

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS               §

**FIRST AMENDED AND RATIFIED DECLARATION  
OF  
COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
OF  
GREEN BRANCH RIDGE PHASES I, III & IV  
AND  
GREEN BRANCH RIDGE SUBDIVISIONS 6 THROUGH 10**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE HOMEOWNER’S ASSOCIATION, INC.**, and on behalf of said Texas not for profit corporation, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Declarants”) are the current owner elected Board of Directors of all those certain tracts of land in Brazos County, Texas, which have been heretofore, platted, subdivided and designated as GREEN BRANCH RIDGE PHASES I, III & IV according to the maps or plats thereof filed of record at (See Exhibit A for the volume and page) in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas (hereinafter collectively referred to as “GREEN BRANCH RIDGE”; which were previously owned by **BEARD FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**, a Texas Limited Partnership, **GREENBRANCH PARTNERS, LTD.**, a Texas limited partnership, **JAMES L. BEARD, NANCY BEARD COCHRAN** and **ELSIE BEARD HUNT**.

WHEREAS **BEARD FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**, a Texas Limited Partnership, **GREENBRANCH PARTNERS, LTD.**, a Texas limited partnership, **JAMES L. BEARD, NANCY BEARD COCHRAN** and **ELSIE BEARD HUNT** (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Declarants”) are the current owners of all those certain tracts of land in Brazos County, Texas, which have been heretofore, platted, subdivided and designated as GREEN BRANCH RIDGE SUBDIVISIONS 6 THROUGH 10 according to the maps or plats thereof filed of record at (See Exhibit A for the volume and page) in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas (hereinafter collectively referred to as “GREEN BRANCH RIDGE”).

WHEREAS, Declarants desire to amend, combine, and ratify the Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions for GREEN BRANCH RIDGE PHASES I, III & IV and GREEN BRANCH RIDGE SUBDIVISIONS 6 THOROUGH 10, as well as to include the Amended Supplementary Declaration and Second Supplementary Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions of GREEN BRANCH RIDGE PHASES I, III & IV as applicable.

WHEREAS, Declarants desire to create and provide for the development, improvement and maintenance of said GREEN BRANCH RIDGE and future phases of GREEN BRANCH RIDGE developments for the mutual benefit and pleasure of the present and future property owners in such subdivisions, and to protect the property values within such subdivisions by imposing upon and against all of the designated lots therein the covenants, reservations, restrictions and other provisions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarants do hereby make, adopt, ratify, and establish the following reservations, restrictions, declarations, easements, limitations, charges, agreements, covenants, conditions and stipulations, each of which shall be applicable to GREEN BRANCH RIDGE and future phases of GREEN BRANCH RIDGE developments.

I.

Definitions

The following terms when used herein shall have the following meanings:

- a. **“PARTNERSHIP”** shall mean **Beard Family Partnership**, a Texas limited partnership, its successors and assigns.
- b. **“SUBDIVISION”** shall mean **Green Branch Ridge Subdivisions 6 through 10** that are currently built, as well as those subdivisions that will be built in the future, collectively known as **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE**.
- c. **“RECORDING DATE”** shall mean the date upon which this document is filed of record in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas.
- d. **“LOT”** or **“PARCEL”** shall mean those plots of land shown on the map or plat of the subdivision filed of record in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas.
- e. **“OWNER”** shall mean and refer to the record **OWNER**, whether one (1) or more **PERSON(S)** or entities of the fee simple title to any **LOT** in the **SUBDIVISION**, or any part or interest therein. **OWNER** shall not mean or refer to any mortgagee, under any applicable theory of mortgage, unless and until such mortgagee has acquired legal title pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure. The term **OWNER** shall further include any **PERSON** or entity claiming title to any **LOT** or portion thereof by adverse possession, any **PERSON** or entity leasing, renting or otherwise occupying any **LOT** or part thereof, and/or any **PERSON** or entity claiming interest in a **LOT** or part thereof under a contract of sale.
- f. **“COMMITTEE”** shall mean and/or refer to the Architectural Control Committee established under the provisions of this document, its successors and assigns.
- g. **“ASSOCIATION”** shall mean and refer to Green Branch Ridge Homeowner’s Association, Inc., a Texas not for profit corporation, provided for in this document, its successors and assigns.
- h. **“COMMON AREAS”** shall mean all real property owned by the **ASSOCIATION** for the common use and enjoyment of the **OWNERS**.

- i. **“IMPROVEMENT”** shall mean every structure and all appurtenances thereto of every type and kind, including, but not limited to buildings, outbuildings, storage sheds, patios, tennis courts, swimming pools, fences, garages, landscaping, poles, signs, exterior air conditioning, water softener fixtures or equipment, pumps, walls, tanks, reservoirs, pipes, meters, antennae, towers and/or other facilities used in connection with water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone, regular or cable television, satellite, tv antennas, and/or other utilities.
- j. **“PERSON(S)”** shall refer to any natural person, individual(s), and/or any other entity unless the context indicates otherwise having the legal right to hold title to real property.
- k. **“PLANS”** and **“SPECIFICATIONS”** shall mean any and all documents designed to guide or control the construction or erection of any **IMPROVEMENT**, including, but not limited to, those indicating location, size, shape, configuration, materials, site plans, excavation and grading plans, foundation plans, drainage plans, landscaping and fencing plans, elevation drawings, floor plans, specifications on all building products and construction techniques, samples of exterior colors, plans for utility services, and all other documentation or information relevant to such **IMPROVEMENT**.
- l. References to the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular.
- m. Terms utilizing bold, capital letters are used as defined terms. Terms utilizing regular upper and lower casing are used generically unless otherwise indicated.

