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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF
HICKORY CORNER SUBDIVISION**

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF
HICKORY CORNER SUBDIVISION, is made this 12th day of June, 2003, by Minor M.
Watts, Jr., ("the Declarant"), as the owner of all that certain tract of land originally containing
40.371 acres, more or less, situated in Gore District, Hampshire County, West Virginia,
and known as Hickory Corner Subdivision, as shown on plat ^{Book} 9 at page 269, and of
record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hampshire County, West
Virginia, in Map Book 9, at page 269, and is the same tract or parcel of real estate
conveyed unto Minor M. Watts, Jr., duly recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed
Book No. 415, at Page 448. The tract of land thus identified shall be referred to in this
declaration as "the Property".

NOW, Therefore, Declarant hereby declares that Lot Nos. 2 through 17, inclusive, shall
be subject to the Road Assessment described hereafter. All of the Property described above,
Lots 1-19, inclusive, shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following covenants,
conditions, restrictions and easements, which shall be covenants running with the Property and
every lot and parcel contained therein, whether or not specific reference is made to this
Declaration in any Deed or other instrument transferring or conveying any portion or all of
such property. These covenants shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest
in the described Property or any part hereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure
to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

Hickory Corner Subdivision is an unincorporated association organized under the
West Virginia Uniform Common Interest Ownership action (Sections 36B-1-101 et seq. of the
West Virginia Code) (the "Act") for the following purposes: (a) to administer the covenants,
conditions and restrictions of Hickory Corner Subdivision in such a manner as to conserve and
protect the value of all the Property; (b) to assess, collect and disburse the assessments
authorized by Article II of this Declaration; (c) to promote the peace, health, comfort, safety
and general welfare of its members; and to do all other things permitted to similar associations
by the Act.



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Every owner of a lot designated as such on the attached Plat(s) shall, upon accepting a deed to such lot, automatically become a member of Association by reason of which such ownership so long as he remains an owner of such lot. (One who owns an interest in a lot solely as security for the repayment of an obligation shall not be a member.) Members shall be personally liable, jointly and severally with all other owners of their lots, for complying with the provisions of this Declaration and the reasonable rules and regulations promulgated under it by the Executive Board of the Association, and for the payment of all assessments and charges imposed upon their lots during the period of their ownership. A member may not escape his membership responsibilities by non-use of the Association facilities or abandonment of a lot.

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Board consisting of not less than three members. The initial members of the Executive Board, consisting of one to three members, shall be appointed by Declarant, or their assigns. Except for the Executive Board members appointed by the Declarant, a majority of the Executive Board members must be owners of lots within the Property. The Executive Board shall elect officers of the Association, which shall include at least a president, secretary and treasurer. The initial executive Board shall adopt By-Laws for the Association prior to the conveyance for the first lot to an owner other than by the Declarant; such By-Laws may thereafter be amended by a majority vote of the owners of Lot Nos. 1 through 19, inclusive, at a meeting of owners called for that purpose, but during the period of Declarant control any By-Laws may not be amended without the Declarant's consent.

Subject to the provisions of Section 36B-3-103 of the Act, the Declarant shall, during any period of Declarant control, have the right to appoint or remove any officer of the Association, or any director of the Association appointed by it. Unless the Declarant voluntarily surrenders it sooner, the period of Declarant control shall terminate sixty (60) days, after the Declarant has conveyed seventy-five percent (75%) of the lots to owners other than the Declarant.

The owner(s) of each lot, designated as a lot on the attached plat, shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned in the election of the Executive Board members and on such other matters as may properly come before the membership. Voting shall be in accordance with



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Section 36B-3-110 of the Act.

The Executive Board of the Association shall have the powers necessary and appropriate for carrying out the purposes the Association except as may be specifically reserved by this Declaration to the members or to the Declarant.

ARTICLE II ASSESSMENTS

Each owner of each lot shown on the Plat agrees to pay, as his personal obligation, such assessments as are authorized by this Declaration and levied by the Executive Board. Every such assessment shall also be a continuing lien upon the lot against which the assessment is made. The sale of any lot pursuant to a foreclosure of a deed of trust on the lot (or deed in lieu of such foreclosure), shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such foreclosure sale or deed in lieu of foreclosure, but shall not extinguish the personal liability of the owner of such unpaid assessments which became due during his period of ownership. The lien provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first deed of trust, except for assessments which accrued prior to the date such deed of trust was recorded.

