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AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. FALL 2016



**BY-LAWS AND DEDICATION OF PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS,  
COVENANTS, LIMITATIONS, EASEMENTS, AND APPROVALS APPENDED  
TO AS PART OF THE DEDICATION AND PLOT OF AUTUMN RIDGE  
SECTIONS I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, A SUBDIVISION IN PERRY  
TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA DATED 10-24-1991, UPDATED 9-14-  
2004 AND 08-31-2016.**

This booklet contains information on regulations pertaining to our development. These regulations may be and are in many cases more restrictive than the county code. We are located in the county. Should we become a part of the city of Fort Wayne, our regulations may be more restrictive than the city. Whichever regulations are more restrictive will be enforced. Changes to the covenants enacted in 2004 complied with Article V, Section 36, and were filed subsequently by Attorney John Theisen. Changes to the covenants enacted in 2016 complied with Article V, Section 36, and were filed subsequently by attorney John Theisen.

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Detailed information and original documents on the specifics of the square footage, flood protection grade, signing date, and easement information is available by contacting the County Recorder in the City-County Building. Owners will receive a phone call or postcard when found in violation of the by-laws and covenants. If you have not read the by-laws and covenants, please take time to read them.

Our association owns, operates, and maintains the pool and tennis area as well as the entrances. Maintained are landscaping including both entrances, the center dividers, the pool and tennis areas.

- ☐ We pay taxes on the common areas.
- ☐ We contract for trash and snow removal on the streets.

M/ Theisen & Assoc.  
810 S Calhoun St Ste 200  
46802

90+inc

Other Numbers:

Pool: 637-6039

Golf: 637-8727

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## AUTUMN RIDGE STREETS

SOUTH ENTRANCE

|                           | <u>Homes</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Autumn Tree Drive      | 16           |
| 2. Woodstream Ridge Court | 16           |
| 3. Baywood Trail          | 25           |
| 4. Misty Oaks Trail       | 10           |
| 5. Linden Grove Drive     | 27           |
| 6. Durham Court           | 3            |
| 7. Woodburn Court         | 21           |
| 8. Windstar Court         | 3            |
| 9. Hampton Wood Drive     | 10           |

NORTH ENTRANCE

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| 1. Barry Knoll Way      | 34 |
| 2. Chesterbrook Court   | 15 |
| 3. Virginia Hills Court | 11 |
| 4. Bending Oaks Court   | 19 |
| 5. Green Ash Court      | 5  |

VILLAS

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| 1. Lincroft Drive  | 23 |
| 2. Windridge Court | 20 |
| 3. Woodshire Court | 3  |

PAST PRESIDENTS

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| George Scott      | 2011-              |
| Kathy Sherman     | 2006-2011          |
| Roger Watercutter | 2002-2005          |
| Don Duff          | 2002               |
| Byron Braun       | 2001               |
| Carol Stuczynski  | 2000               |
| Richard Pape      | 1998-1999          |
| Carol Stuczynski  | 1998 through March |
| Leif Jensen       | 1997               |
| Roger Watercutter | 1996               |
| Craig Yoder       | 1995               |
| Roger Delagrang   | 1992-1994          |

**BY-LAWS OF  
AUTUMN RIDGE  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION DESIGNED TO FACILITATE  
THE MANAGEMENT OF MAINTENANCE, ACTIVITIES,  
AND USE OF COMMON AREAS IN AUTUMN RIDGE,  
AND ITS VARIOUS SECTIONS,  
A SUBDIVISION IN PERRY TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA**

**ARTICLE I.  
Name and Address**

**Section 1.** The name of the Corporation shall be "Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc.," (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

**Section 2.** The post office address of the Association is: 11825 Autumn Tree Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**ARTICLE II.  
Purposes and Powers**

The purposes and powers of the Association and the limitations thereon shall be those expressed in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III.  
Membership**

**Section 1. Members.** The members of the Association shall be the owner of Lots within Autumn Ridge, and its various sections, who shall hold their memberships as provided in Article V of the Articles of Incorporation.

**Section 2. Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association on the first Tuesday of November of each year at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, or at such place (within Allen County, Indiana, reasonably convenient for members to attend) and time (but not later than the end of the sixth month following the close of the calendar year) as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and designated in the Notice of Waiver of Notice of such meeting. At the Annual Meeting, the Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected, the officers of the Association shall present their annual reports, the annual budget for the Association shall be adopted, and all such other business shall be transacted as may properly come before the meeting. The Secretary of the Association shall cause notice of the Annual Meeting to be given to each member of record of the Association entitled to vote by depositing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the latest address of such member as the same appears upon the records of the Association, such notice to be mailed at least ten (10) days before the date of such meeting.

**Section 3. Special Meeting.** Special meetings of the members may be held at the principal office of the Association, or at such other place within Allen County, Indiana, reasonably convenient for members to attend, as may be designated pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation in the Notice or Waiver of Notice of such meeting. Special meetings may be called in writing by

the President, by a majority of the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by the holders of not less than ten percent (10%) of the memberships entitled to vote. The Secretary of the Association shall cause notice of the holding of any such special meeting to be given to each member of record of the Association entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted at the meeting by depositing in the United States mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the latest address of such member as the same appears upon the books of the Association, such notice to be mailed at least ten (10) days before the date of such meeting.

**Section 4. Addresses of Members.** The address of each member appearing upon the records of the Association shall be deemed to be the latest address which has been furnished in writing to the Association by such member.

**Section 5. Waiver of Notice.** Notice of any meeting of members may be waived in writing by any member if the waiver sets forth in reasonable detail the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called and the time and place thereof. Attendance at any meeting in person, or by proxy, when the instrument of proxy sets forth in reasonable detail the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. Each member who has, in the manner provided above, waived notice of a member's meeting, or who personally attends a member's meeting or is represented thereat by a proxy authorized to appear by an instrument of proxy complying with the requirements set forth above, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given due notice of such meeting. When all members shall meet in person, such meeting shall be valid for all purposes and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

**Section 6. Quorum.** At any meeting of the members, the holders of a majority of the memberships entitled to vote who are present in person or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If the holders of the number of memberships necessary to constitute a quorum shall fail to attend in person or by proxy at the time and place fixed for such meeting, the holders of a majority of the memberships present in person or by proxy may adjourn from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until the holders of the number of memberships requisite to constitute a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

**Section 7. Voting.** No membership shall be voted at any time when any assessment with respect to the Lot for which such membership is held is past due and unpaid. At each meeting of the members, every member shall have the right to one (1) vote for each membership held by him/her which is entitled to be voted at such meeting. Such member shall vote either in person or by proxy appointed in writing and subscribed by such member or his/her duly authorized attorney-in-fact, and delivered to the Secretary of the Association at or before the time of the holding of such meeting. No such proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution unless a longer time is expressly provided therein. Memberships held by fiduciaries may be voted by the fiduciary in such manner as the instrument or order appointing such fiduciary may direct. If all persons who are together entitled to one (1) membership do not agree upon the exercise of voting rights, the following provisions shall apply:

1. where a membership is held jointly by three (3) or more persons, such membership shall be voted in accordance with the will of the majority; and
2. where such persons or a majority of them cannot agree, or where they are equally divided upon the question of voting such membership, such membership shall be voted as may be directed by any court of general equity jurisdiction, as such court may deem for the best interests of the membership, upon petition filed by such person or any party in interest.

**Section 8. Voting List.** The Secretary of the Association shall keep at all times a complete and accurate list of the members entitled by the Articles of Incorporation to vote at such election, arranged in alphabetical order, with the address and number of the memberships so entitled to vote held by each, which list shall be on file at the principal office of the Association and subject to inspection by any member. Such list may be inspected by any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

**Section 9. Member Action by Consent in Lieu of Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of members may be taken without a meeting, if prior to such action a consent in writing setting forth the action to be taken is signed by all members entitled to vote and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the members.

#### **ARTICLE IV.**

##### **Directors**

**Section 1. Number.** The present number of Directors of the Association is five (5). The number of Directors of the Association may be increased or decreased to any number not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) by amendment of this section, which amendment shall state the new number of Directors, but no decrease shall shorten the term of an incumbent Director. Terms shall be staggered to provide continuity of leadership. Directors shall be members of the Association, with the exception that the original Board of Directors as designated in the Articles of Incorporation need not be members. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Subject to termination and removal as permitted by law, each Director elected at an annual meeting shall be elected to serve for three (3) years and until his/her successor shall be elected and qualified and each Director elected at a special meeting shall be elected for the period ending with the next annual meeting and until his/her successor shall be elected and qualified.

**Section 2. Vacancies.** Any Director may resign his/her office at any time by delivering his/her resignation in writing to the Association, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors caused by resignation, death, or other incapacity, or increase in the number of Directors, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board until the next annual meeting of the members or, in the discretion of the Board, such vacancy may be filled by the vote of the members at a special meeting called for that purpose.

**Section 3. Removal of Directors.** A Director may be removed with or without cause by the vote of the holders of a majority of the memberships entitled to vote at a special meeting of members called for that purpose.

**Section 4. Regular Meetings.** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the place and immediately following the annual meeting of the members. Other regular meetings may be held at the principal office of the Association or any other place reasonably convenient for Directors to attend at such times and places as the Board of Directors may fix from time to time.

