

**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION AND LIMITATIONS RUNNING WITH THE LAND
FOR BRIDGEWATER SUBDIVISION**

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND LIMITATIONS FOR BRIDGEWATER made and published this _____ day of March, 2024 by North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, hereafter referred to together with its successors-in-title who come to stand in the same relation to the property as its predecessor did as "Declarant".

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Declarant to establish a general plan and uniform scheme of development and improvement of the upon referenced property; and

WHEREAS, Declarant wishes to provide for the preservation and enhancement of property values, amenities and opportunity within the property in order to contribute to the personal and general health, safety and welfare of the property Owners and residents therein and do maintain the land and improvements therein, and to this end wish to subject the Property to the covenants, restrictions, Owners association, easements, reservations, assessments, charges, liens and other provisions hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and of the benefits to be derived by BRIDGEWATER SUBDIVISION (hereinafter, also referred to as "Subdivision") and each and every subsequent Owner of any of the parcels and numbered lots in said development, Declarant does hereby set up, establish, promulgate and declare the following to apply to all of said parcels, numbered lots, marina and boat dock slips and to all persons owning said parcels or numbered lots or any of them, hereafter. These covenants shall become effective immediately and run with the land and shall be binding on all persons claiming under and through North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, their heirs, successors, successor-in-title and assigns, and BRIDGEWATER SUBDIVISION, to-wit:

ARTICLE ONE DEFINITIONS

The following terms, as used in this Declaration, shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 DECLARANT shall mean North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, or any successor, successor-in-title, or assign who takes title to any portion of the property described on Exhibits "A" and who is designated as the Declarant in a recorded instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant.
- 1.2 PARCEL AND LOT shall initially mean and refer those Lots surveyed, platted and recorded as shown as BRIDGEWATER SUBDIVISION in Plat Cabinet _____, Slide _____ of the Clerk of Fannin County, Texas, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, as specified in Exhibit "A", being attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 1.3 OWNER shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of any Lot or parcel which is a part of this Declaration, including contract sellers and Declarant. Owner shall not include a mortgage holder unless and until such mortgage holder has acquired title pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure.
- 1.4 ASSOCIATION shall mean and refer to BRIDGEWATER POA, its successors and assigns.
- 1.5 BOARD shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the BRIDGEWATER POA, its successors and assigns.
- 1.6 PROPERTY shall mean that real estate which is submitted to this Declaration as described on the plats of survey above referenced and as specified in Exhibit "A" hereof.
- 1.7 ARC shall mean and refer to the Architectural Review Committee. The ARC will review and approve all construction plans.
- 1.8 ACC Checklist shall refer to the Architectural Control Checklist. The ACC Checklist must be completed and submitted to the ARC or Association prior to the commencement of any construction.
- 1.9 HOMES shall refer to houses within the Property.
- 1.10 COMMUNITY WIDE STANDARD shall refer to the standard for which the home design and construction shall be measured by prior to approval.

- 1.11 IMPACT FEE shall refer to the amount due prior to construction commencement.
- 1.12 PRIVATE ROAD shall refer to the road running through the community.
- 1.13 BOAT DOCK shall refer to the Boat Dock constructed on shoreline leased from and owned by NTMWD, which will contain multiple boat slips whether private or common, but shall not refer to private Boat Docks of lakefront properties.
- 1.14 PRIVATE SLIP shall refer to those slips extending from to the Boat Dock which usage rights have been conveyed to Lot Owners by title or lease.
- 1.15 COMMON SLIP shall refer to those slips attached to the Boat Dock which may be used by all Property Owners.
- 1.16 NTMWD shall refer to North Texas Municipal Water District, the entity which constructed the lake and manages the shoreline.
- 1.17 COMMON PROPERTY shall mean any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with any facilities and improvements located thereon, now owned or leased by the Declarant and hereafter owned or leased by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners of all BRIDGEWATER, including, but not limited to, roads as defined in Section 5.1, the Boat Dock, Common Slips, clubhouse, putt-putt golf course, walking and golf cart paths etc., located upon the Property and/or that tract leased from NTMWD.
- 1.18 THE CLUBHOUSE shall refer to the Declarant's Property located at the end of Bridgewater Drive and identified as CA-53 of the recorded plat as shown in Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated herein. Unless otherwise specified, references to the Clubhouse shall refer to the Clubhouse building, property and grounds and putt-putt golf course.
- 1.19 DEVELOPER shall mean North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, its heirs and assigns.

ARTICLE TWO

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

- 2.1 EXISTING PROPERTY. The initial property subject to this Declaration upon the recordation hereof in the county public records, are the Property, said property being described on the plat of survey referenced herein and as specified in Exhibit "A".
- 2.2 ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. Additional property annexed in accordance with

procedures set forth in Article Eleven (11) of this Declaration shall become subject to this Declaration. Additional property shall mean all or any portion of any Fannin County, Texas property owned presently or in the future by the Declarant and/or any of its affiliated entities which it holds an ownership interest therein. To qualify for annexation, additional property must be adjacent to, contiguous with, or across the road from BRIDGEWATER to be annexed.

ARTICLE THREE USE RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1 SUBDIVISION OF LOTS. No Lot shall be subdivided after conveyed by Declarant, except with the written approval of the Declarant prior to the Declarant releasing control to the Association as provided in Section 7.2 of this Declaration.
- 3.2 COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY. No Lot shall be used for any commercial activity or business.
- 3.3 CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES. All homes and buildings must be completed within 12 months from the date construction begins.
- 3.4 GARAGES. Each house must contain a minimum two car garage, built in compliance with the Building Requirements of Article IV.
- 3.5 FENCES. Fences must be constructed of iron, aluminum or wood. All fences must be approved by the Association. No chain link, barbed wire or privacy fences allowed, and the height of the fence may not exceed five feet.
- 3.6 LANDSCAPING. All residents must do a reasonable amount of landscaping. The reasonableness of the amount of landscaping done is to be determined by the Association.
 - (a) Each Lot, whether vacant or inhabited, shall be maintained in a neat and attractive condition including but not limited to mowing and/or weed eating so as not to become an eyesore to adjoining lots.
 - (b) Any Lot which becomes unkept, overgrown, displaying uncontained debris or has not been recently mowed, is subject a reasonable fine. Developer or Association may serve notice by email or posting to the Lot, if a working email address has not been provided, of the violation. If after seven days, the violation is not cured or satisfactorily addressed, the Developer or Association may enter the Lot and bring the appearance of the Lot to Community Standards at the expense of the Owner plus a twenty-five percent (25%) administration fee.

