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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAYNE

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS NORTH LANDING SUBDIVISION

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR NORTH LANDING SUBDIVISION (as may be amended or supplemented as set forth herein, "Declaration") is made this 9th day of June, 2015 by CAMBRIDGE FARMS, INC., a North Carolina corporation, whose address is P. O. Drawer E, Goldsboro, North Carolina (the "Declarant").

WITNESSETH:

- A. Declarant is the owner aud developer of certain real estate in Wayne County, North Carolina, aud more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto aud made a part hereof (the "Property" or "Subdivision"); and
- B. Declarant is developing the Property known as "NORTH LANDING" by subdividing it into "Lots" that are to be used for residential purposes as well as common real estate and improvements that are to be owned by a homeowners association to which the Owner of a Lot must belong and pay lien-supported maintenance assessments; and
- C. At the time of the conveyance of a Lot to an Owner, the Declarant intends to convey the common area of the Property, if any without cost or charge to the Association. Provided however, during the development period (as hereinafter defined), Declarant in its sole discretion may convey additional common area to the Association.

THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that all of the Lots and Common Areas (defined below) located within the Subdivision are held and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied and improved, subject to the following covenants, conditions and restrictions, all of which are established and agreed upon for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Subdivision as a whole and of each of said Lots. All of these restrictions shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the Declarant and upon the parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest, legal or equitable in and to the Property or any part or parts thereof subject to such restrictions, and shall inure to the benefit of the

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ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- Section 1.1 <u>Annual Organizational Board Meeting</u> means the annual organizational board meeting of the Board, which shall take place immediately after each Annual Meeting of the Members.
- Section 1.2 <u>Annual Meeting</u> means the annual meeting of the Members held in Wayne County, North Carolina, within the last quarter of each calendar year, upon proper notice, at a date, time and at a place from time to time designated by the Board. The first Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation on such date, as the initial Board shall determine.
- Section 1.3 <u>Articles or Articles of Incorporation</u> shall mean those articles, filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina, incorporating NORTH LANDING Homeowners Association, Inc., as a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of North Carolina State law, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- Section 1.4 <u>Association</u> shall mean and refer to NORTH LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., to be formed as a non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- Section 1.5 <u>Board of Directors</u> shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.
- Section 1.6 <u>Bylaws</u> shall mean the Bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.
 - Section 1.7 Class A Members shall mean as defined in Section 3.5.1 below.
 - Section 1.8 Class B Members shall mean as defined in Section 3.5.2 below.
- Section 1.9 <u>Common Areas</u> shall mean but not be limited to entrance signage and streets (including any dedicated streets prior to their acceptance for public maintenance) and all landscaping and other improvements thereon) owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners or any other property deeded to the Association by Declarant.
- Section 1.10 <u>Common Expenses</u> shall mean, refer to, and include all charges, costs and expenses incurred by the Association for and in connection with the administration of the Subdivision, including, without limitation thereof, operation of the Subdivision, maintenance, repair, replacement and restoration of the Common Areas; the costs of any additions and alterations thereto; all labor, services, common utilities, materials, supplies, and equipment therefor; all liability for loss or damage arising out of or in connection with the Common Areas all costs incurred in acquiring a Lot pursuant to judicial sale; and all administrative, accounting, legal, and managerial expenses.
- Section 1.11 <u>Declarant</u> shall mean and refer to Cambridge Farms, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, its successors and assigns as a Declarant.

