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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR COBB FARM SUBDIVISION (Phase II), A PLANNED COMMUNITY

THIS DECLARATION CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON AN OWNER'S RIGHT TO RENT/LEASE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION

THIS DECLARATION REGULATES OR PROHIBITS THE DISPLAY OF POLITICAL SIGNS

THIS DECLARATION CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON THE ABILITY OF A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER TO OWN OR LEASE PROPERTY WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

THIS DECLARATION PROHIBITS A LOT FROM BEING USED AS A HALFWAY HOUSE, REHABILITATION CENTER, OR SHELTER

THIS DECLARATION, made and entered into this 1 day of November, 2022, by CF FARM, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of that certain tract or parcel of land more known as Cobb Farm Subdivision Phase II and more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto, as the same are shown on Final Plat of Cobb Farm Subdivision Phase II recorded in Book <u>93</u>, Page <u>20</u> of the Rockingham County Registry (hereinafter, the "Plat").

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Declarant hereby to cause the above referenced property to be subjected to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereinafter, the "Declaration").

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant does hereby declare that all of the properties referred to

above, and any future properties annexed to this Declaration, shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described properties, or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, for the term of these covenants as set forth below, and shall inure to the benefit of each holder thereof.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- a) "Association" shall mean and refer to COBB FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., its successors and assigns.
- b) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, as hereinafter defined, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.
- c) "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinabove described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.
- d) "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity that holds membership with voting rights in the Association.
- e) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to CF Farm, LLC., as well as its successors and assigns, if Declarant shall make an express conveyance of its rights as developer hereunder to such successor or assign and said writing is recorded in the Rockingham County Register of Deeds.
- f) "Declarant's Development Period" shall mean and refer to the period of time commencing on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and continuing for so long as Declarant shall have the right to annex any additional residential property pursuant to the provisions of Article XII, Section 4 hereof, or Declarant or any affiliate of Declarant shall own any portion of the Properties.
- g) "Lot" shall mean and refer to any separately numbered plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties.
- h) "FHA" shall mean and refer to the Federal Housing Administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and "VA" shall mean and refer to the Veterans Administration.
- i) "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity that holds membership with voting rights in the Association.
- j) "Off Site Septic Lot" shall mean and refer to a plot or parcel of land or an area shown on any recorded subdivision plat of the Properties which is to be used for an off-site septic system.

k) "Planned Community Act" shall mean and refer to the provisions of Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended.

ARTICLE II PROPERTY RIGHTS

SECTION 1. OWNERS EASEMENTS OF ENJOYMENT. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

- a) The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid; and, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, for any infraction of its Declaration, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and/or published rules and regulations;
- b) The right of the Association to enter upon any Lot in case of emergency originating in or threatening any such Lot, regardless of whether the Owner is present at the time of such emergency, for the purpose of remedying or abating the cause of such emergency, and such right of entry shall be immediate.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF USE. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the Bylaws, his rights of enjoyment of the facilities to the members of his family, tenants, or guests.

SECTION 3. LEASES OF LOTS. Any lease for any Lot subject to this Declaration shall be for a minimum term of twelve (12) months and shall make it a condition of the lease that the lessees are bound and subject to this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations of the Association. In addition, any lease shall provide that Lessees failure to abide by the Declaration and Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be grounds for termination of the lease. Any lease must be for full possession of the Lot; no partial leases for individual rooms are allowed.

Owner shall provide the Board of Directors of the Association with a copy of any executed lease for any property within the Association. Any Owner that fails to provide this required information may be fined up to one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) pursuant to the Association's fining authority under the North Carolina Planned Community Act.

Notwithstanding the above, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the lots within the Association may be leased or rented at any time. Those Lots within the twenty-five percent (25%) shall be called "Eligible Lot(s)." THE OWNER MUST CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO LEASING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEIR LOT MAY BE AN ELIGIBLE LOT. Once an Owner fails to lease an Eligible Lot and uses the same as a primary or secondary residence that Lot no longer maintains the status as an Eligible Lot and another Lot in the Association may become an Eligible Lot.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Every Owner of a lot which is subject to a lien for assessments shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessments.

