## DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

STATE OF GEORGIA,

THIS DECLARATION, made and published this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1986, by COTTON STATES PROPERTIES, LTD., having its principal office in Cobb County, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "Cotton States"):

## WITNESSETH

THAT WHEREAS, Cotton States is the owner of the subdivision known as HEDCEROW, UNIT VII, and being a subdivision of all of those certain lors, tracts or parcels of land situated, lying and being in Land Lots 326 6 327, 16th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being more fully delineated by a plat prepared by Kack R. Price

Georgia Registered Land Surveyors, dated 1-23-86, and recorded in Plat Book 106, Page 7, Records of Cobb County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit and advantage of the undersigned and its successors in ownership of said lots or parcels that protective covenants regulating the use of such lots and parcels be established, set forth and declared to be covenants running with the above described land;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of said benefits, Cotton States does hereby proclaim, publish and declare that the following protective covenants shall apply to all of said lots and to all persons owning said lots, or any of them, hereafter; these protective covenants shall become effective immediately and run with the land and shall be binding on all persons claiming under and through the undersigned until 1-23-2006, at which time said covenants may be extended in whole or in part as hereinafter provided, to-wit:

1. No lot shall be used except for residential purposes. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot other than one detached single family dwelling not to exceed two and one-half stories, and a private garage for not more than two care. No temporary bouse, shack or tent shall be erected on said lots or parcels to be used for residential purposes, and no lot may be used for echool, church

or kindergarten purposes, except that Cocton States—shall be able to maintain an office on any lot until such time as all of the lots have been sold and residences constructed thereon. No front entry carport shall be allowed. Front entry garages with garage doors shall be acceptable.

- 2. All plans for structures to be erected on said lot shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval before commencing construction. If same are not approved or disapproved within thirty (30) days from date submitted, then same shall be considered approved by default. Before any house may be occupied, it must be completely finished on the exterior in accordance with said plans. All of the yard which is visible from any attreet must be planted with grass or have other suitable ground cover. Hailbox and supporting attructure shall be complete and the design shall harmonize with adjacent buildings as approved by the Architectural Control Committee, and the driveway surface must be either paved or the surface approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
- 3. Exterior materials and an exterior finishing schedule must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval prior to the installation of said materials and finishes. Samples of these materials and finishes must be submitted if tequested. If same are not approved or disapproved within thirty (30) days from date submitted, then same shall be approved by default. Whenever buildings erected on any lot or constructed in whole or in part of concrete, concrete blocks, cinder blocks or other fabricated casenry units, such blocks or other prefabricated masonry units shall be weneved with brick or natural stone or other approved material over the entire surface exposed above finished grade unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
- 4. No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any lot or parcel of land, nor shall any nuisance or odors be permitted to exist or operate upon or arise from any such lot or parcel of land, so as to render any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to the neighborhood. No exterior

speakers, horns, whistles, bells, or other sound devices, except security devices used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, used or placed on any lot or parcel of land. Gerbage containers shall be buried or shall be located abutting rear or sides of houses and shall be contained within an enclosure. The design or materials of such enclosure shall be in keeping with the general appearance of the house. Any owner, or his family, servants, agents, guests, or tenants, who dumps or places any trash or debris upon any lot or parcel of land shall be liable to the Architectural Control Committee, which in its sola discretion, shall have the work performed, and charge the owner for the actual cost of removal thereof, plus twenty per cent (20%) of said costs.

- Dwelling buildings exected on any lot shall each have not less than one thousand eight hundred (1,800) square feet of heated and finished living area.
- 6. No animals, livestock, birds, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept by any owner, or his family, servants, agents, guests, or temants, upon any lot or portion of land, provided that a reasonable number of generally recognized house pets may be kept, provided that such pet or pets are kept or maintained solely as domestic pets and not for any commercial purpose. No pet shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or to become a nuisance. No structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained unless same is approved in advance by the Architectural Control Committee.
- 7. Essements are reserved to the undersigned, its successors and assigns, for installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage facilities, storm severs and sanitary severs as designated herein, or as may hereafter appear on any plat of record in which reference is made to these covenants. Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions herein to the contrary, Cotton States, its successors and essigns, shall have a right and easement for the maintenance of fences and entry signs to the Subdivision. No such fences and entry signs shall be removed without the express written consent of Cotton States.

- 8. Nothing shall be erected, placed or altered on any lot nearer to any street than building set back lines unless the same be retaining walls of masonry construction or railroad ties which do not in any event rise above the finished grade elevation of the earth ambankments so retained, reinforced or stabilized, except that this restriction shall not apply to that which has been approved by the Architectural Control Committee. The exposed part of retaining wall shall be made of brick, natural stone or veneered with brick or natural stone or railroad ties or other approved material.
- 9. To provide a nest, attractive, and harmonious appearance throughout the neighborhood, no awnings, shades, or window boxes shall be attached to, or hung or used on the exterior of, any window or door of any house; and no railings, fences, walls, antennas, or satellite dishes shall be instabled or constructed upon any lot or parcel of land without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. Further, no foil or other reflective materials shall be used on any windows or sunscreens, blinds, shades, or for any other purpose, nor shall any window-mounted heating, air-conditioning or fam units be permitted. Outside clothealines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes are specifically prohibited and shall not be erected, placed or maintained upon any lot or parcel of land, nor shall any clothing, rugs, or other items be hung on any railing, fence, hedge, or wall.
- 10. No advertising signs, billboards or high and unsightly structure, shall be erected on any lot or displayed to the public on any lot, except that a sign may be used to advertise the property for sale or rent, so lock as said sign does not exceed two feet by three feet and has no lighting of any type.
- 11. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or in any lot. No detrick or other structure designed for use in boting for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon or in any lot.