- Section 1.12 Default shall mean any violation or breach of, or any failure to comply with, the Restrictions, this Declaration or any other Constituent Documents.
- Section 1.13 Development Period means the period commencing on the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the office of the Wayne County Register of Deeds and terminating on the date that Declarant relinquishes in writing Declarant's right to appoint Directors.
- Section 1.14 Dwelling Unit shall mean and refer to the individual family living unit on an individual Lot.
- Section 1.15 Lot shall mean and refer to any parcel of land designated on the Plat upon which a Dwelling Unit has been or is to be constructed within NORTH LANDING Subdivision and Developer has the right to establish additional Lots in accordance with the terms of this Declaration.
- Section 1.16 Member shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are Members of the Association as provided in Article III below.
- Section 1.17 Owner shall mean and refer to the record owner, including Declarant, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot located within the Subdivision.
- Section 1.18 Plat shall mean and refer to the record plats of the Subdivision recorded by Declarant, as the same may be amended or supplemented by Declarant from time to time.
- Section 1.19 Planned Community Act shall mean and refer to the North Carolina Planned Community Act, currently codified as Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- Section 1.20 "Property" or "Subdivision shall mean and refer to that certain real estate described in Exhibit A and all other real estate that may be annexed into this Declaration and the Association by the Declarant.
- Section 1.21 Regular Assessment means the charge established by Article IV of this Declaration.
- Section 1.22 Resident shall mean and refer to any person, not an Owner, living in the Owner's Dwelling Unit, including, but not limited to, temporary guests and Tenants.
- Section 1.23 Restrictions shall mean all applicable Restrictive and Protective Covenants filed in the office of the Wayne County Register of Deeds and covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other obligations provided for in this Declaration, including, without limitation, all notices, rules and regulations issued in accordance with this Declaration.

When applicable for the sense of this instrument, the singular should be read as including the plural and the male, female, and neuter pronouns and adjectives should be read as interchangeable.

800K3 | 6 | PAGE | 99 ARTICLE II PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

The Property, each portion thereof, and all Dwelling Units thereon shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, mortgage and occupied subject to the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Declaration.

ARTICLE III HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

- Section 3.1 <u>Homeowners Association</u>. There has been created a North Carolina non-profit corporation, known as NORTH LANDING Homeowners Association, Inc., which shall be responsible for the maintenance, management and control of the Common Areas.
- Section 3.2 <u>Board of Directors and Officers</u>. The Board of Directors, and such officers as may be elected or appointed in accordance with the Articles or the Bylaws, shall conduct the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors may also appoint committees and managers or other employees and agents who shall, subject to the general direction of the Board of Directors, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Association.
- Section 3.3 Rules and Regulations. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Association may, from time to time adopt, amend and repeal Rules and Regulations with respect to all aspects of the Association's rights, activities and duties under this Declaration; provided, however, that the Rules and Regulations shall not be inconsistent with this Declaration, all applicable Restrictive and Protective Covenants filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County, the Articles or Bylaws. A copy of the Rules and Regulations, as they may from time to time be adopted, amended or repealed, shall be available to each Owner upon request.
- Section 3.4 Membership of Association. Every Owner of a Lot shall be a Member of the Association. Such Owner and Member shall abide by the Association's Rules and Regulations, shall pay the Assessments provided for in this Declaration, when due, and shall comply with decisions of the Association's governing body. Conveyance of fee simple title to a Lot automatically transfers membership in the Association without necessity of further documents. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot that is subject to Assessment.
- Section 3.5 <u>Classes of Membership</u>. The Association shall have two (2) classes of Membership:
 - 3.5.1 <u>Class A Members</u>. Every person, group of persons, or entity which is a record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit has been erected within the Property, shall automatically be a Class A Member of the Association except the Declarant during the Development Period; provided, however, that any such person, group of persons or entity who holds such interest solely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. A Class A Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit has been constructed that is subject to Assessment. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership. In the event that more than one person, group of persons or entity is the record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot, then the vote for the membership appurtenant to such Lot portion shall be exercised as they among themselves

determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot. In the event agreement is not reached, the vote attributable to such Lot shall not be cast.

