Crystal Creek Villas
Plat One

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DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS
As To
CRYSTAL CREEK VILLAS PLAT ONE

WHEREAS, LOUISVILLE TITLE AGENCY OF N.W. OHIO, INC., TRUSTEE, an Ohio corporation ("Trustee"), having an address at 626 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604, and is the owner in fee simple of all of the property constituting Crystal Creek Villas, Plat One, a Subdivision in Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio, as per plat ("Plat") thereof recorded at Volume 147, Page 43 of the Lucas County, Ohio Plat Records ("Subdivision").

WHEREAS, Trustee holds title for the benefit of Moses Leffler, Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company ("Developer"), having an address at 2641 North McCord, Toledo, Ohio 43615, the beneficial owner and developer for the Subdivision.

WHEREAS, the Subdivision includes twenty (20) lots, common areas and a buffer lot, all of which are shown on the Plat.

WHEREAS, the twenty (20) lots shown on the Plat are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Lot" or collectively as the "Lots."

WHEREAS, all of the real property in the Subdivision, other than the Lots and the buffer lot (as shown on the Plat), shall be known as and hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Common Area."

WHEREAS, Developer desires to establish a general plan for the development, improvement and use of the Subdivision on a zero lot line basis, and to establish certain rights in and restrictions upon the manner of use, improvement and enjoyment of the Subdivision.

WHEREAS, Developer is the owner of other land adjacent and contiguous to the Subdivision; Developer may provide for the development thereon of a subsequent plat or plats as an extension to the Subdivision; such subsequent plat or plats may include additional parcels to be developed and improved as a zero lot line development; and Developer reserves the right to establish restrictions upon the manner of use, improvement and enjoyment of the lands in any subsequent plat or plats that are in all respects similar to the restrictions on the Subdivision and that will make such subsequent plat or plats attractive for residential purposes and will protect present and future owners of such lands in their use and enjoyment thereof for residential purposes.

WHEREAS, Developer may exercise any of the above-mentioned reserved rights by filing consecutively numbered plats of Crystal Creek Villas, together with supplemental declarations of restrictions subjecting such subsequent plat or plats to this Declaration of Restrictions ("Declaration").

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the general plan for the protection, benefit and mutual advantage of the Lots in the Subdivision and of the persons who are now or may hereafter become the owners of any of the Lots or parts thereof, and as part of the consideration

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for this adoption of the restrictions hereinafter set forth, the Developer, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby submits the Subdivision to the terms and conditions of this Declaration.

**ARTICLE I**  
**USE OF LAND**

1.1 **Description of Lots.** The Subdivision is a zero lot line development. Only one single family attached dwelling may be erected or maintained on any Lot. The Architectural Control Committee (hereinafter defined) shall strictly control the location of the residential structure on each Lot in accordance with the “Typical Lot Layout” shown on the Plat (except for Lots numbered one (1) and twenty (20), which shall not be subject to the five (5) foot side yard setback shown in the “Typical Lot Layout”). It is understood and agreed by Developer, for itself and each owner of a Lot hereafter, that by reason of present zoning and building regulations or by reason of good land use planning or by reason of providing coordinated community design encompassing all the Lots, no Lot, by itself, shall support a free standing, single family structure; and each Lot owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, agrees that the limitation of use of the Lots for one single family attached dwelling per Lot is reasonable and does not and will not constitute an unreasonable limitation on use of the Lots. As to the structures that are erected across Lot lines, it is contemplated that the common wall between the two single family dwellings contained in the same structure will be erected over the Lot line between these Lots. Each single family attached dwelling shall be not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet, and not more than two thousand (2,000) square feet of living area (measured from the outside of exterior walls and excluding basements and garages).

1.2 **Common Area and Easements.** The real estate included in the Subdivision and designated on the Plat as “common area,” “sanitary sewer easements,” “drainage and utility easements,” and “sidewalk easements” shall be used exclusively for drainage and utility purposes, for noncommercial recreational purposes and for open space.