(c) Landscaping must be completed within three (3) months of completion of construction.

3.7 PONDS AND WATER FLOW. No building of ponds, redirection or restriction of water flow in any creek, stream, branch, or spring is permitted. Maintenance of existing ponds, creeks, streams, branches, or springs is allowed.

3.8 LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES. No mining, quarrying, drilling, or other such land disturbing activities shall be permitted on any portion of said property, provided, however, land disturbing activities as necessary for construction of road, trails, utility lines, house sites, driveways, septic tanks and drain fields shall be permitted so long as all disturbances for any and all such land disturbing activities are done in an environmentally sound manner with minimal impact on the sensitive water environment and resources including but not limited to (i) the construction and maintenance of all sedimentation fences, etc. necessary to prevent all sedimentation, siltation, erosion, etc. from entering into the said streams, branches and/or springs and (ii) taking all steps necessary to prevent chemicals and/or other pollutants from entering into the said streams and/or branches.

3.9 CUTTING OF TREES. Lot Owners shall make every effort to maintain as much of the natural tree canopy as possible. Cutting for views must be approved by the Declarant or the Association and Owners shall only remove ten percent (10%) of the trees on their Lot without the prior written consent of the Association. Furthermore, no tree with a diameter of 8 inches or larger may be removed without the consent of the Association. All trees that have been cut must be entirely removed from property immediately.

(a) No trees may be cut on individual Lots without prior approval of the Declarant or ARC unless home construction plans have been approved.

3.10 ANTENNAS AND SATELLITE DISHES. No large antenna or satellite dishes of more than 18 inches in diameter are permitted.

3.11 EROSION CONTROL. Owners must construct erosion control methods such as siltation fences and/or screens, etc. during the home building process.

3.12 NOISES. No loud or obnoxious noise, including but not limited to, incessant dog barking, shall be permitted.

3.13 SIGNS. No advertising signs of any manner shall be permitted except during the 12 months of construction. During construction, one sign may be placed on the Lot advertising the construction company's name. This sign shall not exceed 24 inches by 24 inches in size shall not be placed upon a Lot until construction commences

and shall be removed at the completion of the home. No more than one sign may be placed on a Lot at a time without written approval of the Association.

- 3.14 FOR SALE SIGNS AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS. No For Sale signs shall be placed on a Lot within the first 90 days of purchasing said Lot, or until such time as eighty percent of the Property has been conveyed by Declarant, or until the Declarant turns over control of the Association, or three years from the recording of this Declaration, whichever occurs first. The For Sale sign shall not exceed 18 inches by 18 inches in size and shall be constructed in the same manner and color as the original Lot sign. No generic For Sale Sign shall be permitted, nor shall there be any signs permitted at the entrance of the property.
- (a) The Declarant or Association reserves the right to restrict or prohibit brokers, real estate agents or associates from entering the Property if rules and regulations are not observed.
 - (b) The entrance gate code shall not be made public nor given out without the Association's approval.
 - (c) All prospective clients must be accompanied by the real estate agent as they enter the Property. No persons shall be granted access to the Property without written permission or without being accompanied by the Property Owner or their licensed agent.
 - (d) It is the responsibility of the existing Owner to notify the Association, or Declarant while still in control, of intent to sell their Lot and to supply the Association with the new Property Owners contact information.
 - (e) Unauthorized signs shall be removed by the Declarant or Association. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner to notify the listing agent of the appropriate sign regulations.
 - (f) For Sale signs shall be prohibited from advertising the sale of any Lot from Friday to Sunday on any weekend the Developer holds a marketing campaign to sell remaining Lots, not to exceed two weekends over a twelve-month period from the date of recording of these covenants.
 - (g) Each Board shall have the authority to modify the degree of enforcement of this Section, after the Declarant has released control pursuant to Section 7.2.
- 3.15 PROPANE TANKS. All propane tanks shall be placed underground.
- 3.16 SEWAGE DISPOSAL. All septic systems shall be approved by the Fannin County Health Department or its respective governing agent at the time of construction.

- 3.17 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES. No structure of a temporary character, such as a basement, trailer, tent, shed, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding will be used on any Lot at any time as a residence whether temporarily or permanently.
- 3.18 MANUFACTURED HOME OR MOBILE HOME. No manufactured home or mobile home of any type shall be used or located on any Lot at any time whether temporarily or permanently.
- 3.19 RESIDENTIAL USE. There shall be only one single family, private, residential dwelling per parcel or Lot. No further subdivision of parcels or Lots shall be allowed. No residence may be used as a school, church, kindergarten, or business/commercial enterprise of any type and no such activity shall take place on any parcel or Lot whether temporarily or permanently.
- 3.20 SETBACKS. The minimum setbacks allowed within the Property shall be 50 feet along the front and 15 feet along the sides and 15 feet along the back. Setbacks are subject to change with County approval.
- 3.21 CLOTHESLINES. No clotheslines or outside drying area shall be located on any parcel or Lot.
- 3.22 GARBAGE AND TRASH CONTAINERS. No parcel or Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, or other waste. All trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers except as required during trash collection.
- 3.23 PETS. No animals, livestock, cattle, goats, pigs or poultry shall be raised, bred, kept or maintained on any parcel or Lot, except that dogs, cats, or other ordinary household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes. No pet shall be permitted outside the boundaries of the Owners Lot unless accompanied by their Owners and all dogs must be on a leash.
- 3.24 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. No recreational vehicle ("RV") shall be used on a Lot as temporary or permanent residence, nor shall recreational vehicles be parked on subdivision roads within the development; however, recreational vehicles may be parked on said lots provided that they are enclosed with a structure that has the same siding as the house located on the Lot. Professionally "State Licensed" RV's of 20 feet or longer in length shall be allowed on said Lot up to 3 consecutive days during a 30 day period, however, concrete pads or temporary power poles shall not be permitted.
- 3.25 NUISANCES. No Lot shall be used in whole or in part for any illegal activity or for the storage of rubbish of any character whatsoever or for the storage of any

property or thing that will cause such Lot to appear in any unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept upon any Lot that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No accumulation of discarded personal effects, debris, waste or garbage shall be permitted on any Lot at any time.

