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DECLARATION OF RESIDENTIAL COVENANTS,
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

This Declaration is made this 16th day of October, 2009, by the Declarant, D,R.A Properties, L.C., an Iowa Limited Liability Company,

WHEREAS, Declarant is the Owner of certain real property located in the City of Ankeny, the County of Polk, in the State of Iowa, which is legally described as:

See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference,

WHEREAS, said property is referred to herein as the "The Gardens at Prairie Trail"; and

WHEREAS, Declarant is desirous of protecting the value and desirability of the The Gardens at Prairie Trail,

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that The Gardens at Prairie Trail shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of The Gardens at Prairie Trail and which shall run with the land and shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest therein or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof,

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Declaration, the following terms shall have the following definitions, except as otherwise specifically provided:

A. "Architectural Review Board" shall mean the Prairie Trail Architectural Review Board, which shall be composed of representatives of the Declarant having one (1) vote, representatives of the City of Ankeny having one (1) vote, and an architect or home designer jointly selected by Declarant and the City of Ankeny. All plan submittals and correspondence to the Architectural Review Board shall be addressed

to the Offices of the City of Ankeny.

B. "Association" shall mean and refer to The Gardens at Prairie Trail Owners Association, its successors and assigns, a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 504A of the Code of Iowa as amended.

C. "Association Responsibility Elements" shall mean the following:

- (1) The yard (lawn) surrounding the residential structure upon a lot, excluding any landscaping beds or any gardens, plants, or flowers installed by any owner;
- (2) Driveways and sidewalks (including snow removal and maintenance thereof);
- (3) Irrigation System;
- (4) Any monument signage;
- (5) Outlot X in The Gardens at Prairie Trail Plat One;
- (6) Outlot W in The Gardens at Prairie Trail Plat Two; and,
- (7) Snow removal from any alley within The Gardens at Prairie Trail which alleys are owned by the Precedence at Prairie Trail Association.

D. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to D.R.A. Properties, L.C.

E. "Lot" shall mean and refer to each and any individual parcel of land within The Gardens at Prairie Trail , shown on the recorded Official Plats of Gardens at Prairie Trail, and numbered as follows:

Plat 1: Lots 1-8

Plat 2: Lot 1-8 (not yet recorded)

F. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the owner of record (whether one or more persons or entities) of the legal or equitable title to any Lot.

II. RESIDENTIAL USE

All Lots in The Gardens at Prairie Trail shall be residential lots and shall not be improved, used or occupied for other than private residential purposes. No full-time or part-time business activity may be conducted on any Lot or in any dwelling or structure constructed or maintained on any Lot except those activities permitted under the terms of the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the City of Ankeny applicable to The Gardens at Prairie Trail.

All Lots and Owners of Lots in The Gardens at Prairie Trail shall be subject to the

Covenants set forth herein, except as expressly stated to the contrary on behalf of the Declarant. All Lots and Owners shall also be bound by the Covenants of Prairie Trail property recorded September 19, 2007, in the Office of the Polk County Recorder in Book 12379, Page 370-382 and Precedence at Prairie Trail recorded September 19, 2007, in Book 12379, Page 838-391. Any inconsistencies which may exist between the various Covenants shall be construed in favor of the Association and Declarant.

III. EASEMENTS

Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded Official Plat(s) of The Gardens at Prairie Trail or are reserved on separately recorded easements. The Owner and/or occupant of each Lot, jointly and severally, (along with the Association) shall maintain, keep, and preserve that portion of the easement area within the Lot at all times in good repair and condition and shall neither erect nor permit erection of any building, structure or other improvement of any kind within said easement areas (except customary and traditional ground cover) which might interfere in any way with the use, maintenance, replacement, inspection or patrolling of any of the utility services and drainage facilities within such easement areas. The Owner and/or occupant of a each Lot, jointly and severally, (along with the Association) shall preserve and maintain any berm and/or swale constructed for drainage purposes to accomplish the purposes for which it was constructed.

IV. COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS.

A. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.

Each Owner of any Lot, except the Declarant, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agrees to pay to the Association: (i) regular assessments or charges, and (ii) special assessments for capital improvements and operating deficits, and other special assessments as provided in this Declaration; such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The regular and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made senior to all liens except a first mortgage of record and any ad valorem taxes. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot, except the Declarant, at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

B. Purpose of Assessments.

The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents in The Gardens at Prairie Trail and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Areas and for other purposes specifically provided herein; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Declarant and/or the Association reserves the right to include Common Areas outside the boundaries of The Gardens at Prairie Trail, and other

lot owners of property outside the boundaries of The Gardens at Prairie Trail may be granted the right to utilize the Common Areas located within Gardens at Prairie Trail. In addition, the regular assessment shall include repayment of sums advanced by the Declarant, if any, on behalf of the Association.

C. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements and Operating Deficits.

In addition to the regular assessments authorized above, the Association may levy a special assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement, which the Association is required to maintain or for operating deficits which the Association may from time to time incur.

D. Date of Commencement of Regular Assessments: Due Dates.

The regular assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each respective Lot on the first day of the first month following the date of conveyance to an Owner other than Declarant. The due dates for all assessments shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate in a recordable form signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate from the Association regarding the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

E. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association.

Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall, in addition to being a lien upon such Owner's lot, bear interest from the due date at the rate of 15% per annum or at the highest rate allowed by Iowa law, whichever is lower. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot in the manner provided for foreclosure of a mortgage, or both, and there shall be added to the amount of such assessment the cost of preparing and filing the petition in such action, including reasonable attorney's fees. No Owner, except the Declarant, may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by abandonment of his Lot.

F. Subordination of Assessments Liens.

If any Lot subject to a lien created by any provision in this Declaration shall be subject to the lien of a first mortgage of record: (i) the foreclosure of any lien created by anything set forth in this Declaration shall not operate to affect or impair the lien of such mortgage; and (ii) the foreclosure of the lien of such mortgage or the acceptance of a deed in lieu of the foreclosure by the mortgagee, shall not operate to affect or impair the lien except that assessment liens, if any, as shall have come due up to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriff's deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or the acceptance of the deed in lieu of foreclosure shall be subordinate to the lien of the mortgage, with the foreclosure-purchaser and purchasers therefrom taking title free of assessments, if any, that have come due up to the expiration of the applicable redemption

period and issuance of a sheriffs deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or deed given in lieu of foreclosure, but subject to assessment liens that shall have come due subsequent to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriffs deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure. All assessment liens as shall have come due up to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriffs deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure and have not been paid shall be deemed to be an expense of the Association, but this shall not derogate the Association's right to collect said sums from the defaulting owner personally.

V. ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS

This Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall be deemed to run with the land, and the Declarant and/or the Owner of any Lot may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce this Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and enjoin its violation or for damages for the breach thereof, or for any other remedy or combination of remedies recognized at law or in equity.

VI. AMENDMENTS OF COVENANTS

This Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions may be amended from time to time with the approval of the Owners. Said approval shall be given by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Owners. The Owner of each Lot (or the joint Owners of a single Lot in the aggregate) shall be entitled to cast one vote on account of each Lot owned. Provided, however, until twelve (12) months following the date on which the Declarant has sold all of the Lots, it may make amendments or modifications to this Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions without the consent of any other Owners or any other party. Such amendments or modifications by the Declarant shall be effective only after all other Owners are provided with a copy of the amendment or modification by ordinary mail and the amendment or modification has been filed with the Polk County Recorder.

VII. PERIOD OF COVENANTS

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall continue and remain in full force and effect at all times as to The Gardens at Prairie Trail and as to the Owners of any Lot, regardless of how title was acquired, for a term of twenty (20) years from the recording of this Declaration, on which date this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall terminate and end and thereafter be of no further legal or equitable effect; provided, however, that this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall automatically be extended for one additional period of twenty (20) years, unless on or before the end of the initial period, the Owners of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the Lots, by written instrument duly recorded,

declare a termination of same.

VIII. ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER

- A. In the event that anyone or more of the foregoing covenants, conditions or restrictions shall be declared for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction to be null and void, such judgment or decree shall not in any manner whatsoever affect, modify change, abrogate, or nullify any of the covenants, conditions and restrictions not so expressly held to be void, which shall continue unimpaired and in full force and effect.
- B. Wherever there is a conflict between this Declaration and the zoning ordinance of the City of Ankeny, the more restrictive provision shall be binding.

IX. DISCLAIMER

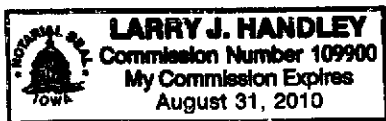
Declarant may at anytime by written instrument filed with the Polk County Recorder, disclaim their rights and powers hereunder and thereafter it shall have no rights or responsibilities hereunder. Declarant shall have no liability in or for damages of any sort to any Owner, or any lessee or occupant of any Lot, or otherwise to any person for any exercise or failure to exercise any right (or duty or obligation, if any) of Declarant hereunder, for the making of an amendment or modification hereto by Declarant for the granting of approval or withholding of approval required or permitted under the terms of this Declaration or in any other manner arising here from. Provided however, any Owner may exercise any rights such Owner may have against Declarant or otherwise seek to enforce the provisions of this Declaration against Declarant by an action in equity for specific performance or injunctive relief to which Declarant shall be subject. The remedies of specific performance and injunctive relief shall be the only remedies against Declarant for any exercise or failure to exercise any right (or duty or obligation, if any) of Declarant hereunder, for the making of an amendment or modification hereto by Declarant, for the granting of approval or withholding of approval required or permitted under the terms of this Declaration or for other matters arising here from, all other remedies being expressly waived. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the rights and powers of the Declarant hereunder shall be deemed to have been disclaimed by Declarant five (5) years following the date on which Declarant conveys the last Lot it owns in The Garden at Prairie Trail, and thereafter enforcement of this Declaration may be carried out exclusively by the Owners as provided in

D.R.A. PROPERTIES, L.C.

BY: Tara Meredith
 Tara Meredith, Secretary

STATE OF IOWA)
)
 COUNTY OF POLK) ss.

This instrument was acknowledged before me on Oct. 16 2009, by Tara Meredith, Secretary of D.R.A. Properties, L.C.



[Signature]
 Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
THE GARDENS AT PRAIRIE TRAIL

Outlot Y and Outlot X of Precedence at Prairie Trial, Plat 1, being an Official Plat of the City of Ankeny, Polk County, Iowa, containing 1.34 acres, more or less. Said tract subject to any and all easements, covenants and restrictions of record.