- 3.5.2 Class B Members. The Class B Member during the Development Period shall be the Declarant. The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the expiration of the Development Period.
- Voting. Each Member shall have one vote with respect to each Lot owned by such Member, but a Class A Member shall not be entitled to exercise any vote until the expiration of the Development Period.
- Maintenance Obligations of the Association. The Association, at its expense, shall maintain, operate and keep in good repair, unless such obligations are assumed by any municipal or governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof, the Common Areas and streets within the subdivision. This shall include, without limitation, the maintenance, repair, replacement and painting of any subdivision entrance signs. The Association shall make the determination as to when maintenance, repair, replacement and care shall be done, and its determination shall be binding. Declarant shall have the right to employ a manager to oversee and implement the Association's maintenance obligations, and any such management fees incurred thereby shall be paid by the Association. The Association shall also perform the other duties prescribed by this instrument or the Association's Rules and Regulations.
- Section 3.7 Maintenance Obligation of the Lot Owners. The responsibilities of each Lot Owner shall include:
 - To clean, maintain, keep in good order, repair and replace at his or her expense all portions of his or her Lot and Dwelling Unit.
 - 3.7.2 To perform his responsibilities in such manner so as not unreasonably to disturb other persons residing within the Subdivision.
 - 3.7.3 Each Lot Owner shall be deemed to agree by acceptance of delivery of a deed to a Lot, to repair and/or replace at his or her expense all portions of the Common Areas which may be damaged or destroyed by reason of his or her own intentional or negligent act or omission, or by the intentional or negligent act or omission of any invitee, tenant, licensee family member, including, but not limited to any repairs necessary which result from damage incurred by pets or vehicles owned by the Lot Owner, or owned by any guest, invitee, Tenant or licensee of such Lot Owner.

ARTICLE IV **COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS**

- Regular Assessments. Regular Assessments for the payment of the Common Section 4.1 Expenses shall be made in the manner provided herein, and in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The Regular Assessment is established for the benefit and use of the Association and shall be used in covering all of the Common Expenses.
- Date of Commencement of Assessments; Due Dates; Determination of Regular Section 4.2 Assessments.

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- 4.2.1 The yearly Regular Assessment provided for herein shall commence as to each Owner of a Lot, except Declarant, on the first day following the initial conveyance of the Lot to the Owner and shall be adjusted according to the number of days remaining in the year. The Declarant, its successors and assigns, shall not be required to pay the Regular Assessment for any Lot which it owns until such time as Declarant transfers the Lot to a third party. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the yearly Regular Assessment to be paid by each Class A Member against each Lot at the beginning of each calendar year. Written notice of the yearly Regular Assessment shall be sent to every Class A Member subject thereto. The Board of Directors shall establish the due dates.
- Section 4.3 <u>Billing</u>. The Association shall inform each Lot Owner of the amount of the total Regular Assessment due from the Owner of that particular Lot. This Regular Assessment may be paid as required by the Association. The Owner of each Lot must pay his Lot's required Regular Assessment in advance on the first calendar day of each year, unless the Association otherwise directs. Payment is to be made to such person at such an address as Association determines. The Owners of the initial Lots in the Subdivision, except Declarant, shall be obligated to begin paying the Regular Assessment as of the first day of the initial conveyance of the Lot from Declarant to the Owner. If the Subdivision is expanded and additional Lots are brought into the Subdivision during a given Assessment year, those additional Lots shall begin paying the Regular Assessment on the first day of the initial conveyance of the Lot from Declarant to the Owner.
- Section 4.4 <u>Common Surplus</u>. If the Regular Assessment collected in any given year is in excess of the actual Common Expenses for that year, the Board may, at its sole discretion (a) return each Owner's share of the Common Surplus; (b) credit each Owner's share of the Common Surplus to each Owner's payment as for the Regular Assessment for the following year; or (c) apply the Common Surplus to the reserve.
- Section 4.5 <u>Assessment Certificate</u>. The Association shall, upon demand, at any reasonable time, furnish to any Owner liable for Assessments a certificate in writing signed by an Officer or other authorized agent of the Association, setting forth the status of said Assessments; i.e., "current", and if not current, "delinquent" and the amount due. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the payment of any Assessment therein stated to have been paid.
- Section 4.6 <u>Books and Records of the Association</u>. The Association shall keep full and correct books of account. The Association shall make available to all Lot Owners and the holders of all first mortgages on Lots, current copies of the books, records and financial statements of the Association upon reasonable request during normal business hours. All funds collected by the Association shall be held and expended solely for the purposes designated by this Declaration and shall be deemed to be held for the use, benefit and account of the Association and all of the Lot Owners. All books and records must be kept in accordance with good accounting procedures and must be reviewed at least once a year by an independent accounting firm.
- Section 4.7 <u>Non-Payment of Assessment</u>. Any Assessments levied pursuant to these covenants which is not paid on the date when due shall be delinquent and shall, together with such interest and other costs as set out elsewhere in this Declaration, thereupon become a continuing lien upon the Lot which shall bind the Lot in the hands of the then Owner and the Owner's successors and assigns.

