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DECLARATION

OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
TREETOPS SUBDIVISION, SECTION II

THIS DECLARATION, made on the 30th day of September 1981, by PREFERRED PROPERTIES OF GREENVILLE, INC., a North Carolina Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain land in or near the City of Greenville, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southern rightof-way line at SR 1708 (White Road); said point
being the northwest corner of the McDonald Carr
property and further referenced as being N 87°
12' E 785.40 ft. and N 81° 17' E 179.59 ft. from
the centerline intersection of SR 1708 with SR
1700; thence from the beginning and with the
western line of the Carr property S 28° 40' 11"
E 277.87 ft. to a corner; thence with the southern line of the Carr property N 66° 01' 18" E
141.0 ft.; thence leaving the Carr property and
running N 17° 23' 11" E 50.0 ft.; thence S 33°
42' E 285.0 ft.; thence S 04° 30' E 100.0 ft.;
thence S 56° 18' W 208.37 ft. to the eastern
right-of-way line of Winding Branches Drive;
thence with the curved right-of-way line of
Winding Branches Drive as described by a chord
N 4° 41' 33" W 170.37 ft. to the point of
curvature of the curve thence crossing Winding
Branches Drive S 34° 48' W 60.0 ft.; thence with
the curved western right-of-way line of Winding
Branches Drive as described by a chord S 42° 12'
E 266.34 ft. to the point of tangency of the
curve; thence S 29° 12' E 126.20 ft. to a point
in the northern line of the Frizzell Farm; thence
with the Frizzell line S 62° 22' W 441.38 ft.;
thence leaving the Frizzell line N 12° 23' 59"
W 207.22 ft.; thence N 13° 15' 17" W 143.49 ft.;
thence N 34° 39' 26" W 166.62 ft.; thence N 37°
59' 17" W 299.64 ft.; thence N 15° 05' 54" W .
294.12 ft. to the southern right-of-way line of
SR 1708; thence with the right-of-way of SR 1708
N 83° 52' 57" E 239.19 ft.; thence N 79° 46' 26"
E 60.12 ft.; thence N 76° 40' 14" E 148.86 ft.
to the point of beginning and containing approximately 11.6 acres.

WHEREAS, Declarant proposed to develop said land into a Cluster Home project consisting of lots for sale and appurtenant common areas and therefore desires to subject said land to this Declaration:

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the land described above, except as excluded hereinafter, 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, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Treetops Community Services Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "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, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be subjected to this Declaration and brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the owners. The Common Area to be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first lot consists of all land shown on the recorded map referred to above except the areas designated as residential lots (by number) and garage lots (by the letter "G" and a number) thereon.

Section 5. "Residential Lot" shall mean and refer to any lot designated solely by number on the recorded subdivision map of the Properties referred to above or any subsequently recorded subdivision map of the Properties referring to this Declaration as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 6. "Garage Lot" shall mean and refer to any lot designated by the letter "G" and a number (for example, G-1, G-2, G-3) on the recorded subdivision map of the Properties referred to above or any subsequently recorded subdivision map of the Properties referring to this Declaration as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 7. "Lot" shall mean and refer to a residential lot as defined above. Such term does not include a garage lot.

Section 8. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to PREFERRED PROPERTIES OF GREENVILLE, INC., its successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 9. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

Section 10. "Office Complex Lot" shall mean and refer to all of Lot 1, Block "A" as shown on the plat of Treetops Subdivision, Section II, prepared by Rivers & Associates, Inc., C. E. dated April 1, 1981, and recorded in Map Book 29, page 111-111A and is not to be included within these declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area 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 charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any

recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;

- (b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities by an owner for any period during which any assessment against his lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;
- (c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been recorded; provided, however, that no membership vote shall be required with respect to easements granted by the Association pursuant to Article X hereof.
- (d) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of members;
- (e) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities and in aid thereof to mortgage said property, and the rights of such mortgagee in said properties shall be subordinate to the rights of the homeowners hereunder;
- (f) the right of the individual members to the exclusive use of parking spaces as provided in this Article.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

Section 3. Title to the Common Area. The Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its successors or

assigns, that prior to the conveyance of the first Lot, it will convey fee simple title to the Common Area to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens except utility easements and the easements, restrictions. covenants and conditions set forth herein. Further, if ad valorem taxes for the current year have been separately assessed against the Common Area, the same shall be prorated between Declarant and the Association as of the transfer date; otherwise such taxes shall be paid by Declarant.

