purchaser, to amend these Stone Orchard Covenants so long as the voting power of existing Members is not diluted thereby and the obligations of the Company under the terms of the Stone Orchard Covenants shall not be materially reduced.

After the sale of the final lot by the Company, the procedure for amendments shall be as follows: All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Members of the Association for their approval. Any such proposed amendment shall be deemed effective if two-thirds of the Members execute such amendment and such amendment is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia along with a certification by the President of the Association to the effect that the required majority of owners have executed the amendment.

5. The Company reserves the right to assign in whole or in part to a subsequent developer of Stone Orchard or to the Association or to the Wintergreen Property Owners Association, Inc. its rights reserved in these covenants which include, but are not limited to, its right to grant approvals

(or disapprovals), to establish rules and regulations, and all other rights reserved herein by the Company, including, but not limited to, the right to approve (or disapprove) plans, specifications, color, finish, plot plan and construction schedules. Following the assignment of such rights, the Assignee shall assume all of the Company's obligations which are incident thereto (if any) and the Company shall have no further obligations or liability with respect thereto.

The Assignment of such right or rights by the Company to an Assignee shall be made by written instrument, which shall be recorded in said Clerk's Office.

- 6. The Company shall not be liable to an owner or to any other person on account of any claim, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by or threatened against an owner or such other person arising out of or in any way relating to the subject matter of any reviews, acceptances, inspections, permissions, consents or required approvals which must be obtained from the Company whether given, granted or withheld.
- 7. Wintergreen Property Owners Association, Inc. has established and published certain covenants and land use restrictions affecting properties in Wintergreen. The "Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Wintergreen Property Owners Association" are dated the 1st day of February 2000, and are recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 464, Page 793. Stone Orchard was subjected to the WPOA Covenants by Declaration recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office on December 29, 2004 as Instrument No. 040006193.
- 8. Severability. Should any covenant or restriction herein contained, or any Article, Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or term of this Declaration be declared to be void, invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, for any reason, by the adjudication of any court of other tribunal having jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter thereof, such judgment shall in no wise affect the other provisions hereof which are hereby declared to be severable and which shall remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS the following corporate execution:

HIGH COUNTRY ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

Managing Member

STATE OF VIRGINIA

To-Wit:

**COUNTY OF NELSON** 

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6 day of March, 2006 by Timothy C. Hess, Managing Member of High Country Associates, L.L.C., on behalf of the Company

My commission expires: 8-3/-07

AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL

Notary Public

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