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***DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS***

***GATES OF THE RIVER SUBDIVISION***

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GATES OF THE RIVER SUBDIVISION**

THIS DECLARATION is made, published and declared this 21 day of oct, 2005, by Seneca Land Corporation (The "Declarant").

WHEREAS, the Declarant is the fee simple owner of a certain tract of real property in Meigs County, Tennessee, which is more particularly described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Declarant has caused to be prepared a plan for the subdivision of said real property shown on Exhibit "A" into residential lots, said subdivision to be known as Gates of the River, and has caused a subdivision plat of the said real property to be filed of record in Plat Cabinet 260, Slide Side B, in the Register's Office of Meigs County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit, interest and advantage of the Declarant, and each and every person or other entity which may hereafter acquire any interest in any of the aforescribed real property described in Exhibit "A" that certain covenants, restrictions, easements, assessments and liens governing and regulating the use and occupancy of all of the same be established, fixed, set forth and declared as covenants running with the land;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the Declarant does hereby publish and declare (1) that all, and each and every part of, said real property shown in Exhibit "A" is held and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied, improved and otherwise held and used subject to (a) the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, uses, limitations and obligations and (b) all easements, conditions, restrictions, etc., as set out in the Subdivision Plat previously mentioned, all of which are hereby declared and agreed to be in furtherance of a plan for the development and improvement of said real property, (2) that said covenants, conditions, restrictions, uses, limitations and obligations shall run with the land and shall be a burden and a benefit to the land and to the Declarant, its successors and assigns, the Association and any person or legal entity acquiring or owning any interest in any portion of said real property or any improvements thereon, and their grantees,

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SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS.

## **ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The following words, when used in this Declaration, shall have the following meanings:

**Section 1.** "Association" shall mean and refer to Gates of the River Community Association, Inc., a non-profit, non-stock corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, its successors and assigns. The Association's Charter and Bylaws are attached hereto marked Exhibits "B" and "C" respectively and are hereby made a part hereof.

**Section 2.** "Common Area" shall mean all land designated as Common Area on said Plat or any revisions thereof.

**Section 3.** "Declarant" shall mean Seneca Land Corporation, its successors and assigns.

**Section 4.** "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and any supplementary declaration filed hereafter, as this Declaration may, from time to time, be amended in accordance with its terms.

**Section 5.** "Improvements" shall mean the structures, walls, pavement, plantings and other additions built or placed on the Lots.

**Section 6.** "Lot" or "Lots" shall mean and refer to the plots of land designated on the Subdivision Plat. For all purposes hereunder, the Declarant shall be the Owner of all of said Lots, save and except only those particular Lots which the Declarant conveys in fee simple title by recordable deed from and after the date hereof.

**Section 7.** "Member" shall mean and refer to every Person who holds membership in the Association.

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**Section 8.** "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. The purchaser at a foreclosure sale or trustee's sale shall be deemed an Owner.

**Section 9.** "Person" means an individual, firm, company, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other legal entity or any combination thereof.

**Section 10.** "Property" shall mean all of that certain real property hereinabove described, both in Exhibit "A", and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association and this Declaration.

**Section 11.** "Subdivision Plat" shall mean the original recorded plat of said subdivision referred to in Exhibit "A", and any amendments or revisions thereto, and the recorded plats of any

additional property which is later incorporated into and made subject to this Declaration.

## ARTICLE II THE PROPERTY

Section 1. Property Subject to Declaration. The Property shall be held and used subject to this Declaration.

Section 2. Roads and Utilities. The roads within the Property are public property. Pipes, lines, cables, other means of utility service, etc., shall also be public.

Section 3. Additional Property Subject To This Declaration. Additional residential property and/or common areas which are not presently a part of the Property may be added to and become subject to this Declaration as desired by the Declarant. The decision to include additional property to be subject to this Declaration shall be at the sole discretion of Declarant. Declarant and/or the venturers of the Declarant may subsequently acquire additional land adjacent or contiguous to the Property or in the vicinity of the Property and probably will incorporate some or all of such additional land into this Declaration, but Declarant and/or the venturers of the Declarant are under no obligation to incorporate any such additional land into this Declaration.

## ARTICLE III THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Members. Every Person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or an undivided fee interest of any Lot shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership.

Section 2. Control by Declarant. The Declarant shall be a Member for each Lot owned by it until the same is sold and title transferred. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration or any related document, the Declarant shall retain total control of the Association including the right to cast the votes of all members, the Property, the development thereof, and the improvements thereon, including, . Without limitation, plan approval, until the development is complete and 75% of the building Lots have been sold. However, Declarant may, at its option, transfer said control to the Members at such time as it deems appropriate.

Section 3. Voting Rights. The voting rights of the Membership shall be appurtenant to the ownership of a Lot, each Owner of a Lot being entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. The Declarant's vote on any matter shall outweigh the aggregate vote of all other Members until the control granted to Declarant in this Article is transferred to the Members.

Section 4. Secured Parties. No individual or legal entity holding titling to a Lot as security for any debt or obligation shall be considered an owner of such Lot, and such individual or entity shall not be entitled to membership in the Association or to cast a vote on any questions or matter affecting the administration of the Association.

**Section 5. Voting.** At every meeting of the Members, each of the Members shall have the right to cast his vote on each question. Subject to the Declarant's control as set forth in Article III, Section 2 above, and other rights set forth in this Declaration, the vote of the Members representing fifty-one (51 %) percent majority of the total votes cast, with respect to any question, in person or by proxy, shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which, by express provisions of statute, the Association's Charter or By-Laws, or this Declaration, a different vote is required. In such case, such express provision shall govern and control. The vote of any membership which is owned by more than one person may be exercised by any of them present at any meeting unless an objection or protest by a co-owner of such membership is noted at such meeting. In the event all of the co-owners of any such membership who are present at any meeting of the Members are unable to agree on the manner in which the vote for such membership shall be cast on any particular question, then such vote shall not be counted for purposes of deciding that question. No Member shall be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or to be elected to the Board of Directors, who is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association.

**Section 6. Proxies.** A Member may appoint any other Member or the Declarant, or any other person permitted by law or by the By-Laws, as his proxy. In no case, may any Member, except the Declarant, cast more than one vote by proxy, in addition to his own vote. Any proxy must be in writing and must comply with all requirements imposed by law or by the By-Laws.

**Section 7. Quorum.** The presence, either in person or by proxy, of Members representing at least a twenty (20 %) percent of the total votes entitled to be cast with respect to any question shall be requisite for, and shall constitute a quorum for, the transaction of business at all meetings of the Members. If the number of Members at a meeting drops below the quorum and the question of a lack of quorum is raised, no business may thereafter be transacted. If two or more successive meetings are adjourned for lack of a quorum, the quorum for each successive resumed meeting shall be equal to the greater of the number of votes represented at either of the two previous adjourned meetings.

**Section 8. Rules and Regulations.** The Developer initially, and the Association after control is turned over, may from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the common areas and roads.