SECTION 2. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

<u>Class A Membership.</u> Members of this Class shall be (i) the Declarant, its successors and assigns, as to Lots retained by it upon the termination of Class B membership; and (ii) all Owners other than the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the Members themselves determine; provided, however, that no more than one (1) vote be allowed cast with respect to such Lot. Class A members other than the Declarant shall be entitled to vote only after a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the residence constructed on the Lot or Lots owned.

Class B Membership. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant, who shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot owned. Class B Membership will cease and be converted to Class A Membership on the happening of either of the following events (whichever occurs earlier):

- a) When the total votes outstanding in the Class A Membership equal or exceed the total votes outstanding in the Class B Membership; or
- b) Upon the expiration of ten (10) years next following the conveyance of the first Lot from the Properties.

Notwithstanding the above, Class B Membership shall continue as to additional lands that may be annexed in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV, Section 4, of this Declaration.

ARTICLE IV COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

<u>ASSESSMENTS.</u> The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties and rented or leased to occupants, hereby covenants, and each Owner for any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (i) annual assessments or charges; (ii) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; (iii) Specific Assessments.

The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, 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, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for the delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENTS.

- a) The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Properties and in particular for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of properties, services and facilities devoted to this purpose, including but not limited to, the maintenance of streets which have not been accepted for dedication by a public authority; the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the By-Laws; the employment of attorneys and other agents to represent the Association when necessary; the provision of adequate reserves for the replacement of capital improvements including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, paving and any other expense for which the Association is responsible; and such other needs as may arise.
- b) The Association shall establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of those portions of the Properties which the Association may be obligated to maintain. Such reserve fund is established out of regular assessments and may also be funded by a special assessment.
- c) All monies collected by the Association shall be treated as the separate property of the Association, and such monies may be applied by the Association to the payment of any expense of operating and managing the Properties, or to the proper undertaking of all acts and duties imposed upon it by virtue of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws of the Association, and Rules and Regulations.

As monies for any assessment are paid to the Association by any Owner, the same may be commingled with monies paid to the Association by the other Owners. Although all funds and common surplus, including other assets of the Association, and any increments thereto or profits derived therefrom shall be held for the benefit of the members of the Association, no member of the Association shall have the right to assign, hypothecate, pledge or in any manner transfer his membership interest therein, except as an appurtenance to his Lot. When any Owner shall cease to be a member of the Association by reason of his divestment of ownership of his Lot, by whatever means, the Association shall not be required to account to such Owner for any share of the fund or assets of the Association, or which may have been paid to the Association by such Owner, as all monies which any Owner has paid to the Association shall be and constitute an asset of the Association which may be used in the operation and management of the properties.

SECTION 3. MAXIMUM ANNUAL ASSESSMENT. Until December 31 of the year immediately following conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$400.00) per Lot for all Class A members and, at that time, Class B members shall pay ¼ the regular annual assessments for all lots it owns.

a) The maximum annual assessment for the following year and for each calendar year thereafter shall be established by the Board of Directors and may be increased by the Board of Directors without approval by the membership by an amount not to exceed fifteen

percent (15%) of the maximum annual assessment of the previous year.

- b) The maximum annual assessment for the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner and for each calendar year thereafter may be increased without limit by a vote of the Members entitled to cast at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of Members who are voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum, subject to the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any calendar year, a special assessment for the purpose of raising additional funding for the Association's operating and/or reserve accounts, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of the Members entitled to cast at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of Members who are voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose. All special assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

SECTIONS 3 AND 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 or 4 of this Article IV shall be sent to all Members not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast twenty-five percent (25%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

SECTION 6. RATE OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. The special assessment for any Lot(s) owned by Declarant without an occupied residence thereon or owned by a builder when actively marketed for sale and without an occupied residence thereon shall be an amount not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each Lot, which amount shall be due and payable at the closing of the sale of a Lot to such builder.

SECTION 7. DATE AND COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS: DUE

<u>DATES.</u> The annual assessments provided for herein may be collected on an annual, quarterly or monthly basis and shall commence for all owners of lots other than the Declarant, on the first day of the month following conveyance of such Lot. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year.

