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STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF GILMER,

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS

BUCKHORN

WHEREAS, Buckhorn, Inc. is the owner of Buckhorn, residential subdivision to be developed in Land Lots 195, 196, 197, 200, 201, 202, 203, 231, 232, 233, 236, 237, 238, 267 and 268, 10th District, 2nd Section, Gilmer County, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, for the benefit and protection of the future and present owners of said lots in said subdivision and for the establishment and maintenance of sound values for the lots in said subdivision, it is desired that certain restrictions be imposed on said lots in said subdivision and be made a matter of public record, and property conveyed in said subdivision subject to such restrictions.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, Buckhorn, Inc. imposes upon the said Buckhorn Subdivision the following restrictions and conditions, all of which shall be deemed covenants running with the land.

- 1. This declaration shall be applicable to those certain lots within the Buckhorn Subdivision located within the above Land Lots, District and Section of Gilmer County, Georgia, as depicted on plats of survey filed on record in said county bearing express reference subjecting same to the terms hereof, and effective as to the lots shown on all such plats as of the date of filing for record.
- 2. The lots shall be used for residential purposes only, and not more than one detached dwelling house shall be erected on any one lot. No dwelling house shall consist of less than 1050 square feet of finished, heated living space, exclusive of porches, carports, garages, patios, etc. Each house shall be built upon a permanent foundation.
- 3. No mobile homes, campers or any other recreational vehicles shall be located on any lot.
- 4. All dwelling units erected on lots or parcels of land restricted to residential purposes only shall be constructed in a good and work—manlike manner and shall be maintained at all times in a good state of repair. The exterior of all dwelling units shall be established and maintained in an attractive manner in keeping with the natural beauty and attractiveness of the subdivision area. Upon commencement of the construction of any residential dwelling or accessory building such construction shall be completed within twelve months from the commencement of such construction.
- 5. The establishment, maintenance and use of all lots or parcels of land within the subdivision with regard to the disposal of sewerage and effluent shall be done in strict compliance with currently existing State and County Health Regulations. In particular, no outside toilets shall be allowed on any lot in the subdivision, and no waste or effluent shall be permitted to enter any of the streams. Further, all sanitary arrangements must be inspected and approved by local or State Health Officers.

- 6. Each lot owner agrees to have the location of any well or septic tank first approved by the Gilmer County Health Department or any successor body of appropriate jurisdiction, prior to the construction of such facilities:
- 7. The erection of any permanent or temporary dwelling or appurtenant building thereto shall be placed at least thirty-five feet from the front and rear lines of the property, and at least ten feet from the sidelines of the property, and at least ten feet from the sidelines of any abutting property owner; provided, however, if a building set back line is shown on a recorded plat, the line so shown on the plat shall prevail over this declaration.
- 8. No animals or fowl shall be maintained or kept on any lot or parcel of land except household pets, which pets must be confined to the owners lot or parcel of land unless such pet is on leash-or under the direct supervision of said owner or his agent while in the subdivision area.
- 9. Buckhorn, Inc., for itself, its successors and assigns, reserves easements for the installation and maintenance of all utilities and drains, parallel to and ten feet from all rear lot lines and said Buckhorn, Inc., for itself, its successors and assigns, reserves the right of ingress and egress to such areas for the purpose of maintaining, installing and operating any of the above-mentioned installations.
- 10. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on, on any lot or parcel of land, nor shall anything be done thereon which shall be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
- 11. No parcel or lot of land shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or trash, garbage or other waste, including, but not limited to, junk vehicles of any sort and household waste; and said lots and parcels of land shall be kept clean and in a santiary condition.
- 12. No advertising activity of any kind shall be allowed on any parcel of land or lot, except one sign of no more than four feet square advertising the lot or parcel of land for sale or lease by the owner thereof, or such owner's agent.
- 13. Property owners in Buckhorn, by acceptance of a deed or entering into a contract for the purchase of property in said subdivision, covenant and agree to pay Buckhorn Property Owners Association, Inc., a non-profit Georgia corporation, annual membership dues and such special assessments that may hereafter be charged by said association in accordance with its Charter and By-Laws.

The annual membership dues shall be used by the association for such purposes which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors of the Association.