## II.

### Restrictions

For the purpose of creating and carrying out a uniform plan for the parceling and sale of **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE** as a district set aside for residential homes and certain other uses accessory thereto, the following restrictions, including without limitation restrictions, covenants, declarations, easements, limitations, charges, agreements, and conditions (hereafter collectively called the “Restrictions”), are hereby established and adopted to apply uniformly to use, occupancy and conveyance of all the **PARCELS** in **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE**. Every contract, deed or conveyance which may be hereafter executed with regard to any of the property in the **SUBDIVISION** shall be conclusively deemed to have been executed, delivered and accepted subject to the following Restrictions, even if the Restrictions are not set out in full and are not incorporated by reference in such contract of sale, deed, lease or other transfer of and interest in any such **PARCEL**.

#### A. Building and Construction Restrictions

- 1. Except as herein otherwise provided, each **PARCEL** in the **SUBDIVISION** shall be used only for non-commercial residential and recreational purposes. Only single family residential dwellings and appurtenances ordinary to residential living shall be permitted. To this end, without limitation, the following structures may not be built on any **PARCEL**: hospitals, clinics, rest homes, duplex houses, apartment

houses, garage apartments, mobile homes, hotels, or any retail, wholesale, or other business or commercial establishment of any kind or nature;

2. No residence shall be constructed on any **PARCEL** that has an under roof living area of less than two thousand (2,000) square feet, excluding porches, garages, patios and the like;
3. No **IMPROVEMENT** greater than thirty-two (32) feet in height may be constructed on any **LOT** without the prior written approval of the **COMMITTEE**. For purposes of this paragraph, height shall be measured from the foundation slab of the proposed **IMPROVEMENT** to the ridge line of the roof of the proposed **IMPROVEMENT**;
4. All single-family dwellings shall be of recognized standard construction quality, and all exteriors (exclusive of doors, windows and similar openings) shall be constructed of at least sixty-five (65%) percent masonry or other material specifically approved in writing by the **COMMITTEE**. Masonry includes ceramic tile, brick, rock and all other materials commonly referred to in the Bryan, Texas area as masonry. The use of prefabricated materials, including antique homes moved from other locations, shall not be allowed;
5. The surface of all roofs of principal and secondary structures shall be approved wood shingle, shakes, tile, quality composition shingle, or approved metal roof. The **COMMITTEE** shall have authority to approve other roof treatments and materials when in its determination such treatments and materials in the form utilized will not be a detriment to the quality of the **SUBDIVISION**;
6. In the event an **OWNER** desires to use solar panels or other solar equipment in connection with the use of any **LOT**, the location and installation design thereof shall be submitted to the **COMMITTEE** and approval of such design, including the aesthetics thereof, shall be required before construction may begin;
7. The **COMMITTEE** shall have the right to impose limitations on driveway design, including materials, aprons, location and point of contact with dedicated roads, streets or private driveway within the Property. All driveways must be paved using concrete. Any other driveway material such as laydown asphalt, oil seal coat, or other materials must be approved by the **COMMITTEE**;
8. The **COMMITTEE** shall have the right to approve the location of any tank used or purposed in connection with a single-family residential structure, including tanks for storage of fuel, water, oil or LPG and including swimming pool filter tanks. (No elevated tanks of any kind shall be erected, placed or permitted on any **LOT**.) All tanks shall be screened so as not to be visible from any other portion of the Property. All tanks shall be maintained in a good and safe condition;

9. Only one single family dwelling and appurtenances thereto such as garages and barns may be placed or constructed on each of the **PARCELS** as platted as of the **RECORDING DATE**. No tent, shack or other temporary building **IMPROVEMENT** or structure shall be placed upon the Property without the prior written approval of the **COMMITTEE**; provided, however, that the **COMMITTEE** may maintain or authorize temporary structures necessary for storage of tools and equipment, and for office space for architects, and foremen on the Property during any period of actual construction, which authorization, if given, shall include the nature, size, duration and location of such structure or structures;
10. No building or structure shall be located on any **PARCEL** nearer to the front property line than fifty feet (50') or nearer to either side property line than twenty-five feet (25') or nearer to the back property line than fifty feet (50'). Provided, however, fences may be built across the back of the property and along the sides of the property without restrictions as to setback except that no fences may be constructed anywhere on the property between the front property line and the front of any residence built on the **PARCEL**. The **COMMITTEE** shall have the authority in its sole and absolute discretion to grant variances from these stated setback requirements and fence locations from time to time upon request and when in the opinion of the **COMMITTEE** to do so would not constitute a detriment to the quality of the **SUBDIVISION**.
11. Drainage structures where required under private driveways shall have a net drainage opening area of sufficient size to permit the free flow of water without back water, or such diameter as the county shall require. The ends of all pipe culvert placed under private driveways must be constructed using 45° concrete headwalls.
12. No building material of any kind or character shall be placed or stored upon any **PARCEL** more than thirty (30) days before construction of a building or **IMPROVEMENTS**. All materials shall be placed within the building lines as established above. At the completion of such building or **IMPROVEMENT**, excess or scrap material must be immediately removed from the premises.
13. No stumps, trees, underbrush, or any refuse of any kind and/or scrap material from **IMPROVEMENTS** being erected on any **PARCEL** shall be placed on any other **PARCEL**, or on streets or easements.
14. Exposed openings resulting from any excavation made of any **PARCEL** shall be backfilled and the disturbed ground shall be leveled. No change of elevation on any **PARCEL** greater than five feet (5') shall be made without the approval of the **COMMITTEE**.
15. No residential dwelling shall be built without a compliance with all State of Texas, County and City laws, rules and ordinances, including, but not limited to, approved septic tank or other sewage disposal system that is so approved; and

16. The **COMMITTEE** may approve or disapprove, for any reason or no reason, at its sole discretion any item in II.A. 1-15 above.