1.3 **Use Restrictions.** No building or structure on any Lot and no portion of any Lot shall be used for other than residential purposes. No portion of any Lot or structure may be used or permitted to be used for any business or commercial purposes other than use as a home office if permitted by applicable zoning ordinances. No noxious, offensive or unreasonably disturbing activities shall be carried on upon any part of the Subdivision, nor shall anything be done within the Subdivision that may be or become an annoyance or nuisance. No clothing, bedclothes, laundry or similar articles or other items or materials shall be hung out or exposed from any residence or on any part of any Lot or on any part of the Common Areas of the subdivision. No well for gas, water, oil or any other substance shall at any time be erected, placed or maintained on any of the Lots other than a well for underground sprinkler systems which shall first have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee as provided under Article II hereof. No Lot shall be used for the storage of automobiles, motor homes, boats, trailers, scrap, scrap iron, water, paper, glass or any reclamation products or material except that during the period while a structure is being erected upon any Lot, building materials to be used in the construction of such structure may be stored thereon, provided however, that any building material not incorporated into the structure within ninety (90) days after its delivery to such Lot shall be removed therefrom. No
tower, antennae, satellite dish or similar receiving or transmitting device shall be permitted on any Lot, provided, however, that satellite dishes of 24" or less in diameter shall be permitted if approved under Article II hereof.

1.4 Completion of Structures. No Occupancy of Incomplete Dwellings or Other Shelters. All structures must be completed by an owner within one (1) year following the commencement of construction. No sod, dirt or gravel other than that incidental to construction of approved structures shall be removed from Lots without the approval of the Architectural Control Committee as provided under Article II hereof. No dwelling erected in the Subdivision shall be used as a residence until the exterior thereof has been completed in accordance with the detailed plans and specifications approved thereof by the Architectural Control Committee as provided under Article II hereof. No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, mobile home or other temporary shelter or housing device shall be maintained or used as a residence, temporarily or permanently, in the Subdivision.

1.5 Pets. Dogs and cats suitably maintained and housed within a dwelling, may be kept on any Lot, provided the total number of such pets does not exceed two (2). Such pets shall be kept subject to rules and regulations adopted by the Association (hereinafter defined). No other animals may be kept on any Lot unless specifically approved by the Association and then subject to such rules and regulations as the Association may adopt from time to time. No animal may be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. No dog runs, dog houses or the like may be placed or constructed on any Lot. Household pets will be permitted on the Common Area of the Subdivision only if on a leash. Any pet causing or creating a nuisance or unreasonable disturbance shall be subject to permanent removal and exclusion from the Subdivision in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Association.

1.6 Signs. Model Homes. No signs of any character shall be erected, placed, posted or otherwise displayed on or about any Lot without the written permission of the Association. The Association shall have the right to prohibit, restrict, and control the size, construction, material, wording, location and height of all signs. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section:

(a) Until such time as Developer has conveyed to others all Lots in the Subdivision, Developer shall be permitted to construct and use sales and construction offices and model homes on one (1) or more of the Lots in the Subdivision and to maintain large temporary signs on McCord Road and/or Crystal Lake Drive advertising the sale of Lots and residences in the Subdivision;

(b) Developer and builders who have purchased Lots in the Subdivision for the resale to others before or after the construction of dwellings thereon shall be permitted to erect temporary "for sale" signs not exceeding 20 square feet per side and, as to builders, approved as to design and color by Developer; and

(c) The owner of a residence and Lot may place one "for sale" sign of not more than ten (10) square feet per side on the Lot being sold or in the Common Area immediately adjacent to the Lot between the residence and the street. Such sign shall be subject to the approval of the Association as provided above.
1.7 **Storage of Personal Property.** Any truck, boat, bus, tent, mobile home, trailer or other similar housing device, if stored on any Lot in the Subdivision, shall be suitably housed within an attached garage.

1.8 **Disposal of Rubbish, etc.** All rubbish, debris and garbage shall be stored and maintained in containers entirely within a structure. Additional regulations for the storage, maintenance and disposal of rubbish, debris, leaves and garbage may from time to time be established by the Association.