**Section 5. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at any other place within Allen County, Indiana, reasonably convenient for Directors to attend whenever called by the President or the Secretary of the Association or by any two (2) of the members of the Board. At least seventy-two (72) hours

notice of such meeting specifying the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be given to each Director either personally, by written notice deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid in an envelope to such Director or by telephone or electronic document. Notice of the time, place and purpose of the holding of any such special meeting may be waived in writing by any Director if the waiver sets forth in reasonable detail the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called and the time and place thereof. Attendance at any meeting in person by any Director shall constitute a waiver of the notice of such meeting. Whenever all of the Directors shall meet, such meeting shall be valid for all purposes and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

**Section 6. Quorum and Voting.** A majority of the actual number of Directors elected and qualified from time to time shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business (excepting the filling of vacancies, in which case a quorum shall be a majority of the remaining directors) and the act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by the Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1971, the Articles of Incorporation or other provisions of these By-Laws.

**Section 7. Directors' or Committee Action by Consent in Lieu of Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if prior to such action a written consent to such action is signed by all of the members of the Board of Directors or of such committee and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

## **ARTICLE V.**

### **Officers**

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and if desired by the Board of Directors, one or more Vice-Presidents, and one or more Assistant-Secretaries and Assistant-Treasurers, Architectural Control Committee, Pool/Tennis Liaison, all of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association at the first meeting thereof immediately following the annual meeting of the members; and they shall hold office, subject to the removal as provided by law, until their successors are elected and qualified. One person may hold more than one (1) office, except that the offices of the President and Secretary shall not be held by the same person. The officers shall be chosen from among the Directors of the Association.

**Section 2. Removal.** Any officer of the Association may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever the Board of Directors in its judgment believes that the best interests of the Association will be served by such removal. Such removal will be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the persons removed. Election or appointment of an officer does not of itself create contract rights.

**Section 3. Compensation.** Officers shall not be entitled to compensation for their services. (Note: The Business Manager is an employee, not an officer.)

### **Section 4. Duties.**

- (A) **President.** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have the powers and perform the duties usually incident to that office. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall submit to the Board of Directors, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual

meeting of the members, an annual report of the operation of the Association during the preceding fiscal year, complete detailed statements of all income and expenditures and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Association at the close of the fiscal year. The President is authorized to sign, on behalf of the Association, contracts and other instruments in writing. The Secretary shall thereupon attest any such document requiring such attestation under the corporate seal of the Association.

- (B) **Vice-President.** In the absence or inability of the President to act, his/her duties shall be performed and his/her powers may be exercised by the Vice President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as shall be delegated by the Board of Directors.
- (C) **Secretary/Treasurer.** The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept a full, true and complete record of all of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall have charge of the Minute Book of the Association and of all of its other books and documents (except the books of account). He/She shall have custody of the Corporate Seal, and he/she shall affix the same to and countersign papers requiring such acts, but only upon the order of the Board of Directors or the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (D) **Secretary/Treasurer.** The Secretary/Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and other personal property of the Association and shall keep, or cause to be kept, correct and accurate books of account and shall also deposit, or see to the deposit of, the funds of the Association in a depository to be approved by the Board of Directors. He/She shall keep full and accurate account of all assets, liabilities, commitments, receipts, disbursements and other financial transactions of the Association in books belonging to the Association; shall (if directed by the Board of Directors) cause regular audits of such books and records to be made; shall see that all expenditures are made in accordance with procedures duly established, from time to time, by the Association; shall render financial statements at all regular meetings of the Board of Directors, and a full financial report at the annual meeting of members, if called upon so to do; and, shall perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be delegated by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (E) **Assistant-Secretaries.** An Assistant-Secretary shall assist the Secretary of the Association and shall perform such other duties as are delegated by the Board of Directors.
- (F) **Assistant-Treasurers.** An Assistant-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer of the Association and shall perform such other duties as are delegated by the Board of Directors.
- (G) **Architectural Control Committee.** The Architectural Control Committee shall inform the Board of Directors of all requests made and approved for additions, remodeling, landscaping, and any and all such changes which are governed by the by-laws and covenants.
- (H) **Pool/Tennis Liaison.** The Pool/Tennis Liaison shall supervise employment of tennis pro and pool manager as well as use of the pool and tennis facilities.

## ARTICLE VI. Assessments

**Section 1.** After the close of each calendar year and prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the Association, the Board shall cause to be prepared and furnished to each member a financial statement, which shall show all receipts and expenses received, incurred and paid during the preceding calendar year.

**Section 2.** Initially, there shall be a yearly maintenance assessment against each lot individually owned not to exceed One Hundred Fifty and No/100—Dollars (\$150.00). The annual maintenance assessment shall be due upon conveyance of title from Developer. Developer is exempt from dues. Annually, at the date of the regular Annual Meeting of the Association, the Board shall prepare a proposed annual budget for the ensuing calendar year estimating the total amount of expenses to be incurred by the Association for the ensuing year and shall furnish a copy of such proposed budget to each member prior to the Annual Meeting. The annual budget shall be submitted to the members at the Annual Meeting for adoption and, if so adopted, shall be the basis for the assessments for the ensuing year. At the Annual Meeting, the budget may be approved in whole or in part or may be amended in whole or in part by a majority of the members present or represented.

**Section 3.** The annual budget as adopted shall, based on the estimated cash requirements for the expenses of the Association, contain a proposed assessment against each Lot. Immediately following the adoption of the annual budget, each member shall be given written notice of the assessment against his/her Lot. This assessment against each lot shall be paid annually on the first day of each calendar year. The initial minimum annual assessment shall be One Hundred Fifty and No/100—Dollars (\$150.00).

**Section 4.** From time to time, common expenses of an unusual amount or extraordinary nature or not otherwise anticipated may arise. At such time, the Board shall have the full right, power and authority to make by Board resolution special assessments which shall become a lien on each Lot, pro-rated in accordance with the respective obligation of each Lot to bear such expense as determined by the Board.

Special assessments may be assessed in a single lump sum or ratably over a period of time as the Board in its discretion shall determine. In making such determination, however, the Board shall give due consideration to the expenses and obligations, if any, incurred by the Association and/or the Board in connection with the matters giving rise to the special assessment, and the Board shall exercise every effort to cause special assessments to be charged to members in a manner which is fair and equitable and in a manner which will create as little undue burden or hardship as possible among the respective members, consistent with good accounting practices.

**Section 5.** The assessments levied by these provisions shall be used by the Association to perform its functions as defined in Article II of the Article of Incorporation; provided, however, with respect to the authority enumerated in paragraph 8 of said Article the responsibilities of the Association shall be as follows:

- (A) The Association is responsible for the maintenance of all trees, shrubbery, lawns, walkways and irrigation systems in the common areas and entrance areas, and any costs related thereto. The Association shall have the responsibility for the removal of snow from the streets in Autumn Ridge, and its various sections. The Association is responsible for the purchase of liability insurance, and the payment

of real estate taxes and assessments for all common areas. The Association is responsible for maintenance of street lighting. Each of the Association's responsibilities enumerated in this subparagraph shall be carried out by the Association upon schedules established by the Board of Directors from time to time; and

- (B) The Association shall not be responsible for repair or maintenance to the physical structure of the Lot in Autumn Ridge, and its various sections, nor for the maintenance and repair of members' driveways or walks, which responsibilities shall be and remain those of the individual members; provided, however, the Board of Directors shall have the power to perform repair or maintenance upon the physical structure of the dwelling on the Lot, or to perform repair or maintenance upon the driveway or walk, of any member who has failed after notice from the Board of Directors to undertake such repair and/or maintenance to the satisfaction of the Board, to levy a special assessment against said member for the cost of such repair and/or maintenance and to encumber said member's Lot with a lien in the same manner as herein described below. An easement of ingress and egress for the performance of any such repairs is hereby granted by each member to the Board to effectuate the purpose of this subparagraph. Each member shall insure his residential dwelling unit in an amount equal to the full replacement value thereof, which said insurance shall contain provisions to pay the full replacement cost of any buildings or adjacent properties damaged as the result of fire or other hazards occurring on an individual dwelling unit. It is the specific duty of each member to make current payment of any premium due on such insurance and not to permit any such insurance to lapse.

**Section 6.** Each member shall be personally liable for the payment of all assessments. Where the member constitutes more than one (1) person, the liability of such persons shall be joint and several.

- (A) If any member shall fail or refuse to make any such payment of an assessment when due, the amount thereof shall constitute a lien upon the Lot of the member, and upon the recording of notice thereof by the Association, such lien shall be constituted upon such member's Lot prior to all other liens and encumbrances, recorded or unrecorded, excepting only:
  - (i) taxes, special assessments and special taxes theretofore or thereafter levied by any political subdivision or municipal corporation of this state and other state or federal taxes which by law are a lien on the interest of such member prior to pre-existing recorded encumbrances thereon;
  - (ii) encumbrances on the interest of such member recorded prior to the date such notice is recorded, which by law would be a lien of any first mortgage owed by a member to a financial institution.
- (B) The lien provided for in this section shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other members, and may be foreclosed by an action brought in the name of the Association in a like manner as a mortgage upon real property. The Association, acting on behalf of the members, shall have the power to bid on the interest so foreclosed at foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same; and to subrogate so much of its right to such lien as may be

necessary to satisfy an insurance company which will continue to give total coverage in spite of nonpayment of such defaulting member's portion of premium.