The Executive Board shall fix each year an annual assessment equally against each lot in an amount appropriate to and used exclusively to carry out the purposes of the Association described in Article 1, including the funding of reasonable reserved for construction, maintenance and repair of roadway, and the timely construction repair and replacement of capital improvements. The maximum annual assessment for each lot, until changed by vote of the membership as hereafter described, shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per lot, indexed automatically for inflation as provided in Section 36B-1-114 of the Act. The Executive Board may, prior to the Beginning of each year, set an annual assessment for such year which does not exceed this maximum, and if the Board should fail to fix an assessment for any year, the previous year's assessment shall apply. The maximum annual assessment may be modified or waived for one or more years with the approval of the Executive Board and a majority vote of the members, provided that during the period of Declarant control it may only be modified or waived with the unanimous consent of all owners.

The Executive Board may also levy a special assessment against some or all of the lots



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on the Property, applicable to not more than five years, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any acquisition or construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvement, including fixtures and personal property thereon, provided that such special assessment is approved by majority vote of the owners of those lots which would be subject to the proposed special assessment.

The Executive Board may also levy a maintenance assessment on any lot whose owner fails to maintain or restore the lot and improvements on it, as required by Article III of the Declaration. Such a maintenance assessment shall be limited to the amount necessary to meet the cost of the maintenance or restoration and other charges, if any, permitted under this Declaration, and may not be imposed until the Board has given the owner at least thirty days notice of its intention to undertake such maintenance or restoration and afforded the owner an opportunity to be heard by the Board on the matter.

The Association may charge the owner: a) a late fee on overdue assessments, not to exceed ten percent of the assessment; b) the costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, for collection of assessments and of enforcing any of the provisions of this declaration; and c) interest on overdue sums, up to the maximum rate permitted by law. Any such charges shall be added to and become a part of the lienable assessment of the lot, and they may be awarded by a court as part of its judgment in any proceeding in law or in equity.

PROVIDED THAT THE OWNERS OF LOTS 1, 18, and 19, AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT, SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANY ASSESSMENT FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR. The owners of Lots 1, 18, and 19 may be required to pay an assessment lawfully issued as set forth in these Declarations for other reasons as set forth by the Association except Road construction, maintenance, and repair.

ARTICLE III USE RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions shall apply to Lot Nos. 1 through 19 of the Property.

- a) No signs of any nature shall be erected on any lot, except for sale or rental signs, and for directional and informational signs of Declarant.
- b) No owners of any lot shall interfere with the natural drainage of surface water



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from such lot to the detriment of any other lot, consequently, in the construction of a driveway into any lot, a fifteen (15) inch in diameter culvert, or larger if necessary shall be used in constructing the driveway in order to prohibit blockage of natural drainage. No parking is permitted upon the right-of-way called Hickory Lane at any time.

- c) Any motor vehicle which does not have a current license plate or inspection sticker will not be permitted on lot longer than three (3) months after the expiration date. The use of any dirt bikes, 3 or 4 wheelers, motor cycles without current license or inspection stickers, all terrains vehicles, or other similar motorized conveyance within the subdivision is prohibited.
- d) No buildings of a temporary nature shall be erected or placed on any lot except those customarily erected in connection with building operations and in such cases, for a period not to exceed eight (8) months from the commencement of a construction. No building shall be erected closer than fifty (50) feet from the front property line, nor closer than fifteen (15) feet to the side or rear property lines, with the exception that where permitted and two or more lots are used together for the consideration of one dwelling, then said fifteen (15) feet setback shall apply only to the outside lines unless otherwise approved by the Declarant or its assigns.
- e) Not more than one single family residence shall be erected on a lot. The residence shall contain a minimum of one thousand (1,000) square feet of living are, excluding basement, garage, and porches.
- f) All residences shall be constructed with a 4 -12 roof pitch.
- g) No portion of any lot may be used as a roadway or a right-of-way to any property not included on the above reference plat, except this restriction shall not apply to roadways or right-of-ways to any land now owned or hereafter acquired by Declarant, as well as established easements for adjoining land owners.
- h) Each lot shall be used for residential purposes only, and any garage or out building must conform generally in appearance and material with the dwelling



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on said lot.