Section 4. Parking Rights. Ownership of each Lot shall entitle the owner or owners thereof to the use of automobile parking spaces, which shall be as near and convenient to said Lot as is reasonably possible, together with the right of ingress and egress to and from said parking areas, as provided herein.

The Association shall permanently assign parking spaces to provide two parking spaces for each dwelling; provided, however, that ownership of a Garage Lot shall be treated as an assignment of one parking space for purposes of this provision. The assigned parking space or spaces shall be as near the dwelling to which it is assigned as is reasonably possible. The remaining parking spaces shall be unassigned, but the Association may adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding use of the same.

The Association may regulate the parking of boats, trailers and other such items on the Common Area.

No boats or trailers shall be parked within the right of way of any street or driveway serving more than one Lot.

Section 5. TV Antennas and Piped-In Music. The Association may provide one or more central television antennas or contract with a cable T. V. company, for the convenience of the members and may supply piped-in music and the cost of these may be included in annual or special assessments. The Association may regulate or prohibit the erection of television antennas on individual lots.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment 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 assessment.

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

Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to one 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 they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B Member(s) shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

standing in Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in Class B membership, but provided that the Class B membership shall be reinstated if thereafter, and before the time stated in Subparagraph (b) below, additional lands are annexed to the Properties pursuant to Article VII, Section 2, below, and as the result of such annexation, the Declarant, and its successors and assigns, own more than one-fourth (1/4) of the total Lots subject to this Declaration.

(b) on December 31, 1992.
ARTICLE IV

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of 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: (1) annual assessments or charges, (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided, and (3) to the appropriate governmental taxing authority, a pro rata share of ad valorem taxes levied against the Common Area and a pro rata share of assessments for public improvements to the Common Area if the Association shall default in the payment thereof for a period of six (6) months, all as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge and 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 assessment shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Properties, to maintain, improve and operate the Common Area, to maintain and improve the Lots (including Garage Lots) and improvements thereon as provided for in Article VIII entitled "Exterior Maintenance" and to administer the Association's affairs, such uses to include (but not be limited to) the cost of repairs, replacements and additions to the Common Area including the

maintenance and paving of all parking areas and the paving and repairing of all streets and storm drainage systems, Lots (including Garage Lots) and improvements situated thereon, the cost of labor, equipment and materials related to operation of the Common Area, the cost of management and supervision of the Association's affairs the payment of taxes assessed against the Common Area, the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the By-Laws, the employment of agents, attorneys, accountants, consultants and others to represent, advise or assist the Association when necessary, and such other needs as may arise.

Section 3. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until

January I of the year immediately following the conveyance
of the first Lot to an Owner, the annual assessment shall be
six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per Lot. Thereafter, such
assessment shall be established (and increased or decreased
from time to time) by the Board of Directors of the Association
in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Until Declarant's Class B membership in the Association ceases and is converted to Class A membership pursuant to Article III hereof, the annual assessment may be increased each year by not more than one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per Lot above the assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership, but the annual assessment may not be increased during any such year by more than one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per Lot unless such increase has been approved by a vote of a majority of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- (b) After Declarant's Class B membership in the Association ceases and is converted to Class A membership pursuant to Article III hereof, the annual assessment shall be established (and increased or decreased from time to

time) by the Board of Directors of the Association without a vote of the membership.

(c) If Declarant's Class B membership terminates, but is thereafter reinstated as provided in Article III hereof, then the limitation upon annual increases in such assessments without a vote of the membership shall likewise be reinstated.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including driveways, parking lots, streets, storm drainage, fixtures and personal property related thereto. If any such assessment exceeds three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per Lot, then such assessment shall have the assent of a majority of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose; otherwise, such assessment shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Association without a vote of the membership.