- (a) No automobiles, trucks or other motor vehicles may be parked on the subdivision roads or in the cul-de-sacs.
- (b) No automobiles, trucks, or other motor vehicles without a current year license tag may be placed or allowed to remain on the property.
- (c) No trail bikes, three and/or multi wheelers, dune buggies, or other externally mounted engine vehicles shall be permitted in the development, including the Common Property, except for ingress and egress. Golf carts, Segways and small utility vehicles shall be permitted; however, all such vehicles shall be properly muffled so as not to disturb occupants of the surrounding property and must not be an annoyance to others.

3.26 TOWERS. No towers of any kind shall be erected.

3.27 LEASES. All rentals or leases of any property must be for a minimum of seven (7) days in duration unless a lease for a shorter amount of time is approved by the Association. All leases must be in writing.

- (a) Under no circumstances shall a lease for an outbuilding or guest quarters be permitted. Any usage of outbuilding or guest quarters must be as part of a lease of the entire property under the terms herein.
- (b) Lot Owners are fully responsible for their tenants and must give written notice to the Association of their intent to lease or rent their property in advance. Additionally, the Association must be supplied with name of each lessee, their contact information and a signed rental agreement at least forty-eight hours prior to lessee occupying the property.
- (c) Property Owners shall not be allowed to lease their property if their tenants do not abide by the rules set forth in this section.

3.28 BOATS AND BOAT TRAILERS. Boats and boat trailers may be stored in the driveway of a house for no more than five days out of any thirty day period, however, they may be stored in the garage. Visible boats or trailers shall be removed immediately upon request of Declarant or Association.

- 3.29 CAMPERS AND TRAILERS. No campers or utility trailers may be stored on a Lot for more than two weeks per year unless they are stored in a garage.
- 3.30 COMMON PROPERTY. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Property, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Property without prior written consent of the Association, except as specifically provided herein. This includes, but is not limited to, parking in any of the roadways or streets that serve the subdivision, or the cul-de-sacs, or the Common Property.
- (a) Neither the Declarant nor the Association shall be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use of the Common Property to the extent permitted by law.
- 3.31 PRIVATE SLIPS. Private slips shall be leased for exclusive use to those Lot Owners who have obtained the right to lease and shall be used solely by the Lot Owner on record.
- (a) Unincumbered Lease Rights for Private Slips may be transferred to another Lot Owner subject to approval of the POA or, if not previously conveyed, shall be conveyed with the Lot upon transfer of title of that individual Lot.
- (b) In the event of foreclosure of a Lot, the rights to lease a Private Slip owned by the Lot Owner shall transfer with the Lot through said foreclosure.
- (c) The right to Lease a Private Slip shall be attached to a specific Lot and such right shall only be transferable to an Owner as defined in Section 1.3 of this Declaration. Pursuant to such transfer, the right to Lease the Private Slip shall attach to the Owner's Lot. If the Owner owns more than one Lot, the owner shall designate the Lot to which the transferred Private Slip shall attach..
- 3.32 PRIVATE PIER. Lots 19 through 24 may have one Pier on the encroaching pond, extending no more than eight feet from the shoreline, with a maximum width of ten (10) feet. New Piers must be constructed in a uniform manner with existing Piers. A \$50.00 application fee to the Association and approval of the ARC is required. No Pier shall be located or placed in a manner which infringes upon the ability of other Lot Owners to build a dock, platform or pier.
- 3.33 CAMPING. No camping on any Lot, with the exception of a one night backyard campout where a dwelling already exists.
- 3.34 SOLAR PANELS. Solar panels shall not be permitted upon a Lot without written consent of the ARC.

- 3.35 MAILBOX. Developer anticipates mail to be picked up and delivered at the local post office. However, the Developer has designated an area at the gated entrance for mailboxes to be constructed by the Association, should the need arise.

ARTICLE FOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 MINIMUM BUILDING REQUIREMENTS. The following shall be minimum requirements for construction of any improvement on any Lot. All construction plans shall be approved by the Association or the Architectural Review Committee ("ARC").
- (a) Home Size. All homes are required to be at least 2,000 square feet. Square footage shall not include basements, garages or porches.
 - (b) Construction. All dwellings must be site-built and constructed of either, brick, decorative block, rock, wood, stucco or Hardie Board. No vinyl or aluminum siding permitted. At least twenty percent (20%) of the exterior of the home must be stone, block or brick.
 - (c) System Built Homes. System-built homes are not permitted unless prior approval of the Association or ARC has been given in writing.
 - (d) Color. The ARC shall attempt to keep the exterior color schemes in harmony with the natural surroundings, and thus keeping a strong emphasis on earth tones. No bright or unusual colors shall be permitted.
 - (e) Staining and Painting. Staining and/or painting of all exterior surfaces of improvements shall be adequately done by Lot Owner as needed or at least once every ten years.
 - (f) Roof and Pitch. All roofs on dwellings shall have at least a **6:12** pitch, unless the home has a modern look with multiple pitches, which may be considered by the ARC. Except as a component of a modern look as stated, flat or shed roofs shall only be permitted over porches and deck areas. Standing seam metal roofs are permitted.
 - (g) Driveways. All driveways and parking areas shall have a hard surface constructed of either concrete, asphalt or pavers. Driveways shall not be constructed without prior approval of the Declarant or ARC. Driveways must be completed within three months of the completion of the home.

- (h) Building Locations. All buildings must meet local building codes and setback requirements.
- (i) Garages. All Homes must, at a minimum, include a two car garage. All garages must be side loading or courtyard style. A variances for a front loading garage shall be reviewed when the topography of the land warrants such a request and no other options exist.
 - 1. Detached garages permitted. The detached garage shall be constructed in the same manner as the primary residence with regard to siding, style and roof color and shall have at least two garage doors.
 - 2. Guest quarters shall be permitted above the detached garage with county approval.
 - 3. The detached garage shall not be constructed prior to home construction and may not be used as the primary residence.
- (j) Foundations. All home foundations shall be finished with brick, stone, stucco or built of split-face block that has the appearance of natural stone. No exposed block shall be permitted either on the side of the home, or under decks or porches. All retaining walls shall be constructed of cement or cement blocks and finished to the same standards. No exposed blocks or concrete permitted. Railroad ties shall not be permitted for the construction of retaining walls.
- (k) Utility Lines. All utility lines (including electrical, telephone and cable TV lines) shall be placed underground.
- (l) Property Appearance. The Owner of each Lot, whether vacant or occupied, shall maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition.
- (m) Swimming Pools. In ground pools shall be permitted but must have prior approval of the Association or ARC prior to construction. No above ground pools permitted.
- (n) Private Boat Docks. Owners of lakefront lots may apply for a Private Boat Dock permit NTMWD and be:
 - 1. no larger than 1000 square feet; and,
 - 2. located and placed pursuant to the survey provided by the Developer.
- (o) Landscaping. Landscaping around dwellings shall be completed within three months of completion of construction.