In the event that annual membership dues or special assessments are not paid when due, such amounts owed shall therefore bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of delinquency. Further, in the event it becomes necessary for the association to take any legal action to collect any delinquent payments, and any interest thereon, there shall be added to such payment amounts reasonable attorney's fees and all court costs incident thereto. All membership dues and payments payable to Buckhorn Property Owners Association, Inc., together with any interest or legal fees or costs incident thereo, if any, shall be a continuing lien upon said property.

The lien of the annual membership dues and assessments provided for harein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first Deed to Secure Debt now or hereafter placed upon any lot, and subject to said payment provided, however, that such subordination shall apply only to the dues and assessments which have become due and payable prior to a sale or transfer of such property pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding or in lieu of foreclosure. Such sale or transfer shall not relieve such property from liability for the lien of any dues or assessments thereafter becoming due, and any such subsequent dues and assessments.

14. These restrictions shall be considered as covenants running with the land, and shall be binding upon the purchaser of any lot or parcel of land in said subdivision, together with purchaser's heirs, assigns and successors.

15. Any invalidation of any of these covenants or restrictions shall in no way effect any of the provisions herein, and shall thereafter remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Buckhorn, Inc. has executed this instrument by its authorized officer, on this 1st day of June, 1983.

BUCKHORN, INC.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

BUCKHORN PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

HEADQUARTERS P.O. BOX 600 EAST ELLUAY, GEORGIA 30539

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PREFACE

Buckhorn Property Owners Association, Inc. has the responsibility to adopt and enforce rules and regulations by virtue of the establishment of the Association by the Covenants on each parcel of land and the by-lays of the established Association. Article Six of the by-laws state: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make, modify, repeal, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct, use, and enjoyment of Lots, the Common Area and the Area of Common Responsibility; provided, copies of all such rules and regulations shall be given to all Owners and Occupants.

The Rules and Regulations of the Association are binding on all Lot Owners as well as any quests, tenants, contractors or suppliers of the Lot Owners. The Lot Owner is responsible for advising any quests, tenants, contractors or suppliers of the rules including providing a copy of same as an attachment to any lease or construction agreements. Any actions taken as a result of violation of the Rules and Regulations such as fines will be levied against the Lot Owner. These Rules and Regulations are not intended to replace, nor are they in excess of, the established covenants and restrictions, which are common to each particular lot. It is the responsibility of each Lot Owner to know what the lot covenants and restrictions are and to adhere to them.

When writing a rule, the Board Rules Committee first determines if the rule is necessary by investigating and determining if there is a problem that is not covered by existing public laws or current Rules and Regulations of the Association. The Committee will evaluate any alternative solutions, and then conduct any research necessary by reviewing the governing documents. Draft rules will be presented to the Board of Directors in writing by the Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee and posted in the minutes. Upon approval of the addition or modification of any rule by the Board all Lot Owners shall be notified in writing by mall of the revisions. All final rules additions or modifications shall be in the Board minutes.

If the Board ever makes an exception to a rule for any Lot Owner, it will investigate and consider all facts, determine the violation's effect on the community, document the decision including why and how the decision was reached, state if the decision applies to all Lot Owners, and update the rule accordingly.

ARTICLE 1 - LOT REGULATIONS

Section 1. - Pets and Other Animals:

No animals or fowl shall be maintained or kept on any lot or parcel of land except household pets, which must be confined to the owner's lot or parcel unless such pet is on a leash or under direct supervision of said owner or his agent while in the subdivision. Persistent barking which creates a public nuisance constitutes a violation. Violations: 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$1000 fine. Thereafter, legal action.

Section 2. - Firearms, hunting and trapping:

Firearms shall not be discharged in the Buckhorn subdivision unless used for self-defense. No hunting or trapping of any kind is allowed within Buckhorn subdivision unless prior written approval is granted by the Board of Directors. **Violations:** 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$100 fine. Thereafter, referral to proper authority.

Section 3. - Solicitation of/by Lot Owners:

Solicitation of Lot Owners or employees, either on a door-to-door or personal basis by an organization or individual coming on the lot, shall be prohibited unless approved by the Board of Directors. Solicitation of sales or contributions by Lot Owners shall be prohibited in common areas. Solicitation of sales or contributions at a community gathering must be approved in advance by the BPOA Board of Directors. Solicitation by the Association shall not be subject to this rule.