Section 5. Notice and Quorum for Any Action
Authorized Under Section 4. Written notice of any meeting
called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under
Section 4 of this Article shall be sent to all Members not
less than 10 days nor more than 50 days in advance of the
meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of
Members or of proxies entitled to cast fifty percent (50%)
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 50 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Assessment Rate. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots (except as provided in the last paragraph of Article VIII); provided, however, that so long as any Lot owned by Declarant is unoccupied as a residence, the amount of the assessment for each such Lot shall be ten percent (10%) of the regular assessment for other Lots. Assessments may be collected on a monthly basis.

Garage Lots shall not be separately assessed; rather the uniform assessment rate against residential lots as provided above shall be deemed to include assessments attributable to Garage Lots. The lien of any assessment against a Lot shall extend to the Garage Lot, if any, owned by the Owner of such Lot and used in conjunction with the use of such Lot.

Section 7. Loans From Declarant. If the funds available to the Association from annual assessments are not sufficient to defray reasonable expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to Section 2, Article IV hereof, then subject to the terms, conditions and limitations hereinafter set forth, Declarant shall lend sufficient additional funds to the Association to enable it to defray such expenses. Such obligation of Declarant, shall, however, be subject to the following terms, conditions and limitations.

- (a) Maximum Loan. Declarant's obligation hereunder shall be limited to loans which do not exceed amounts which Declarant would pay if the assessments against its unoccupied Lots were 100% of the regular assessments for other Lots and such obligation shall be further reduced to the extent Declarant has paid assessments against its unoccupied Lots in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the regular assessment for other Lots.
- (b) Existence of Obligation. Declarant's obligation to make such loans shall exist only while its Class B membership in the Association exists. Specifically, such obligation shall terminate when its Class B membership

terminates and shall be reinstated thereafter only for periods during which Declarant's Class B membership is reinstated.

- (c) <u>Type Loan</u>. Such loans shall be unsecured, shall bear interest at current rates, and shall be repaid as provided herein.
- (d) <u>Repayment</u>. Such loans may be partially or completely repaid from time to time when the Association possesses funds in excess of its reasonable needs.
- event become due and payable when Declarant's Class B membership in the Association terminates; provided, however, that if Declarant's Class B membership is reinstated within a one year period, then such maturity date may be extended (one or more times) until one full year has passed during which Declarant has not been a Class B. Member. On or before the due date, the Association shall use all funds available to it after payment of reasonable expenses incurred during such year to repay any then outstanding loans made to the Association by Declarant. If the funds available to the Association at that time are not sufficient to repay such loans in full, the Association shall secure such unpaid portion by a loan to it as provided for in the By-Laws of said Association and may pledge as security for said loan the assets of the Association.

Section 8: Date of Commencement of Annual
Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided
for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of
the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The
first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the
number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board
of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment
against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of
each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual

assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. 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, and if not, the amount due.

Section 9. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments:
Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 10. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages and Ad Valorem Taxes. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage (the term "mortgage" shall include a deed of trust) and ad valorem taxes. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to foreclosure of a first mortgage or foreclosure of a tax lien or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 11. Exempt Property. All properties dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or nonprofit 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.

ARTICLE V

PARTY WALLS

Section 1. General Rules of Law to Apply.

Each wall which is built as a part of the original construction of the homes and garages upon the Properties and placed on the dividing line between the Lots (or Garage Lots) and all reconstruction or extensions of such walls shall constitute party walls, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls, lateral support in below-ground construction and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

Section 2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance.

The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.

Section 3. Destruction by Fire or Other

Casualty. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire
or other casualty, any Owner who has used the wall may restore
it, and if the other Owners thereafter make use of the
wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration
thereof in proportion to such use without prejudice, however,
to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution
from the others under any rule of law regarding liability
for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

Section 4. The owner of any Lot may construct, reconstruct or extend a party wall in any direction (subject to and within the limitations of architectural control and other limitations of these Covenants) with the right to go upon the adjoining Lot to the extent reasonably necessary to perform such construction. Such construction shall be done expeditiously. Upon completion of such construction, such owner shall restore the adjoining Lot to as near the same condition which prevailed on it before the commencement of such construction as is reasonably practicable.