(p) Irrigation. Lawn irrigation may be required.

(q) Builders. All contractors, builders and subcontractors must be approved by the Association or ARC prior to start of construction.

1. In order to prevent contractors, subcontractors and builders, who in the Declarant's sole discretion, does not meet the standards for building in the Subdivision, Declarant, for a period of ten (10) years after date of this Declaration, shall have the sole authority to permanently restrict contractors, sub-contractors or builders from any construction within the Subdivision.

2. The Association shall not have the authority to approve a contractor, sub-contractor or builder that has been restricted from building in the Subdivision by the Declarant.

(r) Miscellaneous Controls. There shall be no window air conditioning units. **No lattice shall be allowed** on houses and no exposed concrete or block walls permitted.

(s) ARC. The ARC shall have the full and complete authority to deny construction plans, at their sole discretion, if said plans do not represent the Community Wide Standard.

(t) Boat Ramp. Construction of a Boat Ramp, or dropping a boat into the water with use of a vehicle and trailer is prohibited from any Lot or Common Property, unless a Permit is obtained from NTMWD.

4.2 PARCEL OR LOT SIZE. Notwithstanding other provisions of these covenants Declarant shall have the right to combine any lots or parcels, or portions of lots or parcels into other lots that are a part of this subdivision, in effect changing the boundary line of the lots so long as the number of resulting lots is no more than shown on the Final Survey for BRIDGEWATER SUBDIVISION, and so long as the Lot size meets county, city and local building requirements. However, other than the above exception for Declarant, no residential parcel or Lot shall be subdivided into smaller tracts than the original tract size as shown on the above referenced plats of survey, except for Lot 6 which may be subdivided one time with county approval. The Association does not have any authority to grant variances under this paragraph.

4.3 ARCHITECTURAL AND BUILDING CONTROLS. With the specific exception of Declarant, all building plans with regard to exterior color and overall aesthetic appeal must be approved by the Declarant for five years from the date of these

covenants provided Declarant still owns a Lot in this subdivision or until Declarant turns this authority over to the Association at an earlier time, at Declarant's sole discretion. Once Declarant no longer has the authority to approve building plans pursuant to this paragraph they must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors for the Association with regard to exterior color and overall aesthetic appeal. It is the aesthetic goal of this development that all improvements shall be uniform in appearance. All construction shall be in compliance with state and local building codes at all times.

- (a) The standard for approval of building plans shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) aesthetic consideration; (ii) materials to be used; (iii) compliance with the standards then in effect at the Property and widely adopted (the "Community-Wide Standard"), this Declaration, or the design standards which may be adopted by the Association or Architectural Review Committee (ARC); (iv) harmony with the external design of the existing buildings, lots and structures, and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography; and (v) any other matter deemed to be relevant or appropriate by the Board or ARC.
- (b) Before construction commences, Owners must present two copies of blue line schematic drawings to the ARC and a completed Architectural Control Checklist ("ACC Checklist") for approval. The ACC Checklist consists of the following:
 - 1. A copy of the preliminary site plan disclosing location of all improvements to be placed upon Lot.
 - 2. A copy of the schematic drawings of home, locating improvements on Lot, showing elevation on all four sides, color schemes, building materials, and all site improvements.
 - 3. Proof of insurance, builder's risk, errors and omission, liability and workmen's compensation.
 - 4. List of all subcontractors to be used during construction.
- (c) Upon receipt of a completed ACC Checklist, the ARC must respond within thirty days for final approval.
- (d) One copy of site plan and schematic drawings will be returned to Owner.
- (e) During construction, the Owner must:
 - 1. Have the property line staked by a licensed surveyor, with a stake placed every twenty-five (25) feet along the property line within eight (80) feet of the construction site prior to any construction;

2. Keep stakes in place the entire time of construction;
 3. Submit a form survey or foundation survey, drawn by a licensed surveyor, to the ARC seven days prior to any vertical construction, showing the location of the home on the Lot; and,
 4. Shall be responsible for the appearance of the Lot by requiring their builder to keep garbage and unused materials in containers, providing sanitary waste disposal and construct erosion control methods such as siltation fences and/or screens, etc.
- (f) Property Owners are responsible for agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors.
- (g) For so long as Declarant shall own a Lot in a BRIDGEWATER subdivision, regardless of how ownership is taken, Declarant shall not be required to submit any plans for approval. However, the Declarant shall abide by the limitations, controls and restrictions of these Declarations.
- (h) Review and approval of any application pursuant to this paragraph may be made on any basis, including solely the basis of aesthetic considerations. Neither the Declarant, Association nor ARC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the design, quality, structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes, zoning regulations and other governmental requirements. Neither the Association, the ARC, the Declarant nor member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages or loss arising out of the manner, design or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot.
- (i) The ARC shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to impose reasonable fines and to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this paragraph and the ARC's decisions.

ARTICLE FIVE

MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAY, IMPROVEMENTS, AND COMMON PROPERTY

- 5.1 ROADS. The roads within the community of BRIDGEWATER and will remain private roads.
- 5.2 ROAD REPAIR. Declarant shall maintain the Roads within the Property until Declarant turns road repair over to the Association upon the first Association

meeting. Each Owner covenants and agrees to participate and cooperate, on a pro rata basis, in the repair, replacement, maintenance and operation of the Roads and to maintain all slopes or other supports on all Lots for purposes of providing lateral support to the Roads including, but not limited to, costs, repair and expenses. It is expressly acknowledged and understood by the Owners that damage to the Subdivision Roads caused directly by any construction by or other activities of a particular Owner shall be the responsibility of said Owner to repair. Said damage shall include, but not be limited to, that damage caused by irresponsible use of and/or loading on said road during adverse conditions. Declarant shall deed the roads to Association once Declarant conveys all the Lots in the subdivision; provided, however, nothing shall prevent Declarant from deeding the roads at an earlier time at Declarant's sole discretion.