#### **ARTICLE IV.** **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS**

**Section 1. Owner's Easements of Enjoyment Over the Common Area.** Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment over and across the Common Areas, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to this Declaration and the following specific provisions:

- (a) The right of the Association, as provided in its charter and/or By-Laws, to suspend any enjoyment rights of any member;
- (b) The right of the Association, in accordance with its Charter and/or By-Laws, to improve and maintain the Common Areas;
- (c) The right of the Declarant and the Association, but not the obligation, to protect, maintain and inspect the Common Areas.

**Section 2. Easements for Utilities and Related Purposes.** The Declarant and/or the Association are authorized and empowered to grant such licenses, easements and/or rights-of-way for water lines, electrical cables, telephone cables, television and other communication cables, internal and external wiring and antennae, gas lines, storm drains, underground conduits and/or such other purposes related to the provision of public utilities and other common services to the Property as may be considered necessary, appropriate or desirable for the orderly maintenance, preservation of the health, safety, convenience and/or welfare of the Owners and the Declarant.

Section 3. General Easement. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself and the Association the right and easement to the use of any Lot or any portion thereof, as may be needed for repair, maintenance or construction on such Lot, any other Lot, or the Common Area.

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**ARTICLE V.**  
**MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

Section 1. Association Responsibilities. Except as otherwise stated in this Declaration, the Association shall provide and pay for all maintenance and expenses for the Common Areas, any improvements on the Common Areas, Common Fences, the entrances, the Entry Areas, and drainage structures.

Section 2. Individual Lot Owners. Each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance, painting, and proper upkeep of the Owner's Lot and all improvements thereon, including, without limitation, all areas within easements. Grass, weeds, and vegetation shall be kept neatly cut to the pavement and all debris and animal waste shall be cleared at regular intervals front so as to maintain same in a neat and attractive manner.

Further, each Owner shall keep his residence in a condition comparable to its condition when initially constructed. In the event all or any portion of a residence is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, then the Owner shall promptly rebuild, repair or reconstruct said residence in a manner which will substantially restore same to its original condition or demolish the residence, at his discretion within nine (9) months of the occurrence of the casualty.

In the event the Owner of the Lot shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this Article in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Board of Directors and in keeping with other Lots, the Declarant, in its sole discretion, or the Association, after approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through agents and/or employees, to enter upon said Lot and to repair, maintain and restore the Lot and to repair, maintain, restore or demolish the improvements thereon. The costs thereof, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, as well as, a continuing lien upon the subject Lot upon the recording of a notice of lien with the Office of the Register of Meigs County, Tennessee. The rights and remedies given to the Association by the Article of this Declaration dealing with assessments and non-payment thereof shall apply fully to the debt obligations, including interest and costs of collection, and the lien rights created in this Section. Likewise, the terms and conditions of said Article dealing with subordination and mortgage protection shall be fully applicable.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
**COMMON FENCES**

**Common Fence.** The Declarant may construct a fence along Cotton Port Road (the "Frontal Fence"). The Frontal Fence shall be of a design to be selected by the Declarant and shall be maintained by the Association, and may not be changed in any manner by any Owner.

**ARTICLE VII.**  
**ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.** Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association the assessments provided in this Article. Said assessments shall be fixed, established and collected from time to time as herein provided. All such assessments, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as are hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest thereon and cost of collection thereof, shall also be the personal obligation of the Owner of such Lot at the time when the assessment becomes due.

**Section 2. Annual Assessments.**

(a) Each Member other than Declarant shall pay to the Association in advance an annual sum equal to the Member's proportionate share of the sum required by the Association, as estimated by its Board of Directors, to meet its annual expenses, including, but in no way limited to, the following:

- (1) The cost of all operating expenses of the Association and services furnished, including charges by the Association for its facilities, if any, any repayment of any debt expenses including any loans incurred by the Association and interest thereon from Declarant for operating and capital improvement; and
  - (2) The amount of all taxes and assessments levied against the Association or upon any property which it may own or which it is otherwise required to pay, if any; and
  - (3) The cost of extended liability insurance and the cost of such other insurance as the Association may effect; and
  - (4) The cost of funding all reserves established by the Association, including, when appropriate, a general operating reserve and/or reserve for replacements; and
  - (5) The estimated cost of repairs, maintenance and replacements of the entrance, the Frontal Fence, drainage systems, Retention Basins, the Common Area and other items.
  - (6) Electricity and water for irrigation of the Common Area improvements.
  - (7) Common Area improvements.
- (b) For each Lot, the annual assessment shall first become due on the date of the closing of the sale of said Lot from the Declarant to the Owner, unless the Owner is a builder constructing a

residence for someone other than himself, in which case, said assessment shall first become due on the date of the closing of the transfer of said Lot by the builder to the first resident, or eighteen (18) months from the date of the closing of the sale of the Lot from the Declarant to the builder, whichever is earlier. The assessment shall be prorated for any partial assessment year.

(c) After January 1, 2006, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period, but may do so at more frequent intervals should circumstances so require as provided in the By-Laws. The general annual assessment for each Lot shall be computed by dividing the total assessment attributable to the Property by the total number of Lots. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto but failure to receive such notice shall not excuse payment. 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 assessment on a specified Lot has been paid.

(d) Until the sooner of January 1, 2006, or until 20 Lots are sold by Declarant, the maximum annual assessment per lot to be paid to the Association shall be \$400.00.

Section 3. Special Assessments. In addition to the regular assessments authorized by this Article, the Association may levy a special assessment or assessments in any assessment year, applicable to that year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair or replacement of a described capital improvement for which the Association is responsible or for such other purposes as the Board of Directors may consider necessary, provided that such assessment shall have the assent of the Members representing two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes eligible to be cast. A meeting of the Members shall be duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Members at least ten (10) days, but not more than thirty (30) days, in advance of such meeting, which notice shall set forth the purpose of the meeting. Such assessment shall be prorated among the Members on the same basis as annual assessments.

Section 4. Emergency Assessments. In the event of any emergency situation, condition, or occurrence affecting the life, health, safety or welfare of the Members or the property of the Members, the Board of Directors may declare an emergency assessment in such amount and payable at such time as the Board, in its sole discretion, shall deem necessary. Such emergency assessment, except for the amount and time of payment, shall be governed by all other provisions of this Declaration. Such assessment shall be prorated among the Members on the same basis as annual assessments. The Board of Directors shall be fully protected and not liable for any mistake in judgment hereunder if the emergency assessment was made in good faith.

Section 5. Non-Payment of Assessments. Any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration, or any installment thereof, which is not paid on the date when due, shall be delinquent and shall, together with interest thereon and the cost of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, thereupon become a continuing lien upon the Lot or Lots belonging to the Member against whom such assessment is levied and shall bind such Lot or Lots in the hands of the then Owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns. In order to evidence said lien, a notice of lien setting forth the amount of the indebtedness, the Owner's name, and a description of the Lot shall be recorded with the Office of the Register of Deeds of Meigs County, Tennessee. The personal obligation of the Member to pay such assessment shall, however, remain his personal obligation for the statutory period and a suit to recover a

money judgment for non-payment of any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration, or any installment thereof, may be maintained without foreclosing or waiving the lien herein.