- 12. No individual sewage disposal system shall be permitted on any lot unless such system is designed, located and constructed in accordance with the requirements, standards and recommendations of the State of Georgia Health Department. Approval of such systems as installed shall be obtained from such authority.
- 13. Trailers, compers, trucks (except pickups and vans), travel buses, recreational vehicles or any such equipment must be parked in extreme rear of property and sufficient natural cover erected to shield same from visibility. No inoperative vehicle shall be parked on any lot for any period of time in excess of fourteen (14) days. No owners or occupants of any lot or percel of land shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind upon any lot or upon any parcel of land, except for emergency repairs, and then only to the extent necessary to enable the movement thereof to a proper repair facility.
- 14. To preserve the architectural appearance of the neighborhood, no construction of improvements of any nature whatsoever shall be commenced or maintained by any owner, his family, tenants, visitors, guests, servants, and agents with respect to the exterior of any house or with respect to any other portion of any lot or other parcel of land, including, without limitation, the construction or installation of sidewalks, driveways, dacks, patios, swimming pools, tennis counts, greenhouses, playhouses, garages, guest or servants' quarters, or other outbuildings, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made, unless and until the plans and specifications showing the nature, color, type, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to the harmony of external design, location, and appearance in relation to surrounding attructures and topography by the Architectural Control Committee. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether the plane and specifications submitted for approval are acceptable and in compliance with the total scheme of the neighborhood. Further, there shall not be erected upon any lot or parcel of land within the neighborhood any above-ground swimming pools, no butane, propane, fuel oil, or any other type above-ground tank or structure shall be permitted.

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15. It is contemplated that Cotton States will construct certain recreational facilities for the use and enjoyment of the property owners of MEDCEROW SUBDIVISION, only which shall not be available for public use. These recreational facilities may include swimming and termis facilities, together with other facilities as may be determined by Cotton States, in its sole discretion. No tennis courts constructed as a part of the recreational facilities, nor any private tennis courts constructed on any real property covered hereby, shall be lighted. The recreational facilities comprised of real and personal property constructed by Cotton States will be conveyed to the real property owners of HEDGEROW SUBDIVISION or any association formed by said property owners at such time and upon such terms and conditions as Cotton States, in its sole discretion, shall determine. During the period of time that such recreational facilities are operated by Cotton States, it shall have the right to accept and establish and collect fees for use of said recreational facilities by property owners of the subdivision. Corton States may, at Cotton State's sole discretion, modify, alter, increase, reduce, and otherwise change the recreational facilities to be conveyed hereunder at any time prior to the conveyance of such facilities.

16. Architectural Control Committee shall be Cotton States. The majority of the committee may designate a representative to act for it. In the event of resignation of any mamber of the committee, the remaining members shall have full authority to designate a successor. Neither the mambers of the committee, nor its designated representatives, shall be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to this covenant. At the time that all the lots are sold and residences are constructed thereon, the then record owners of a majority of the lots shall have the power, through a duly recorded written instrument, to change the membership of the committee or to withdraw from the committee or restore to it any of its powers and duties. All plans which are required to be submitted to and approved by the said committee must receive a majority vote for approval.

- 17. If anyone bound to observe and comply with these protective covenants shall violate or attempt to violate any covenant while the same in force, it shall be lawful for any other person owning an interest in subject to these covenants to prosecute any proceeding at law, or in equity against such violator to prevent, or to recover damages for such attempt or violation.
- 18. Invalidation of any one of these protective covenants by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any of the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.
- 19. The failure of the undersigned to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, provisions or agreements herein contained shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment in the future of the enforcement of any such term, covenant, condition, provision or agreement. The acceptance or performance of anything required to be performed with impowledge of the breach of the term, covenant, condition, provision or agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such breach, and no waiver by the undersigned of any term, covenant, condition, provision or agreement shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by the undersigned.
- 20. Zoning regulations applicable to the property subject to this declaration shall be observed. In the event of any conflict between any provision of such zoning restrictions and the restrictions of this declaration, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.
- 21. These covenants are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them for a period of twenty (20) years from the date these covenants are recorded, after which time said covenants shall automatically extend for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument in writing, signed by a majority of the then owners of the lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants in whole or in part.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Cotton States has caused this declaration to be executed in its name by its duly authorized representatives on the day and year first above written.

COTTON STATES PROPERTIES, LTD.

y: Thomas & Hunger

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Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

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