- (a) Upon approval of the ARC of building plans submitted to it, pursuant to Section 4.3 above, there will be due a \$2,000.00 Impact Fee, from each Lot Owner, for maintenance and road improvement. Any approval given shall be contingent upon receipt of this fee, whether specified or not in said approval. This fee shall be paid prior to construction on said Lot. If a Owner fails to pay this fee prior to the beginning of construction, the ARC may file a lien against the Lot(s) for the amount owed plus penalties; withdraw any prior approval given, or any other remedies available at law or in equity. If the Impact Fee has not been paid prior to construction commencement the fee shall be increased to \$2,500.00. The Impact Fee shall increase at \$500.00 increments every fifteen days until the fee has been paid.
- (b) Lot Owners shall be responsible for damage created to the Property by their contractors and sub-contractors. The amount due for such damage shall be determined by the ARC.
- (c) So long as Declarant is responsible for maintaining the subdivision roads, the above Impact Fee shall be used by Declarant to repair roads. Declarant shall keep said fee in an escrow account, and keep an accurate accounting of how the funds were used.

5.3 RESPONSIBILITY. Owners shall be solely responsible for any repairs, and costs of such repair, for the acts of their guests, invitees, agents or family members for damage to the private roads caused by gross negligence or intentional misfeasance of usage of the Private Road in a manner not constituting reasonable, ordinary, everyday or typical use of the Private Road. All such repair shall be completed in a timely and workmanlike manner.

5.4 MAINTENANCE OF COMMON PROPERTY/AREA. Declarant shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property until it deeds the Common Property to the Association, at which time the Association shall take title to said property of

the Subdivision. Thereafter, the Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, all maintenance, repair, and replacement subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping grass areas, paving, and other improvements, if any, situated on the Common Property.

ARTICLE SIX EASEMENTS

- 6.1 EASEMENT GRANTS. The following easements are hereby granted and/or reserved over, across, and through the property.
- (a) ROAD INGRESS AND EGRESS. There is hereby granted to all Subdivision parcel or Lot Owners, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and to all Owners of the limited Common Property, their heirs, successors, and assigns, a reciprocal easement for ingress and egress across all roadways contained in the subdivision as well as access from the public roads to the Subdivision roads.
 - (b) NTMWD EASEMENT. The NTMWD shall have a perpetual, non-exclusive easement of ingress and egress over and across all roadways of BRIDGEWATER to access Leased Property for the purpose of inspecting the Leased Property and improvements thereon and enforcements of the terms of the Lease Agreement pertaining to the Leased Property.
 - (c) PUBLIC EASEMENTS. Fire, police, health, sanitation, medical, ambulance and other public service personnel and their vehicles have a perpetual, non-exclusive easement of ingress and egress over and across all roadways contained in the Subdivision for the performance of their respective duties.
 - (d) GATED ENTRANCE. BRIDGEWATER will have a gate across the entrance to the subdivision. Such gate and its use shall be governed by the Association and said gate shall not inhibit, in any way, the peaceful and unfettered enjoyment of the easements described herein.
 - (e) UTILITY EASEMENTS. Declarant does hereby establish for the benefit of, and grant and convey to each Owner, a perpetual, nonexclusive easement appurtenant to each of the other Lots for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance, repair, replacement, renewing, connecting into and use by such Owner of gas, telephone, power, water, sewer, or other utility lines serving any portion of a Lot, within ten feet of the boundary line(s) of any Lot(s), provided there are no buildings or structures constructed in such areas. All such utility lines shall be installed and maintained below the ground level or surface of the Lots (except for such parts thereof that cannot be and are not

customarily placed below the surface, such as transformers and control panels, which shall be placed in such location as approved by the Owner of the affected Lot.

- (f) GOLF CART EASEMENTS. There shall be a golf cart path easement ten (10) feet in width adjacent to the Norther property line of Lots 47 through 52 for the use by Owners and their guests for ingress and egress to and from the Clubhouse and the Boat Dock. The cart path shall be maintained by the Association.
- (g) POND EASEMENT. The owners of Lots 19 through 24 are granted and subject to an mutual easements for the use and enjoyment of the area of their property which the pond encroaches. This easement is extended to the owners or occupiers of Lots 19 through 24 and their guests. The Pond Easement does not extend beyond the shoreline of the pond, nor does it extend to other Owners.
- (h) CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT. There shall be a temporary fifteen-foot (15') construction easement over and across Lot 47 along the western margin of Lot 47, to and from Sunrise Drive and the Leased Property to construct the Boat Dock. This Construction Easement shall terminate upon completion and final inspection of the Boat Dock.

ARTICLE SEVEN

BRIDGEWATER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

- 7.1 MEMBERSHIP. All Lot Owners shall become "Members" of BRIDGEWATER POA ("Association") at time of closing. Each Lot shall have one vote only regardless of whether the parcel or Lot is owned by multiple titleholders owning jointly. The Declarant and its successors are all Members of the Association until all Lots are sold.
- 7.2 CONTROL BY DEVELOPER. Declarant shall have the absolute authority to control the Association as long as they own at least one Lot. Declarant may relinquish partial or total control of the Association earlier in Declarant's sole discretion. Members of the Association, including Declarant after control is relinquished, are entitled to one vote per Lot owned, and may assign the Declarant rights at their discretion. Declarant may establish, by a separate document, rules governing the affairs of the Association ("Bylaws"). Once the Declarant has relinquished total control, the Association may amend those Bylaws by a seventy-five percent (75%) approval by a quorum of Members as established in Section 7.3 below.

- 7.3 MEETING. Declarant, or an assigned representative, shall preside as temporary chairman at the first Association meeting and shall serve as the Board of Directors until such time as the Declarant no longer has control or has relinquished control. Prior to relinquishing control, Declarant shall notice a special meeting for the purpose of electing, appointing and establishing a transitioning Board to serve until the first Annual Meeting. Thereafter, an Annual Meeting shall be called and convened each year at approximately the same time of year as established by the Bylaws. Written notice of any meeting called shall be sent to all Members not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days in advance of the meeting. No quorum shall be required for the Declarant to relinquish control of the Association.
- (a) Quorum shall be established if, in person or by proxy, Members capable of casting twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Association are present. If a quorum is not present, the Board may adjourn the meeting, give all Members at least a ten (10) day and no more than a thirty (30) day notice of the date, time and location to reconvene the Meeting. At the reconvened meeting, a Quorum may be established if, in person or by proxy, Members capable of casting ten percent (10%) of the total votes of the Association are present
 - (b) The acts approved by a majority of those present at a meeting, either in person or by proxies, at which a quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the Members, except when approval by a greater number of members is required by the Declaration or By-Laws.
- 7.4 ASSESSMENTS. The annual Association assessment shall be **Two Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$2,000.00)** per Lot, per year.
- (a) This amount may be reviewed by the Association on an annual basis and may be increased, or decreased, as necessary to meet the needs as described herein. Any increase up to five percent (5%) may be made by a seventy-five vote of the Board after the Declarant has relinquished control of the Association. Any increase of more than five percent (5%) in a given year must be approved by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of Lot Owners once the Declarant has relinquished control of the Association.
 - (b) The Lot Owners of each Lot owned within the Property, by acceptance of a deed, therefore, hereby covenants, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, and is deemed to covenant and agree to pay the Association's annual assessments and special assessments subject to the terms of this paragraph.
 - (c) Declarant and later the Association shall keep the Assessment funds in an escrow account, and keep an accurate accounting of how this money was used. Any funds in this escrow account, upon Declarant relinquishing this responsibility to the Association, shall be turned over to the Association.