- (C) Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.
- (D) The Board shall further have the power to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the Common Area of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association.
- (E) Any payment for assessments not made when due shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date the same shall become due until the date the same is paid. It shall further be the obligation of any party who shall fail to pay any assessment or assessments when due to reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred as a result of such failure to pay, including all expenses incurred by the Association in the collection of the same, and including further, but not limited to, all costs of overhead, accounting and legal expenses incurred with respect to, arising out of, or occasioned by said failure to pay.
- (F) In the event any person shall acquire or be entitled to the issuance of a tax deed, public trustee's sheriff's deed, commissioner's deed, etc., the interest so acquired shall be subject to all the provisions of these By-Laws.
- (G) The Developer plans to construct a bathhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts within Autumn Ridge, which facilities will be owned and operated by the Association, and which will be available for use by members of the Association. On January 1, 1993, a Club Operating Fund will commence:

- A. Non-Lot Owner Golf Club Members of Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall be entitled to membership and usage of the bathhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts, and shall pay an amount determined by the Board of Directors.
- B. All Villaminium Unit Owners in the Autumn Ridge Subdivision shall be entitled, at their option, to membership and usage of the bathhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts, and shall pay the same operating fund assessment as the Single-Family Lot Owner Members. Such Club Assessment shall bear interest, shall become a lien upon the Unit against which it is assessed, shall become the personal obligation to the Owner of such Unit, and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- C. All Single-Family Lot Owners within Autumn Ridge, except those owned by the Developer, shall be charged an assessment (in addition to the Annual Assessments and Special Assessments provided in Sections 9 and 10, respectively), with respect to the operation and maintenance of said facilities ("Club Assessments"). This Club Assessment will be assessed against each Lot Owner irrespective of whether a Dwelling Unit is located thereon. Such Club Assessment shall bear interest, shall become a lien upon the Lot against which it is assessed, shall become the personal obligation of the Owner of such Lot, and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Club Assessments shall be payable on the first day of January of each year thereafter. All Club Assessments shall be determined by and paid to the Association, and the Association shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes of such Club Assessments.

The amount of the annual Club Assessment shall be established as follows:

- (i) Commencing with the year following substantial completion of the bathhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts, the Board of Directors of the Association shall establish a budget for such calendar year and shall determine therefrom the annual Club Assessment for each lot required to meet said budget. Such budget and Club Assessment for each calendar year shall be established by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each preceding calendar year. The Board of Director shall mail to all Association members a copy of a proposed budget and notice of the ensuing year's proposed Club Assessment at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.
- (ii) Said Club Operating Fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of operating and maintaining said bathhouse, tennis courts and swimming pool as well as all recreational facilities therein or used in connection therewith, including but not limited to, repair, maintenance, cost of labor, equipment, supervision, taxes, insurance, and all other things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VII.** **Improvement of Lots**

Each member of the Association, by purchase of a Lot in Autumn Ridge, and its various sections, agrees that no dwelling, fence or wall shall be constructed, placed or altered upon any Lot until the plans and specifications therefore have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee as to quality of workmanship and materials, and harmony of exterior design with other dwellings and improvements in Autumn Ridge, and its various sections. The purpose of this provision is to insure compliance with uniform and high quality standards of design and construction in the completion and/or alterations of improvements in Autumn Ridge, and its various sections.

#### **ARTICLE VIII.** **Common Area**

**Section 1.** Certain areas have been designated in the recorded plat of Autumn Ridge, and its various sections, as Common Area. Initially, the Common Area is to be developed and improved by the Developer. The Common Area may be used by any member of the Association and by his family members, guests and invitees at such times and in such manner as may be more fully outlined in specific rules and regulations for such use to be adopted by the Association.

**Section 2.** The Developer shall convey title to the Common Area to the Association no later than the time that the improvements on all Lots have been completed. Upon such conveyance, the Association shall immediately assume the responsibility for maintenance of the Common Area.

**Section 3.** During the period in which the Developer is the owner of any Lots in Autumn Ridge, and its various sections, the Developer shall not be responsible for any payment into the

annual budget, the funds for said annual budget to be derived solely from the assessments made against the Lots as more fully described in Article VI above.

**Section 4.** No motorcycle, motor bikes, mopeds, motor scooters, snowmobiles or other motorized vehicles of any sort shall be permitted in the Common Area. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Area nor shall anything be stored in the Common Area (except in areas designated for such purposes) without the prior consent of the Association. No waste shall be permitted in the Common Area. No clothes, sheet blankets, sheets, blankets, laundry of any kind or other articles shall be hung out or exposed in any part of the Common Area. The Common Area shall be kept free and clear of rubbish, debris and other unsightly materials which are not in receptacles provided for such purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IX.**

##### **Funds**

**Section 1. Depository.** The funds of the Association shall be deposited in a depository or depositories to be selected by the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Section 2. Withdrawal of Funds.** The funds of the Association may be withdrawn and disbursed by such officers as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE X.**

##### **Amendment**

These By-Laws may be amended by the Board of Directors, by the affirmative votes of a majority of the whole Board, at any regular or special meeting notice of which contains the proposed amendment or a digest thereof, or at any meeting, regular or special, at which all Directors are present, with the exception that the provisions of Article VII may only be amended by an affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75 %) of the members of the Association itself at a special meeting of the Association called for that purpose.

**DEDICATION AND DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS,  
COVENANTS, LIMITATIONS, EASEMENTS, AND APPROVALS APPENDED TO AS  
PART OF THE DEDICATION AND PLAT OF AUTUMN RIDGE SECTIONS I, II, III,  
IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX AND AUTUMN RIDGE VILLAS, SECTIONS I, II and III, A  
SUBDIVISION IN PERRY TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA**

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The Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc. is the community association for the real estate which includes Autumn Ridge, Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX described in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and does hereby amend the protective restrictions, covenants, limitations, easements and approvals with respect to the real estate shown on the final plat, being the certified plat appended hereto and incorporated herein. The Subdivision is known and designated as Autumn Ridge, Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and Autumn Ridge Villas, Section I, II and III a Subdivision in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana.

The Lots shall be subject to and impressed with the covenants agreements, restrictions, easements and limitations hereinafter set forth, and they shall be considered a part of every conveyance of land in said Subdivision without being written therein. The provisions herein contained are for the mutual benefit and protection of the owners present and future of any and all land in the Subdivision, and they shall run with and bind the land and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the owners of land included therein, their respective legal representatives, successors, grantees and assigns.

The Lots are numbered from 1 to 38 [Section I], 39-79[Section II], 80-104 [Section III], 105-133 [Section IV], 134-159 [Section V], 160-189 [Section VI], 190-212 [Section VII], 214 [Section VIII], 213 [Section IX] 1-26 [Villa Section I], 27-46 [Villa Section II], 47 [Villa Section III] inclusive; and all dimensions are shown in feet and decimals of a foot on the plat. All streets and easements specifically shown or described are hereby expressly dedicated to public use for their usual and intended purposes.

**PREFACE**

Autumn Ridge, Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX Autumn Ridge Villas Section I, II, III is a portion of a tract of real estate which has been and will be ultimately subdivided into approximately two hundred sixty (260) residential Lots, all to be included in and known as Autumn Ridge, separately designated by sequentially numbered sections. After the recordation of the plat of Autumn Ridge, Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX Autumn Ridge Villas Section I, II, III there will be recorded Articles of Incorporation of Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc., it being the platter's intention that each owner of a Lot in Autumn Ridge, shall become a member of said Community Association [Villaminium Association], and shall be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

It shall be the obligation of the Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc., to make provision for the maintenance of the common areas designated on the face of the Plat, and the common areas in all sections of Autumn Ridge.

This Preface and its statement shall be deemed a covenant of equal force and effect as all others herein set forth.

**ARTICLE I**  
**Definitions**

The term hereinafter set forth shall have the following meanings:

**Section 1.** "Architectural Control Committee" shall mean the body designated herein to review plans and to grant or withhold certain other approvals in connection with improvements and developments.

The Committee shall be composed of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors. Any vacancies from time to time shall be filled pursuant to the By-Laws of the Association.

**Section 2.** “Association” shall mean and refer to Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

**Section 3.** “By-Laws” shall mean the By-Laws initially adopted by Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc., and all amendments and additions thereto.

**Section 4.** “Common Area” shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners of Lots in Autumn Ridge, Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX Autumn Ridge Villas, Section I, II, III of Autumn Ridge, as shown on the respective plat of said Subdivision.

**Section 5.** “Developer” shall mean Colonial Development Corp., an Indiana Corporation, its grantees, successor or successors in interest, and any person, firm or corporation designated by it or its said successor or successor in interest.

**Section 6.** “Dwelling Unit” shall mean and refer to the structure used as a residential living unit located upon a Lot, including the garage and any appurtenances.

**Section 7.** “Lot” shall mean any of said Lots as platted or any tract of land as conveyed originally or by subsequent Owners, which may consist of one or more Lots or parts of one or more Lots, upon which a dwelling may be erected in accordance with the restrictions hereinafter set forth. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, no tract of land consisting of part of any one Lot or parts of more than one Lot shall be considered a “Lot” unless said tract of land has a frontage of 75 [Villas 60] feet in width at the established building line as shown on the plat.