Section 5. Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, an Owner who by his negligent or willful act causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.

Section 6. Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

Section 7. Certification by Adjoining Property
Owner That No Contribution is Due. If any Owner desires
to sell his property, he may, in order to assure a
prospective purchaser that no adjoining property owner
has a right of contribution as provided in this Article
V, request of the adjoining property owner or property
owners a certificate that no right of contribution exists,
whereupon it shall be the duty of each adjoining property
owner to make such certification immediately upon request
and without charge; provided, however, that where the
adjoining property owner claims a right of contribution,
the certification shall contain a recital of the amount
claimed.

Section 8. Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Article, each party shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator, and the decision shall be by a majority of all the arbitrators.

ARTICLE VI

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, heights, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said Board, or its designated committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with; provided, that all structures shall be constructed within the building set back lines as shown on the recorded plat.

ARTICLE VII

ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

Section 1. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, annexation of additional property shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership, if any, at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting. The presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. In the event that two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A membership or two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership are not present in person or by proxy, members not present may give their written assent to the action taken thereat.

Section 2. Declarant plans to develop additional land within the boundaries of the 32.6 acre tract (more or less) particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto. Declarant, therefore, reserves the right at any time prior to December 31, 1992, that Declarant determines to take the action so contemplated, to submit portions of such additional

land, all easements, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all articles of personal property existing for the common use of the Lot owners to the provisions of this Declaration from time to time. In such event, Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its successors or assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to the Common Area constituting a portion of the additional land submitted to this Declaration to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens except utility easements and ad valorem taxes for the year of transfer which shall be prorated to the transfer date if separately assessed (otherwise such taxes shall be paid by Declarant), prior to the conveyance of the first Lot located in such additional land and that such additional land will be contiguous to land already subjected to this Declaration. Further, Declarant expressly agrees that there will not be constructed on the entire property (including the additional land) such units as would not be architectually compatible with any homes or dwelling units previously constructed on the Property. The submission of such additional land to the provisions of this Declaration may be accomplished by an amendment to this Declaration executed by Declarant with the same formalities as this instrument. Such amendment must refer to the volume and page in which this instrument is recorded and must describe the additional land being submitted to this Declaration and the portions thereof being designated as Common Area. Such amendment shall become effective upon the recordation of same. Thereafter, upon conveyance of the Common Area located in such additional land to the Association, the owners of the Lots situated therein shall become members of the Association in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

The Declarant reserves the right to submit such additional land to this Declaration in accordance with the foregoing provisions without the consent of the Association, its members or Lot Owners.

ARTICLE VIII

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

In the event an owner of any Lot in the Properties shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the Association, after approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said parcel and to repair, maintain, and restore the Lot and the exterior of the buildings and any other improvements erected thereon. The cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

Further, the owner of any Lot may elect to maintain the area within any private patio wall (such walls have two sides) at the rear of his Lot provided such area is maintained in a nest and orderly manner compatible with general maintenance of the Common Area. Further, the owner of any Lot may at his election plant trees, shrubs, flowers and grass in his rear yard and may also maintain portions or all of his rear yard provided that such maintenance by the owner does not hinder the Association in performing its maintenance of the Common Area and the remaining yard"spaces. No such maintenance by a Lot owner shall reduce the assessment payable by him to the Association. If, in the opinion of the Association any such owner fails to maintain his rear yard or patio area in . a neat and orderly manner, the Association may revoke the owner's maintenance rights for a period not to exceed one year. The Owner shall not plant any vegetation in the front yard except with the prior written approval of the Association.

In the event that the need for maintenance or repair is caused through the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his family, or guests, or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such lot is subject.

ARTICLE IX

USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to formulate, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the yard space of each Lot and the Common Areas.

Section 2. Use of Properties. No portion of the Properties (except for temporary office of the Declarant and/or model houses used by Declarant) shall be used except for residential purposes and for purposes incidental or accessory thereto.

Section 3. Quiet Enjoyment. No obnoxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon the Properties, nor shall anything be done which may be or may become a nuisance or annoyance to the neighborhood.