Any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration or any installment thereof, which is not paid within ten (10) days after it is due, may, upon resolution of the Board of Directors, bear interest at a rate not to exceed the highest rate allowed under the laws of the State of Tennessee, and may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, subject the Member obligated to pay the same to the payment of such penalty or "late charge" as the said Board may fix. The Association may bring an action at law against the Member personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots subject to prior mortgages or deeds of trust upon the Lot or Lots; in either event, the Association may collect from the Member interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Property or abandonment of his Lot.

For the purpose of enforcing the lien of any unpaid and delinquent assessment, each Owner irrevocably grants the Board of Directors of the Association the power to sell his Lot at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash. The Board of Directors is authorized to make such a public sale if and only if such sale conforms with Sections 7 and 8 of this Article. The Association is hereby authorized to take any and all courses of action available to it for collection of the assessment which the laws of the State of Tennessee allow. Any such sale shall be made after first advertising the sale of said property for not less than twenty-one (21) days by three (3) weekly publications in some newspaper circulated in the County of Meigs, State of Tennessee, giving notice of the time and place of such sale. Any sale of a Lot to enforce a lien for delinquent and unpaid assessments shall be free from equity of redemption, statutory right of redemption, marital rights, homestead, and dower and all other exemptions, all of which are expressly waived by the Owners; and any such sale and the lien enforced thereby shall take precedence over and have priority over any and all other liens of every nature against the Lot except real estate and ad valorem taxes assessed against the Lot and prior recorded mortgages or deeds of trust described in Section 7 of this Article. The proceeds of any such sale, whether under the power of sale or by foreclosure suit, shall be applied first to the payment of the expenses of protecting the Property and the expenses of litigation, attorney's fees, and sale commission; and second, to the payment of real estate and ad valorem taxes assessed against the Lot and any prior recorded mortgages or deeds of trust as described above; and third, to the payment of all amounts due the Association under the terms of the Declaration and the By-Laws; and the balance, if any, to the Owner whose Lot is sold, and his assigns. Upon any default in the payment of the assessment, the Board of Directors shall have the right to all rents, issues, and profits from the Lot in default and shall have the right to secure the payment through notice to those in possession of the Lot or by entry into possession in the same manner as the mortgagee entering into possession following default.

All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Board of Directors or an Owner, pursuant to any terms, provisions and covenants and conditions of the Declaration and the By-Laws, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party thus exercising the same from exercising such other and additional rights, remedies or privileges as may be granted to such party by the Declaration and the By-Laws, at law or in equity.

**Section 6. Acceleration of Installments.** Upon default in the payment of any one or more installments of any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration, the entire balance of said assessment may be accelerated at the option of the Board of Directors and be declared due and payable in full.

**Section 7. Priority of Lien.** The lien established by this Article shall have preference over any other assessments, liens, judgments or charges of whatever nature, except the following:

- (a) General and special assessments for real estate taxes on a Lot; and
- (b) The liens of any deeds of trust or mortgage instruments duly recorded on the Lot prior to the recordation on said Lot after receipt of a written statement from the Association reflecting that payments on said lien were current as of the date of recording of said deed of trust or mortgage instrument.

**Section 8. Subordination and Deed of Trust/Mortgage Protection.** Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof to the contrary, the lien of any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration upon any Lot shall be subordinate to, and shall in no way affect the rights of the holder of any

indebtedness secured by any recorded first deed of trust or mortgage (meaning a lien with priority over all other liens) if such deed of trust or mortgage is made in good faith and for value received; provided, however, that such subordination shall apply only to assessments which have become due and payable prior to a sale or transfer of such Lot pursuant to a decree of foreclosure or any other proceeding in lieu of

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foreclosure, and shall not in such instance apply to claims for a share of such assessments or charges resulting from a reallocation of such assessments or charges to all Owners, including the mortgaged Lots. Such sale or transfer shall not relieve the purchaser at such sale of the Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due, nor from the lien of any such subsequent assessment. Said lien, if any, shall have the same effect and be enforced in the same manner as provided herein.

No amendment to this Section shall affect the rights of the holder of any such deed of trust or mortgage (or the indebtedness secured thereby) recorded prior to recordation of such amendment unless the holder thereof (or the indebtedness secured thereby) shall join in the execution of such amendment.

Section 9. Additional Default. Any recorded first deed of trust or mortgage secured by a Lot shall provide that any default by the mortgagor in the payment of any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration, or any installment thereof, shall likewise be a default in such deed of trust or mortgage (or the indebtedness secured thereby), but failure to include such a provision in any such instrument shall not affect the validity of priority thereof, and the protection extended to the holder of such instrument (or the indebtedness secured thereby) elsewhere in this Article shall not be altered, modified or diminished by reason of such failure.

#### ARTICLE VIII. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 1. Architectural Control Committee. An Architectural Committee is hereby established and shall consist of three (3) entities or persons (the "Committee"). The initial Committee shall consist of the Declarant and two (2) other entities or persons to be selected by the Declarant. These Committee members shall serve for a period of two (2) years (and until such time as replacement members are appointed,) unless they are replaced by the Declarant, resign or otherwise fail to serve. Upon the expiration of two (2) years from the date hereof, or the earlier termination of any Committee member, the Declarant shall then appoint substitute Committee members until control of the Association is transferred to the Members (or until 75% of all building lots have been sold), at which time, the Board of Directors of the Association shall have the authority to make said appointments; provided, however, that the Declarant shall have the absolute right to be one of the three (3) Committee members until the development is complete and all of the Lots have been sold and all land currently owned or hereafter acquired by the Declarant, by any venturer of the Declarant, or by any entity related to any venturer, in the surrounding vicinity is developed and sold. The affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the Committee shall be required to adopt or promulgate any rule or regulation, or to make any findings, determinations, ruling or order, or to issue any permanent authorization or approval pursuant to directives or authorizations contained herein.

Section 2. Approvals Necessary, Rules of Committee and Remedies for Violation. With the

exception of improvements desired by the Declarant, no residence, structure or improvement of any kind or nature, or any fence or barrier shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto, or permitted to remain on any of the Lots, nor shall any existing structure, improvement, fence or barrier upon any Lot be altered in any way which materially changes the exterior appearance thereof, without the written consent of the Committee; nor shall any new use be commenced on any Lot without the written consent of the Committee. Plans and specifications of all such improvements and uses shall be submitted to and may be retained by the Committee. They shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be required by the Committee, but in any event shall include, without limitation, (1) a building plan and site plan showing the floor plans, exterior elevations, color scheme, kind, shape, height, materials and location with respect to said Lot (including proposed front, rear and side setbacks) of all structures, fences or barriers, and location of all parking spaces and driveways on the Lot and the proposed surface thereof, (2) grading and landscape plans, and (3) a selection of one of several landscape designs which the Committee will make available and which will represent the minimum landscape requirements. Declarant recommends that all plans and specifications be prepared by a registered and licensed professional Architect or Engineer, or professional residential housing designer. The Builder selected to construct any residence shall be approved by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion. No residence may be constructed upon any Lot except by a Licensed General Contractor.