**Section 8.** “Owner” shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the plat, including contract purchasers, excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

**Section 9.** “Properties” shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be added to and brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

**Section 10.** “Restrictions” shall mean and refer to the Dedication, Protective Restrictions, Covenants, Limitations, Easements and Approvals appended to as part of the Dedication and Plat of Autumn Ridge, Section I.

**Section 11.** “Subdivision” shall mean Autumn Ridge and all of its various sections, a Subdivision located in Perry Township, Allen County, and Indiana.

**Section 12.** “Autumn Ridge” shall mean and refer collectively to each section of the Autumn Ridge development, the initial plot plan of which is attached as Exhibit “B” [Plat Cabinet B page 104, 92-045110; Plat Cabinet B, page 125, 92-068454; Plat Cabinet B page 126, 92-068455; Plat Cabinet B, page 186, 93-059079; Plat Cabinet B page 197, 93-069619; Plat Cabinet C page 4, 94-011734] and it may change from time to time.

**Section 13.** “Villaminium Association” shall mean and refer to Autumn Ridge Villas Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Property Rights**

**Section 1. Owner's Easements of Enjoyment:** Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;
- (b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities by an Owner for any period during which any period not to exceed thirty (30) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations after hearing by the Board of Directors of the Association;
- (c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been recorded.

**Section 2. Delegation of Use.** Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

**Section 3. Additions to Common Area.** The Developer reserves the right so long as Class B members of the Association exist, to convey and transfer to the Association such additional real and/or personal property as the Developer within its sole discretion deems appropriate, and the Association shall accept such transfer and shall hold such property as a part of the Common Area of the Subdivision.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Architectural Control**

No building, improvement, construction, excavation, landscaping, fence, wall, swimming pool or spa or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until two (2) sets of plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with the Autumn Ridge Design Control Committee in accordance with the Autumn Ridge Design Standards. All approvals shall be requested by submission to the Architectural Control Committee of plans and specifications in duplicate, showing the following:

- (a) The Dwelling Unit, and other improvements, access drives, and other improved areas, and the locations thereof on the site;
- (b) All landscaping, including existing and proposed tree locations and planting areas (and specie thereof), mail boxes, and exterior ornamentation;
- (c) Plans for all floors and elevations, including projections and wing walls;
- (d) Exterior lighting plans;
- (e) Walls, fencing, and screening;
- (f) Patios, decks, pools, and porches.

Neither the Developer, the Architectural Control Committee, nor any member thereof, nor any of their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors or assigns, shall be liable to anyone by reason of any mistake in judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or relating to the approval or disapproval or failure to approve any plans so submitted, nor shall they, or any of them, be responsible or liable for any structural defects in such plans or in any building or structure erected according to such plans or any drainage problems resulting therefrom. Every person and entity who submits plans to the Architectural Control Committee agrees, by submission of such plans, that he or it will not bring any action or suit

against the Committee or the Developer to recover any damages or to require the Committee or Developer to take, or refrain from taking, any action whatever in regard to such plans or in regard to any building or structure erected in accordance therewith. Neither the submission of any complete sets of plans to the Developer's office for review by the Architectural Control Committee, nor the approval thereof by that Committee, shall be deemed to guarantee or require the actual construction of the building or structure therein described, and no adjacent Lot Owner may claim any reliance upon the submission and/or approval of any such plans or the buildings or structures described therein.

The original Architectural Control Committee shall consist of three (3) members: Roger L. Delagrangue, Ernest C. Schrock, and Bradley J. Kees. A majority of the Committee may designate a representative to act for it. In the event of death or resignation of any member of the Committee, the remaining members shall have full authority to designate a successor. In the event said Board, or the Architectural Control Committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed satisfied.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc.**

**Section 1. Organization.** There has been organized in connection with the development of Autumn Ridge, and its various sections, an incorporated not-for-profit association known as Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc., (the "Association").

**Section 2. Membership and Voting Rights.** Every Owner of a Lot shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

**Section 3. Classes of Membership.** The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

**Class A.** Class A members shall be all Owners exclusive of the Developer or its immediate successor in interest. Owners shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

**Class B.** The Class B member(s) shall be Colonial Development Corp., and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when title to all Lots in all sections has been conveyed, or
- (b) on December 31, 2000.

**Section 4. Membership Transfer.** Membership in the Association will transfer from the Developer or its successor in interest to the Owner upon delivery of the Deed to Owner's Lot.

**Section 5. Continuing Membership.** The Owner of any Lot shall continue to be a member of the Association so long as he continues to be the Owner of a Lot for the purpose herein mentioned. Membership shall pass with the transfer of title to the Lot.

**Section 6. Transfer of Membership Rights and Privileges in the Association.** Each Owner, and in lieu thereof, (and with the written consent of such Owner to the Association) each lessee of a Lot shall be a member of the Association and have the right to the Owner's vote and privileges. Membership, where assigned to a lessee will pass with the lease, except if the Owner withdraws his consent in writing to the Association. The Owner may withdraw his membership assignment to any lessee in his discretion by issuing a sixty (60) day notice in writing to the Association.

**Section 7. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.** Each Owner of any Lot, excepting Colonial Development Corp., by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments,

and (2) special assessments for capital improvements. Such assessments shall be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge and a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made. 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 at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to an Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

**Section 8. Purpose of Assessments.** The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, and welfare of the Owners in all sections of Autumn Ridge, including, but not limited to, the improvement and maintenance of the common area, maintenance of street lighting, maintenance of the sprinkling system situated on the common area, and removal of snow and ice from the streets.

**Section 9. Maximum Annual Assessment.** Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be One Hundred Fifty and No/100—Dollars (\$150.00) per Lot.

- (a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may not be increased each year more than eight percent (8%) above the maximum annual assessment for the prior year, without the vote or written assent of fifty-one percent (51%) of each class of members of the Association.
- (b) The Board of Directors of the Association may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum without the vote or written assent of fifty-one percent (51%) of each class of members of the Association.
- (c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

**Section 10. Special Assessment for Capital Improvements.** In addition to the annual assessment authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the common area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the vote of written assent of fifty-one percent (51%) of each class of members of the Association.

**Section 11. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 9 and 10.** Any action authorized under Sections 9 and 10 shall be taken at a meeting called for that purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. If the proposed action is favored by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, but such vote is less than the requisite fifty-one percent (51%) of each class of members, members who were not present in person or by proxy may give their assent in writing, providing the same is obtained by the appropriate officers of the Association not later than thirty (30) days from the date of such meeting.

**Section 12. Uniform Rate of Assessment.** Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly or yearly basis.

**Section 13. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Date.** The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due date shall be established by the Board of Directors of the Association. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid.

**Section 14. Club Membership, Operating Fund Assessment.** The Developer plans to construct a bathhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts within Autumn Ridge, which facilities will be owned and operated by the Association, and which will be available for use by members of the Association and members of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club. On January 1, 1993, a Club Operating Fund will commence.

- A. Non-Lot Owner Golf Club Members of Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall be entitled to membership and usage of the bathhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts, and shall pay an amount as determined by the Board of Directors.
- B. All Villaminium Unit Owners in the Autumn Ridge Subdivision shall be entitled, at their option, to membership and usage of the bathhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts, and shall pay the same operating fund assessment as the Single-Family Lot Owner Members. Such Club Assessment shall bear interest, shall become a lien upon the Unit against which it is assessed, shall become the personal obligation of the Owner of such Unit, and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- C. All Single-Family Lot Owners within Autumn Ridge, except those owned by the Developer, shall be charged an assessment (in addition to the Annual Assessments and Special Assessments provided in Sections 9 and 10, respectively), with respect to the operation and maintenance of said facilities ("Club Assessment"). This Club Assessment will be assessed against each Lot Owner irrespective of whether a Dwelling Unit is located thereon. Such Club Assessment shall bear interest, shall become a lien upon the Lot against which it is assessed, shall become the personal obligation of the Owner of such Lot, and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Club Assessments shall be payable on the first day of January of each year thereafter. All club Assessments shall be determined by and paid to the Association, and the Association shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes of such Club Assessments.

The amount of the annual Club Assessment shall be established as follows:

- (i) Commencing with the year following substantial completion of the bathhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts, the Board of Directors of the Association shall establish a budget for such calendar year and shall determine therefrom the annual Club Assessment for each lot required to meet said budget. Such budget and Club Assessment for each calendar year shall be established by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each preceding calendar year. The Board of Director shall mail to all Association members a copy of a proposed budget and notice of the ensuing year's proposed Club Assessment at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting
- (ii) In determining the amount of the Club Assessment for each Lot, the Board of Directors shall take into consideration the financial obligation of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club, and those individuals and organizations identified in Section 14 above who may have access to the bathhouse, tennis courts and swimming pool facilities with respect to the operation and maintenance of said facilities.
- (iii) Said Club Operating Fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of operating and maintaining said bathhouse, tennis courts and swimming pool as well as all recreational facilities therein or used in connection therewith, including but not limited to, repair, maintenance, cost of labor, equipment, supervision, taxes, insurance, and all other things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Section 15. Tax Recoupment Assessments.** In addition to all other assessments provided for in this Article, the Association may levy in any assessment year, an assessment ("Tax Recoupment Assessment") applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, any cost or expense incurred by the Association in the form of a tax, and/or penalty and/or interest on a tax imposed upon, assumed by or assessed against the Association of its properties, and arising out of or in any way related to the acceptance of title to, the ownership of and/or operation or maintenance of any plant or equipment (including utility lines, lift stations and other property) for the transmission, delivery or furnishing of water, or for the collection, transmission and disposal of liquid and solid waste, and sewage, and/or the ownership of any real estate or easements or other rights with respect to real estate owned and/or possessed in connection with such plant or equipment.