(d) Annual assessments are due the 1st day of January of each new calendar year.

(e) No Lot(s) within BRIDGEWATER which are owned or legally reclaimed by the Declarant, or one of their affiliate companies, shall be subject to assessments until said Lot(s) have been sold, and conveyed by the Declarant.

7.5 ASSESSMENT PURPOSE. Annual assessments shall be used for road maintenance (all roads), landscaping, entrance gate maintenance, insurance premiums, taxes, utility fees and improvements, maintenance, cleaning and caring of the Common Property regardless of whether the Declarant or the Association owns the Common Property, or other purposes the Declarant or later the ARC desires to use said assessments for that exclusively promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents in the subdivision; provided, however, the maintenance of Common Property and the payment of the insurance described herein shall be given absolute priority over any other use of the Assessments that may be determined by the Association at a later date.

(a) The annual assessment shall be used to mow the grass along the edges of the road and mow the Common Property a minimum of two times per month, or as needed, to maintain community appeal and Community Wide Standard.

7.6 PRIVATE SLIP ASSESSMENT. There shall be a Private Slip Assessment required to be paid by each Owner of a Lot which is accompanied by a Right to Lease a Private Slip equal to the Slip Lessee's pro-rata share of the annual insurance premium plus the Lessee's pro-rata share of the Association's obligation under the Property Lease agreement for community and shared Docks based on the total number of Private Slips.

(a) The Private Slip Lessees, by acceptance of a deed for a Lot which is accompanied by a Right to Lease a Private Slip, hereby covenants, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such instrument, and is deemed to covenant and agree to pay the Association's Private Slip Assessment subject to the terms of this paragraph.

(b) Declarant and later the Association shall use Assessment funds to pay the Boat Dock insurance premiums and the lease fees of the Property Lease when they become and keep an accurate accounting of how this money was used.

(c) Annual Private Slip Assessments are due on the 1st day of January of each new calendar year.

(d) No Private Slips within BRIDGEWATER that are leased by the Declarant, or one of their affiliate companies, shall be assessed the yearly dues until said

Lot(s) have been sold and conveyed by the Declarant.

7.7 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. Special assessments may be made for any lawful purpose by the approval of seventy-five percent of the membership at the meeting once a Quorum, as defined in Section 7.3, is established.

7.8 DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS.

- (a) If the annual, private slip or special assessments, or assessments for maintenance of Common Property, are not paid on or before thirty days after the date when due, then such assessment shall become delinquent and shall, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, thereupon become a continuing lien on the Lot(s) of the Owner which shall bind such Lot(s) in the hands of the then Owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns. If the Association files a claim of lien on the public records of Fannin County, against any Lot, a lien fee shall be added to the unpaid assessment and secured by the lien hereby created.
- (b) If the annual assessment is not paid within thirty days after the date when due, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of fifteen percent per annum, or the maximum allowed by law. The Association may bring an action of law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or to foreclose the lien against the Lot(s) of the Owner, in the same manner as foreclosure of a mortgage, and there shall be added to the amount of such assessment interest as provided herein together with the costs of the action and collection of the assessment, including a reasonable attorney's fee and costs and fees on appeal. Reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection shall be recoverable whether or not suit is brought. In addition, if the annual assessment is not paid within thirty days after the date when due, then the Owner shall lose right to use of the Common Property and assigned slips (excluding subdivision roads) until such time as assessments are paid in full.
- (c) The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien; however, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof shall extinguish the lien of such assessment as to payment which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessment thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.
- (d) The Association shall, upon demand, at any time furnish to any Owner liable for said assessment a certificate in writing and in recordable form, signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether said assessment has been paid. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment

therein stated to have been paid.

7.9 INSURANCE.

- (a) The Declarant shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property and Boat Docks, covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members or agents in their capacities as such, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The Association shall be responsible for ensuring this policy stays intact once the Common Property and the Boat Docks are turned over to the Association.
- (b) Insurance coverage obtained by the Association shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee, for the respective benefitted parties, as further identified in subparagraph (ii) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth;
 - (i) All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in Texas;
 - (ii) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Board; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto;
 - (iii) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Lot owners or Private Slip owners whichever is applicable, occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary;
 - (iv) All casualty insurance shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the county where the property is located;
 - (v) The Board shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that provide for the following;
 - (1) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association, the Association's manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
 - (2) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
 - (3) a provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended or subjected to non-renewal on account of any

- one or more individual Owners;
- (4) a provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended, or subjected to non-renewal on account of any defect or the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;
 - (5) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
 - (6) that no policy may be canceled or substantially modified or subjected to non-renewal without at least thirty days prior written notice to the Association.

(c) DAMAGED LOTS. Each Owner covenants and agrees that in the event of damage and destruction of structures on their Lot(s), Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is made. The Owner shall pay all costs of repair or reconstruction which are not covered by insurance proceeds. In the event that the structure is totally destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction and thereafter the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the community-wide standard.

(d) DAMAGED PRIVATE SLIPS. Owners of a Private Slip shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is mutually made by owners affected by the damaged Boat Dock finger. The Owner shall pay all costs of repair or reconstruction which are not covered by insurance proceeds. In the event that the structure is totally destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction.

7.10 REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION. In the event of damage to or destruction of all or any part of the Common Property as a result of fire, weather or other casualty, unless at least seventy five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners vote not to proceed with the reconstruction and repair of the structure, the Association or its

duly authorized agent shall arrange for and supervise the prompt repair and restoration of the damaged structures.