The Committee may promulgate rules governing the forms and content of plans to be submitted for approval or requiring specific improvements on the Lots, including, without limitation, the exterior lighting and planting, and may issue statements of policy with respect to approval or disapproval of the architectural styles or details or other platters which may be presented for approval. Such rules and such statements of policy may be amended or revoked by the Committee at any time, and no inclusion in, or Omission from or amendment of any Such rule or statement shall be deemed to bind the Committee to

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approve or disapprove any feature or matter subject to approval or to waive the exercise of the Committee's discretion as to any such platter; however, no change of policy shall affect the finality of any approval granted prior to such change. Approval for use on any Lot of any plans or specifications shall not be deemed a waiver by the Committee in its discretion to disapprove such plans, specifications, features or elements as are subsequently submitted for use on any other Lot. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot shall be final as to that Lot, and such approval may not be revoked or rescinded thereafter provided that the plans and specifications as approved and any condition attached to any such approval have been adhered to and complied with in regard to all structures, improvements, fences or barriers on and uses of the Lot in question.

In the event the Committee fails to approve or disapprove any plans and specifications as herein provided within thirty (30) days after submission thereof, the same shall be deemed to have been approved as submitted and no further action shall be required.

Upon submission of the plans and specifications, the Owner may be required to pay to the Committee a review fee of \$600.00 as adjusted from time-to-time, and shall further pay an additional fee of \$100.00 for each additional review needed to comply herewith, plus any expenses or cost incurred by the Committee in connection with such reviews.

At time of closing of the first sale of each lot, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be collected and transferred to the Association to be held as a Working Capital Fund. The purpose of the fund is to ensure that the Association will have adequate cash available to meet unforeseen expenses and

to acquire additional equipment or services deemed necessary or desirable for the upkeep of said property. Amounts paid into the fund shall be considered advance payments of regular assessments.

Prior to beginning construction on any Lot, any Owner other than Declarant shall pay to the Association the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as a non-refundable Construction Damage Deposit to be applied for road maintenance, with out limitation of any recourse the Association may have for damages to Common Areas due to negligence of the Owner or Agents of the Owner during construction.

If any structure, improvement, fence or barrier shall be altered, erected, placed or maintained upon any Lot or any new use commenced on any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Committee as required herein, such alteration, erection, maintenance or use shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of the restrictions herein and without the approval required herein; and upon written notice front the committee, any such structure, improvement, fence or barrier so altered, erected, placed or maintained upon any Lot, in violation hereof, shall be removed or altered, and such use shall be terminated so as to extinguish such violation.

If fifteen (15) days after the notice of such violation, the Owner of the Lot in question shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the removal, alteration or termination of the same, the Association, by its officers or directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon such Lot and to take such steps as play be necessary to extinguish such violation, and the costs thereof shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, as well as, a continuing lien upon the Lot ill question upon the recording of a notice of lien with the Office of the Register of Deeds of Meigs County, Tennessee. The provisions of the Article of this Declaration dealing with assessments and non-payment thereof, including, without limitation, the right and remedies given to the Association therein, shall apply fully to the debt obligations, including interest told costs of collection, and the lien rights created in this section. Likewise, the terms and conditions of said Article dealing with subordination and mortgage protection shall be fully applicable.

Upon completion of the construction or alteration of any structure in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Committee, the Committee shall, upon written request of the Owner thereof, issue a letter of compliance identifying such structure and the Lot on which such structure is placed and stating that the plans and specifications, location of such structure and the use or uses to be conducted thereon have been approved and that such structure complies therewith. Preparation of such letter shall be at the expense of the Owner of such Lot. Any compliance letter issued in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, and as to any purchaser or encumbrancer in good faith and for value, or as to any title insurer, such compliance letter shall be conclusive evidence that all structures and improvements described therein and the use or uses described therein comply with all the requirements of these restrictions.

Any agent of the Declarant or the Committee, may, at reasonable times, enter upon and inspect any Lot and any improvements thereon for the purposes of ascertaining whether the maintenance of such Lot and the maintenance, construction, or alteration of structures and improvements thereon are in

compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, and no such persons shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act by reason of such entry or inspection.

**ARTICLE IX.**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENCE**

**Section 1. Completion of Construction.** Once construction of a residence is commenced, the particular Owner shall proceed diligently therewith and complete construction within eighteen (18) months after said commencement.

If said construction is not completed within said eighteen (18) months, then the Owner shall owe to the Declarant a penalty equal to twenty percent (20%) of the original price of the Lot. Said amount shall be payable within thirty (30) days after the end of said eighteenth month and shall increase by an additional penalty of one percent (1 %) of said price for each additional thirty (30) days it remains unpaid. Said penalties, together with costs of collection thereof, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, as well as, a continuing lien upon the subject Lot upon the recording of a notice of lien with the Office of the Register of Deeds of Meigs County, Tennessee. The rights and remedies given to the Association by the Articles of this Declaration dealing with assessments and non-payment thereof shall apply fully to the debt obligations, including costs of collection, and the lien rights created in this Section for the benefit of the Declarant.

The terms and conditions of this Section, including, without limitation, the time periods set forth for completion of construction, shall apply fully to any subsequent purchasers or any Lot.

**Section 2. Subordination and Mortgage Protection.** The subordination and mortgage protection provisions of the Article of this Declaration dealing with assessments and non-payment thereof shall be fully applicable to all the rights and remedies of the Declarant created by this Article.

**ARTICLE X.**  
**RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**

**Section 1. Residential Use.** No Lot shall be used except for single-family private residential dwelling purposes permitted by the Single Family Zoning Regulations of Meigs County, Tennessee, as same exist and are in effect as of the date of this Declaration and except for those uses permitted to the Declarant as shown herein.

**Section 2. Uses, Prohibited Uses and Nuisances.** In order to provide for a congenial occupation of the residences to be built on the Lots and for the protection of the values of the entire development, the Lots and the residences to be constructed shall be governed by the following provisions:

(a) The Property is hereby restricted to single-family private residential dwellings for residential use only, and no trade or business of any kind shall be conducted on a Lot except for such uses permitted to Declarant as shown herein. Each lot shall have only one dwelling. All buildings or structures placed upon the Property shall be site-built and of new construction, and no buildings or structures shall be moved from other locations onto the Property. However, nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit or restrict, and same shall not limit or restrict, Declarant from constructing any structure upon, or moving any mobile home or trailer onto, the Property whether any of same be new or used, for use as an office or any other purpose related to the development, marketing and management of the Property. Nor shall same limit or restrict Declarant from placing such signs or billboards or engaging in any such trades, businesses or activities on the Property which Declarant, in its discretion, shall deem appropriate and proper related to the development, marketing and management of the Property.