**Section 16. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association.** Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

**Section 17. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages.** The lien of the assessments 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 proceedings in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien for such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **General Provisions**

**Section 1. Residential Purposes.** No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes. No dwelling shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one (1) detached single-family dwelling not to exceed two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height. Each dwelling shall include an attached two-car garage and basements may be constructed as a part of the dwelling.

**Section 2. Home Occupations.** No Lot shall be used for any purpose other than as a single-family residence, except that a home occupation, defined as follows may be permitted: any use conducted entirely within the Dwelling Unit and participated in solely by a member of the immediate family residing in said Dwelling Unit, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the Dwelling Unit for dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof and in connection with which there is: (a) no sign or display that indicates from the exterior that the Dwelling Unit is being utilized in whole or in part for any purpose other than that of a Dwelling Unit; (b) no commodity is sold upon the Lot; (c) no person is employed in such home occupation other than a member of the immediate family residing in the Dwelling Unit; and (d) no mechanical or electrical equipment is used; provided that, in no event shall a barber shop, styling salon, beauty parlor, tea room, licensed child care center or other licensed or regulated babysitting service, animal hospital, or any form of animal care or treatment such as dog trimming be construed as a home occupation.

**Section 3 Building Sizes.** No Dwelling Unit shall be built on any Lot having the living area of the main structure, exclusive of one-story open porches, breezeways or garages of less than the following number of square feet for the following types of dwelling. In specific given areas, minimum square footage will be the following:

| <u>Type of Home</u>                                                              | <u>Minimum Square Footage</u>              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <u>Lots 22 -36</u>                                                               |                                            |
| One-Story                                                                        | 2,000 square feet                          |
| Two-Story                                                                        | 1,500 square feet on 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor |
| 1 ½ -Story, Bi-Level and Tri-Level<br>with a combined total of 2,500 square feet | 1,650 square feet on 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor |
| <u>Lots 1 – 22, 37 &amp; 38:</u>                                                 |                                            |
| One-Story                                                                        | 2,000 square feet                          |
| Two-Story                                                                        | 1,400 square feet on 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor |
| 1 ½ Story, Bi-Level and Tri-Level<br>with a combined total of 2,350 square feet  | 1,500 square feet on 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor |

**Section 4. Garages.** All Dwelling Units must have a two-car attached garage.

**Section 5. Building Setback** No Dwelling Unit or any improvements or structures shall be located on any Lot nearer to the front Lot line or nearer to the side street line or the rear property line than the minimum building setback lines shown on the recorded plat. In any event, no Dwelling Unit shall be located nearer than a distance of seven (7) feet to a side Lot line, and no nearer than a distance of twenty-five (25) feet to a rear property line if there is no rear setback line shown on the recorded plat.

**Section 6. Minimum Building and Lot Size.** No Dwelling Unit shall be erected or placed on any Lot having a width of less than 75 feet at the minimum building setback line, nor shall any Dwelling Unit be erected or placed on any Lot having an area of less than 12,000 square feet.

**Section 7. Utility and Drainage Easements.** Easement for the installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. No Owner of any Lot shall erect or grant to any person, firm or corporation, the right, license or privilege to erect or use or permit the use of overhead wires, poles or overhead facilities of any kind for electrical, telephone or television service (except such poles and overhead facilities that may be required at those places where distribution facilities enter and leave the Subdivision). Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit street lighting or ornamental yard lighting serviced by underground wires or cables.

**Section 8. Surface Drainage.**

- (a) If Developer has provided an underground tile at the rear of any Golf Course Lot, Lot Owner, at its own expense, must connect rear down spouts and sump pumps into said tile.
- (b) All easements for public and municipal utilities and sewers as dedicated on the face of the plat shall be kept free of all permanent structures and any structure, shrubbery, trees, or other installation thereon, whether temporary or permanent, shall be subject to the paramount right of the entities for which such easements are intended to benefit, to install, repair, maintain or replace their utility or sewage facilities. The removal of any such obstructions by utilities or sewage treatment works shall in no way obligate them in damages or to restore the obstruction to its original form. No Owner of any Lot shall erect or grant to any person, firm or corporation, the right, license or privileges to erect or use or permit the use of overhead wires, poles, or overhead facilities of any kind for electrical, telephone or television services (except such poles and overhead facilities that may be required at those places where distribution facilities enter and leave the Subdivision.) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit street lighting or ornamental yard lighting serviced by underground wires or cables. Electrical service entrance facilities installed for any house or other structure connecting the same to the electrical distribution system of any electric public utility shall be provided by the Owners of all Lots and shall carry not less than three (3) wires and have a capacity of not less than 200 amperes.

Surface Drainage Easements and Common Areas used for drainage purposes as shown on the plat are intended for either periodic or occasional use as conductors for the flow of surface water runoff to a suitable outlet, and the land surface shall be constructed and maintained so as to achieve this intention. Such easements shall be maintained in an unobstructed condition and the County Surveyor or a proper public authority having jurisdiction over storm drainage shall have the right to determine if any obstruction exists and to repair and maintain, or to require such repair and maintenance as shall be reasonably necessary to keep the conductors unobstructed.

**Section 9. Maintenance of Lots and Dwelling Units.** No Lot and no Dwelling Unit shall be permitted to become overgrown, unsightly or to fall into disrepair. All Dwelling Units shall at all times be kept in good condition and repair and adequately painted or otherwise finished in accordance with specifications established by the Architectural Control Committee. Each Owner, for himself and his successors and assigns, hereby grants to the Association, jointly and severally, the right to make any necessary alterations, repairs or maintenance approved by the Architectural Control Committee to carry out

the intent of this provision and they further agree to reimburse the Association for any expenses actually incurred in carrying out the foregoing. The Association may assess and collect such reimbursement in the same manner as it assesses and collects yearly assessments pursuant to Article IV, above, and such amounts shall become a lien upon the Lot as provided in Article IV.

**Section 10. Landscaping.** The Lots shall be landscaped according to plans approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All shrubs, trees, grass and plantings of every kind shall be kept well maintained, properly cultivated and free of trash and other unsightly material. No screen planting on the rear of any Lots with golf course frontage. Landscaping as approved by the Architectural Control Committee shall be installed no later than one hundred eighty (180) days following occupancy of or completion of the Dwelling Unit, whichever occurs first.

**Section 11. Nuisances.** No noxious or offensive activity must be carried upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. Without limiting any of the foregoing, no exterior lights, the principal beam of which shines upon portions of a Lot other than the Lot upon which they are located, or which otherwise cause unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of a Lot by the occupants thereof, and no speakers, horns, whistles, bells or other sound devices, shall be located, used or placed on the premises, except security devices used exclusively for security purposes which are activated only in emergency situations or for testing thereof.

**Section 12. Temporary Structures and Storage.** No structure of a temporary character, trailer, boat trailer, truck, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle (RV), camper shell, all terrain vehicle (ATV), camper or camping trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be either used or located on any Lot, or adjacent to any Lot, public street or right-of-way with the Subdivision at anytime, or used as a residence either temporarily or permanently.

**Section 13. Signs.** No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one sign of not more than five (5) square feet, advertising such Lot for sale, or signs used by a builder to advertise such Lot during the construction and sales period.

**Section 14. Radio and Television Antennas.** All radio or television antennas either externally attached to a residence or free standing must have prior approval of the architectural control committee. No solar panels attached or detached shall be permitted.

**Section 15. Drilling, Refining, Quarrying and Mining Operations.** No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for the use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Lot.

**Section 16. Animals.** No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes.

**Section 17. Building Materials.** All Dwelling Units and other permitted structures shall be constructed in a substantial and good workmanlike manner and of new materials. The front exterior of each residence shall be constructed of all natural materials. No roll siding, asbestos siding or siding containing asphalt or tar as one of its principal ingredients shall be used in the exterior construction of any Dwelling Unit or other permitted structure on any Lots of said Subdivision and no roll roofing of any description or character shall be used on the roof of any Dwelling Unit or other permitted structure on any of said Lots. No metal roofing is permitted and all replacement roofing materials must be consistent with the roof being replaced.

**Section 18. Driveways.** All driveways from the street to the garage shall be poured concrete or masonry and not less than sixteen (16) feet in width.

**Section 19. Individual Water and Sewage Systems.** No individual water supply system or individual sewage disposal system shall be installed, maintained or used on any Lots in this Subdivision.

**Section 20. Use of Public Easements** In addition to the utility easements herein designated, easements in the streets, as shown on this plat, are hereby reserved and granted to the Developer, the Association and any public or quasi-public utility company engaged in supplying one or more of the utility services contemplated in Sections 7 and 8 or this Section 20 of Article VI, and their respective successors and assigns, to install, lay, erect, construct, renew, operate, repair, replace, maintain and remove all and every type of gas main, water main and sewer main (sanitary and/or storm) with all necessary appliances, subject, nevertheless, to all reasonable requirements of any governmental body having jurisdiction thereof as to maintenance and repair of said streets.