At least sixty (60) days in advance of each annual assessment period, the Board of Directors shall establish an annual budget and fix the amount of the annual assessments in advance for the following year. In the event the Board of Directors shall fail to fix the amount of annual assessments

described above, the assessment fixed for the immediately preceding year shall continue in effect until a new assessment amount is fixed. Upon adoption by the Board of the budget and annual assessments amount, the Board shall deliver copies of same to every Owner subject thereto; provided, however, that failure to deliver a copy of the budget and annual assessments amount shall not affect the liability of Owners for assessments. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid.

SECTION 8. EFFECT OF NONPAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall subject the owner of the lot against which such assessment is levied to a late fee in the discretion of the Board of Directors, which late fee shall not exceed the sum of \$20.00 per month. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the assessments or foreclose the lien created herein against the property in the same manner as prescribed by the laws of the State of North Carolina for the foreclosures of Deeds of Trust. Interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees for representation of the Association in such action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such delinquent owner(s) assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment by abandonment of his Lot nor shall damage to or destruction of any improvements on any Lot by fire or other casualty result in any abatement or diminution of the assessments provided for herein. In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall have and may utilize all remedies granted it under the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 47F, the North Carolina Planned Community Act.

SUBORDINATION OF THE LIEN TO MORTGAGES. SECTION 9. The liens provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage or deed of trust. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien or liens provided for in the preceding section. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot which is subject to any such first mortgage or deed of trust, pursuant to a foreclosure thereof or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to the payment thereof which become due prior to such sale or transfer. In the event of the acquisition of any Lot by foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure or judicial sale, any assessment or assessments as to which the party so acquiring title shall not be liable shall be absorbed and paid by all Owners, except Declarant, including such purchaser as a common expense, provided nothing contained herein shall release the party personally liable for a delinquent assessment for the payment thereof or the enforcement of collection of such assessment by means other than foreclosure. No such sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot for liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof, but the liens provided for herein shall continue to be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage or deed of trust.

SECTION 10. EXEMPT PROPERTY. All property dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of North Carolina shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments, except those lots owned by the Declarant as shall pay a fractional amount of annual dues specifically set forth in Article IV.

ARTICLE V
INSURANCE COVERAGE TO BE MAINTAINED:
USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS

Section 1. Insurance Required. The following insurance coverage, unless denoted to be optional, shall be maintained in full force and effect by the Association covering the operation and management of the Properties:

- a) <u>Casualty</u>. Casualty insurance covering all personal property as may be owned by the Association, shall be procured in an amount equal to the insurance replacement value thereof as determined annually by the insurance company affording such coverage.
- b) <u>Public Liability and Property Damage.</u> Public liability and property damage insurance in such amounts and in such forms as shall be required by the Association.
- c) <u>Cross-Liability Endorsement.</u> All liability insurance shall contain cross liability endorsements to cover liabilities of the Association to any Owner or Member.
- d) <u>Board and Officers</u>. If available at reasonable cost, liability insurance on each officer and each member of the Board of Directors of the Association, together with a Fidelity Bond, which shall be optional, on the Treasurer of the Association, all in such amounts and in such forms as shall be required by the Association.
- Section 2. Premiums. Premiums upon insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be paid by the Association as common expenses to be assessed and collected from all Owners.

Section 3. Insurance Proceeds. All insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be for the benefit of the Association and shall provide that all proceeds payable as a result of casualty losses shall be paid to the Association.

ARTICLE VI ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

SECTION 1. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE. The Declarant shall maintain the right of plan and finish approval until completion of all ten (10) homes are built. Upon completion of all ten (10) homes the Association shall create and maintain a standing Architectural Control Committee (the "Committee) for the purpose of receiving and reviewing applications submitted for improvements to property within the Association. The Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) members. Declarant shall have the right to appoint a majority of the members of the Committee until the earlier of when the Declarant owns no Lots in the Association, or when the Declarant expressly assigns that right to the Association in a document recorded with the Rockingham County Register of Deeds. During the time period Declarant has power of appointment for the Committee all decisions of the Committee are final and not reviewable or reversible by the Association.

SECTION 2. IMPROVEMENTS. No residence, building, fence, swimming pool, wall or other structure or planting, landscaping, or grading shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein, be made until the building plans, specifications and plot plan showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, exterior colors and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to

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conformity and harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Declarant per Section 1 of this Article.