(b) Each Lot shall be conveyed as a separately designated and legally described freehold estate subject to the terms, conditions and provisions hereof and all easements, restrictions and covenants set out in the Subdivision Plat.

(c) No structures of a temporary character, trailers, tents, shacks, garages, barns or other out-buildings shall be used on any portion of said Property at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently.

(d) All buildings erected on any Lot shall have wood frame, vinyl, or vinyl clad windows on sides facing a street, or other type windows as approved by the committee.

(e) The minimum heated, livable area of any residence, excluding garages, porches, storage rooms, workshops, etc., shall be not less than 1,800 square feet. Dwellings that exceed 1 ½ stories, basements excluded, must be 2,200 square feet minimum.

(f) Each residence must have an attached fully enclosed garage for not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) cars. Basement garages may be approved if the Lot and dwelling are of suitable size and character. No garage door may be left open to a street for an extended period of time.

(g) Each residence must have a uniform traditional mailbox structure and may have outdoor post lights located at sidewalk from driveway, all of which must be approved by the Committee. The treatment and construction of all driveway entrances must be approved by the Committee.

(h) All private fences must be constructed of (1) brick, stucco, Dryvit (or other EIFS system) and/or wrought iron, (2) wood planks shadow box style no more than 8" in width, or (3) Kentucky fences consisting of wood or vinyl posts and three (3) wood or vinyl rails. In accordance with Article VIII hereof, all fences must be approved by the Committee. No fence, hedge or other separating device shall be constructed beyond the front house line, nor on corner lots beyond the side house line. All fences, regardless of location, shall be no more than eight (8') feet tall. Notwithstanding all of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (h), the Committee shall have the right to grant approval for such variations, waivers or exceptions to any or all of the above restrictions related to fences as it, in its sole discretion, shall deem proper.

(i) No obnoxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance.

(j) No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any of the Lots, except dogs, cats or caged birds provided that such dogs, cats and birds are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose and are confined within homes, fenced yards or restrained by leash at all times. Any dogs kept outside shall not be allowed to be noisy, bothersome or a nuisance. No pens or runs are allowed.

(k) Lawns, on all properties, either occupied or vacant, must be maintained such that the grass does not exceed 8" in height.

(l) No three-wheelers, four-wheelers or other vehicles not approved for use on public streets (except bicycles) shall be permitted on the streets of the Property. This provision will be enforced by the proper Meigs County authorities.

(m) No signs whatsoever shall be permitted on any properties, except those permitted by Declarant or Association.

(n) No exterior television or radio antennas, nor any satellite dishes with a diameter in excess of 20 inches (the location of which shall be approved by the Committee) shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon the Property or any improvements to be located upon the Property.

(o) No clothesline may be used or maintained on any Lot.

(p) No building material of any kind or character shall be placed or stored upon any Lot until the Owner is ready to commence improvements. Building materials shall be stored only within the property lines of the particular Lot involved.

(q) Excluding mail boxes, approved post lights, natural or approved vegetation and the needs of the Declarant, no obstruction shall be allowed within ten (10') feet of any right-of-way, except on property or easements owned by the Association or unless approved by the Committee.

(r) All equipment, air conditioning units, electrical transformers, garbage cans, service yards, and woodpiles shall be kept screened by adequate planting or fencing so as to completely conceal them from view of all streets and neighboring Lots. Further, any and all of the foregoing items, along with any basketball goals or other playground or sports equipment shall be located and placed no closer to any street than the front of the house. Basketball goals shall not be attached to the front of any house. "Front of the house" as used in this Declaration shall mean that part of the structure of the house farthest away from the street but facing such street. Corner lots must comply with this restriction as to both streets.

All rubbish, trash, or garbage shall be regularly removed from the premises and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon.

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(s) The construction of all swimming pools shall be approved by the Committee. All swimming pools shall be fenced in a manner to comply with applicable law and regulations and to prohibit easy access by small children. All such fences must be in full compliance with the fence restrictions hereinbefore set forth. No above-ground pools shall be allowed.

(t) No tennis court fence shall be erected on any Lot unless the construction, size and materials are approved by the Committee. In the event wire fencing is approved, it must, at a minimum, be coated with green or black vinyl or a similar material of like color.

(u) No wagons, trailers or recreation or commercial vehicles, including, without limitation, boats, boat trailers, horse trailers, motorcycles, trucks, motor homes, camping trailers, or similar type items shall be kept other than in a garage. No automobile or other vehicle shall be continuously, habitually or regularly parked on any street or right-of-way or in any yard.

(v) No tree, farther than 20' from the home, with a diameter of six (6) or more inches, as measured two (2') feet from the ground, shall be removed without the approval of the Association, except for the emergency removal of a tree that constitutes a hazard to person or property.

(w) Setback lines and height restrictions shall be no less than those required by applicable governmental regulations and no less than those shown on the Subdivision Plat. The Committee shall have the absolute right to Control the precise site and location of any house or other structure upon all Lots. Such location shall be determined only after reasonable opportunity has been afforded to the Owner to recommend a specific site.

(x) No Lot may be further subdivided.

Lot may be conveyed except with the prior written approval of the Committee.

(y) All above-ground exterior foundation and exposed basement walls must be veneered with stucco, Dryvit (EIFS) type material, split-faced block approved by the Committee, brick or stone unless otherwise approved by the Committee.

(z) During construction of improvements and at all times thereafter, lots must be regularly cleaned and kept free of debris. Governmental erosion and sediment control guidelines shall be observed at all times.

(aa) All driveways, walks and patios must be paved prior to occupancy of any dwelling and must be constructed of concrete unless otherwise approved by the Committee (Brick, interlocking pavers, exposed aggregate or stone finishes are encouraged.)

(bb) Each lot may be improved with only one single-family dwelling. No out-buildings, sheds or any other structures shall be allowed, except one detached storage building stick-built on site, no larger than six feet by six feet by five feet tall, constructed of the same material as the residence on said lot so as to have a similar appearance. Said storage building must be located in the rear yard and completely screened by a privacy fence. Prior to construction, plans specifications for any storage building must be approved by the Committee.

(cc) The finished grading for all Lots shall be completed in conformity with the recorded plat for the Subdivision and in such manner as to retain all surface water drainage on said lot or lots in "property line swales" designed to direct the flow of all surface waters into the drainage easements as created by the overall drainage plan for the Subdivision as approved by the appropriate county authority.

(dd) All roofs must have an 8/12 pitch or steeper. Roof construction of slate, artificial slate, standing seam metal, copper, 25-year dimension shingles or better and cedar shake shingles are acceptable. Other roofing types will require special approval. All dwellings must be guttered.

(ee) No vegetable gardens shall be allowed in front or side yards.

(ff) All dwellings must have an exterior of brick, stone, imitation stone, logs, heavy timber, stucco siding or cedar shakes. Hardboard masonite and vinyl siding is not permitted, however Hardi Plank siding is acceptable.