**Section 21. Sanitary Sewer Restrictions.** No rain and storm water runoff or such things as roof water, street pavement and surface water, caused by natural precipitation, shall at any time be discharged into or permitted to flow into the Sanitary Sewage System, which shall be a separate sewer system from the Storm Water and Surface Water Runoff Sewer System. No sanitary sewage shall at any time be discharged or permitted to flow into the above-mentioned Storm Water and Surface Water Runoff Sewer System.

**Section 22. Improvements.** Before any Dwelling Unit on any Lot in this Subdivision shall be used and occupied as a dwelling or otherwise, the Developer or any subsequent Owner of such Lot shall install improvements serving such Lot as provided in the plans and specifications for such improvements filed with the appropriate governmental authorities, together with any amendments or additions thereto which said governmental authorities may authorize or require. This covenant shall run with the land and be enforceable by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Subdivision, by the Association, or by any aggrieved Lot Owner in this Subdivision.

**Section 23. Flood Protection Grade.** In order to minimize potential damages from surface water, flood protection grades are established as set forth on the attached plat as follows: Lots numbered 13, 14, 27, 28 and 29, finished floor elevation 825.0 feet; Lot numbered 12, finished floor elevation 825.5 feet; Lots numbered 8, 9, 10 and 11, finished floor elevation 826.5 feet, There will be established on the following list a flood protection grade (FPG) for the following lots. Front Flood Protection Grade refers to the minimum lowest elevation of any door or window opening at the front or side of structure. Rear Flood Protection Grade refers to the minimum lowest elevation of any rear of structure. On those lots that only one elevation appears, it shall refer to the lowest opening of structure.

| LOT #   | Front FPG | Rear FPG | LOT #   | Front FPG | Rear FPG |
|---------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 39--    | --        | 826.5    | 115-117 | --        | 822.50   |
| 40-41   | --        | 827.1    | 118     | --        | 822.00   |
| 42      | --        | 827.5    | 119     | 825.30    | 822.00   |
| 48-51   | --        | 833.2    | 120-121 | 825.30    | 821.50   |
| 52      | 836.6     | 833.2    | 132     | 828.50    | 825.50   |
| 53      | 836.6     | 833.2    | 133     | --        | 825.50   |
| 56-59   | --        | 839.2    | 135     | --        | 833.50   |
| 61-62   | --        | 839.2    | 139-140 | 834.50    | 831.10   |
| 72-73   | --        | 824.5    | 141-142 | --        | 831.10   |
| 74      | --        | 824.5    | 149-150 | 828.90    | 823.90   |
| 75      | --        | 825      | 151-152 | --        | 823.90   |
| 76-77   | --        | 825.5    | 153-154 | --        | 822.50   |
| 78      | --        | 825.7    | 174     | --        | 827.3    |
| 79      | --        | 825.7    | 175     | 828.6     | 827.3    |
| 87-90   | --        | 839.2    | 176     | 828.5     | 827.3    |
| 93      | --        | 833.5    | 177-189 | --        | 825.5    |
| 98-104  | --        | 825.5    | 192     | --        | 821.5    |
| 105-107 | --        | 825.00   | 193     | --        | 821.5    |
| 108-109 | 829.5     | 825.00   | 213     |           |          |
| 110-111 | --        | 825.00   | 214     | 825.0     |          |
| 112     | --        | 823.50   |         |           |          |

Villa Lots 14, 15, 16, and 19, floor elevation 828.0 feet  
Villa Lots numbered 17 and 18, floor elevation 83.5 feet  
Villa Lots numbered 28-33, floor elevation 828.0 feet  
Villa Lots numbered 34-39, floor elevation 824.7 feet  
Villa Lots numbered 40-41, floor elevation 828.0 feet.  
Villa Lot numbered 42

All Dwelling Units to be constructed on the Lots designated herein shall be constructed at or above the minimum flood protection grades; such grades shall be the minimum elevation of a first floor or the minimum sill elevation of any opening below the first floor as shown on the recorded plat of this Subdivision.

**Section 24. Sidewalks.** Plans and specifications for this subdivision on file with the Allen County Plan Commission require the installation of concrete sidewalks, within the street rights-of-way in front of the following numbered Lots 1 through 13 inclusive and 21 through 25 inclusive 213, 39, 40 and 41 along Hampton Wood Drive; 43, 44, 45 and 46 along Barry Knoll Way' 46, 47, 48, 49, 40, 51, 52, 53, 54 and part of Lot 55 along Bending Oaks Court; Lot 60 and part of Lot 61 along Green Ash Court inclusive; 80 through 87 and 90-93 inclusive, 105 through 110, part of Lot 113, 114 through 119, part of Lot 120, 129 on Baywood Trail side and 132 on Linden Grove Drive side; 134 through 136, part of Lot 137, 145 through 147, 150 through 151 inclusive; Part of Lot number 161, part of Lot number 167, 177 through 189 inclusive; 190 through 202 inclusive; Villa Lots 2, 8, and 15 through 26 inclusive, Villa Lots 27 through 37 inclusive and Block A]. Installation of said sidewalks shall be the obligation of the Owner of any such Lot, exclusive of the Developer, shall be completed in accordance with said plans and specification and prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for any such Lot and the cost of said installation shall be a lien against any such Lot enforceable by the Allen County Plan Commission or its successor agency. Should such Certificates of Occupancy be issued to the Developer, said individual or corporation shall be considered an Owner for the purposes of the enforcement of this covenant.

**Section 25. Permits and Certificates.** Before any Dwelling Unit located on any Lot may be used or occupied, such user or occupier shall first obtain from the Allen County Zoning Administrator an Improvement Location Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy as required by the Allen County Zoning Ordinance.

**Section 26. Pools and Hot Tubs.** No above ground pool which requires a filtration system or other above ground pool which is more than six (6) feet in diameter and eighteen (18) inches deep shall be placed or maintained on any Lot. No in ground swimming pool or hot tub or spa may be placed or maintained on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with Article III.

**Section 27. Swing Sets and Play Equipment.** No swing sets or play equipment will be permitted in the rear twenty five (25) feet of any Lot having a golf course frontage.

**Section 28. Fencing.** The only fencing permitted shall be rough-sawn cedar or wrought iron of not more than four feet (4') in height. A split rail fence two (2) rails height and not to exceed four feet (4') in height shall also be permitted. [not applicable to villas.] No privacy fences will be allowed. No fencing permitted on lots having common boundaries with the golf course. In any event, all proposed fencing must be approved by the Architectural Control in writing.

**Section 29. Storage Areas.** Garbage and refuse shall be placed in containers, which shall be concealed and contained within the Dwelling Unit. Firewood must be placed adjacent to the dwelling unit behind a visual barrier screening this area so that it is not visible from neighboring streets, golf course, or lots. This area must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

**Section 30. Mailboxes.** The type, location, and installation of mailboxes will be approved by the Developer.

**Section 31. Time for Building Completion and Restoration.** Every Dwelling Unit on any Lot in the subdivision shall be completed within twelve (12) months after the beginning of such construction. No improvement which has partially or totally been destroyed by fire or otherwise shall be allowed to remain in such state for more than three (3) months from the time of such destruction or damage.

**Section 32. Single Owner Contiguous Lots.** Whenever two (2) or more contiguous Lots in the Subdivision shall be owned by the same person, and such owner shall desire to use two (2) or more of said Lots as a site for a single Dwelling Unit, he shall apply in writing to the Architectural Control Committee or Board of Directors of the Association for permission to so use said Lots. If permission for such a use shall be granted, the Lots constituting the site for such single Dwelling Unit shall be treated as a single Lot for the purpose of applying these restrictions to said Lots, so long as the Lots remain improved with one single Dwelling Unit.

**Section 33. Enforceability.** The Association or the Developer shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of these Restrictions. Failure by the Association or the Developer to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter, and shall not operate to deprive an Owner from enforcing said covenant or restriction.

**Section 34. Right of Entry** The Developer and the Association, acting through their respective representatives, shall have the right, during reasonable hours, to enter upon and inspect the Lot and Dwelling Unit, whether prior to, during, or after the completion of, any construction, for purpose of determining whether or not the provisions of these restrictions are being complied with and exercising all rights and powers conferred upon the Developer, the architectural Control Committee and the Association with respect to the enforcement or correction or remedy of any failure of the Owner to observe these restrictions, and the Developer, the Architectural Control Committee and the Association and such representatives shall not be deemed to have committed a trespass as a result thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an occupied Dwelling Unit may not be entered hereunder unless written notice of such proposed entry shall have been given to the Owner at least five (5) days prior to such entry.

**Section 35. Partial Invalidation.** Invalidation of any one of these restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 36. Covenants, Restrictions and Extensions.** The covenants and restrictions herein contained shall run with the land, and be effective for a term of twenty (20) years from the date these Restrictions are recorded, after which time they shall automatically be extended for successive periods of ten (10) years; provided these Restrictions may be amended by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners, and provided further, the Developer, its successors or assigns shall, with the approval of the Allen County Plan Commission, have the exclusive right for a period of two (2) years from the date of recording of the plat to amend any of the covenants and Restrictions.

**Section 37. Chimneys.** All exterior fireplace chimneys shall be of masonry construction [not applicable to villas.]

**Section 38. Subdivision of Lots** No Lot or combination of Lots may be further subdivided unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot owners have approved by signing an instrument of approval and until said approval has been obtained from the Allen County Plan Commission.

