Subdivision Covenants and Restrictions

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We, R & F Development, Inc. by John F. Fortcum, secretary, do hereby lay off, plat and subdivide said real estate in accordance with the within plat.

This subdivision shall be known and designated as Windhaven at the Havens Section 3. All streets shown and not heretofore dedicated are hereby dedicated to the public.

Front building setback lines are hereby established as shown on this plat, between which lines and property lines of the streets there shall be erected or maintained no buildings or structures. The strips of ground shown on this plat and marked drainage and utility easement (D & U.E.) or Sanitary Sewer drainage and utility easement (S.S.D. & U.E.) are reserved for the use of the public utilities for the installation of water and sewer mains, poles, ducts, line and wires, and drainage facility. The strips of ground are subject at all times to the proper authorities and to the easement herein reserved. No permanent or other structures are to be erected or maintained on said strips of land, but owners of lots in this subdivision shall take their titles subject to the rights of the public utilities, and to the rights of the owners of the other lots in this subdivision.

This subdivision shall be subject to the following restrictions which shall operate as perpetual covenants.

1. **Drainage Swales (Ditches)** along dedicated roadways and within the right-of-way, or on dedicated drainage easements, are not to be altered, dug out, filled in, tilled, or otherwise changed without the written permission of the Hancock County Drainage Board (Commissioners). Property owners must maintain these swales as sodded grassways or other non-eroding surfaces. Water from roof or parking areas must be contained on the property long enough so that said drainage swales or ditches will not be damaged by such water. Driveways may be constructed over these swales or ditches only when appropriate sized culverts are installed as set out in 7-1-47(3) of the Hancock County Subdivision Control Ordinance.

2. **Altering Drainage Swales** Any property owner altering, changing or damaging the drainage swales or ditches will be held responsible for such action and will be given 10 days notice by registered mail to repair said damage, after which time, if no action is taken, the Hancock County Drainage Board (Commissioners) will cause said repairs to be accomplished, and the bill for such repairs will be sent to the affected property owner for immediate payment.

3. **Corner Lots** No fence, wall, hedge, tree or shrub planting which obstructs sight lines and elevations between 2.5 and 8 feet above the street shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the street right-of-way lines and a line connecting points 40 feet from the intersection of said street lines (40 feet for minor streets and 75 feet for arterial streets) or in the case of a rounded property corner from the intersection of the street right-of-way line extended. The same sight line limitations shall apply to any lot within 10 feet of the intersection of a street right-of-way line with the edge of the driveway pavement or alley line. No driveway shall be located within 70 feet of the intersection of two street center lines.

4. **Drainage and Sump Pumps** Open channel and tile drains within all drain easements shall be regulated drains subject to Indiana Code 36-9-2 and its amendments. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of any lot or parcel of land within the area of this plat to comply at all times with the provisions of the drainage plan as approved for this plat by the Hancock County Drainage Board through its agents, the Hancock County Surveyor and the Hancock County Engineer, and the requirements of all drainage permits for this plat by said Hancock County Drainage Board.

The property shall be graded pursuant to the final construction plan and may not thereafter be changed without the written approval of the Hancock County Surveyor, whose decision may be appealed to the Hancock County Drainage Board.

No trees or shrubs shall be planted, nor any structure erected in any drainage easement, unless otherwise approved by the Hancock County Surveyor and the Hancock County Engineer.

Sump pumps installed to receive and discharge groundwaters or other stormwaters shall be connected to the storm sewer where possible or disced into a designated storm drainage channel. Sump pumps installed to receive and discharge floor drain flow or other sanitary sewage shall be connected to the sanitary sewers with approval from Gem Utilities, Inc. A sump pump shall be used for one function only, either the discharge of stormwaters or the discharge of sanitary sewage.

Footing drains shall be connected to storm sewers where possible or designated storm drainage channels. No footing drains or drainage tile shall be connected to the sanitary sewer with approval from Gem Utilities, Inc.

No roof downsputs, roof drains, nor roof drainage piping shall be connected to the storm drainage system. No down spouts or roof drains shall be connected to the sanitary sewers. Basement floor drains shall be connected to the sanitary sewers.