1.9 **Maintenance.** Each Lot owner shall maintain such owner's Lot in first class condition at all times. The exterior of all residences including, but not limited to, roofs, walls, windows, patio areas, screens and awnings shall be maintained in first class condition and repair and in a neat and attractive manner. All exterior painted areas shall be painted as reasonably necessary, with colors that are harmonious with other residences, and no excessive rust deposits on the exterior of any residence, peeling of paint or discoloration of the same shall be permitted. No Lot owner shall change the exterior color of his residence without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

**ARTICLE II**

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL**

2.1 **Submission and Approval of Plans and Specifications.** The plans and specifications for all buildings and other improvements and structures (including, but not limited to, signs, decks, patios, driveways, hedges, garages, basements and other enclosures) to be constructed within the Subdivision shall be submitted for examination to the Architectural Control Committee (hereinafter described) and written approval of the Architectural Control Committee to such plans and specifications shall be obtained before any such building, structure or improvement shall be constructed or placed upon any Lot and before any addition, change or alteration may be made to any building or other structure situated on a Lot. The Architectural Control Committee shall approve, reject or approve with modifications all submissions within twenty (20) days after submission of the plans and specifications required hereunder to the Committee. Failure to so respond within such period shall be deemed to be disapproval of the submission. The plans and specifications to be submitted shall show the size, location, type, architectural design, quality, use, construction materials and color scheme of the proposed building, structure, improvement or alteration, the grading plan for the building site and the finished grade elevation thereof. Such plans and specifications shall be prepared by a competent architect or draftsman and shall be furnished to the Architectural Control Committee in sufficient numbers so that the Committee may retain a true copy thereof with its records. In approving plans and specifications, the Architectural Control Committee may require that the exposed surface of common walls be suitably finished by the owner thereof if construction of the adjoining residence is not commenced within a reasonable time after completion of the common wall, as determined by the Committee.

2.2 **Membership of Architectural Control Committee.** The Architectural Control Committee shall be composed of not more than three (3) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Developer until such time as the Developer shall have sold and conveyed all of the Lots in the Subdivision to others and residences shall have been erected on all of the Lots in the Subdivision. Thereafter the Association shall have the right to appoint the members of the
Architectural Control Committee. The Developer hereby expressly reserves to itself, and to its successors and assigns: (i) the right and privilege to assign its appointment rights under this Section 2.2 to any successor to its interest as Developer of the Subdivision; and, (ii) the right and privilege to relinquish to the Association its said appointment rights. Such assignment or relinquishment shall become effective from and after the time a written instrument evidencing such assignment or relinquishment signed by the Developer or by its successors or assigns shall be filed for record with the Lucas County, Ohio Recorder. Upon relinquishing its rights of membership or appointment, Developer shall have no further rights or obligations with respect to the Architectural Control Committee and all rights of appointment shall thereafter accrue to and be held by the Association.

2.3 Architectural Standards, Harmonious Plan. In requiring the submission of detailed plans and specifications as herein set forth, Developer intends to assure the development of the Subdivision as an architecturally harmonious, artistic and desirable residential subdivision following a common landscape theme, with individual residences to be constructed in such architectural styles, of such materials, in such colors, and located in such manner as to, in the judgment of the Architectural Control Committee, complement one another and promote the harmony and desirability of the Subdivision taken as a whole. In approving or withholding its approval of any plans and specifications, the Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to consider the suitability of the proposed building or structure and of the materials of which it is to be built to the building site upon which it is to be erected and the appropriateness and harmony of the contemplated improvements in relation to improvements on adjacent Lots and in relation to the general plan for the development of the Subdivision as well as the artistic and architectural merits of the proposed building or structure, its effect on the view and outlook from neighboring Lots, the extent to which its location and configuration preserves the natural attributes, including the trees thereon, of the Lot, and such other matters as may be deemed to be in the interest of the owners of Lots in the Subdivision as a whole. Any determination made by the Architectural Control Committee, in good faith, shall be binding on all parties in interest.