(gg) All flashings on structures must be copper or metal painted to match the trim of the structure. Exterior trim shall be made of wood, composite wood, Fypon (or any brand similar to Fypon).

(hh) The Declarant reserves, unto itself, the right to approve additional and such restrictions at the time of sale of any of the Lots, which restrictions may differ from Lot to Lot waiver any these provisions as to any lot.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provisions herein contained to the contrary, it shall be exp. permissible for the Declarant to maintain, during the time period necessary for the sale of said Lots

such portion of the premises as the Declarant deems necessary, such facilities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient or incidental to the development of the Property and the sale of the Lots, including, without limitation, a business office, storage area, construction yard, signs, model units, and sales office.

(jj) There shall be no violation of any rules which may from time to time may be adopted by the Board of Directors for the operation and use of the Property and promulgated among the membership by them in writing. The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to adopt such rules including the levying of appropriate fines which will then be treated as assessments.

(kk) The Declarant, in its sole discretion, or the Association, after approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through agents and/or employees to enforce the aforesaid restrictive covenants and to enter upon any Lot in violation thereof for such purpose. Upon written notice from either the Declarant or the Association, any such violation shall be corrected by the Owner of the subject Lot. If fifteen (15) days after the notice of such violation, the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward correction thereof, the Declarant or the Association, by their officers and directors, shall have the right, through agents and employees, to enter upon such Lot and take such steps as necessary to extinguish such violation. The costs thereof shall be the binding personal obligation of such Owners, as well as, a continuing lien upon the subject Lot upon the recording of a notice of lien with the Office of the Register of Deeds of Meigs County, Tennessee. The provisions of the Article of this Declaration dealing with assessments and non-payment thereof, including, without limitation, the right and remedies given to the association therein, shall apply fully to the debt obligations including interest and costs of collection, and the lien created in this section. Likewise, the terms and conditions of said Article dealing with subordination and mortgage protection shall be fully applicable.

Section 3. Boat Slips. Lot owners may purchase boat slips at the Marina from Developer, subject to the following: They must be a lot owner.

#### ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Duration and Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, shall inure to the benefit of the Association and the Owners of any real estate subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, and shall remain in effect until January 1, 2021, unless otherwise expressly limited herein, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument signed by the then Owners of ninety (90%) percent of the Lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions in whole or in part. Any amendment must be properly recorded to be effective. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE DECLARANT RESERVES AND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT UNTIL THE ASSOCIATION IS TRANSFERRED TO THE TO OWNERS TO UNILATERALLY AMEND THIS DECLARATION IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN ORDER.

Section 2. Enforcement. The Declarant, the Association, or any Member, shall have the right to enforce the terms and conditions of this Declaration by any proceeding at law or in equity, against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant or restriction, to restrain violations, to require specific performance and/or to recover damages; and against the land to enforce any lien created by these covenants; and failure to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The expense of enforcement by the Declarant or the Association shall be chargeable to the Owner of the Lot violating these covenants and restrictions and shall constitute a lien on the Lot, collectible in the same manner as assessments hereunder.

Section 3. Hold Harmless and Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner, recognizing that certain risks are inherent in the building of houses, and in other aspects of building and recreation, does upon taking title to a Lot, hold harmless (1) the Declarant, (2) the Association, (3) any other entity managing or supervising the aforesaid activities which is owned and/or controlled or employed by the Declarant, by the Association or by some or all of the Members, and (5) their directors, officers and employees, from any and all losses, liabilities, or damages which said Owner, his family, or guests may sustain resulting

from the acts, and/or omissions of said entities, except for their gross negligence. Further, said Owner shall be fully responsible for any and all losses or damages which might be caused by himself, his family or their invitees.

Section 4. Disclaimer. The Property may include some land that is filled or partially filled or that contains abandoned wells, underground springs or other characteristics which may affect its suitability for building. The Declarant makes no warranty or representation, express, implied or otherwise, as to the Property being undisturbed land or suitable for building, and shall not be liable for claims, losses or damages of any kind or character resulting from such conditions.

Section 5. Casualty and Liability Insurance. The Owner of each Lot shall carry in full force and effect casualty insurance in limits for the replacement value of Lot improvements located thereon and normal and reasonable general liability insurance. The Owner shall provide the Association a copy of the policies providing such coverage, and the policies shall contain a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation provision running to the benefit of the Association. Insurance on the Common Area shall be carried and paid by the Association.

Section 6. Interest and Late Charges. Any amount due to the Association, which is not paid within ten (10) days after it is due, may, upon resolution of the Board of Directors of the Association, bear interest at a rate not to exceed the highest rate allowed under the laws of the State of Tennessee, and may, by resolution of said Board, be subject to such penalty or "late charges" as said Board may fix.

Section 7. Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any Member under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person who appears as a Member on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing.

Section 8. Headings. All headings appearing herein are for convenience only and shall be disregarded in construing the substantive provisions hereof.

Section 9. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect the validity of any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Waiver. No restriction, condition, obligation or provision of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been abrogated or waived by reason of any failure or failures to enforce the same.

Section 11. Gender, Etc. Whenever in this Declaration the context so requires, the singular number shall include the plural and the converse; and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be signed by the officer duly authorized so to do the day and year first above written.

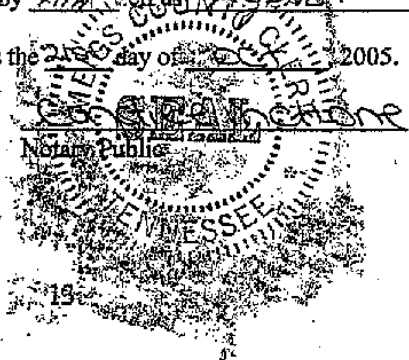
Seneca Land Corporation

By: *Blaine Van*


STATE OF Tennessee  
COUNTY OF meigs

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, personally appeared William Blaine, with whom I am personally acquainted, or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, and who, upon oath, acknowledged him self to be the Agent (Broker) of Seneca Land Corporation, the within named bargainer, and that he as such he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of Seneca Land Corporation by him self as Agent.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 27th day of October, 2005.