If the Assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the Assessment shall bear interest at a reasonable rate of ten percent (10%) per year or at such other reasonable rate set by

Association in its minutes, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, in either of which events interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees shall be added to the amount of each Assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Assessments by non-use or waiver of use of the Common Areas or by abandonment of his Lot.

- Priority of Association Lien. The lien provided for in this Article IV shall take priority over any lien or encumbrance subsequently arising or created, except liens for real estate taxes and assessments and liens of bona fide mortgages which have been filed of record before a claim of this lien hereunder has been docketed in the office of the clerk of superior court in Wayne County, and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a mortgage on real property under power of sale in an action brought by the Association in accordance with the Planned Community Act. The Association is entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs and collection costs, as part of the lien. In any such foreclosure action, the Association shall be entitled to become a purchaser at the foreclosure sale.
- Section 4.9 <u>Disputes as to Common Expenses; Adjustments.</u> Any Owner who believes that the portion of Common Expenses chargeable to his Lot, for which an assessment lien has been filed by the Association, has been improperly charged against his or her Lot, may bring action in an appropriate court of law.
- Section 4.10 Purchaser at Foreclosure Sale Subject to Declaration, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association. Any purchaser of a Lot at a foreclosure sale shall automatically become a Member of the Association and shall be subject to all the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations.
- Non-Liability of Foreclosure Sale Purchaser for Past Due Common Expenses. When Section 4.11 the holder of a first deed of trust of record or other purchaser of a Lot acquires title to the Lot as a result of foreclosure of a first deed of trust or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, such acquirer of title, his, her or its successors and assigns, shall not be solely liable for the share of the Common Expenses or other Assessments by the Association chargeable to such Lot which became due prior to the acquisition of title to the Lot by such acquirer, other than Assessments for which a claim of lien has been docketed with the Wayne County Clerk of Superior Court prior to the recordation of the lien being foreclosed. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or Assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from all of the Lots, including that of such acquirer, his, her or its successors or assigns. This provision shall not relieve the party acquiring title or any subsequent Owner of the subject Lot from paying future Assessments.
- Section 4.12 Liability for Assessments Upon Voluntary Conveyance. In a voluntary conveyance of a Lot, any grantee or his or her first mortgagee shall inform the Board of Directors in writing of such contemplated conveyance and such grantee or first mortgagee shall be entitled to a statement from the Board of Directors of the Association setting forth the amount of all unpaid Assessments (including current Assessments) against the grantor due the Association. Neither the grantee nor the mortgagee shall be personally obligated for any delinquent Assessments, but such delinquent Assessments, along with interest, late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys fees shall be a lien against the Lot in accordance with Section 4.7 and Section 4.8 herein.
- Section 4.13 Late Charge. The Association may impose a charge against any Lot Owner who fails to pay any amount assessed by the Association against his Lot within ten (10) days after such

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Assessments are due and payable and who fails to exercise his rights under this Declaration or under the laws of the State of North Carolina to successfully contest such Assessment. The amount of the late charge shall be the greater of (a) Twenty and 00/100 Dollars (\$20.00), or (b) twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent amount, or such other amount as may be determined by the Association from time to time.

Section 4.14 Miscellaneous.