Further, nothing herein contained shall prevent or interfere with the right of Declarant to improve and develop the Properties as Declarant desires so long as said development follows the general plan of development of the Properties previously approved by Rockingham County.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURES. Any person desiring to make an improvement, alteration or change described in Section 2 of this Article shall submit the plans and specifications therefore, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same, to the Declarant or Committee which shall evaluate such plans and specifications in light of the purpose of this Article.

In the event of any question concerning the interpretation of Architectural Control provisions in this Declaration, the interpretation of the Declarant shall be conclusive and binding on all parties.

ARTICLE VII EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Each owner shall keep the building site free from tall grass, undergrowth, dead trees, trash and rubbish and properly maintained so as to present a pleasing appearance throughout the subdivision. In the event an owner does not property maintain a Lot as above-provided the Committee, at its option, shall have the site cleaned to a reasonable standard. The costs incurred in the clean up effort, plus a twenty-percent (20%) surcharge, shall be the responsibility of the lot owner and shall be a Specific Assessment against the Lot.

Each Owner shall be responsible for the exterior maintenance of his or her dwelling and Lot. In the event that the Owner neglects or fails to maintain his or her dwelling and Lot in a manner consistent with other Lots and dwellings the Association may provide such exterior maintenance. Provided, however, that the Association shall first give written notice to the Owner of the specific items of exterior maintenance or repair the Association intends to perform and the Owner shall have twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of said notice within which to perform such exterior maintenance himself or herself. The determination as to whether an Owner has neglected or failed to maintain his or her Lot and/or dwelling in a manner consistent with other Lots and dwellings within the Association shall be made by Committee, in its sole discretion. In order to enable the Association to accomplish the foregoing, there is hereby reserved to the Association and Committee the right to unobstructed access over and upon each Lot at all reasonable times to perform maintenance as provided in this Article.

In the event the Association performs such exterior maintenance, repair or replacement, the cost of such maintenance, replacement, or repairs plus a twenty percent (20%) surcharge shall be added to and become a part of the Specific Assessment to which such Lot is subject.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association shall have the right, following notice and opportunity for hearing, to levy against the non-complying Owner a daily fine as authorized under Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statues in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day. Any fine imposed shall also be a Specific Assessment as authorized in Article IV.

ARTICLE VIII RESTRICTIONS

<u>SECTION 1. LAND USE AND BUILDING TYPE</u>. No Lot shall be used except for single family residential purposes. No Lot shall be used for commercial or business purposes except for temporary uses thereof by Declarant for Declarant's sales office and/or model. Not withstanding, an Owner may work from home in a limited capacity that does not create the outward appearance of a business or create increased traffic, noise, vibration, outside storage, or other similar outward conditions that make apparent the existence of commercial or business activities.

No structures shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot except one detached single-family dwelling not exceeding two and a half (3) stories in height, and a private garage for not more than four (4) cars, the architecture and design of which is compatible with the architecture and design of the dwelling located on such Lot and which has been approved by the Declarant or Committee.

No accessory building or structure for storage or other appropriate use in excess of one thousand one hundred fifty-two (1,152) square feet in area shall be placed on any lot without the prior written approval of the Declarant or Committee. The location of the building or structure shall also be approved. Notwithstanding the above, metal accessory buildings shall not be allowed on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Declarant or Committee. All accessory buildings must conform to the same architectural style as the residence located on the same lot. A detached garage may be erected on said property with approval from the Declarant or Committee. Said detached garage must match the single-family dwelling in quality and appearance and must abide by all Rockingham County ordinances and pass Rockingham County inspections. Garages and Carports may not open to the front of the house without prior written approval of the Declarant or Committee.

No building shall be located on any lot nearer to the front line than thirty-five (35) feet or nearer to the rear line than fifteen (15) feet, or nearer to the side street than thirty-five (35) feet in the case of a corner lot. No building or garage shall be located nearer than ten (10) feet from an interior lot line, and no other permitted accessory building shall be located nearer than ten (10) feet to an interior lot line, nor nearer than fifteen (15) feet from the rear lot line, nor nearer than fifty (50) feet from the front setback line. For purposes of this covenant, eaves, steps, chimneys and stoops shall not be considered part of a building; however, decks may be located five (5) feet beyond the rear setback line as provided herein. No portion of any building shall be permitted to encroach upon another lot. Declarant or Committee reserves the right to waive in writing any minor violation of this Article.