B. General Restrictions

1. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any **PARCEL** nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
2. No commercial activity of any kind shall be conducted on any **LOT** within the **SUBDIVISION**. "Commercial Activity" shall include but not be limited to, the offering for sale of any product or service, or the manufacture or growth of any product, for purposes of sale, without regard to whether such activities are conducted in or from residential dwellings or otherwise. Notwithstanding the above, consulting or similar in-home business activities that have limited customer activity shall be allowed. The **ASSOCIATION** shall have the right and power to stop or restrict any such in-house business activity if the **ASSOCIATION** determines in its sole discretion that the business or activity is detrimental to the **SUBDIVISION**.
3. No animals, livestock, bees or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any **LOT** except that dogs, cats, or other common household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes and do not become a nuisance or threat to other Owners. No more than four (4) animals shall be kept as household pets. No Owner shall permit any dog, cat or other domestic pet under his ownership or control to leave such Owner's **LOT** unless such pet is leashed and accompanied by a member of such Owner's household.
4. No sign(s), except sign (s) advertising property for sale and/or rent (not exceeding five (5) square feet in size), advertisement billboard, and/or advertising structure of any kind may be erected or maintained on any **PARCEL** without the consent in writing of the **COMMITTEE**. Members of the **COMMITTEE** shall have the right to enter and remove any such signs, advertisement or billboard or structure which is placed on any **PARCEL** without said consent, and in so doing, shall not be liable and is expressly relieved from any liability for trespass or other tort in connection therewith, or arising from such removal.
5. No part of the **SUBDIVISION** shall be used or maintained as dumping grounds for rubbish, trash, or garbage. Equipment for the storage or disposal of such material(s) shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. No trailer(s), recreational vehicle(s), tent(s), boat(s) and/or stripped down, wrecked, junked, or otherwise wholly inoperable vehicle shall be kept, parked, stored, and/or maintained on any portion of the driveway and/or front yard in front of the building line of the permanent structure. Same shall be kept, parked, stored or maintained on other portions of a **LOT** only within an enclosed structure or a screened area which prevents the view thereof from adjacent **LOTS** or streets. No dismantling or assembling of motor

vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles or other machinery or equipment shall be permitted in any driveway or yard adjacent to a street.

6. **OWNERS** shall not permit the accumulation of trash, rubbish, weeds, or other unsightly obstacles on their **PARCELS** or on the easements or on any alley or the streets abutting the same. Each **OWNER** shall be responsible for proper disposition of his trash and garbage. **OWNERS** shall keep the drainage easements free of obstructions.
7. After commencement of construction of any structure or **IMPROVEMENT**, the work thereon shall be diligently prosecuted to the end that the structure or **IMPROVEMENT** shall not remain in a partly finished condition any longer than reasonably necessary for completion thereof;
8. All fencing shall be of such size, design, material and color, and in such location, as is specifically approved by the **COMMITTEE**. Visible fencing shall be constructed of pipe, board, or any material approved by **COMMITTEE**. In the event **OWNER** paints a fence, **OWNER** shall maintain said fence by repainting and repairing as is reasonably necessary.
9. No act may be performed which is likely to pollute the air or water in any part of the **SUBDIVISION**, nor may any property **OWNER** violate any ordinance designed to eliminate pollution whether it be State, County or City Ordinance.
10. No firearms or fireworks may be discharged in the **SUBDIVISION** or on any **PARCEL**, easement or common areas without the prior written consent of **COMMITTEE**.
11. Representative of the **ASSOCIATION** or the **COMMITTEE** may from time to time at any reasonable hour, enter and inspect any part of the **SUBDIVISION** to ascertain compliance with this document or any amendments hereto.
12. No oil or gas drilling, development, refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted on any **LOT**, nor shall any tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted on any **LOT**. No derrick or other structures designed for use in boring or drilling for oil, natural gas, or other mineral shall be erected, maintained, or permitted on any **LOT**. Notwithstanding the foregoing each **OWNER**, by its acquisition of a parcel of the **SUBDIVISION**, hereby acknowledges that the mineral estate in and under the **SUBDIVISION** has been reserved by predecessors in title to the Property, and that such predecessors in title may have certain rights provided by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any oil or gas drilling, development, refining, quarrying or mining operations shall be allowed to continue per current leases or contracts and under any renewals of current leases or contracts.