My Commission Expires: 9-01-06

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| <p><b>State of Tennessee</b></p>  <p><b>Department of State</b><br/>Corporate Filings<br/>312 Eighth Avenue North<br/>6<sup>th</sup> Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower<br/>Nashville, TN 37243</p>  | <p>For Office Use Only</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>COPY</b></p> <p align="center">ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT<br/>TO THE CHARTER<br/>(Nonprofit)</p>   |                            |
| <p>CORPORATE CONTROL NUMBER (IF KNOWN) <u>0580353</u></p> <p>PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 48-60-105 OF <i>THE TENNESSEE NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT</i>, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ITS CHARTER:</p>   |                            |
| <p>1. PLEASE INSERT THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION AS IT APPEARS OF RECORD:<br/><u>Gates of the River Community Association, Inc.</u></p> <p>IF CHANGING THE NAME, INSERT THE NEW NAME ON THE LINE BELOW:<br/>_____</p>   |                            |
| <p>2. PLEASE MARK THE BLOCK THAT APPLIES:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE WHEN FILED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, _____ (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)<br/>         (NOT TO BE LATER THAN THE 90TH DAY AFTER THE DATE THIS DOCUMENT IS FILED.) IF NEITHER BLOCK IS CHECKED, THE AMENDMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF FILING.</p> |                            |
| <p>3. PLEASE INSERT ANY CHANGES THAT APPLY:</p> <p>A. PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: _____ STREET ADDRESS<br/>         _____ CITY STATE/COUNTY ZIP CODE</p> <p>B. REGISTERED AGENT: _____</p> <p>C. REGISTERED ADDRESS: _____ STREET ADDRESS<br/>         _____ TN STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY</p> <p>D. OTHER CHANGES: <u>By-laws adopted by the first Board of Directors are attached hereto.</u></p>  |                            |

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| 4. THE CORPORATION IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION.  |   |
| 5. THE MANNER (IF NOT SET FORTH IN THE AMENDMENT) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY EXCHANGE, RECLASSIFICATION, OR CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIPS IS AS FOLLOWS:   |   |
| 6. THE AMENDMENT WAS DULY ADOPTED ON <u>July 14, 2008</u> (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)<br>BY (Please mark the block that applies):  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THE INCORPORATORS WITHOUT MEMBER APPROVAL, AS SUCH WAS NOT REQUIRED.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITHOUT MEMBER APPROVAL, AS SUCH WAS NOT REQUIRED.<br><input type="checkbox"/> THE MEMBERS                              |   |
| 7. INDICATE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS APPLIES BY MARKING THE APPLICABLE BLOCK:  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE AMENDMENT (AS PERMITTED BY §48-60-301 OF THE TENNESSEE NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT) WAS NOT REQUIRED.<br><input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE AMENDMENT WAS REQUIRED BY THE CHARTER AND WAS OBTAINED. |   |
| Vice President/Secretary, Board of Directors<br>SIGNER'S CAPACITY   | SIGNATURE   |
| <u>7/14/2008</u><br>DATE  | <u>Alaric A. Henry</u><br>NAME OF SIGNER (TYPED OR PRINTED) |
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**GATES OF THE RIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Decatur, Tennessee**  
**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I—GENERAL**

Section 1. **The name** of the Association shall be Gates of the River Community Association, Inc.

Section 2. **The territory** of the Association shall be the subdivision known as "Gates of the River," as recorded in the Register's Office for Meigs County, Tennessee.

Section 3. **The principal office** of the corporation shall be at 6029 Cottonport Road, Decatur, Tennessee, as stated in the Charter, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. **The corporation's fiscal year** shall be from June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year until May 31<sup>st</sup> of

Section 5. **"Member"** shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to Membership as provided in the Declaration.

Section 6. **"Owner"** shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any lot which is a part of the Property, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 7. **"Property"** shall mean the original recorded plat of the Gates of the River subdivision, and such additions thereto which may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

**ARTICLE III—MEETING OF MEMBERS**

the following year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

## ARTICLE II—DEFINITIONS

Section 1. “**Association**” shall mean and refer to Gates of the River Community Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. “**Charter**” shall mean the Association’s Articles of Incorporation filed with the Tennessee Secretary of State.

Section 3. “**Common Area**” shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 4. “**Declaration**” shall mean the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2005 and recorded as Instrument No. 2083 in the Register’s Office for Meigs County, Tennessee.

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## Section 1. **Annual meeting of the Members.**

- (a) The annual meeting of the Members shall be held on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Monday of April in each calendar year, unless a different date is established by the Board and proper notice given to the Members. All annual meetings shall be held at such hour and location as is determined by the Board.
- (b) Written notice of the annual meeting of the Members shall be mailed or e-mailed to each Member entitled to vote, at such address as then appears on the books of the Association. Such notice will be sent at least ten (10) days but not more than fifty (50) days prior to the meeting, and shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting. Each Member shall notify the Association of any address change.

- (c) At least ten (10) but not more than fifty (50) days before every election of the Board of Directors, a complete list of Members entitled to vote at said election, arranged numerically by lot, with the address of each, shall be prepared by the Secretary. Such list shall be produced and kept for ten (10) days prior and throughout the election at the office of the Association or at such other location as the Board of Directors may designate, and shall be open to examination by any Member through such time.

## Section 2. **Special meetings of the Members.**

- (a) Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the president, or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote at the meeting.
- (b) Notification of such meeting shall be

Section 4. **Proxies.** At all meetings of the Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. A Member may appoint any other Member, or any person permitted by law, as his proxy. Proxy votes may also be filed in writing with the Secretary. In no case may any Member cast more than one vote by proxy, in addition to his own vote. Any proxy must be in writing and must comply with all requirements imposed by law.

## ARTICLE IV—VOTING

Section 1. **Number of votes.** On each question, each of the Members shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

Section 2. **Majority.** The vote of the Members representing fifty-one percent (51%) majority of the total votes cast, with respect to any question, in person or by proxy, shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which, by express provisions of statute, the Association’s Charter or By-Laws, a

- (c) Notification of such meeting shall be given by means determined appropriate by the Board of Directors. Such notice shall specify the place, day, hour and purpose of the meeting.

**Section 3. Quorum.** The presence, either in person or by proxy, of Members representing at least twenty percent (20%) of the total votes entitled to be cast with respect to any question shall be requisite for, and shall constitute a quorum for, the transaction of business at all meetings of the Members. If the number of Members at a meeting drops below the quorum and the question of a lack of quorum is raised, no business may thereafter be transacted. If two (2) or more successive meetings are adjourned for lack of a quorum, the quorum for each successive resumed meeting shall be equal to the greater of the number of votes represented at either of the two previous adjourned meetings.

statute, the Association's Charter or By-Laws, a different vote is required. In such case, such express provision shall govern and control.

**Section 3. Co-owners.** The vote of any membership which is owned by more than one person may be exercised by any of them present at any meeting unless an objection or protest by a co-owner of such membership is noted at the meeting. In the event all of the co-owners of any such membership who are present at any meeting of the Members are unable to agree on the manner in which the vote for such membership shall be cast on any particular question, then such vote shall not be counted for purposes of deciding that question.

**Section 4. Delinquency.** No Member shall be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or to be elected to the Board of Directors, who is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due.

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## ARTICLE V—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. Number and requirement.** The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of not less than two (2) Directors, nor more than seven (7) Directors. All Directors shall be owners or co-owners of a lot within the Property.

**Section 2. First Board of Directors.** The first Board of Directors shall consist of Members appointed as such by the incorporators of the Association, and may include said incorporators. The first Board shall exercise all powers of the Board as set out in the Charter, Declaration, and these By-Laws until the first annual meeting of the Members at which a quorum is represented and an election is held.

**Section 3. Term of Office.** At each annual meeting of the Members following the initial

date. The acceptance of resignation by the Board shall not be required to make it effective.