No fence, wall, hedge or mass planting shall be permitted beyond the line extending from the front of the house to either side lot line, except upon approval by the Declarant or Committee. No fence or fencing-type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the community, including any lot, without the prior written consent of the Declarant or Committee. The Declarant or Committee may issue guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles, colors, or specifications.

<u>SECTION 2. SINGLE FAMILY USE RESTRICTION</u> No lot within the Association shall be used as a halfway house, juvenile home, detention center, detention home, temporary shelter, long-term shelter, institution, treatment facility or rehabilitation center of any kind.

No lot within the Association shall be used to house persons addicted to or recuperating from the effects of or addiction to drugs or alcohol or persons adjusting to non-prison life, including but not limited to pre-release, work release, probationary programs, or juvenile detention centers.

This Section is intended to prevent the use of property within the Association for, by way of illustration and not limitation, protection, detention, or rehabilitation of drug addicts, criminals, juveniles, homeless persons or other similarly situated persons. It is not the intent of this provision to prevent the owners of the lots, their spouses, children, or relatives from undergoing medical or therapeutic rehabilitation or treatment at home.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Declarant, Association nor the members of the Board of Directors shall be liable for any personal injury, death or property damage caused by any violation of this Section within the Properties if the Association fails to enforce these covenants and each member of the Association hereby releases the Association and members of the Board of Directors from all liability arising therefrom.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION AGAINT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS AS OWNERS OR RENTERS/LESSES No person listed as a registered sex offender, or who is required to register as a sex offender, within the state of North Carolina pursuant to North Carolina Statutes may be a member of the Association or own title to any property within the Association. In addition, no owner may rent to an individual who is a registered sex offender or who is required to register as a sex offender under North Carolina General Statutes.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Declarant, Association nor the members of the Board of Directors shall be liable for any personal injury, death or property damage caused by any violation of this Section within the Properties if the Association fails to enforce these covenants and each member of the Association hereby releases the Association and members of the Board of Directors from all liability arising therefrom.

SECTION 4. NUISANCE. No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance, embarrassment, or nuisance to the neighborhood including, without limitation, the storing or parking of inoperative motor vehicles or the maintenance of or repair to motor vehicles except within completely enclosed garages constructed in conformity with these covenants and applicable laws and ordinances.

<u>SECTION 5. TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.</u> Except as herein set forth, no trailer, tent, shack, barn or other outbuilding, except a private garage for not more than four (4) cars, shall be erected or placed on any lot covered by this Declaration without approval of the Declarant or Committee. Except with the prior written consent of the Association, no detached garage shall at any time be used for human habitation, either temporarily or permanently.

SECTION 6. ANIMALS. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or in any dwelling except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept or maintained provided that they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes and further provided that they are kept and maintained in compliance with (i) all laws and ordinances of the State of North Carolina, Rockingham County relating thereto; and (ii) such rules and regulations pertaining thereto as the Board of Directors may adopt from time to time. NOTE - The Board of Directors may adopt Rules and Regulations listing certain dogs to be prohibited on Lots within the Association.

SECTION 7. OUTSIDE ANTENNAS. The Association may provide cablevision or central television antennas provided that the cost shall be borne by those who subscribe to the service and shall not be included in an annual or special assessment.

No Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish larger than one (1) meter in diameter shall be allowed on any Lot. No Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish may be erected within ten (10) feet of electric power lines. Every Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish must be properly grounded and secured. These are safety requirements established to protect against contact between any Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish and electric power lines, and for the safety of persons coming in contact with the Video Antenna/Video Satellite Dish.

Plans showing the proposed location of Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish and grounding and security provisions therefore should be submitted to the Architectural Committee prior to installation.

The Association has Preferences regarding the location and installation of Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish located on Lots within the Properties. Every Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish must be located on the rear portion of the Owner's Lot in a location that is least visible from any street and that is least visible from any adjacent Lots within the Properties, to the extent such placement is consistent with reception of an acceptable quality programming signal.