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6. **Driveways** All driveways shall be hard surfaced with concrete or asphalt and shall thereafter be maintained solely as concrete driveways unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

No gravel or stone driveways will be permitted. Driveways must be finished with the Residence. No drainage structures shall be located within Driveway limits.
7. **Minimum living space areas.** The minimum square footage of living space of dwellings constructed on various residential lots in the development, exclusive of porches, terraces, garages, carports, accessory building, or basements below ground level shall be no less than 1350 square feet of ground floor living area for a one-story structure and a minimum of 1500 square feet of living area if higher than one story. Each dwelling shall have a two or three car attached garage.

8. **Residential Use Only.** All lots in this subdivision shall be used solely for residential purposes except for residences used as model homes during the sale and development of this subdivision. No motor home, trailer, tent, shack, basement, or other outbuildings shall be used for temporary or permanent residential purposes on any lot in the subdivision. No commercial business will be permitted in the subdivision.

9. **Building Location.** No building shall be located on any lot nearer to the front line or nearer to the side street line than the minimum building setback lines shown on the plat. No building shall be located on any lot nearer to the side lot line than six feet (6'). No accessory building shall be located closer to any front or side lot line than the required minimum front and side yard distance for the primary dwelling. No accessory building shall be located closer to any rear lot line than 15 feet, but in no case shall it encroach upon any easement.

10. **Health Concerns.** All water systems and methods of sewage disposal in this subdivision are to be in compliance with the regulations or procedures by the State Board of Health, Gem Utilities, Gem Water Inc., or other civil authority having jurisdiction. All sanitary sewage lines on the residential building lots shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Gem Utilities Inc. No water wells or septic tanks shall be installed on any lot.

11. **Nuisances.** No noxious or offensive trade shall be permitted upon any lot in this subdivision nor shall anything be done thereon which may be a nuisance or annoyance to the neighborhood. No refuse will be maintained on the lot. Garbage and trash shall be kept in containers which are not visible from the street, except on collection day.

12. **Limitation On Time.** All residential construction must be completed within one year after the starting date, including the final grading.

13. **Parking Limitations.** No boats, campers, trailers of any kind, buses, mobile homes, trucks, motorcycles, mini-bikes, or any other unconventional vehicles of any description, shall be permitted, parked, or stored anywhere within this subdivision except that any such vehicle may be parked or stored completely within an enclosed garage, except for personal automobiles, vans, and pickup trucks which may be parked on the driveway. The parking of any type or kind of vehicle shall not be permissible upon the streets, other than temporary parking by guests, invitees and subcontractors of any owner. Except within an enclosed garage, no inoperative or unlicensed vehicle shall be parked or repaired on any lot in this subdivision, or in any street thereon. Boats, Campers, and Motor Homes may be parked for a maximum of 2 days at one time for the purpose of preparation or loading.

14. **Storage Tanks.** No outside fuel storage tanks above or below ground shall be placed in this subdivision.

15. **Architectural Control Committee.** No building, fence, walls, or other structure shall be erected, placed or altered on any building lot in this subdivision until the building plans, specifications and plot plan showing the location of such structures have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee. The purpose of the Committee shall be to enhance and protect the value, desirability, and attractiveness of the development as a whole and to ensure that all building, fences, walls or other structures are harmonious with the overall Architectural character of the subdivision. The destruction of trees and vegetation and any other matter as may affect the environment and ecology of this subdivision shall be the proper concern of the Committee. The Architectural Control Committee shall be composed initially of the Developer, and after completion of the development or at the election of the Developer, whichever is sooner, by a committee of three homeowners designated by the Developer for a term of one (1) year thereafter until their successors are elected by a majority vote of homeowners within the development.

16. **Fencing.** Fencing shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and no fence shall be placed closer to the front lot line than the rear of the primary residence and be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to construction. Chainlink fencing must be of the dark vinyl coated type. All fencing must be maintained in good condition. On corner lots an additional requirement is that fences may not be placed closer to the street than the building setback line on the side of the residence.

17. **Sidewalks.** Each homeowner (lot owner) shall be responsible for constructing a four (4) foot wide concrete sidewalk of 4,000 strength plain cement four (4) inches thick, sloped 1/4 inch per foot toward the street with expansion joints each forty-eight (48) feet, along the entire street frontage of their respective lot. The sidewalk shall be constructed.
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