13. Mailboxes shall be erected and maintained on each **LOT** upon which a residence is situated and shall be fixed on masonry stanchion (columns), approved by the **COMMITTEE**. No metal post stands are permitted. Each mailbox shall be new when installed, constructed of durable steel or aluminum, and of a size and shape conforming to postal authority standards for single family residential postal depositories. Mailboxes shall be located in accordance with postal regulations.
14. All lawns and any vacant **LOTS** shall be mowed and maintained at all times to maintain the aesthetics of the community, protect against rodent and infestations, among other things. All slopes and/or portions of each **PARCEL** or **LOT** which extend past fences shall be mowed and maintained to the street.
15. Landscaping for each **LOT** in the **SUBDIVISION** shall include a grass lawn surrounding the entire residence on such **LOT** or **PARCEL**. A minimum of two (2) trees must be planted and maintained in the front yard of each **LOT**. Each such tree must be two to three inches combined trunk caliber purchased in a 30-gallon container. If one or both of the trees should die within the first calendar year of planting, they must be replaced. If one or more healthy trees are already located in the front yard of any **LOT** prior to construction of a residence on such **LOT**, the **COMMITTEE** may, at its sole discretion, provide **OWNER** with a written exemption for this requirement.
16. The initial landscape plan for each **LOT** shall include a flower bed extending across the front and down one side of the residence. Plantings in the flowerbed should include a variety of drought tolerant shrubs and evergreen shrubs. Ground covers, knock-out roses and annuals can be added at the discretion of the **OWNER**.
17. With the exception of holiday decor, the use of more than two items of yard decoration is prohibited in front yards. Yard decoration includes, but is not limited to, potted or container plants, banners and flags. All fountains, metal or concrete art or statues must be approved by the **COMMITTEE**.
18. All windows facing any street in the **SUBDIVISION** shall have interior window coverings such as pull-down shades, blinds, drapes or shutters.
19. All trash cans and recycling containers must be screened, fenced or concealed from view from the street or stored inside a garage or other building save and except when placed at the pick up location on regularly scheduled pick up days. All trash cans and recycling containers must be stored timely after pick up times on pick up days.
20. The **COMMITTEE** may approve or disapprove, for any reason or for no reason, at its sole discretion any item in II.B., 1 through 19 above.

### III.

### Architectural Control

1. There is hereby created the Architectural Control Committee which shall consist of at least three (3) members. The Architectural Control Committee is composed of:

James L. Beard  
9471 Steephollow Road

Darlynn Beard  
9471 Steephollow Road

Ed Barron  
9124 Green Branch  
Loop

Bryan, Texas 77808

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A majority of the Architectural Control Committee may add additional members as needed and may designate representatives to act for it. In the event of the death or resignation or failure to serve by any member of the **COMMITTEE**, the remaining members shall have full authority to designate a successor. Neither the members of the **COMMITTEE** nor its appointed representatives shall be entitled to any compensation for services rendered pursuant to this covenant. After ten (10) years from the date of this instrument, or at such earlier time as the majority of the **COMMITTEE** shall determine, the power to designate members of the Architectural Control Committee will automatically pass to the **ASSOCIATION**. The **COMMITTEE'S** approval or disapproval as required by the Restrictions shall be in writing.

2. No **IMPROVEMENT** of any kind shall be erected, placed or altered in the exterior design after being erected or placed on or attached to any **PARCEL** in the **SUBDIVISION** until the construction plans, landscaping plans, or other plans, specifications and a plot plan showing the location and size of such **IMPROVEMENT** have been submitted to the **COMMITTEE**, or its designated representatives as to the harmony of external design with the existing structures on **PARCELS** in the **SUBDIVISION**, as to type of exterior materials and exterior paint colors, as to quality of workmanship and materials, and as to locations with respect to topography and finished ground elevations, and compliance with all applicable provisions of this document, and general compatibility within the **SUBDIVISION**. **IMPROVEMENTS** used herein shall include, but not be limited to, building(s), fences, towers, antennas, porches, decks, walls, swimming pools, water wells, playground equipment, outdoor cooking or eating facilities of a permanent nature, docks, piers, barns, silos, cages, sheds, streets, alleys, excavations and other earth movement. The **COMMITTEE** may require a reasonable fee for performing the functions herein prescribed and may disapprove plans, specifications, designs and plot plans for failure to pay such fee. Such fees shall be used by the **COMMITTEE** to discharge actual expenses incurred by the **COMMITTEE**. After approval in writing has been given, the erecting, placing or altering of the **IMPROVEMENTS** on any **PARCEL** shall be made only in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and plot plans, unless variations or changes are also approved in the same manner.

3. Neither the **ASSOCIATION** nor the members of the **COMMITTEE**, representatives, and/or their successors or assigns, shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans to them for approval, or to any **OWNER** or lessee of any **PARCEL** affected by these Restrictions, by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve any plans submitted. Every person who submits plans to the **COMMITTEE** for approval agrees by submission of such plans, and every **OWNER** or lessee of any **PARCEL** within the property agrees by acquiring title thereto or interest therein, that he will not bring any action or suit against the **ASSOCIATION**, the members of the **COMMITTEE**, or its representatives,

to recover any such damages. **COMMITTEE** does not represent or warrant that any plans are or are sound and or of good and safe design.

4. At the option of a majority of the **COMMITTEE**, all of the powers, rights, duties and responsibilities of said **COMMITTEE** may be transferred to the **ASSOCIATION**; and in such event the **ASSOCIATION** shall appoint a representative or representatives to perform all functions of the **COMMITTEE**. Said representative or representatives shall be the successor of the **COMMITTEE**.

#### IV.

##### **Green Branch Ridge Homeowner's Association, Inc.**

1. The **ASSOCIATION**, a Texas non-profit corporation, shall be incorporated with its initial registered office in Brazos County, Texas, and with its principal office located at 9471 Steephollow Road, Bryan, Texas 77808.