If any Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish cannot receive an acceptable signal from the rear of the Lot, it may be located on the side of the Lot (not connected to any building surface). The Owner must cause the Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish to be reasonably screened from view of the adjacent streets and Lots. If the Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish must be connected to any building surface to receive an acceptable quality programming signal, the Owner must paint the Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish to reasonably match the background against which it is mounted. Any screening must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

The Association, and its agents, shall have the right to inspect any new or existing Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish that has not obtained prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee. The Association may determine reasonable alternate locations for any Video Antenna/Video Satellite Dish that more closely meet the Preferences of the Association. If it is determined by the Association that the Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish is to be located in a different location, the Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish shall be moved to that location by the

Owner.

If the Association requires relocation of any Video Antenna / Video Satellite Dish, the Lot Owner shall waive any objection to the new location as long as the relocation creates acceptable signal reception.

In order to enable the Association to accomplish the foregoing, there is hereby reserved to the Association and its agents the right to unobstructed access over and upon each Lot at all reasonable times to perform inspections, signal testing, and relocation of all antennas or satellite dishes. Said easement shall exist upon every Lot bound to this Declaration and shall run with and bind to the land that is subject to this Declaration.

SECTION 8. PARKING AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. 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 of the subdivision. Guests shall be permitted to park on the streets for no longer than forty-eight (48) hours.

Owners of lots shall be permitted to park boats, trailers, campers, commercial vehicles, other similar property on their lots in the Subdivision providing that such property shall be located behind the garage door located furthest from front property line and shielded from neighbors view with approved screening materials approved by Declarant. All such property shall also have current tags and licenses and not be in a state of repair that negatively affects property values of Subdivision. In the event of any question concerning the interpretation of Parking and Storage of Personal Property provisions in this Declaration, the interpretation of the Declarant shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. Declarant shall have sole authority to approve appropriate screening for personal property stored on Lots within the Subdivision.

Notwithstanding, for so long as Declarant shall own any Lot within the Association, Declarant shall have sole authority to approve appropriate screening for personal property stored on Lots within the Association; no approval from the Architectural Committee, as set forth in Article VI herein, shall be required for so long as Declarant owns any Lot within the Association.

Upon Declarant's sale of the last Lot it owns within the Association, all screening of personal property will be required to obtain approval from the Architectural Committee as set forth in Article VI above and the Architectural Control Committee reserves the right to deny any application for such screening of personal property despite approvals that may have been given by Declarant for other properties within the Association.

SECTION 9. RESUBDIVISION OF LOT, STREETS, FENCES, WALLS AND SIGNS. No lot shall be subdivided into a lot smaller than or different from the Lot shown on the recorded plat, except with the written consent of Declarant. No street shall be laid out or opened across or through any Lot.

SECTION 10. MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, ETC. No mobile

home, manufactured home, modular home, trailer, or other like structure shall be located or installed on any Lot. As used in this Section 10, mobile home, manufactured home or modular home shall mean a structure, assembled in whole or in part in a location other than on the Lot itself, transportable in one or more sections, any section of which, during transport, is four (4) feet or more in width and ten (10) feet or more in length, (other than floor joists and roof trusses) which may or may not be built on a permanent chassis and which is designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities.

<u>SECTION 11. RULES AND REGULATIONS.</u> The Board of Directors of the Association may, from time to time, adopt reasonable Rules and Regulations to govern the use and conduct upon the Lots within the Properties.

SECTION 12. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS. All holiday decorations shall be put up no sooner than thirty (30) days prior to the holiday and must be taken down within fifteen (15) days after the holiday. Notwithstanding, holiday lights and decorations celebrating the winter holidays in December and January may be put up forty-five (45) days prior to the holiday and must be taken down within fifteen (15) days after the holiday.

SECTION 13. SIGNS. Political signs are prohibited from being displayed earlier than forty-five (45) days before the day of an election and later than seven days after an election, and are limited to one (1) sign with a maximum size of twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four (24) inches. For the purposes of this section, "political sign" means a sign that attempts to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing an issue on the election ballot.