- 4.14.1 The Association may change the interest rate due on delinquent Assessments (including any late charges), except that the rate cannot be changed more often than once every six (6) months. As of its effective date, the new interest rate will apply to all Assessments then delinquent.
- 4.14.2 The Owner has the sole responsibility of keeping the Association informed of the Owner's current address if different from the Lot owned. Otherwise notice sent by Association to the Lot is sufficient for any notice requirement under this Declaration.
- 4.14.3 The lien under this Article IV arises automatically, and no notice of lien need be recorded to make the lien effective.
- 4.14.4 The Assessment lien includes all collection costs, including demand letters, preparation of documents, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, filing fees, collection fees, and any other expenses incurred by the Association in enforcing or collecting the Assessment.
- 4.14.5 Any Assessment otherwise payable in installments shall become immediately due and payable in full without notice upon Default in the payment of any installment. The acceleration shall be at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE V EASEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES

- Section 5.1 <u>Easement for Encroachments</u>. The Dwelling Units, all utility lines, and all other improvements as originally constructed by or on behalf of Declarant or its assigns shall have an easement to encroach upon any setback, Lot or Common Area as a result of the location of the building, utility lines and other improvements across boundary lines between and along Lots and/or the Common Areas, or as a result of building or improvement movement or alterations or additions from time to time, provided that such alterations or additions have complied with the requirements of this Declaration.
- Section 5.2 <u>Lot's Utility Easements</u>. Easements are granted in favor of each Lot Owner to and throughout the Common Areas and, if necessary, the setback areas of any other Lots, as may be necessary for the installation, maintenance, repair and use of underground water, gas, sewer, power and other utilities and services including power and communication, now or hereafter existing, including maintaining, repairing and replacing any pipes, wires, ducts, conduits, equipment, fixtures, utility, power or communication lines or equipment, or other components. The foregoing notwithstanding, no Lot Owner (other than Declarant) may exercise the easement rights reserved in this <u>Section 5.2</u> without the prior written approval of the Board as described in <u>Section 5.6</u> below and the Declarant, so long as it owns a Lot in the Subdivision.

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- Section 5.3 <u>Use of Easement</u>. Any use of the rights and easements granted and reserved in this Article V shall be reasonable. If any damage, destruction, or disturbance occurs to a Lot or Common Area as a result of the use of any easement or right, the Lot or Common Area shall be restored by, or at the direction of, the Association promptly in a reasonable manner at the expense of the person or persons making the use of the easement or right that resulted in the damage, destruction or disturbance. All easements reserved hereunder shall be perpetual and non-exclusive.
- Section 5.4 Reservation of Access Easement by Declarant. Declarant reserves an easement for itself, its grantees, successor and assigns, to enter upon the Subdivision for access, including ingress and egress for both vehicles and pedestrians, to and from any public street, road, land, walkway or right-of-way. The easement shall be over the streets, sidewalks, bridges and other access ways of the Subdivision. Declarant further reserves the right to connect, at Declarant's expense, to any street, roadway, walkway or other means of access that are located on the Common Areas of the Subdivision. This reservation of access easements and the right of connection should be construed liberally in favor of the Declarant, in order to facilitate the development of all or any portion of the Property.
- Section 5.5 <u>Conservation Easements</u>. Any areas shown on the recorded plats for NORTH LANDING Subdivision as conservation areas shall be maintained in perpetuity in their natural or mitigated condition. No person or entity shall perform any of the following activities on such conservation area:
- a) fill, grade, excavate or perform any other land disturbing activities; (b) cut, mow, burn, remove or harm any vegetation; (c) construct or place any roads trails, walkways, buildings, mobile homes, signs, utility poles or towers, or any other permanent or temporary structures; (d) drain or otherwise disrupt or alter the hydrology or drainage ways of the conservation area; (e) dump or store soil, trash, or other waste; and (f) gaze or water animals, or use for any agricultural or horticultural purpose.

This covenant is intended to ensure continued compliance with the mitigation condition of the Clean Water Act authorization issued by the United States of America, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District and therefore may be enforced by the United States of America. This covenant shall run with the land, and shall be binding on the Owner, and all parties claiming under it.