- i) No livestock may be grazed, raised or otherwise maintained within the subdivision. No poultry of any type may be raised or maintained within the subdivision. Household pets, such as dogs or cats are permitted, provided that no owners have more than a total of two (2) such animals per lot or household whichever is less. All dogs must be restrained within the owners lot so as to not trespass on other owners lots.
- j) No dwelling's less than twenty-four (24) feet are allowed.
- k) All dwellings must be placed upon a permanent masonry foundation. The owner shall maintain, repair and restore, as necessary, the exterior of any building or other improvements erected on any lot owned by him. All lots improved or unimproved must be maintained by the lot owner in a neat and orderly condition at all times. No garbage or trash shall be permitted to accumulate or remain on any lot.
- l) All dwellings placed on any lot must have septic systems and wells that comply with the regulations of Hampshire County Health Department. No free standing toilets are allowed in the subdivision except while the house is being built. All waste must be keep in sanitary containers. All trash, garbage, fuel storage tanks, garden equipment, supplies and stored raw materials must be kept out of the view of the public.
- m) The Declarant reserves unto himself and his assigns, the right to erect, maintain, operate, and replace telephone and electric light poles, conduits and related equipment an or sewer and water lines and the right to grant easement of right-of-ways thereof on, over and under a strip of land twenty (20) feet along both sides of the forty (40) foot right-of-ways and along all property lines not serving as a center line for right-of-ways, in addition to any other instrument duly recorded to run along the side of the forty (40) foot right-of-way known as HICKORY LANE. The right-of-ways shall be subject to the common usage of the Declarant, their heirs and assigns.
- n) Each lot owner shall have the right to ingress or egress from his lot over the



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right-of-ways and roadways as shown on the subdivision plat (attached).

- o) If any lot owner shall violate any of the covenants herein, it shall be lawful for any other person or persons owning any real estate situated in said subdivision to prosecute any proceedings at law or in equity against a person or persons violating or attempting to violate any such covenant, either to prevent him or them from so doing or to recover damages or other dues for such violation. The Board of Directors, upon a favorable 2/3 vote of it's members may act to enforce any violation of the covenant or other terms of these covenants. Failure to enforce any provision herein contain shall in no way be deemed a waiver of the right to do so hereafter.
- p) The association, by vote of 2/3 of it's members, may make additional rules, covenants, and restriction for the use of the property, which together with the above, may be enforced by fines, or other penalties. By-laws may be established by the association upon a 2/3 vote of the owners.
- q) All exterior construction must be completed and closed within nine (9) months of the commencement of the construction. No building of a temporary nature shall be erected or placed on any of said lots except those customarily erected in connection with building construction operations, and in such cases for a period not to exceed six (6) months.
- r) As part of the development of any lot, the owner shall provide adequate off-street parking for himself and his guests.
- s) All rights of way as shown on the plat of the property shall be maintained as private roads by the Association. At such time as a majority of the lot owners shall request that the State assume control of said right of way in the subdivision, and the State agrees to accept the road, each lot owner shall execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish dedication of the roads to the State. This paragraph shall not be interpreted, however, as implying any obligation on the part of the Declarant to make any changes or improvements in the road, other than as required for approval of the subdivision plan.
- t) Any damage done to a roadway by an owner, or the family member, guest, or



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invitee of an owner, shall be the responsibility of such owner to repair. If an owner fails to make any repair required of him under this section within thirty (30) days of written notice from the Association, then the Association may make such repairs as the agent of the owner and the costs of such repairs shall constitute a maintenance assessment against such owner's lot. Such assessment shall bear interest and be collectible as provided for in Article III paragraph (n) and/or Article II of this Declaration.

- u) Seventy-five (75%) percent of lot owners is required to change covenants.