2. **PARTNERSHIP** shall cause the **ASSOCIATION** to be incorporated, and **PARTNERSHIP** shall have the power to elect all members of the Board of Directors and to fill any vacancies occurring therein until **PARTNERSHIP** has conveyed by deed, in the aggregate, eighty percent (80%) of the **LOTS** in Green Branch Ridge and any future acreage developed under a common scheme or plan of development by **PARTNERSHIP**, according to map or plat filed in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas. Once eighty percent (80%) of the **LOTS** have been so deeded, the membership of the Board of Directors shall be determined by majority vote of the land **OWNERS** of record that are subject to a required maintenance charge payable to the **ASSOCIATION**. **PARTNERSHIP** may elect to transfer power to elect the Board of Directors to said record **OWNERS** at any earlier time.

3. The **ASSOCIATION** shall have powers and functions provided by applicable law, its Articles of Incorporation, its Bylaws, as heretofore or hereafter amended, respectively, and such other powers as set forth herein, including without limitation, at its option, the right to maintain streets, lakes, utilities, recreational areas; to provide for garbage pickup (at a cost to the individual property **OWNERS** if the Maintenance Fund is insufficient for this purpose), hire safety protection, furnish power or gas for street lighting, maintain esplanades, and other common areas; and to establish rules and regulations for the use of **SUBDIVISION** facilities, specifically erected and installed and designated to be controlled by the **ASSOCIATION**. The **ASSOCIATION** shall administer the Maintenance Fund hereinafter provided.

4. **LOT** ownership and membership in **ASSOCIATION** shall be inseparable. Transfer of a **LOT** automatically transfers membership in the **ASSOCIATION** and all rights of the transferor with respect to the **COMMON AREAS** and facilities to which ownership of such **LOT** relates.

5. If **PARTNERSHIP** develops further acreage under a common scheme or plan of development, as **PARTNERSHIP**, the **ASSOCIATION** may require such property **OWNERS** to be members of the **ASSOCIATION** and they shall have equal voting rights therein on the same basis as **OWNERS** of property in this **SUBDIVISION**.

## V.

**Maintenance Charge**

1. Each **PARCEL** in **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE** and future phases is hereby subjected to an annual maintenance charge of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) payable in advance by the **OWNER** of each **PARCEL** on the first day of January of each year, beginning 2021, and each succeeding year thereafter until terminated as provided below, to the **ASSOCIATION**, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of creating a fund described below, known as the "Maintenance Fund". Where any **PARCEL** is owned by more than one person or entity, said maintenance charge shall be payable by all such **OWNERS**, jointly and severally. The maintenance charge shall be prorated at closing between purchasers and sellers of **PARCELS** in the proportion that the remaining months of the calendar year bear to the whole year. By acceptance of a deed or other instrument of conveyance, or by any other claim of legal title to any **PARCEL** or portion thereof, each **OWNER** agrees and consents to the maintenance charge and the liens as provided herein. The maintenance charge shall be paid for each year from 2021 through 2029 and shall be extended automatically for successive periods of ten (10) years unless before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2029, or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of any tenth year thereafter, the **OWNERS** of record of a majority of the **PARCELS** in the **SUBDIVISION** vote to discontinue or otherwise change such charge by written instrument which shall be signed and acknowledged by the **OWNERS** of record of a majority of the **PARCELS** and recorded in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas.

2. A one-time late fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed if the maintenance charge is not paid on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day following the date said maintenance charge became due and payable. Thereafter, the **ASSOCIATION** shall have a lien against any **PARCEL** for which the annual maintenance charge and late fee provided herein shall not be paid effective upon the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day following the date the maintenance charge became due and payable. The amount of said lien shall be for the amount of the maintenance charge plus any additional late fees then due, owing and unpaid, which shall bear interest at a rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum of the unpaid balance accruing from the date said maintenance charge and any late fees became due and payable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate interest rate charged with respect to any of the late fees above shall not exceed the Highest Lawful Rate. The **ASSOCIATION** shall have the right to evidence the existence of this lien by filing a sworn and acknowledged statement of lien in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas, but the failure of the **ASSOCIATION** to so file a statement of lien shall not affect the validity of the lien as between the **ASSOCIATION** and the **OWNER**.

3. The maintenance charge shall be used to pay "maintenance expenses" which shall include, without limitation, expenses incurred for any easements, streets, sidewalks, paths, fences, lakes, parkways, stables, tracks, pools, lodge, esplanades, and any structures, facilities or area which can be used by all **OWNERS** which in the opinion of the **ASSOCIATION** would benefit the **SUBDIVISION** as a whole; collecting and disposing of garbage, ashes, rubbish and the like in said areas (other than garbage, ashes, rubbish and the like from constructed residential dwellings), caring for vacant **PARCELS** subsidizing bus or transportation service, employing watchmen or any other action deemed desirable to protect persons and property, payment of legal and all other expenses in connection with the operation of the **ASSOCIATION**, and the enforcement of all recorded charges, restrictions, covenants, agreements and conditions affecting the property to which maintenance charges apply, payment of all expenses in connection with the collection and administration of the maintenance charges, and doing any other things

necessary and desirable in the opinion of the **ASSOCIATION** to keep property neat and in good order of which it considers of general benefit to the **SUBDIVISION**. The act of the **ASSOCIATION** and its expenditures of the Maintenance Fund shall be final so long as it acts in good faith.

4. The **ASSOCIATION** may increase or reduce the maintenance charge from time to time by action applied uniformly to all **PARCELS** in the **SUBDIVISION** as provided below.