- Section 5.6 <u>Declarant's Easements: General</u>. The easements and grants reserved for and granted to the Declarant also benefit and bind any heirs, successors and assigns of Declarant and their respective guests, invitees or lessees, including, without limitation, assignees of Declarant who do not own property within NORTH LANDING Subdivision.
- Section 5.7 <u>Easements to Run with Land</u>. All easements and rights described in this Article V are easements appurtenant, running with the land, perpetually in full force and effect, and at all times shall inure to the benefit of and be binding on the Declarant, its successors and assigns, and any Owner, purchaser, mortgagee, and other person or entity now or hereafter having an interest in the Subdivision, or any part or portion of it.
- Section 5.8 Reference to Easements and Deeds. Reference in the respective deeds of conveyance or any mortgage or trust deed or other evidence of obligation, to the easements and rights described in this Declaration, shall be sufficient to create and reserve such easements and rights to the respective grantees, mortgagees and trustees in said instruments as fully and completely as those such easements and rights were recited fully and set forth in their entirety in such instruments.

BOOK 3 | 6 | PAGE 2 0 5 ARTICLE VI ASSOCIATION

- Section 6.1 Association. The administration of the Subdivision shall be vested in the Association. The Owner of any Lot, upon acquiring title, shall automatically become a Member of the Association and shall remain a Member until such time as his ownership of such Lot ceases for any reason, at which time his membership in the Association shall automatically cease. The Association shall have full power and responsibility to administer, operate, sustain, maintain, and govern the Subdivision including but not limited to, the powers and responsibilities to make prudent investments of funds held by it; to make reasonable Rules and Regulations; to borrow money; to make Assessments; to bring lawsuits and defend lawsuits; to enter into contracts; to enforce all of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and any other documents or instruments relating to the establishment, existence, operation, alternation of the Subdivision. The powers of the Association shall be construed liberally and shall include, without limitation, all of the powers set forth in Section 47F-3-102 of the Planned Community Act.
- Section 6.2 <u>Board of Directors</u>. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this Declaration, the Association shall act exclusively through its Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Association in accordance with the Bylaws shall choose the Board. The Board shall be authorized to delegate the administration of its duties and powers by written contract to a managing agent or administrator employed for that purpose by the Board.
- Section 6.3 <u>Ambiguity or Omission</u>. In case of ambiguity or omission, the Board may interpret the Declaration and the Restrictive and Protective Covenants, and the Board's interpretation shall be final if made without malice or fraud. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant may overrule any interpretation affecting it, for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property.

ARTICLE VII USE RESTRICTIONS

- Section 7.1 <u>Use and Occupancy</u>. The Association shall make Rules and Regulations to govern the use and occupancy of the Subdivision. In addition, the following covenants, conditions, and restrictions, as to use and occupancy shall run with the land and shall be binding upon each Lot Owner, his heirs, tenants, licensees and assigns.
- Section 7.2 <u>Purpose of Subdivision</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, no part of the Subdivision shall be used for other than housing and the purpose for which the property was designed, and each Lot shall be used only for residential purposes, unless the Board of Directors authorizes some other use. Except for the construction, sales and management activities (including, without limitation, the right of Declarant to maintain one or more model Dwelling Units, or sales offices) of the Declarant, no business, trade, industry, occupation or profession of any kind, whether for profit or not for profit, may be conducted, maintained, or permitted on any part of the Subdivision property. To the extent permitted by law, an Owner may use a portion of his or her Dwelling Unit for an office or studio (other than a music and/or dance studio) provided that the activities conducted therein shall not interfere with the quiet enjoyment or comfort of any other owner or occupant; and provided further that such activities do not increase the normal flow of traffic or individuals in and out of the Subdivision or in and out of said Owner's Lot.

- Section 7.3 Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on in any Dwelling Unit or in the Common Areas or on the Lot of an Owner, nor shall anything be done therein, either willfully or negligently, which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the other Lot Owners or occupants.
- Section 7.4 <u>Nondiscrimination</u>. No owner (including the Declarant), or any employee, agent or representative thereof, shall discriminate upon the basis of sex, race, age, color, creed or national origin in the sale, lease or rental of any Lot nor in the use of the Common Areas.

ARTICLE VIII ENFORCEMENT

Section 8.1 Enforcement.