Section 4. — Advertising:

No Lot Owner or real estate company directional signs displaying lots or house for sale are allowed on BPOA right of ways. However, the BPOA has standardized signs available for use at main intersections. Please call (706)636-3899 for more information.

No advertising activity of any kind shall be allowed on any parcel of land or lot, except one sign of no more than four square feet advertising the lot or parcel of land for sale or lease by the owner thereof, or such owner's agent. Violations: 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, removal of signs by any member of the Board of Directors. Thereafter, legal action.

Section 5. — Lot Usage:

All lots within the Buckhorn subdivision shall be used for residential purposes only. The leasing or rental of property for a period of less than six (6) months is not permitted and the advertising of such is prohibited. Violations: 1st offense, written warning. Thereafter, action deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. — Camping:

Camping is prohibited within Buckhorn Estates. **Violations:** 1st offense, written warning. Thereafter, \$100 fine per incident.

ARTICLE II LOT MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS

Section 1. - Lots, Yards, Grounds and Landscaping:

Lot Owners are responsible for keeping their lots in a natural and attractive condition. Improved lots shall be kept weeded, trimmed and free of erosion and debris. No parcel or lot of land shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or trash, garbage or other waste, including, but not limited to, junk vehicles of any sort and household waste. Said lots and parcels shall be kept clean and in sanitary condition. Violations: 1* offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$100 fine. Thereafter, action deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. - Septic System

In accordance with current Gilmer County and State of Georgia Official Environmental Health Regulations, building lot owners who have septic system in use are responsible for proper maintenance to ensure its correct operation. The Lot Owner is responsible for all costs incurred to ensure correct and proper maintenance. **Violations: Immediate referral to the proper authority.**

Section 3. ~ Driveway Connection and Culverts:

The BPOA reserves the right to determine the type, length, diameter and location of driveway connection and culverts to be installed in or adjacent to BPOA right-of-ways before they are installed. Driveway connection to BPOA roadway shall not intrude onto road surface. Storm water runoff from driveways shall be diverted away from BPOA roadway. Lot Owners are responsible to ensure that the proper size culvert is installed and that it functions properly. This means verification from a member of the Soil and Conservation or Health and Environmental Offices, or other public offices deemed with control and expertise in Gilmer County. Violations: Immediate referral to the State of Georgia Environmental Protections Agency.

Section 4. - Lot Identification:

During and after construction the E911 Identification number must be displayed on all improved lots at the main entrance to the property where it is visible to the main road. The E911/Gilmer County authority Issues this number.

Section 5. - Architectural Committee:

All architectural plans must be submitted to the Architectural Committee prior to any excavation pursuant to BPOA Bylaws. **BEFORE ANY GROUND BREAKTING BEGINS, YOU MUST CALL (706)636-3899.**

Section 6. - Erosion Prevention:

All Lot Owners must conform to all county soil and sanitation regulations with regard to the prevention of soil erosion due to the grading of any lot. **Violations: Immediate referral to the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Agency.**

Section 7. - Construction Permits:

A BPOA Construction Approval Permit must be obtained from the BPOA Architectural Review Committee through the BPOA office before any initial construction activity, ground disturbance, tree clearing or any modifications to the outside of existing structures begins. The BPOA Construction Approval Permit and a Gilmer County building permit must be posted at the lot entrance to the property and be visible from the roadway. In order to be validly issued, this permit must be in compliance with Article II, Sections #8, 9, 10, 11 as amended, must be shown and continued compliance with same bust be given.

For these purposed, construction activities include but are not limited to:

- *grading or disturbing land area of any type totaling more than 500 square feet
- *installing driveways and/or culverts
- *modifying or altering any existing improvements
- *placing any type of building materials, fencing, out building, pet pens or houses, and antennas over 25 feet high on a lot which are visible from the lot boundaries
- *erecting any structure or placing any prefabricated structures other than RV's as permitted Elsewhere in the Rules and Regulations, on the land
- *any other activity that requires a County Building Permit

Violations: 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$1000 fine. Thereafter, legal action.