**Section 39. Exterior Building Surfaces.** All exterior building surfaces, materials and colors shall be harmonious and compatible with colors of the natural surrounding and other Dwelling Units. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to approve or disapprove materials and colors so controlled.

**Section 40. Dwelling Unit Exterior.** All windows, porches, balconies and exteriors of all Dwelling Units shall at all times be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. No clotheslines or other outside drying or airing facilities shall be permitted.

**Section 41. Yard Lights.** A dusk to dawn light (or gas light) of type and location approved by the Architectural Control Committee shall be installed by the builder or Lot owner on each Lot in front of the front building line.

**Section 42. Fires.** No outdoor fires for the purpose of burning leaves, grass or other forms of trash shall be permitted to burn upon any street roadway or Lot in this Subdivision. No outside incinerators shall be kept or allowed on any Lot.

**Section 43. Access to Golf Course** Access to the grounds of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall only be permitted at such locations as shall be agreed to the designated by the Autumn Ridge Golf Club and the developer.

**Section 44. Easement Across Lots Adjacent to Golf Course** Until such time as a Dwelling Unit is constructed on a Lot which borders a fairway area of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club, the operator of Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall have a license to permit and authorize their agents and registered golf course players and their caddies to enter upon a Lot to recover a ball or play a ball, subject to the official rules of the course, without such entering and playing being deemed a trespass.

**Section 45. Interference with Play on Golf Course.** Owners of Lots bordering on fairways of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall be obligated to refrain from any sections which would detract from the playing qualities of the course.

**Section 46. Costs and Attorney's Fees.** In any proceeding arising out of or relating to the failure of an Owner to comply with any of these restrictions or the failure of an Owner to pay any assessments or amounts due pursuant to this Declaration, the By-laws, or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as each may be amended from time to time, the Association shall be entitled to recover its costs, to include its reasonable attorney's fees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, the community association charged with the responsibility of managing and controlling the Autumn Ridge development as set forth in the protective restrictions, dedication and declaration of protective restrictions, covenants, limitations, easements, and approvals appended to as part of the dedication and plat of Autumn Ridge [Sections I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and Autumn Ridge Villas, Sections I, II, III], a subdivision in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana, and the real estate described in said plat, has hereunto set its hand and seal, by its duly authorized officer, this 31st day of August 2016.

AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

An Indiana Corporation,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

George Scott, its President

**Additions and Differences Which Pertain to Autumn Ridge Villas**  
**DEDICATION AND DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS,  
 COVENANTS, LIMITATIONS, EASEMENTS, AND APPROVALS APPENDED TO AS  
 PART OF THE DEDICATION AND PLAT OF AUTUMN RIDGE VILLAS, SECTIONS I  
 II, III A SUBDIVISION IN PERRY TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA**

Autumn Ridge Villas, Sections I and II  
 Villa Section I, 1-26, and Villa Section II, 27-46, Villa Section III, 47

**PREFACE**

Autumn Ridge Villas Section I, II, III is a portion of a tract of real estate which has been and will be ultimately subdivided into approximately two hundred sixty (260) residential Lots, all to be included in and known as Autumn Ridge, separately designated by sequentially numbered sections. After the recordation of the plat of Autumn Ridge Villas Section I [II], there will be recorded Articles of Incorporation of Autumn Ridge Villas Association, Inc., it being the platter's intention that each owner of a Lot in Autumn Ridge Villas, shall become a member of said Villaminium Association, as well as the Community Association known as Autumn Ridge Community Association, Inc., and shall be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE I**

**Definitions**

**Section 4. "Common Area"** shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners of Lots in Autumn Ridge Villas, Section I and II of Autumn Ridge, as shown on the respective plat of said Subdivision.

**Section 7. "Lot"** shall mean any of said Lots as platted or any tract of land as conveyed originally or by subsequent Owners, which may consist of one or more Lots or parts of one or more Lots, upon which a dwelling may be erected in accordance with the restrictions hereinafter set forth. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, no tract of land consisting of part of any one Lot or parts of more than one Lot shall be considered a "Lot" unless said tract of land has a frontage of 60 feet in width at the established building line as shown on the plat.

**Section 13. "Villaminium Association"** shall mean and refer to Autumn Ridge Villas Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

**ARTICLE II**

**AUTUMN RIDGE VILLAS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Section 1. Organization.** There has been organized in connection with the development of Autumn Ridge Villas, Section I, II, an incorporated not-for-profit association known as Autumn Ridge Villas Association, Inc., (the "Villaminium Association").

**Section 2. Membership and Voting Rights.** Every owner of a Lot shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

**Section 3. Classes of Membership.** The Villaminium Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

**Class A.** Class A members shall be all Owners exclusive of the Developer or its immediate successor in interest. Owners shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

**Class B.** The Class B member(s) shall be Colonial Development Corp., and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when title to all Lots in all sections has been conveyed; or
- (b) on December 31, 2000.

**Section 4. Assessments Payable to Autumn Ridge Villas Association, Inc.** Each Owner of any Lot, excepting Colonial Development Corp., or its immediate successor in interest, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Villaminium Association:

- (a) annual maintenance assessment; and
- (b) special assessment for capital improvements.

Such assessments shall be in addition to the annual assessments or special assessments payable to the Association. The annual maintenance and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees shall be a charge upon and a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made. 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 at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to an Owner's successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

**Section 5. Purpose of Annual Maintenance Assessment.** The annual maintenance assessment shall be used exclusively to fund the Villaminium Association's obligations set forth herein.

**Section 6. Initial Annual Maintenance Assessment.** Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to the Owner, the initial annual maintenance assessment shall be One Thousand One Hundred Forty and No/100—Dollars (\$1,140.00) per Lot.

**Section 7. Calculation of Annual Maintenance Assessment.** From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the amount of the annual maintenance assessments shall be determined as follows:

- (a) The Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association shall establish a budget for each calendar year and shall determine the annual maintenance assessment and method of payment required to meet such budget. Such budget and assessment for each such calendar year shall be established by the Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association at a meeting to be held not later than October 31 of each preceding calendar year. The Board of Directors shall then mail to all Villaminium Association members a copy of said budget and notice of the ensuing year's assessment not later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of the year prior to the year to which the assessment is applicable. Such annual maintenance assessment shall be the assessment for the next calendar year unless changes as hereinafter set forth.
- (b) The amount of annual maintenance assessment set forth by the Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association for any such calendar year may be changed by the members of the Villaminium Association at a meeting duly called for the purpose as hereinafter provided. The President or Secretary of the Villaminium Association shall call a meeting of the members of the Villaminium Association, to be held prior to December 31st of the year prior to the year to which the annual maintenance assessment is applicable, upon receipt, prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>, of a written petition for annual maintenance assessment review bearing the signature of at least twenty percent (20%) of both classes of members of the Villaminium Association. The President or Secretary of the Villaminium Association shall give at least fifteen (15) days written notice of such meeting to all members.
- (c) Any change in the amount of the annual maintenance assessment set by the Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association must have the vote or written assent of two-thirds (2/3) of both classes of members of the Villaminium Association who are voting in person or by proxy at the meeting duly called for such purpose. At such meeting, a quorum of not less than fifty percent (50%) of both classes of members of the Villaminium Association shall be required.

**Section 8. Special Assessment for Capital Improvements and Extraordinary Items.** In addition to the annual maintenance assessment authorized above, the Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year for the purpose

of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of necessary maintenance of an extraordinary nature, or the cost of new construction or replacement of items of a capital nature, provided that any such assessment shall have the vote or written assent of sixty-seven percent (67%) of both classes of members. Any action authorized by this Article V, Section 7, shall be taken at a meeting called for that purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. If the proposed action is favored by a majority of the votes cast at such a meeting, but such vote is less than the prerequisite sixty-seven percent (67%) of each class of members, members who were not present in person or by proxy may give their assent in writing, provided the same is obtained by the appropriate officers of the Villaminium Association not later than thirty (30) days from the date of such meeting.

**Section 9. Uniform Rate of Assessment.** Both annual maintenance assessments and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly or yearly basis.

**Section 10. Date of Commencement of Annual Maintenance Assessment: Due Dates.** The annual maintenance assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot on the first of the following dates:

- (a) The date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a completed dwelling on said Lot; and
- (b) The date of payment of the final construction draw with respect to a dwelling constructed on said Lot, disregarding any monies retained in escrow from such final draw.

The first annual maintenance assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of days remaining in the year. The due dates of the annual maintenance assessment shall be established by the Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association. The Villaminium Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Villaminium Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid as of a particular date.