- 8.1.1 The Association or any Lot Owner may enforce these covenants, conditions and restrictions. Enforcement of these covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be by any proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate ("Violating Party") any covenant, condition or restriction, either to restrain or enjoin violation or to recover damages, and against the land to enforce any lien created by these covenants. In addition to all other amounts due on account of said violation or attempted violation, the Violating Party shall be liable to the parties enforcing the covenants and/or restrictions of this Declaration (the "Enforcing Parties") for all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the Enforcing Parties. Failure or forbearance by the Association or any Owner to enforce any covenant, condition or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. In any lawsuit filed to enforce this Declaration by injunction or restraint, there shall be and there is hereby created and declared to be a conclusive presumption that any violation or breach or any attempted violation or breach of any of the within covenants, conditions or restrictions cannot be adequately remedied by action at law or by recovery of damages.
- 8.1.2 Any action brought by the Association hereunder may be brought in its own name or in the name of its Board of Directors.
- Section 9.1 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of anyone of these covenants, conditions or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 9.2 <u>Restrictions Run With Land</u>. The easements or other permanent rights or interests are herein created, the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the Owner of any Dwelling Unit subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.
- Section 9.3 <u>Amendment</u>. The Association (the Declarant controlling the Association until the expiration of the Development Period) may amend this Declaration at any time, as long as consistent with the design, scheme and purposes of this Declaration, by the affirmative vote or written agreement of the Owners to whom not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of all of the votes in the Association are allocated in accordance with Section 4.4 and Section 4.5 above. Provided however, Section 5.5 cannot be amended without the express written consent of the U.S.. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District. Any amendment must be recorded in the Wayne County Register

of Deeds. Following the end of the Development Period, no such agreement to amend, in whole or in part, shall be effective unless written notice of the proposed amendment is sent to every Member at least thirty (30) days in advance of any action taken, and no such amendment shall be effective with respect to any permanent easements or other permanent rights or interests relating to the Common Areas herein created (unless such amendment is consented to in writing by Declarant and all other beneficiaries of such permanent easements, rights of interests).

- Reservation of Special Declarant Rights. Declarant reserves the right to maintain Section 8.4 sales and management offices, model units, construction trailers, storage or staging areas, and advertising signs upon Lots or the Common Areas and upon Lots owned by it until the expiration of the Development Period and to exercise all other "Special Declarant Rights" as defined in the Planned Community Act. Without limiting the foregoing, and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, during the Development Period, Declarant shall have the right to annex additional Lots or Common Areas into the Subdivision by filing a supplement to this Declaration in the Wayne County Public Registry.
- Binding Determination. In the event of any dispute or disagreement with or between Section 8.5 any Owner(s) relating to, or of any other disputes, disagreements or questions regarding, the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Declaration or the Articles or Bylaws of the Association, the determination thereof (i) by Declarant for so long as Declarant retains control of the Association; and (ii) thereafter by the Board of Directors of the Association shall be final and binding on each and all such Owners; providing that any determination which directly or indirectly affects Declarant shall require Declarant's prior consent to become binding upon Declarant.
- Captions and Titles. All captions, titles or headings in this Declaration are for the Section 8.6 purpose of reference and convenience only and are not deemed to limit, modify or otherwise affect any of the provisions hereof, or to be used in determining the intent or context thereof.
- Section 8.7 Notices. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, any notice to any Owner under this Declaration shall be in writing, shall be effective on the earlier of (i) the date when received by such Owner, or (ii) the date which is three days after mailing (postage prepaid) to the last address of such Owner set forth in the books of the Association. The address of an Owner shall be at his Lot (or any of them if more than one) unless otherwise specified in writing to the Association. The Articles and Bylaws shall specify the permissible manner of giving notice for voting and all other Association matters for which the manner of giving notice is not prescribed in this Declaration.
- Section 8.8 Governing Law. This Declaration shall be deemed to be made under, and shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by, the laws of the State of North Carolina, and suit to enforce any provision hereof or to obtain any remedy with respect hereto shall be brought in state court in Wayne County, and for this purpose each Owner by becoming such hereby expressly and irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of said court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant has caused this instrument to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

CAMBRIDGE FARMS, INC.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF WAYNE**

This the GL day of June, 2015, personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid State and County, DAVID M. Pluz, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the President of CAMBRIDGE FARMS, INC., a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by him as President.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this the 9th day of June, 2015.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 0 \$ 2015

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