ARTICLE IV DECLARATIONS REQUIRED UNDER ACT

In accordance with Section 36B-2-105 of the West Virginia Code (as amended), and other provisions of the West Virginia Common Interest Ownership Act, the party of the first part does hereby declare, in addition to other matters set forth in this declaration:

1. The name of this common interest community shall be Hickory Corner Subdivision and it is a "planned community" within the meaning of the aforesaid Act;
2. The community is located entirely in Hampshire County, West Virginia;
3. The real estate included in the community are set forth on the attached Plat;
4. Declarant reserves the right to develop this property, and to add any additional lots to Hickory Corner Subdivision.
5. The boundaries of each lot are shown on the attached Plat;
6. The Declarant reserves the following: "special Declarant rights" within the meaning of Section 36Bd-1-103(29) of the said Act; to maintain offices for sales if desired and a reasonable number of signs advertising the community until the last lot owned by the Declarant is sold and conveyed; to use easements through the Property for the purpose of making improvements within the community, until the last lot owned by Declarant is sold and conveyed; and to appoint or remove officers of the Executive Board members of Hickory Corner Subdivision Association, during the period and under the circumstances



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described in this Declaration;

7. The annual assessments for the common expenses of the community shall be levied equally against each lot, and each lot shall be entitled to one vote in the Hickory Corner Subdivision Association;
8. The restrictions on use of the lots shall be as set forth in this declaration. There are no restrictions on occupancy of the lots. There are no restrictions on alienation of the lots, nor on the amount for which lots may be sold;
9. Easements and rights of way not of record presently used by other users appurtenant to or included in the community are shown on the herein referenced plat;
10. The record data on easements and licenses appurtenant to or included in the community are shown on the herein referenced plat.

ARTICLE V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a) The association through its board of directors by 2/3 favorable votes of the owners attending an annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose or any individual owner, shall have the right to enforce by any proceedings, at law or inequity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Declarant or association or by any owner to enforce any provisions herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- b) The covenants, restrictions and other provisions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land. This Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by not less than ninety (90%) of the lot owners.
- c) Invalidation of any of the covenants, restrictions or other provisions of this Declaration by judgment or Court Order shall in no wise affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.



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- d) In construing this Declaration, the use of the gender or number shall imply the use of any other gender or number as the context may require; the requirement for a percentage approval by the lot owners of any amendment to the Declaration, the By-Laws or conduct any business of the Association must be approved by the percentage of lot owners required to approve any amendment to the Declaration, the By-Laws or any business of the Association, said vote of each lot owner may be in person, or by proxy if not present, at the meeting called for such purpose, as set forth in 36B-3-110 of the West Virginia Code (as amended).

The determination by any court that any provision of this deed is unenforceable, invalid or void shall not affect the enforceability or validity of any other provisions.

This Declaration shall be liberally construed in favor of the party seeking to enforce the provisions hereof to effectuate the purposes of protecting and enhancing the value, marketability and desirability of the Property. The Executive Board shall have the right to interpret all provisions of this Declaration so as to advance the said purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Hickory Corner Subdivision, to be executed this 3rd day of July, 2003.

HICKORY CORNER SUBDIVISION

BY: Minor M. Watts, Jr.
MINOR M. WATTS, JR.

BY: Robbin A. Watts
ROBBIN A. WATTS



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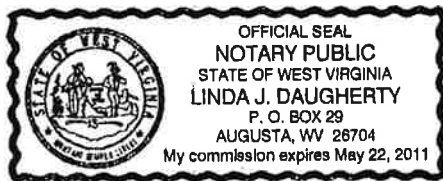
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, TO WIT:

I, Linda J. Daugherty, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and

State, do hereby certify that Minor M. Watts, Jr., and Robbin A. Watts, whose names are signed to the foregoing and annexed writing Bearing date of the 12th day of June, 2003, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my County and State.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of July, 2003.

My commission expires: May 22, 2011.



Linda J. Daugherty
NOTARY PUBLIC

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, Hampshire County Commission Clerk's Office 7/8/03 1:41 p.m.
The foregoing Instrument, together with the certificate of its acknowledgment, was this day presented in said office and admitted to record.

Teste Sharon H. Link Clerk.

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