**Section 7. Compensation.** No Director shall receive compensation for her/his services as such. However, any Director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of duties.

**Section 8. Liability.** The Directors shall not be liable to the owners for any mistake of judgment, or otherwise except for their own willful misconduct, actual bad faith or gross negligence.

## ARTICLE VI—NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. Nomination** for election to the Board of Directors may be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the Members. The Nominating Committee shall

election, the Members shall elect a Director or Directors to replace any retiring Directors, said election to be for a term of three (3) years.

**Section 4. Vacancy and Replacement.** If the office of any Director becomes vacant by reason of transfer of ownership, death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, a majority of the remaining Directors shall choose a successor, who shall hold office for the unexpired term of her/his predecessor.

**Section 5. Removal.** Any Director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members of the Association.

**Section 6. Resignation.** Any Director or may resign his office at any time, such resignation to be made in writing, and to take effect from the time of receipt by the Board, unless some time be fixed in the resignation and then from that

consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the Members. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled.

**Section 2. Election** to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot at the annual meeting of the Members. At such election, each Member or her/his proxy may cast one vote per Lot in respect to each vacancy. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

## ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. The first meeting** of each Board newly elected by the Members shall be held

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immediately upon adjournment of the meeting in which they were elected, provided a quorum is then present, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held at the same place as the annual meeting of the Members, and immediately before or after the adjournment of same.

**Section 2. Regular meetings** of the Board of Directors may be held monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

**Section 3. Special meetings** of the Board shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two Directors. The Secretary shall give notice of each special meeting either personally, by mail or email, at least five (5) days before the date of such meeting, but the Board Members may, in

## ARTICLE VIII—POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. Powers.** The property and business of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which may exercise all powers not specifically prohibited by state statute or the Declaration. The powers of the Board shall specifically include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend a Member's voting rights and her/his right to enjoyment of the common

writing, waive the time requirement for adequate notice of the calling of the meeting before or after such meeting.

**Section 4. Quorum.** A majority of the Directors shall be necessary and sufficient at all meetings to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board. If a quorum is not present at the meeting, the Directors then present may adjourn the meeting to a future date certain by announcing said date publicly at the meeting and no further notice shall be required.

**Section 5. Action taken without a meeting.** The Board of Directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Board.

areas during any period in which such Member is in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for infraction of published rules and regulations;

- (c) inspect, protect, improve and maintain the Common Area of the Property;
- (d) purchase the necessary equipment and tools required in the maintenance, care, and preservation of the Common Area;
- (e) exercise for the Association all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the Members by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Charter, or the Declaration;
- (f) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors;

- (g) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties;
- (h) exercise all powers, duties, and authority granted in the Declaration and Charter; and
- (i) make and collect regular, special, and emergency assessments, as more fully provided for in the Declaration.

**Section 2. Duties.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all

- an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessment on a specified Lot has been paid; and
- (4) foreclose the lien against any Property for which assessments are not paid within sixty (60) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.
- (d) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on Property owned by the Association; and
- (e) cause the Common Area to be maintained.

**ARTICLE IX—OFFICERS**

its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to a vote;

- (b) supervise all officers, agents, and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
  - (1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
  - (2) send written notice of each assessment to every owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period (failure to receive notice shall not excuse payment);
  - (3) upon demand and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by

Section 1. **Enumeration.** The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Secretary, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. **The election of officers** shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 3. **Term.** The officers shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless she/he shall sooner resign, or be removed, or otherwise become disqualified to serve.

Section 4. **Multiple offices.** The offices of Vice-President and Secretary may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 5 of this Article. However, if the Board consists of only two (2) Members, then the President shall also serve as Treasurer.

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Section 5. **Special appointments.** The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may determine.

Section 6. **Resignation and removal.** Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of such notice unless a later time is specified therein. Acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

- (d) The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; prepare monthly financial reports; cause an annual review of the Association books to be made by a Financial Review Committee, if such committee has been appointed, at the completion of each fiscal year; shall

Section 7. A **vacancy** in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed shall serve for the remainder of the term of officer she/he replaces.

Section 8. **The duties** of the officers are as follows:

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign checks and all promissory notes.
- (b) The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of her/his absence, or inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required by the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; serve notice of the meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the

prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be represented to the Members at each annual meeting of the Members; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board. With approval of the Board, the treasurer may delegate all or part of his responsibilities to competent accounting, collection or management personnel, pursuant to written definition of the responsibilities to said personnel, but in such event, the treasurer shall retain supervisory responsibilities.

## ARTICLE X—FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1. **Financial records.** Prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year of the Association, all financial records shall be closed for review by the Financial Review Committee, if such committee has been elected.

Section 2. **A Financial Review Committee** may be elected at each annual meeting of the Members to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting. Such committee shall consist of three (3) Members of the Association not serving on the Board. The primary responsibility of the

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Financial Review Committee shall be to review all financial records of the Association for the current fiscal period. The committee shall also write an opinion letter and present such letter to the Members of the Association at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE XI—COMMITTEES

Section 1. **The Board** of Directors of the Association shall appoint the following committees:

- (a) an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, Article VIII.

Section 2. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within ten (10) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum legal rate of interest under Tennessee law. A "late charge" will likewise be added after a sixty (60) day delinquency of fifteen percent (15%) of the delinquent amount.

Section 3. If not then paid, the Association may bring an action of law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the Property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action.

provided in the Declaration, Article VIII,

- (b) a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws, Article VI;
- (c) any other committees as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors in carrying out its purpose.

Section 2. **The Members** may choose to elect a Financial Review Committee, as provided in these By-Laws, Article X.

**ARTICLE XII—BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The books, records, and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration, the Charter, and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member. Copies may be purchased at a reasonable cost.

**ARTICLE XIII—ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1. As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay to the Association annual, special, and emergency assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made.

and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment.

Section 4. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of her/his lot.

Section 5. As more fully provided in the Declaration, for the purpose of enforcing the lien of any unpaid and delinquent assessment, each Owner has irrevocably granted the Board of Directors of the Association the power to sell his Lot at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash.

**ARTICLE XIV—INDEMNIFICATION**

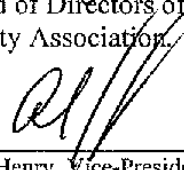
The Association may indemnify any person made a party to an action due to serving as an officer or Director of the Association against the reasonable expenses, including attorney fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of the action and any appeal thereof, except in relation to such matters as to which such Director or officer is judged to have been guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**ARTICLE XV—BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. **Adoption** of these by-laws shall be by a majority vote of the first Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Proposal for amendments.** Amendments to these by-laws or the association Charter may be proposed by the Directors or by recommendation of twenty percent (20%) of the Members entitled to vote, provided that the proposed amendments are

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned having executed this instrument this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, on behalf of the first Board of Directors of the Gates of the River Community Association.



Alaric A. Henry, Vice-President / Secretary