Section 4. 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 provided further that the Association may make reasonable rules and regulations regarding such household pets.

Section 5. Dwelling Specifications. No dwelling shall be constructed or permitted to remain on any Lot having an area of the main structure, exclusive of open porches and decks, of less than 1,000 square feet for a one-story dwelling nor less than 1,200 square feet for a dwelling of more than one-story.

Section 6. Declarant has constructed, or may construct, dwellings on the Lots which, in many instances,

have, or may have, patios, decks, or similar areas designed to serve a particular dwelling or Lot, and in some instances, such areas are or may be enclosed on two sides by privacy walls or fences which extend beyond the boundaries of the particular Lot being served thereby and are located on portions of the Common Area adjacent or convenient to the owner's Lot. In such instances, the Lot owner shall be entitled to the exclusive use of such area (subject to the Association's right to enter upon the same to provide maintenance services), whether or not included within his Lot. In addition, the Lot owner shall have the right to repair or reconstruct any such privacy walls or fences at their original locations. If a Lot owner desires to construct additional such fences or to relocate such fences, the written consent of the Association shall be required.

Section 7. Declarant has constructed or may construct storage sheds to serve particular Lots which, in some instances, are located on Common Area adjacent or convenient to such Lots. The owners of such Lots are hereby granted the right to use such storage sheds as located by Declarant, subject, however, to the right of the Association to require that the same be relocated on the owners' Lots if such use interferes with the use of the Common Area by other Lot owners.

ARTICLE X

EASEMENTS.

All of the Properties, including Lots, Garage Lots and Common Areas, shall be subject to such easements for streets, roadways, driveways, walkways, parking areas, water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage facilities, gas lines, telephone and electric power line and other public utilities as shall be established by the Declarant or by his predecessors in title, prior to the subjecting of the Properties to this Declaration; and the Association: (upon the authority of its Board of Directors) shall have the power and authority to grant and establish upon, over, under and across the Common Areas

conveyed to it, such further easements as are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Properties.

all Lots and Garage Lots shall be subject to easements for the encroachment of initial improvements constructed on adjacent Lots (and Garage Lots) by the Declarant to the extent that such initial improvements actually encroach including, but not limited to, such items as overhanging eaves, gutters and downspouts and walls. Further, in some instances, exterior storage sheds have been constructed on and across the property line separating adjacent Lots with a view to having one storage shed (with separate compartments) serve the two adjacent Lots on which the same is situated, and the Owners of such Lots shall have easements to use such storage sheds (subject to reasonable rules and regulations of the Association in the intended manner for as long as such sheds remain usable.

ARTICLE XI

GARAGE LOTS

Garage Lots are included within the Properties for the purpose of allowing the common owner of a Lot and a Garage Lot to store his motor vehicles and other items in the garage constructed on such Garage Lot, and ownership of a Garage Lot shall be deemed incidental or accessory to ownership of a Residential Lot. No Garage Lot shall be used as a dwelling or for any other purpose contrary to the intended use of same.

No Owner shall have the right to sell, encumber or otherwise transfer his Garage Lot separately from his Residential Lot unless such sale, encumbrance or other transfer is made to another Lot Owner.

ARTICLE XII

RESTORATION OF BUILDINGS

If any dwelling situated on a Lot or any garage situated on a Garage Lot is partially or completely destroyed, the Owner shall at his expense, restore, repair or rebuild the same in a manner substantially similar to the original construction thereon (or subject to the Association's architectual control,

rebuild a different structure thereon) or such Owner shall, at his expense, demolish the same and clean the Lot of debris and trash, leaving the same in a neat and orderly manner. If any Owner fails to clear his Lot as aforesaid with 30 days after notice from the Association, then the Association may clear such Lot and assess the cost thereof to the Owner, which assessment shall be collectible from the Owner or through foreclosure of the lien on his Lot.

ARTICLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended with the affirmative written consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each Class of members. Such amendment shall be executed by the Association, shall contain a certification by an officer of the Association that two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members have consented to such amendment in writing, shall refer to the volume and page in which this instrument (and any Supplemental Declaration) is recorded and shall become effective upon recordation. Provided, however, the foregoing provisions shall not apply to amendments hereto

executed by Declarant to annex additional land pursuant to Section 2 of Article VII hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant Corporation has caused this Declaration to be executed by its duly authorized officers with corporate seal affixed hereunto, all as of the day and year first above written.

PREFERRED PROPERTIES OF GREENVILLE, INC.

NORTH CAROLINA

PITT COUNTY.

Linky (. Dindin (Pinopi) ... a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Tommie L. Little personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Secretary of Preferred Properties of Greenville, Inc., a corporation, and that by authority duly given, and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its President, sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by him as its Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 2

___, 1981.

My commission expires: 12.9.1

EXHIBIT "A" OF LAND WHICH WILL POSSIBLY BE SUBJECT TO THESE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Beginning at a point in the southern rightof-way line of SR 1708 (White Road); said point
being the northwest corner of the McDonald Carr
property and further referenced as being N 87°
12' E 785.40 ft. and N 81° 17' E 179.59 ft. from
the centerline intersection of SR 1708 with SR
1700; thence from the beginning and with the
western line of the Carr property S 28° 40' 11"
E 277.87 ft. to a corner; thence with the
southern line of the Carr property N 66° 01' 18"
E 141.0 ft.; thence leaving the Carr property
and running N 71° 26' E 249.70 ft.; thence N 14°
02' 30" W 252.26 ft. to the southern right-of-way
line of SR 1708; thence with the right-of-way
N 72° 09' E 770 ft. more or less to the center
at Fork Swamp Canal; thence with the centerline
of the Fork Swamp Canal S11° 59' E 490 ft. more
or less to a corner of H. T. Chapin, Jr., property; thence with the H. T. Chapin line S 69°
49' W 689.26 ft.; thence S 15° 28' W 175.25 ft.;
thence S 25° 36' 20" E 201.65 ft.; thence leaving
the H. T. Chapin property and running S 62° 22' W
1275 ft. more or less to a corner of the Coastal
Growers Nursery, Inc. property; thence with the
line of the Coastal Growers Nursery, Inc. property N 01° 43' 30" W 126.08 ft.; thence S 87°
01' 30" W 111.26 ft.; thence N 04° 14' 30" W
479.10 ft.; thence leaving the Coastal Growers
Nursery, Inc. property and running N 23° E 305
ft. more or less; thence N 15° 05' 54" W 294.12
ft. to the southern right-of-way line of SR
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NORTH CAROLINA
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SECOND AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS TREETOPS SUBDIVISION, SECTION II

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Treetops Community Services Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and having its principal office and place of business in Pitt County, North Carolina, does hereby covenant and agree to and with all other persons, firms and corporations, now owning or hereafter acquiring as owner, any lot or parcel of land in the area designated as Treetops Subdivision, Section II, which is located in Winterville Township, Pitt County, North Carolina and specifically described as follows:

As shown on Map Book 31 at Page 149 of the Pitt County Registry reference to which is directed for a more complete and accurate description; specifically EXCEPTED from these covenants is the property described in that certain deed from Treetops Community Services Association, Inc. to Preferred Properties of Greenville, Inc. and Little/Jones Development Company dated March 26, 1986 and recorded in the Pitt County Registry in Book 74 at Page 212;

that said real property is subject to the following AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS as to the use thereof, running with the land by whomsoever owned;

<u>WITNESSETH:</u>

Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 3 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Treetops Subdivision, Section II, as recorded at Book J50, Page 88 of the Pitt County Registry, said recorded Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 6. Assessment Rate. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots (except as provided in the last paragraph of Article VIII); provided, however, that so long as any Lot is unimproved, and for a term of six months after the commencement of construction of a residence on a previously unimproved Lot, the amount of the assessment for each such Lot shall be one twenty-eighth (1/28) of the fixed operating costs as budgeted at the beginning of each year. For purposes of this Article, fixed operating costs are defined as the costs associated with legal and accounting services, insurance, supplies, printing, postage and long-term major repairs of Treetops Community Services Association, Inc. Assessments may be collected on a monthly basis.