**Section 11. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Corporation.** Any annual maintenance assessment or special assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum. The Villaminium Association may bring an action at law against the Owner previously obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

**Section 12. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages.** The lien of the annual maintenance assessment or special assessment provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgages. 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 proceedings in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessment as to payments which become due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

### ARTICLE III

#### **Maintenance of Building Exteriors**

**Section 1. Building Exteriors, Landscaping and General Maintenance.** The Villaminium Association will maintain the roof and exterior portion of each dwelling in good condition and repair, including painting, staining, repair and replacement of wood siding as necessary, removal of snow from driveways and sidewalks, and maintain the lawn and landscaping on each Lot. The Villaminium Association will maintain the lawn sprinkling system situated on the Lots. The frequency and manner of performance of such maintenance shall be determined solely by the Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association. The Villaminium Association shall not be responsible for the repair or maintenance of decks and screened-in porches, any concrete on a Lot, or yard lights and other exterior lights, including replacement of bulbs, nor for window washing and glass replacement. The Board of Directors of the Villaminium Association may, at its option by appropriate resolution, transfer to each Lot Owner the maintenance responsibility for that portion of the lawn and/or landscaping on each Lot which was not

initially installed or planted by the Developer or his successor in interest. In such event, the Villaminium Association shall keep and make available to each Lot Owner a drawing or other suitable record of such original landscaping which the Villaminium Association is to maintain. Each Lot Owner shall be permitted to perform or cause to be performed at the Owner's sole expense, maintenance or repairs on the exterior of any dwelling on his Lot which would otherwise fall within the maintenance responsibility of the Villaminium Association hereunder, subject to prior written approval from the Architectural Control Committee.

**Section 2. Other Maintenance.** Except to the extent of the Villaminium Association's responsibility for maintenance and repair as above provided, each Owner shall at his sole cost and expense maintain and repair his Lot and the improvements situated thereon, keeping the same in good condition and repair, including those items specifically excluded from the Villaminium Association's responsibilities and any other maintenance and repair responsibilities not expressly included among such responsibilities, as forth above. In the event any Owner shall fail to maintain and repair his Lot and the improvements thereon as required hereunder, the Villaminium Association, in addition to all other remedies available to it hereunder or by law and without waiving any of said alternative remedies, shall have the right, through its agents and employees to enter upon said Lot and to repair, maintain, and restore the Lot and the exterior of the dwelling units and any other improvements erected thereon; and each Owner (by acceptance of a Deed for his Lot) hereby covenants and agrees to repay to the Villaminium Association the cost thereof immediately upon demand. Such costs incurred and demanded by the Villaminium Association, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall have the same status as both a continuing lien on the Lot and improvements and the personal obligation of the Owner as an assessment made under VI, Section 6 hereof, and the failure of any such Owner to pay the same shall carry with it the same consequences as a failure to pay such an assessment when due.

**Section 3. Maintenance Easements.** The Villaminium Association and the Owner of any Lot whose dwelling is constructed up to or within nine (9) feet of an interior Lot line shall have an access easement over a portion of the adjacent Lot which shall be five (5) feet in width measured from said Lot line, for the entire length of said Lot line separating the two Lots, for purposes of maintaining, replacing, and repairing the exterior of the dwellings so located. This access easement shall extend to the agents, employees, and independent contractors of either the Villaminium Association, the Owner, or both. Any damage to an adjacent Lot or landscaping on an adjacent Lot shall be repaired at the expense of the Villaminium Association, the Owner, or their respective agents, employees or independent contractors utilizing this easement.

Each Owner shall also have a permanent easement permitting roof structure which overhang and encroach upon the adjoining servient Lot, provided that construction of such roof structure is permitted and approved as elsewhere herein provided.

**Section 4. Utility Easements.** Easements are hereby expressly reserved and dedicated with dimension, boundaries, and locations as designated on the plat for the installation and maintenance of public utilities (including, but not limited to water, gas, telephone, electricity, sanitary sewer and any other utilities of a public or quasi-public nature) and sewer and drainage facilities. Any utility company and Developer, their successors and assigns, will have the right to enter upon said easements for any lawful purpose. All easements shall be kept free at all times of permanent structure except improvements installed by Developer, Developer's successor in interest, or an authorized utility and removal of any obstruction by a utility company shall in no way obligate the company to restore the obstruction to its original form. The utility will restore any improvement installed by Developer or other authorized utility. The utility operating the sewer lines and sewage disposal facilities of said section shall have jurisdiction over the installation of all sewer connections and the same shall be installed to property lines of each Lot by the Developer or its successor in interest.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **General Provisions**

**Section 3. Building Sizes.** No Dwelling Unit shall be built on any Lot having the living area of the main structure, exclusive of one-story open porches, breezeways or garages of less than 1,200 square feet for a one-story dwelling, nor less than 900 square feet for a dwelling of more than one story.

**Section 5. Building Setback** No Dwelling Unit or any improvements or structures shall be located on any Lot nearer to the front Lot line or nearer to the side street line or the rear property line than the minimum building setback lines shown on the recorded plat. In any event, no Dwelling Unit shall be located nearer than a distance of five (5') feet to a side Lot line, and, except for screened-in porches, no nearer than a distance of twenty-five (25') feet to a rear property line if there is no rear setback line shown on the recorded plat. In no event shall any screened-in porch be located closer than fifteen feet (15') to the rear lot line.

**Section 6. Minimum Building and Lot Size.** No Dwelling Unit shall be erected or placed on any Lot having a width of less than sixty feet (60') at the minimum building setback line, nor shall any Dwelling Unit be erected or placed on any Lot having an area of less than 12,000 square feet.

**Section 23. Flood Protection Grade.** In order to minimize potential damages from surface water, flood protection grades are established as set forth on the attached plat as follows:

- Villa Lots 14, 15, 16, and 19 floor elevation 828.0 feet
- Villa Lots numbered 17 and 18, floor elevation 830.5 feet
- Villa Lots numbered 28-33, floor elevation 828.0 feet
- Villa Lots numbered 34-39, floor elevation 824.7 feet
- Villa Lots numbered 40-41, floor elevation 828.0 feet.

All Dwelling Units to be constructed on the Lots designated herein shall be constructed at or above the minimum flood protection grades; such grades shall be the minimum elevation of a first floor or the minimum sill elevation of any opening below the first floor as shown on the recorded plat of this Subdivision.

**Section 24. Sidewalks.** Plans and specifications for this subdivision on file with the Allen County Plan Commission require the installation of concrete sidewalks, within the street rights-of-way in front of the following numbered Lots 2, 8, and 15 through 26 inclusive and Lots 27 through 37 inclusive and Block A. Installation of said sidewalks shall be the obligation of the Owner of any such Lot, exclusive of the Developer, shall be completed in accordance with said plans and specification and prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for any such Lot and the cost of said installation shall be a lien against any such Lot enforceable by the Allen County Plan Commission or its successor agency. Should such Certificates of Occupancy be issued to the Developer, said individual or corporation shall be considered an Owner for the purposes of the enforcement of this covenant.

**Section 28. Fencing.** No lot perimeter fencing and no privacy fences will be allowed. In any event, all proposed fencing must be submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee in writing.

**Sections 37-46. Section 37 in Autumn Ridge Villas Covenants is identical to section 38 in the Autumn Ridge Covenants.** Sections 38 through 46 correspond to Autumn Ridge Covenants Sections 38 through 47. Chimneys (section 37 in Autumn Ridge Covenants) is excluded from Autumn Ridge Villas Covenants.

**Section 40. Dwelling Unit Exterior.** All windows, porches, balconies and exteriors of all Dwelling Units shall at all times be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. No clotheslines or other outside drying or airing facilities shall be permitted.

**Section 41. Yard Lights.** A dusk to dawn light (or gas light) of type and location approved by the Architectural Control Committee shall be installed by the builder or Lot owner on each Lot in front of the front building line.

**Section 42. Fires.** No outdoor fires for the purpose of burning leaves, grass or other forms of trash shall be permitted to burn upon any street roadway or Lot in this Subdivision. No outside incinerators shall be kept or allowed on any Lot.

**Section 43. Access to Golf Course.** Access to the grounds of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall only be permitted at such locations as shall be agreed to the designated by the Autumn Ridge Golf Club and the developer.

**Section 44. Easement Across Lots Adjacent to Golf Course.** Until such time as a Dwelling Unit is constructed on a Lot which borders a fairway area of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club, the operator of Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall have a license to permit and authorize their agents and registered golf course players and their caddies to enter upon a Lot to recover a ball or play a ball, subject to the official rules of the course, without such entering and playing being deemed a trespass.

**Section 45. Interference with Play on Golf Course.** Owners of Lots bordering on fairways of the Autumn Ridge Golf Club shall be obligated to refrain from any sections which would detract from the playing qualities of the course.

**Section 46. Costs and Attorney's Fees.** In any proceeding arising out of or relating to the failure of an Owner to comply with any of these restrictions or the failure of an Owner to pay any assessments or amounts due pursuant to this Declaration, the By-laws, or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as each may be amended from time to time, the Association shall be entitled to recover its costs, to include its reasonable attorney's fees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, the community association charged with the responsibility of managing and controlling the Autumn Ridge development as set forth in the protective restrictions, dedication and declaration of protective restrictions, covenants, limitations, easements, and approvals appended to as part of the dedication and plat of Autumn Ridge [Sections I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and Autumn Ridge Villas, Sections I, II, III], a subdivision in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana, and the real estate described in said plat, has hereunto set its hand and seal, by its duly authorized officer, this 31st day of August 2016.

AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

An Indiana Corporation,

By:

*George Scott* President  
George Scott, its President

This document was prepared by: Deborah S. Penar

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

*Deborah S. Penar*  
(name printed, stamped or signed w/print)

Deborah S. Penar, Business Manager.

Subscribed and Sworn Before Me  
on this 3 Day of SEPT, 2016

Notary Public

ALLEN County, Indiana

My Commission Expires

07/14/2021