5. From and after January 1, 2019, the **ASSOCIATION'S** Board of Directors, at its next annual or special meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter, shall set the amount of the annual assessments for each year for each **LOT**, taking into consideration the current maintenance costs and future needs of the **ASSOCIATION**; except, however, the annual assessments may not be increased in any one year by more than twenty percent (20%) of the then existing annual assessment, except on the affirmative vote of **OWNERS** entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the votes as the **ASSOCIATION**, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purposes.

6. **PARTNERSHIP** shall not be liable or in any way responsible for the payment of any maintenance charge provided for herein.

## VI.

### Special Assessments for Capital Improvements

1. In addition to the annual assessment for maintenance charges authorized above, the **ASSOCIATION** may levy in any assessment year, special assessments applicable to that year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the **COMMON AREA**, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the votes of the members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Written notice of a meeting called for this purpose shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days not more than fifty (50) days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting and the proposal to be voted on.

2. No special assistance for capital improvements shall be made under this provision prior to the time the membership of the Board of Directors of the **ASSOCIATION** is determined by majority vote of the land **OWNERS** of record.

3. The Special Assessments shall be payable by the **OWNERS** on the dates and terms as may be established by the **ASSOCIATION**. The **ASSOCIATION** may also provide for a lien against any **PARCELS** for which the special assessment remains unpaid.

## VII.

### **Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages**

The liens of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage and/or mortgages granted or created by the **OWNER** of any **LOT** to secure payment of monies advanced and used for the purpose of purchasing and/or improving such **LOT**. Sale or transfer of any **LOT** or and **LOT** pursuant to a foreclosure under such purchase money or **IMPROVEMENT** mortgages or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments thereof which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such **LOT** from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. No extinguishment of the lien shall relieve the delinquent **LOT OWNER** from his/her personal obligation and liability for all assessments due and unpaid.

## VIII.

### **Effect of Non-Payment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association**

Any assessments and charges which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. The **ASSOCIATION** may bring an action at law against the **OWNER** or member personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property. Any interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. Each **OWNER**, by his acceptance of a deed to a **LOT**, hereby expressly vests in the **ASSOCIATION**, or its agents, the right and power to bring all actions against such **OWNER** personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and to enforce the aforesaid lien by all methods available for the enforcement of such liens, including foreclosure by an action brought in the name of the **ASSOCIATION** in a like manner of a mortgage or deed of trust lien on real property and such **OWNER** hereby expressly grants to the **ASSOCIATION**, a power of sale in connection with lien. The lien provided for in this section shall be in favor of the **ASSOCIATION** and shall be for the benefit of all other **LOT OWNERS** and shall be exercisable by a Trustee to be named or designated by the Board of Directors of the **ASSOCIATION**. Any sale pursuant to this power shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 3810 of the *Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated*. The **ASSOCIATION** acting on behalf of the **LOT OWNERS** shall have the power to bid in an interest at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey any said interest so acquired.

## IX.

### **Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions Enforcement and Fine Policy**

1. For the purpose of enforcement of the Restrictions, the **OWNER** will be given a reasonable time to cure violations, unless otherwise specified in the Declarations. The time period given may vary in relation to the difficulty, planning and expense associated with rectifying the violation which shall be determined in the sole discretion of the **ASSOCIATION**. Additionally, the **ASSOCIATION** may, in its own discretion, take into consideration the specific circumstances and the overall effect of the violation on the community when determining the time period to cure such violation, but in no event shall the **ASSOCIATION** be responsible or required to consider such factors. If the **OWNER** is unable to correct the violation within the time specified, a written request

for an extension must be submitted to the **ASSOCIATION**, which the **ASSOCIATION** may approve in their sole discretion.

2. Upon verification of a violation, a Courtesy Letter may be sent to the **OWNER** stating a description of the Restriction violation and requesting that the **OWNER** cure the violation within a stated time period.

3. Either upon initial verification of a violation, or after the expiration of the time period stated in the Courtesy Letter, if one is sent, a Demand Letter may be sent to the **OWNER**. This letter will be sent postage prepaid, via U.S. Regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested. Depending on the severity of the violation and/or the history of previous violations on the **OWNER'S** property, this may be the first letter sent (rather than a Courtesy Letter) as determined in the sole discretion of the **ASSOCIATION**. The Demand Letter will state as follows:

- (a) **Violation:** A description of the Restriction violation(s), the action required to correct the violation(s), the proposed suspension action, proposed charge or fine and any amount due the **ASSOCIATION**;
- (b) **Right to Request Hearing:** The **OWNER** may request a hearing before the **ASSOCIATION** or designated committee, such request to be made in writing on or before the 30th day after the date the **OWNER** receives the notice, and if the hearing is held before a designated committee, there will be a right to appeal the decision of that committee to the **ASSOCIATION** upon written notice to the **ASSOCIATION**;
- (c) **Timing and Notice of Hearing:** If requested, a hearing shall be held not later than the 30th day after the date the **ASSOCIATION** receives the **OWNER'S** written request for a hearing. Notification of the date, time, and place of the hearing will be sent not later than the 10th day before the hearing. If a postponement of the hearing is requested by either the **ASSOCIATION** or the **OWNER**, it must be granted for a period of not more than 10 days. Any additional postponements may be granted by agreement of the parties;
- (d) **Hearing not Requested-Time frame to Cure Violation:** If the **OWNER** chooses not to request a hearing, the violation must be cured within the timeframe set forth in the Demand Letter. Fines, suspension of right to use common areas, and other remedies available to the **ASSOCIATION** may be Implemented after the expiration of the 30-day timeframe provided to the **OWNER** to request a hearing;
- (e) **Active Military Duty:** The **OWNER** may have special rights or relief related to the enforcement action under federal law, including the Service members Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C.app.Section 501 et seq.), if the **OWNER** is serving on active military duty;
- (f) **Association Remedies:** The **OWNER** shall be liable for, and the **ASSOCIATION** may collect reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs incurred by the **ASSOCIATION** after the conclusion of a hearing, or should a hearing not be requested, after the date by which the **OWNER** must request a hearing. Said attorney's fees and costs shall be charged to the **OWNER'S** assessment account. Additionally, rights to access common areas may be suspended. In addition to charging fines, the **ASSOCIATION** reserves its right under any dedicatory instrument and under Texas law, to file a lawsuit for damages and injunctive relief, and pursuant to Section 202.004 (c) of the Texas Property Code, a court in such a lawsuit may assess civil penalties of up to \$200.00 per day for each violation of a restrictive covenant; and
- (g) **Certificate of Non-Compliance:** A Certificate of Non-Compliance may be recorded in the real property records should the violation not be cured within the specified time frame.

4. If the **OWNER** has a violation within 12 months after being sent a Demand Letter for a previous, similar violation, the **ASSOCIATION** may implement fines or suspension of Common Areas for the subsequent violation without sending another Demand Letter to the **OWENR**.

5. Nothing contained herein, not otherwise required by the Declarations, shall require the **ASSOCIATION** to take any of the specific actions contained herein. The **ASSOCIATION** shall have the right, but not the obligation, to evaluate each Restriction violation on a case-by-case basis, and in its best judgment, deems reasonable.

6. After a Demand Letter (if required) has been sent to the **OWNER** pursuant to the terms set forth above, the **ASSOCIATION**, acting through the **ASSOCIATION**, is authorized to impose monetary fines according to the schedule for violations of any provisions of the dedicatory instruments, as set forth below. If the violation is a similar subsequent violation of one that has occurred within the previous twelve (12) months, the fine may accrue as of the first (1st) date after the subsequent violation.

**FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DEDICATORY INSTRUMENTS  
NOT AFFECTING THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE OWNERS**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| First Violation  | \$ 50.00 |
| Second Violation | \$100.00 |
| Third Violation  | \$150.00 |

**FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DEDICATORY INSTRUMENTS  
AFFECTING THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE OWNERS**

For violations of the Dedicatory Instruments affecting the use and enjoyment of the **OWNERS**, the **ASSOCIATION** may set the amount of the fine as it reasonably relates to the violation of the dedicatory instruments and the number of the **OWNERS** affected by the violation.

7. The **ASSOCIATION** is hereby authorized to impose lesser fines or no fine at all for violation of the dedicatory instruments of the **ASSOCIATION** as determined by the **ASSOCIATION** in its sole discretion. Each day that such violation continues may be considered to be a new violation.

8. Fines against an **OWNER** will be assessed against the **OWNER'S LOT**. The **OWNER** will be responsible for the actions of all residents, guests and invitees of the **OWNER** and any fines against such residents, guests and invitees will also be assessed against the **OWNER'S LOT**.

**X.****Real Estate Transfer Fee**

A real estate transfer fee shall be paid in the amount of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by the buyer to the **ASSOCIATION** for charges related to the handling of the transfer of title of each **LOT** from the current **OWNER** to a buyer.

**XI.****Re-Subdivision**

No **LOT** may be re-subdivided into smaller **LOTS** except any **LOT** which may be designated as "reserved" on the plat of the **SUBDIVISION**. Any such subdivided lot shall be subject to the then existing regulations affecting subdivisions in Brazos County, Texas and subject to the same restrictions as set forth in this document.

**XII.****Miscellaneous Provisions**

1. The foregoing *Restrictions* are adopted as part of and shall apply to each and every **PARCEL** in the **SUBDIVISION**. Such *Restrictions* are equally for the benefit of all subsequent **OWNERS** of **PARCELS** in **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE** and future phases of Green Branch Development and accordingly, shall be covenants running with the land. Any **OWNER** or lienholder of any of the property or the **ASSOCIATION** shall have the power to prosecute in the appropriate court a suit at law or in equity to prevent any violation or attempted violation of the *Restrictions* and to recover damages for any violation or attempted violation including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees; provided, however that this clause shall not restrict any governmental agency from acting to enforce any of the *Restrictions*.

2. The term of the *Restrictions* shall be for a period from the filing of this instrument for record in Brazos County, Texas, until January 1, 2029, after which date such *Restrictions* shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless and until, by instrument executed by the then record **OWNERS** of a majority of the **PARCELS** in **GREEN BRANCH RIDGE** and duly recorded in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas, such *Restrictions* are altered, rescinded, modified, in whole or in part.

3. Nothing contained in this document nor any violation of any of the *Restrictions* shall have the effect of impairing or affecting the rights of any mortgagee or trustee under any mortgage or deed of trust outstanding against the **SUBDIVISION** or any portion thereof.