Garage Lots shall not be separately assessed; rather the uniform assessment rate against the residential Lots as provided above shall be deemed to include assessments attributable to Garage Lots. The lien of any assessment against a Lot shall extend to the Garage Lot, if any, owned by the Owner of such Lot and used in conjunction with the use of such Lot.

Section 9. Effect of Non-payment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessments not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his lot.

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EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

The Association, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, shall perform the following maintenance and repair to the exterior of the buildings located on the premises:

1. Repair and/or remove areas of wood rot on the

> structure including railings originally as configured;

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The cost of such maintenance and repair shall be added to and become a part of the assessments levied by the Association and shall be prorated among all Lot owners.

In addition to the foregoing, in the event any owner of any Lot in the Properties shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the Association, after approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said parcel and to repair, maintain, and restore the Lot and the exterior of the buildings and any other improvements erected thereon. The cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

Further, the owner of any Lot may elect to maintain the area within any private patio wall (such walls have two sides) at the rear of his Lot provided such area is maintained in a neat and orderly manner compatible with general maintenance of the Common Area. Further, the owner of any Lot may at his election plant trees, shrubs, flowers and grass in his rear yard and may also maintain portions or all of his rear yard provided that such maintenance by the owner does not hinder the Association in performing its maintenance of the Common Area and the remaining yard spaces. No such maintenance by a Lot owner shall reduce the assessment payable by him to the Association. If, in the opinion of the Association any such owner fails to maintain his rear yard or patio area in a neat and orderly manner, the Association may revoke the owner's maintenance rights for a period not to exceed one year. The Owner shall not plant any vegetation in the front yard except with the prior written approval of the Association.

In the event that the need for maintenance or repair is caused through the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his family, or guests, or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such lot is subject.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Treetops Community Association, Inc. has caused this instrument to be certified by its

TREETOPS COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY:

PRESIDENT

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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acknowledged that he Services Association Corporation, and that corporation, the fore	state, do hereby certify that one. personally appeared before me this day and she is the Secretary of Treaters.
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Notary(ies) Public is (are) certified to day of <u>Jelmany</u> 19	be correct. Filed for registration at 2:24 o'clock PM. this 3rd 92 ANNIE G. HOLDER, Register of Deeds By Assistant/Deputy Register of Deeds

NORTH CAROLINA
PITT COUNTY

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TREETOPS COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

PITT COUNTY

THIRD AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS TREETOPS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 11

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WITNESSETH:

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EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Each owner of any lot shall bear the responsibility for paying for all necessary exterior maintenance to such lot and residence, except that maintenance or replacement of the roofing and exterior painting shall be the responsibility of the Association. In order to facilitate payment for necessary exterior maintenance, a portion of the monthly dues paid by all Lot owners shall be placed in a special designated account from which funds will be available to cover all exterior maintenance needs. The Association shall keep

detailed records as to the amount of funds of each Lot owner deposited into this exterior maintenance account, and shall segregate such funds from all other moneys received by the Association.

Whenever maintenance to the exterior of a particular residence or lot is necessary, the Association shall arrange to have all such maintenance work done using funds paid by the owner of such residence or lot into the designated exterior maintenance account. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to pay any additional costs incurred in excess of the balance available for that property owner in the exterior maintenance account. The Association shall retain architectural control over all exterior maintenance and alterations of the residences within the community. All funds placed in the exterior maintenance account on behalf of each Lot owner shall be non-refundable when ownership of a Lot is transferred, and shall remain in such account so as to be available for future maintenance needs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Treetops Community Services Association, Inc. has caused this instrument to be certified by its President, as evidenced by his signature below, that two-thirds of each class of members have consented in writing to such Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Treetops Subdivision, Section II, as recorded in Book J50 at Page 88 of the Pitt County Registry and as amended in Book I-51 at page 691, Book 74 at Page 212, and Book 344 at page 192 of the Pitt County Registry; and has further caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its President and attested by its Secretary and its corporate seal affixed hereto this the // day of November, 1998.

DECEMBER

TREETOPS COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.

President (SEA)

ATTEST:

Secretary

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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