Section 8. – Trash Receptacles on Construction Sites:

Trash receptacles must be placed on all approved construction sites, and the site must be kept neat and adjacent road free of debris. Violations: 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$100 fine. Thereafter, action deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. - Burning:

No outside burning is permitted in the subdivision. This rule applies before, during and after construction. **No burning is allowed by Lot Owners at any time.** The **ONLY** exception is during construction, a single fire contained in a burn barrel, fitted with an expanded metal screen cover on top is permitted. An attendant shall monitor the fire and shall extinguish it prior to leaving site. In addition to the foregoing, State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources associated rules and regulations shall be adhered to, and permit obtained when required. The content of the fire in this Section may be small limbs, scrubs, vegetation and/or non-plastic, non-toxic, wood and paper construction debris. Absolutely, no plastics, toxins nor any material emitting fumes or an odor shall be permitted. **Violations: 1**** **offense, written warning. 2***** **offense, \$1000 fine.**

Section 10. - Temporary Toilet Facilities:

Temporary commercial tollet facilities shall be provided on construction sites from the time of initial grading to the time that the Count Building Inspector approves permanent tollet facilities for use. **Violations: Immediate referral to Gilmer County Health Dept.**

Section 11. – Roadway Weight Limits:

The weight limit on BPOA roadway is 16,000 pounds for a single axie, 26,000 pounds for a dual axie truck. Concrete delivery shall be limited to seven yards per truck. BPOA roadways are private and use is by permit. **Violation of weight limitations may result in the revocation of access.**

Section 12. – Construction Completion:

All construction and landscaping must be completed within one (1) year after initial construction approval is granted by the BPOA. Violations: 1^{st} offense, written warning. 2^{n4} offense, action deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 13. - Lighting:

The use of lighting installed on utility poles on BPOA right of way is prohibited. The several existing lights are grandfathered in place as of the date of adoption of this rule but are subject to be shielded or removed if complaints by members of the Association cannot be resolved otherwise,

ARTICLE III VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. - Parking of Vehicles:

(A) Private Property:

Vehicles shall be parked only on driveways and parking areas. Arrangements for special parking must be obtained for special occasions from the BPOA in writing. **Violations:** 1st offense, written warning. **Thereafter, \$100 fine each occurrence.**

(B) Type of Vehicles:

Automobiles, vans, pick-up trucks, motorcycles, ATV's, and golf carts may be on the Lot Owners Property outside a garage provided that each shall display a current tag as may be required. Any other type of vehicle must be parked inside a closed garage. No habitation of any vehicle is permitted at any time. **Violations:** 1st offense, written warning. Thereafter, \$100 fine each occurrence.

Recreational vehicles are specifically prohibited by the Buckhorn Declaration of Restrictions and shall be defined as a vehicle portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel and recreational purposed and/or a boat or its trailer.

(C) Junk Vehicles:

No junk vehicles or stored vehicles shall be parked outside a closed garage in the subdivision. For purposed of this regulation, junk vehicles and stored vehicles are vehicles in any one or more of the following categories:

- 1. Not fully and readily operational (i.e. flat tires, no engine, etc.)
- 2. In various stages of repair more than thirty days.
- 3. Not currently licensed for operation on State or Federal highway and do not have current tags displayed.

Violations: 1st offense, written warning. Thereafter, \$100 fine each occurrence.

(D) Construction Equipment:

Construction related vehicles and equipment (bulldozers, loaders, dump trucks, etc.) associated with an active construction project shall be stored at or near the project provided they are not stored more than thirty (30) consecutive days on the lot, and are not on a roadway right-of-way overnight. Equipment with other than rubber tires will not be allowed to operate on BPOA roadways without pavement protection provided. Violations: 1st offense, written warning. Thereafter, \$1000 fine each occurrence. In addition, any damage caused to the roads by construction activity must be repaired at Lot Owner's expense.

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(E) Construction Parking on Roadway Right-Of-Way and in Parking Lots: Vehicles temporarily parked on roadway Rights-of-Way as a result of construction activity must not impede traffic, cause a safety hazard, damage the shoulder or damage shoulder plantings. The Lot Owner responsible for authorizing the vehicle to enter the subdivision shall be responsible for any damage. Violations: The Lot Owner will be subject to any vehicle towing expense for himself or the quest.