- (a) Cost Estimates. Immediately after a fire, weather or other casualty causing damage to the Common Property, the Association shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repairing and restoring the structures to substantially the condition which existed before such casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Such costs may also include professional fees and premiums for such bonds as the Association determines to be necessary.
- (b) Source and Allocation of Proceeds. Excepting Boat Docks, if the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Association, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair or upon completion of reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, a special assessment shall be made against all of the Lot Owners without the necessity of a vote of the members. If after repair and reconstruction is completed there is a surplus of funds, such funds shall be common funds of the Property to be used as directed by the Board.
- (c) Source and Allocation of Proceeds Boat Docks. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Association, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair or upon completion of reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, a special assessment shall be made against all Lot Owners for the Community Slip portion of repairs of the Boat Dock and Private Slip Owners on a pro-rata basis with each Private Slip Owners paying one share per slip owned and damaged divided by total boat slips on the Boat Dock destroyed or damaged. If after repair and reconstruction is completed there is a surplus of funds, the portion of Private Boat slip funds collected through assessment shall be returned to the Private Boat Slip owners with the community Boat Slip portion shall be common funds of the Property to be used as directed by the Board.
- (d) Plans and Specifications. Any such reconstruction or repair shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications under which the structures were originally constructed, except where changes are necessary to comply with current applicable building codes or where improvements not in accordance with the original plans and specifications are approved by the Association.
- (e) Construction Fund. The net proceeds of the insurance collected on account of a casualty and the funds collected by the Association from assessments against

Lot Owners, if any, on account of such casualty shall constitute a construction fund which shall be disbursed in payment of the cost of reconstruction and repair in the manner set forth in this paragraph to be disbursed by the Association in appropriate progress payments to such contractor(s), supplier(s), and personnel performing the work or supplying materials or services for the repair and reconstruction of the buildings as are designated by the Association.

(f) Damage to or Destruction of Dwellings on Lots or individual Boat Slip. In the event of damage to or destruction of structures on a Lot or an individual Boat Slip, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is made by the Owner in cases of substantial damage or destruction. If the structure is substantially destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction, and, thereafter, the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. In the case where some, but not all fingers of the Boat Dock are damaged, the Boat Slip Owners utilizing that finger shall be responsible for the repairs of damaged finger.

(g) Tree damage on Lot. Lot Owner(s) shall proceed promptly to remove all damaged or fallen trees or those that have been cut on said Lot.

7.11 SALE OF LOTS. Within thirty days after receiving title to a Lot, the purchaser of the Lot shall give the Association written notice of their Ownership of the Lot(s). Upon failure of an Owner to give the required notice within the thirty-day time period provided herein, the Association may levy fines against the Lot and Owner thereof, and assess the Owner for all costs incurred by the Association in determining their identity.

7.12 SECURITY. The Declarant or Association may, but shall not be required to, from time to time, provide measures or take actions which directly or indirectly improve safety on the Property; however, each Owner, for himself or herself and his or her tenants, guests, licensees, and invitees, acknowledges and agrees that the Association is not a provider of security and shall have no duty to provide security on the Property. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to protect his or her person and property and all responsibility to provide security shall lie solely with each Owner. Neither the Declarant nor Association shall be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken.

7.13 ESCROW ACCOUNT. All funds collected are required to be held in an escrow

account under these covenants.

- 7.14 DECLARANT'S RIGHT TO ASSESSMENTS. So long as Declarant owns and/or maintains the Common Property, Declarant shall have the right to the proceeds collected by the Association from any and all Assessments to pay for the maintenance, taxes and insurance of the Common Property. In the event the Association fails to reimburse or pay, on demand, the Declarant the amounts necessary as set forth above, the Declarant shall have the right, by written notice to each Owner, to instruct that all further Assessments be paid to Declarant in lieu of the Association, and to enforce non-payment of Assessments by Lot Owners in such an event in the manner set forth above.
- 7.15 FINES AND ENFORCEMENT. The Association shall have the authority and standing, create rules for use of Common Properties, to impose reasonable fines and to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available, including but not limited to placing liens and foreclosures upon property for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Declaration and such rules created pursuant to this Declaration and the By-laws.

ARTICLE EIGHT

PROPERTY RIGHTS IN COMMON PROPERTY AND CLUBHOUSE

- 8.1 USE OF COMMON PROPERTY. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Property, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Property without prior written consent by the Association, except as specifically provided herein.
- (a) The use of the Common Property shall be governed by the Declarant, until such time as they turn the Common Property over to the Association, after such time the use of the Common Property shall be governed by the Association. The Declarant, while in control of the Common Property, and thereafter the Association, shall have the authority to establish written policies for the use of the Common Property.
- (b) Anyone who uses a portion of the Common Property hereunder shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their guests, occupants and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Property and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. Neither the Declarant, nor Board, nor Association shall be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

- (c) All trash must be removed immediately upon use of the Common Property. Trash shall not be deposited into the lake, other Common Properties or upon Lots. Upon use of the fire pits or grills, the user shall clean and remove all debris, ashes, burnt logs, etc.
 - (d) Common Slips shall be used on a temporary basis and shall not be occupied overnight.
 - (e) All Common Properties shall be for the sole use of Owners and their guests.
 - (f) Guests using Common Properties must be accompanied by Owner.
 - (g) No boat trailers may be parked in the parking area.
 - (h) Use of the Common Property shall be revoked for any Owner that is delinquent on the annual dues by more than thirty days.
- 8.2 DECLARANT USE OF COMMON PROPERTY. Declarant shall be permitted full use and enjoyment of common property for so ever long as Declarant owns a Lot or property within any subdivision of BRIDGEWATER.
- 8.3 TITLE TO COMMON PROPERTY. The roadways and Common Property shall be conveyed to the Association at any time Declarant desires, but in all events before Declarant conveys the last Lot owned in this subdivision. Recording of the Deed conveying the Common Property shall be non-rebuttable, conclusive evidence of acceptance of the Common Property by the Association. However, title shall be conveyed subject to the following covenant which shall be deemed to run with the land and shall be binding upon the Association, its successors and assigns:
- (a) In order to preserve and enhance the property values and amenities of the development, the Common Properties and all facilities now or hereafter built or installed thereon shall at all times be maintained in good repair and condition. The maintenance and repair of the Common Properties shall include, but not be limited to the repair of damage to roadways, walkways, outdoor lighting, fences, decking, stonework, clubhouse repair, and landscape maintenance.
 - (b) This section shall not be amended to reduce or eliminate the obligation for maintenance and repair of the Common Property.
- 8.4 LEASED PROPERTY. The Declarant is working with NTMWD on a Shoreline Lease and Use Agreement (“Lease Agreement”) for the use of the tract of land owned by NTMWD and being adjacent to Lot 46, extending to Bois d’Arc Lake as

described in Lease Agreement (“Leased Property”).