No sign(s) may be placed in the yard of any home except for real estate "For Sale" signs and "For lease" signs (no larger than thirty-six (36) inches by thirty-six (36) inches), political signs as defined above, and address notification signs. Signs for yard sales or other functions (i.e. a birthday party, open house, etc.) to direct persons to particular home are allowed provided they are not left up for more than forty-eight (48) hours from time of placement. In no instance can any sign at Cobb Farm Subdivision be derogatory, negative, or vulgar in any fashion, way or situation. Declarant reserves the right to place signs in Cobb Farm Subdivision for sales and development purposes regardless of the size of sign. In addition, Declarant reserves the right to allow and direct other builders, developers, and real estate firms to place signs in Cobb Farm Subdivision at their discretion. Declarant reserves the right of sign placement until the development is one-hundred (100) percent complete and built out regardless of the time frame or at the time the Association Board of Directors is turned over to the membership, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 14. CLOTHESLINE. No clothesline shall be permitted on any Lot within the Subdivision except when located behind the structure and is not visible from the frontage road.

SECTION 15. TRASH CANS. Trash cans must be located as to not be visible from any road within the subdivision. Trash cans shall be placed at the curb no earlier than twenty-four (24) hours prior to garbage pickup and shall be left at the curb no longer than twenty-four (24) hours after trash pickup.

SECTION 16. FUEL STORAGE TANKS. All fuel storage tanks in excess of eighty (80) gallons must be placed underground, save and except, one small exchangeable propane tank to fuel residential size cooking grills are permitted.

ARTICLE IX STREETS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

SECTION 1. CONSTRUCTION All streets in this development will be constructed as public streets, meeting the standards of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for subdivision streets. The Declarant will dedicate right-of-way for the public streets as shown on the recorded map referred to above having a width of at least sixty (60) feet.

SECTION 2. NCDOT ACCEPTANCE

The streets may be accepted by NCDOT for addition to the state highway system as state maintained roads upon petition by affected lot owners pursuant to the then current regulations of NCDOT. Reference is made to the regulations of the NCDOT for a more complete discussion of procedures regulating the admission of streets to the state system. Following such a petition, the streets will be reinspected by the NCDOT to insure that they continue to meet all state standards, including condition of right-of-way and drainage ditches and swales, failing which the streets may not be admitted to the state system.

Declarant hereby reserves authority to submit application to NCDOT for addition to the state maintenance system any or all of the streets in the subdivision.

SECTION 3. LOT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY Until a street is added to the state maintenance system and in the event a street is not added to the state system, the street maintenance shall be the responsibility of the lot owners or the Association. Each lot owner shall pay a proportionate share of road maintenance expense based on the number of dwelling houses served by said street. THE OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN THE STREET SHALL BE APPURTENANT TO AND RUN WITH THE OWNERSHIP OF A LOT, AND MAY BE ASSUMED BY THE ASSOCIATION WITH THE MAINTENANCE COST COLLECTED AS ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THESE COVENANTS.

<u>SECTION 4. ENCROACHMENTS</u> Nothing, including but not limited to walls, fences, gates, timbers, trees or plants, shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain in any portion of the street right-of-way or related sight or drainage easements as shown on the recorded map of this development. No drainage ditch or swale shall be filled, tiles or altered in any way except in accordance with the standards of the NCDOT.

SECTION 5. DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE Each lot owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of the lot's driveway connection and any drainage ditch or swale pursuant to NCDOT and NC Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources (NCDEHNR) standards. Prior to any construction, the driveway connection must be installed. All driveway connections shall be installed using reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) or other NCDOT approved

pipe for this purpose. At the time of petition of the street for State maintenance, if required by NCDOT, each lot owner is responsible for the driveway connection, any drainage ditch and or swale being returned to NCDOT standards if it has been altered by the lot owner or damaged by any construction on the lot. Each respective lot owner agrees to indemnify and save Declarant harmless from any loss or damage arising from the lot owner's failure to keep the lot driveway connection, drainage ditch and swales in conformity with NCDOT and NCDEHNR regulations, and in addition, from any loss or damage to the existing street caused by heavy equipment in connection with construction on a lot. The intent of this provision is for no action by the lot owner arising from any grading or construction on the lot, or erection of structures or mailboxes not in accordance with NCDOT or NCDEHNR standards, to be a bar to acceptance of the street for State maintenance. THESE STANDARDS MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE LEVY OF FINES AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE X EASEMENTS