ARTICLE IV VEHICLE MOVING VIOLATIONS

Section 1. - Traffic Violations:

Any vehicle operator, and/or the Lot Owner responsible for admission of that operator shall operate that vehicle in a safe manner as required by any Georgia Motor Vehicle Stature. The speed limit of all BPOA roadways is 15 miles per hour. **Violations:** 1st offense, written warning. 2st offense, \$100 fine.

Section 1. - All Terrain and Other Off-Road Vehicles:

No ATV's, dirt bikes, go-carts or similar vehicles are allowed on or off any roads in Buckhorn Estates. Violations: 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$500 fine. Thereafter, legal action.

ARTICLE V USE OF COMMON PROPERTY

Section 1. - Use of Amenities:

The Common Property and amenities are available for use by all Lot Owners in good standing. The Lot Owner is responsible for the conduct of all family members and quests. Violations of the Rules and Regulations will subject the violator and/or the Lot Owner to assessments and/or suspension of the use of the amenities.

Page 5 of 7 ARTICLE VI WARNING NOTICES AND HEARINGS

Lot Owners are encouraged to solve problems first amongst themselves whenever possible. If a public county law is being violated, as in the case of criminal activity, slit run-off from disturbed land, unapproved burning, or failure to provide commercial tollet facilities on a construction site, the issue should be referred to the appropriate public authorities immediately,

Section 1. - Warning Notices:

Any Lot Owner witnessing a violation of the Association Rules and Regulations should contact a Member of the Board of Directors. The contacted Director should complete a violation form and submit it to the Board of Directors through the Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain a log of complaints submitted, actions taken and status of outstanding complaints.

Once the Board receives the notice of violation, the Secretary should send a notice form to the Lot Owner Identified as responsible for the violation. A first violation notice should include the specific rule that has been violated, a 10 day period in which to comply, a method for achieving compliance, any potential penalties, and a method in which the Lot Owner may contact a member of the Board of Directors in order to discuss the violations.

Section 2. - Hearings:

If after the 10 day time period the violation has not been resolved or the Lot Owner has falled to contact a member of the Board of Directors, the Issue shall be taken to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled or called Board meeting. The Lot Owner will be notified of this by certified mail and may attend to provide any additional information. The Lot Owner should be advised that the hearing would proceed in the Lot Owner's absence.

At this hearing, the Board should review the complaint and accept any input from the Lot Owner. After doing so, the Board should convene in executive session to determine what if any, action to take to enforce compliance,

After any discussion and upon reaching a consensus, the Board should exit executive session and entertain a motion for action to be taken on the issue. After a vote is taken, a notice of determination should be sent to the Lot Owner stating the outcome by certified mall. Fines and other actions taken by the Board of Directors shall be consistent with those defined in the Rules and Regulations.

Each case shall be judged on its individual merits, and any previous enforcement of the same or similar violations shall not be binding upon the Board in its decision. Any prior Board decision shall not be considered a new rule unless it is agreed to in the normal process of motion, vote, and documentation,

Section 3. - Fines:

Fines not paid within thirty (30) days after notification of the amount due shall accrue interest at a rate of 10% per annum. Unpaid fines will result in liens against the lot, and liens may be foreclosed at the discretion of the BPOA Board of Directors.

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Section 1. - Adoption of Rules:

The Board of Directors of BPOA shall adopt rules as deemed appropriate by which the operations of the Association shall be conducted and the relationships of the Association with Lot Owners and other persons and groups shall be maintained.

Any Lot Owner of the Association as well as members of the Board of Directors may propose a rule alteration, addition or deletion. Recommendations for rule changes shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Board of Directors. If the rule proposal is considered to be an appropriate course of action for the Association after preliminary consideration, the rule shall be prepared in the format appropriate for the Board Policy Manual and submitted to the Board for a Public Reading during the Public Session of the Board Meeting.

Adoption by the Board of Directors of a new or revised rule officially repeals all other rules and Executive Memorandums or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the most recently adopted rule.

It is the intent of the BPOA that the herein Rules and Regulations, as amended, shall be held constitutionally viable and valid, hence, it is the intent of the BPOA that if any Article, Section, or portion of this document should at any time in the future become, or be held, vague, ambiguous, unconscionable or unconstitutional, same portion shall be considered, sectionalized, and compartmented from the rest of this document, in such manner that any such diverse holding shall have no adverse affect upon other Articles, Sections or portions herein setout above.

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