4. Any and all rights, powers, and reservations of **PARTNERSHIP** herein contained may be assigned to any person corporations or association which will assume the duties pertaining to the particular rights, powers and reservations assigned, and upon any such person, corporation or association's evidencing its consent in writing to accept such assignment and assume such duties, he or it shall, to the extent of such assignment, have the same rights and powers and be subject to the same obligations and duties as are given to and assumed by **PARTNERSHIP** herein and **PARTNERSHIP** shall thereafter be

released from any future liabilities. The term **PARTNERSHIP** as used in this document shall include all such assignees and their heirs, successors, and assigns.

5. **PARTNERSHIP** reserves the right to make minor deviations from the terms of this document to the extent permissible by law and consistent with the general plan for development as herein set out, all without further action or consent by or from any party.

6. The invalidity, violation, abandonment, waiver of or failure to enforce any one or more of or any part of the provisions of this document shall in no way affect or impair the remaining provisions or parts thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

7. **PARTNERSHIP**, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to bring within the scheme of this Declaration additional properties thereby subjecting such additional lands to the Declaration, by filing of record a Supplementary Declaration with respect to such additional property which shall extend the scheme of this Declaration to such property. The **ASSOCIATION** shall accept same and any such property shall be owned and managed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

8. Such Supplementary Declaration may contain such complementary additions and modifications of the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the added properties as are not inconsistent with the scheme of this Declaration. In no event, however, shall such Supplementary Declaration revoke, modify, or, add to the covenants established by this Declaration within the existing **SUBDIVISION**.

Dated this the 21 day of April, 2021.

Exhibit A Platted, subdivided and designated as Green Branch Ridge Phases I,III,IV, VI,VII according to the Maps, Plats thereof filed of record at volume and pages listed below in the official Records of Brazos County Texas.

| Phase   | Volume | Page                                 |
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| One     | 3971   | 189                                  |
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| Four    | 11,960 | 55&56                                |
| Four    | 12,980 | 23 Replat 6R&7R                      |
| Four    | 13,141 | 21 Replat 37R1-37R2                  |
| Four    | 13,735 | 162 2 <sup>nd</sup> Replat 37R1&37R2 |
| Four    | 13,877 | 58,59                                |
| Six     | 15,226 | 269-270                              |
| Six     | 15,810 | 140 Common Area 5.77ac               |
| Seven A | 15,226 | 200-201                              |
| Six&7A  | 17,093 | 176-177 Replat 2.1.2-2,3,4           |
| Seven B | 17,109 | 266-267                              |

**DECLARANTS:**

STATE OF TEXAS §  
§  
COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

The undersigned hereby certifies that they are the duly elected, qualified and acting **President and Secretary of the Board of Directors of GREEN BRANCH RIDGE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Texas non-profit corporation and that:

Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Amended Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions for GREEN BRANCH RIDGE PHASES I, III, & IV and GREEN BRANCH RIDGE SUBDIVISIONS 6 THOROUGH 10.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate on the 21 day of April, 2021.

By: *Edwin H. Baron*  
**President of the Board of Directors**

STATE OF TEXAS §  
§  
COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 21 day of April, 2021, by *Edwin H. Baron* **President of the Board of Directors of GREEN BRANCH RIDGE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**, and on behalf of said Texas non-profit corporation.

*Tiffany York*  
Notary Public, State of Texas



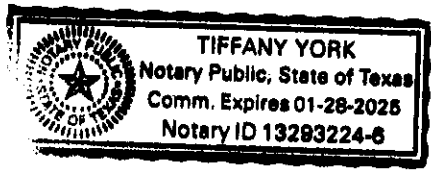
**BEARD FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, a Texas  
Limited Partnership**

By:   
**JAMES L. BEARD, President of LHB, Inc.,  
Managing General Partner**

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2021, by **JAMES L. BEARD, President of LHB, Inc., a Texas corporation**, on behalf of said corporation, as **Managing General Partner of BEARD FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, a Texas Limited Partnership.**

  
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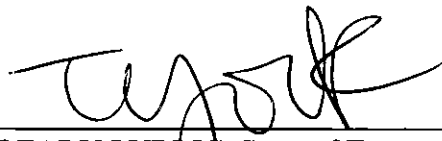


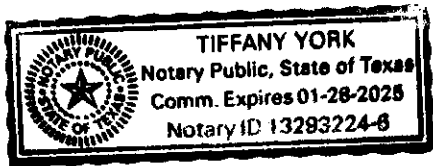
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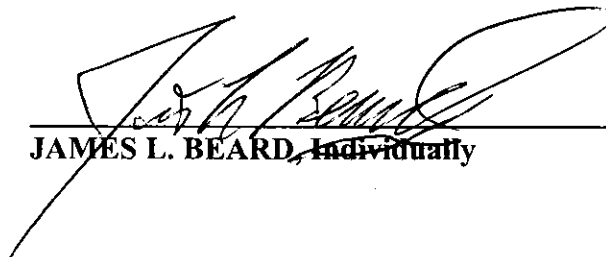
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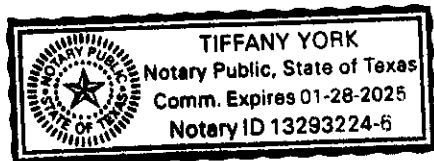


  
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JAMES L. BEARD, Individually

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**Brazos County  
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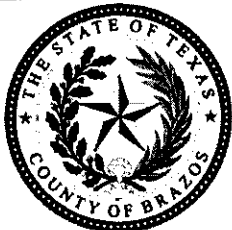
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I hereby certify that this Instrument was FILED In the File Number sequence on the date/time printed hereon, and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Brazos County, Texas.

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