SECTION 1 UTILITIES. Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities (including but not limited to street lighting) and drainage facilities are reserved as indicated on the Plat. In addition, Declarant reserves an additional easement and right-of-way for installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities over the rear ten (10) feet of any Lot and over each side ten (10) feet of any Lot. Within these easements no structures, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, or which may change the direction of flow of drainage channels in the drainage easements, or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements. An easement is hereby established for the benefit of Rockingham County (and any other person or firm providing services to the Properties under agreement with or at the direction of the Association) over all Lots as may be reasonably necessary for the setting, removal and reading of water meters, and the maintenance and replacement of water, sewer and drainage facilities and for the fighting of fires and collection of garbage.

ARTICLE XI RIGHTS RESERVED UNTO INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS

SECTION 1. ENTITIES CONSTITUTING INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS.

"Institutional Lender" as the term used herein shall mean and refer to banks, savings and loan associations, insurance companies or other firms or entities customarily affording loans secured by first liens on residences, and eligible insurers and governmental guarantors.

SECTION 2. OBLIGATION OF ASSOCIATION TO INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS. So long as any Institutional Lender shall hold any first lien upon any Lot, or shall be the Owner of any Lot, such Institutional Lender shall have the following rights:

(a) To inspect the books and records of the Association during normal business hours

and to be furnished with at least one (1) copy of the annual financial statement and report of the Association prepared by the Board of Directors of the Association, such financial statement or report to be furnished by April 15th of each calendar year.

- (b) To be given notice by the Association of the call of any meeting of the membership to be held for the purpose of considering any proposed amendment to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions or the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Association or of any proposed abandonment or termination of the Association or the effectuation of any decision to terminate professional management of the Association and assume self-management by the Association.
- (c) To be notified of any lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association.
- (d) To be given notice of any delinquency in the payment of any assessment or charge (which delinquency remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days by any Owner owning a Lot encumbered by a mortgage held by the Institutional Lender, such notice to be given in writing and to be sent to the principal office of such Institutional Lender, or to the place which it may designate in writing).

SECTION 3. REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL LENDER. Whenever any Institutional Lender desires to avail itself of the provisions of this Article, it shall furnish written notice thereof to the Association by CERTIFIED MAIL at the address shown in the Articles of Incorporation identifying the Lot or Lots upon which any such Institutional Lender holds any first lien or identifying any Lot or Lots owned by such Institutional Lender and such notice shall designate the place to which notices, reports or information are to be given by the Association to such Institutional Lender.

ARTICLE XII GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. ENFORCEMENT. The Declarant shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, Bylaws, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association. Failure by the Declarant 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. The Declarant or any Owner shall have the right to request that law enforcement, public safety and animal control officers come on the properties to facilitate the enforcement of the laws, codes and ordinances of any governmental authority. By way of illustration, and not limitation, the Declarant shall have authority to impose reasonable fines not in excess of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars per day for violations of the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. Any and all costs incurred, including reasonable attorney fees and costs, as a result of the Association's efforts to enforce this Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations shall be assessed against the owner and the owner(s) lots(s) that caused the fees and costs to be incurred. Said assessments may be

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SECTION 7. NORTH CAROLINA PLANNED COMMUNITY ACT (PCA). The provisions of the PCA (North Carolina General Statutes § 47F) are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 8. ASSIGNMENT OF DECLARANT RIGHTS. Declarant may assign its Declarant Rights. Any such assignment shall be in writing and recorded with the Rockingham County Register of Deeds.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its President as of the day and year first above-written.

CF Farm, LLC BY: NAME:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that Tony G. Johnson, Managing Member of CF Farm, LLC, Declarant, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing document on behalf of the company and for the purposes stated therein.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this the $\frac{11}{11}$ day of $\frac{100}{11}$, $\frac{2022}{11}$.

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Being all of that property as shown on the plat entitled Final Plat For Cobb Farm Subdivision Phase 2 and recorded in Plat Book <u>93</u>, Page <u>20</u> in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County.