- (a) The Declarant has requested that the Leased Property contains the Boat Dock with cart path access.
- (b) The Association shall be responsible for adhering to the terms of the Lease Agreement by, including, but not limited to, maintenance and upkeep of improvements, setting and enforcing rules of use in accordance with the Lease Agreement and providing NTMWD with continued access and contact information for any necessary ongoing correspondence.

ARTICLE NINE ENFORCEMENT AND DURATION

- 9.1 ENFORCEMENT. If an Owner violates any of the covenants set forth in this Declaration, it shall be lawful for any other Owner or the Association to prosecute any proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating any of such covenants and either to prevent such Owner from so doing or to recover damages for such violations, or both.
- 9.2 AMENDMENT. The covenants, restrictions, easements, reservations, terms and conditions contained in this declaration shall run with the land and shall be binding upon all Owners and their heirs, successors and assigns, provided, however that the Declarant retains the absolute right to amend this declaration, as it may deem necessary, until the Declarant has fully turned over control of the Association. All such amendments shall be binding upon all Owners. Except as clearly stated in Section 9.4 or as otherwise provided in this Declaration, the Association shall have the right to amend these covenants once Declarant has released full control of the Association by approval of the owners of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, that the parcels and Lots shall NOT be divided into smaller tracts than as shown on the plats of survey above referenced except as provided in Section 4.2 above and that the land designated as Common Property shall NOT be sold and shall not be used for residential or commercial purposes during the duration of these covenants and restrictions. All amendments to the Declaration shall become effective upon recordation, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment.
- 9.4 AMENDMENT AFFECTING DECLARANT. **No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant without the written consent of the Declarant or the assignee of such right or privilege.**
- 9.5 DURATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS. These covenants and restrictions shall run with said land and shall be binding upon all portions and all

persons claiming under them perpetually to the extent permitted by law. However, so long as Texas law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any covenant affected by the law shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by the law, after which time the provisions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of twenty years, unless seventy-five percent of the persons owning parcels or lots execute a document to terminate the covenants containing a legal description of the entire area affected by the covenant, a list of all Owners affected by the covenant, a description of the covenant to be terminated and evidence of the Owners voting to terminate recorded with the Clerk of Fannin County, Texas. A written instrument reflecting any termination must be recorded no sooner than, but within two years immediately preceding the beginning of a twenty year renewal period. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest (including, without limitation, a security interest) in any real property subject to these covenants, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance, agrees that the covenants contained herein may be extended and renewed as provided in this paragraph.

- 9.6 BINDING OF HEIRS, ETC. The terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Declarant and Owners and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Time is of the essence in each and every provision of these Agreements.

ARTICLE TEN

RESERVATION BY DECLARANT OF EASEMENTS

- 10.1 Declarant hereby reserves unto Declarant, its heirs, successors and assigns, all necessary licenses, rights, privileges and easements over, under, upon, through and across the Property to, including without limitation, (i) use said Property for rights-of-way and easements to erect, install, maintain and use electric and telephone lines, wires, cables, conduits, water mains, pipes, and other suitable equipment for the conveyance and use of electricity, telephone equipment and service, cable, television, water or other public/private conveniences or subdivision utilities; (ii) to access the Property for purposes of development and construction, including, but not limited to grading, installation and removing personal property such as silt fencing and other environmental control measures; and (iii) such other rights as may be reasonably necessary to complete in an orderly and economic manner the development of all present and future phases of BRIDGEWATER or related communities as the Declarant deems beneficial; provided, however, that said reservation and right shall not be considered an obligation of Declarant to provide or maintain any such utility, development or service. Declarant also reserves the right to connect with and make use of the utility lines, wires, pipes, conduits, cable, television, sewers and drainage and other utility lines which may from time to time

be in or along the streets and roads within the Property. All easements, rights-of-way, rights, licenses and privileges herein reserved in Declarant shall be binding upon the Property and shall inure to the benefit of Declarant, its heirs, successors and assigns until such time as Declarant has quit claimed all its interests in the Property by filing such quit claim document with the Clerk of Superior Court of Fannin County for purposes of recording same on the deed records of the county.

ARTICLE ELEVEN ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

- 11.1 As the owner or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner, Declarant shall have unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until ten (10) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of any Fannin County, Texas property that the Declarant and/or Scott Rye, individually or in a legal entity in which Scott Rye has an ownership interests presently or in the future, to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in Fannin County Texas, a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Additionally, property located in Fannin County, Texas that is owned presently or in the future by the Declarant and/or Scott Rye, individually or in a legal entity in which Scott Rye has an ownership interests, shall be allowed to be annexed in accordance with all procedures as set forth. Any annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of a Supplementary Declaration unless a different effective date is provided in the Supplementary Declaration. As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subject to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of then Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any annexed real property.
- 11.2 The rights reserved to Declarant to subject additional land to the Declaration shall not impose any obligation upon Declarant to subject any of such additional land to this Declaration or to the jurisdiction of the Association. If such additional land is not subject to this Declaration, Declarant's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Declarant to impose any covenants and restrictions similar to those contained in the Declaration upon the additional land.

SO EXECUTED this _____ day of March, 2024.

North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, Declarant

_____(SEAL)
By: Scott Rye, Managing Member

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

I, _____ a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Scott Rye personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is a Member of North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, and further acknowledged execution of this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Property Owners Association and Limitations Running With The Land For BRIDGEWATER Subdivision on behalf of the LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the ____ day of March, 2024.

(Seal-Stamp)

My commission expires

Notary Public

EXHIBIT "A"
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

BRIDGEWATER

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being situate in the State of Texas, County of Fannin, containing _____ acres, more or less, on a plat of survey for North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, revised prepared by Hardin Surveying and recorded March _____, 2025, in Plat Cabinet _____ at Page _____, Fannin County records and known as BRIDGEWATER. Reference is hereby made to the more recent plat for a more particular description by metes and bounds.