2.4 Location of Structures: Extensions into Common Areas. All dwellings in the Subdivision shall be erected wholly within the Lot lines and no closer to any of the roadways than the building lines of the Lots as shown on the Plat. If approved by the Architectural Control Committee and subject to applicable laws and regulations, roof overhangs, gutters, bay windows, chimneys, patios, open porches, decks, walkways, driveways and shrubbery may extend into the Common Area immediately adjacent to dwellings that have been erected wholly within the Lot lines. In addition, the Architectural Control Committee may permit, subject to applicable laws and regulations, the owners of Lots that have been improved with residences having patios or decks to plant and maintain formal yards and plantings in the Common Areas adjacent to such patios or decks; provided, however, that: (i) the area of such yards and plantings shall not exceed that which is reasonably necessary in the judgment of the Architectural Control Committee, to aesthetically complement the adjacent residence; (ii) the yard and plantings shall be installed and maintained in accordance with a landscape plan approved by the Architectural Control Committee solely at the expense of the benefited owner; and (iii) the Association shall have the right to terminate such usage and remove any plantings if the owner does not replace such plantings as required and does not maintain such lawns and plantings in first-class condition.
2.5 Landscaping and Lawns. Developer or the Architectural Control Committee may establish a master plan for the landscaping of the Subdivision, which master plan shall serve as a model or guide in the preparation of all individual landscaping plans for Lots. True copies of any such master landscaping plan shall be filed with the Association and with the Architectural Control Committee. Prior to commencement of construction on any Lot, an individual landscaping plan for such Lot shall be submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All landscaping shall be installed and completed within two (2) months following the date of occupancy of a residence unless occupancy occurs after October 1 and before March 1, in which case such landscaping shall be installed and completed not later than the following April 30. Unless otherwise directed by the Association, all such landscaping shall be maintained and repaired by the owner of such residence.

No portion of any Lot nearer to the front, street or rear line or lines than the building setback lines as shown on the Plat shall be used for any purpose other than that of the lawn. No vegetables or grains of the ordinary garden or field variety shall be grown on any Lot; no weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain anywhere upon any Lot; and no unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain upon any Lot.

2.6 Trees. Subject to the provisions for yards and plantings under Section 2.5 above, Developer shall preserve, insofar as possible and consistent with the development of the Subdivision the trees and natural attributes of the Common Areas. No trees greater than six inches in diameter at four feet above grade shall be removed in connection with the development of any Lot except as approved by the Architectural Control Committee and as shown on the approved site plan for the construction.

2.7 Fencing. No fence, hedge, wall or enclosure of any kind shall be erected, placed or suffered to remain upon any Lot.

2.8 Basketball Backboards. No basketball backboard shall be erected or attached to any residence, garage or any other structure on the Lot. Any and all stand-alone basketball units whenever or wherever erected shall be first approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

2.9 Swimming Pools: Above-Ground Improvements. No swimming pools of any type, whether above-ground or inground, shall be permitted, installed or maintained in the Subdivision. No sheds, storage facilities or enclosures shall be permitted.

2.10 Establishment of Grades. Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right to establish grades, slopes and swales on the Common Area and on all Lots and to fix the grade at which any building or structure shall be erected or placed thereon, so that the same may conform to a general plan for the development and use of the Subdivision.

2.11 Construction in Violation of Approved Plan. In all instances where plans and specifications are required to be submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee, if subsequent to receiving such approval there shall be any variance from the approved plans and specifications in the actual construction or location of the improvement or subsequent to completion of construction, including any change in exterior colors or materials, without the
written consent of the Architectural Control Committee, such variance shall be deemed a violation of this Declaration.

2.12 Voting by Architectural Control Committee; Non-Liability for Determinations. Determinations by the Architectural Control Committee shall be made by a majority of the members present at any meeting. Unless waived by all members of the committee, not less than two days notice of a meeting shall be given each member in writing or by telephone at his residence address. Two members of the Architectural Control Committee shall constitute a quorum. Although the Architectural Control Committee and Developer are granted by this Declaration certain discretion and rights of approval, disapproval and interpretation, the owners of Lots in the Subdivision, as further consideration for the conveyance to them of such Lots, do, for themselves, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and their successors in the ownership of such Lots, by their acceptance of the conveyance of such Lots, release and forever discharge the Architectural Control Committee and Developer from any claims they may have against either the Architectural Control Committee or Developer arising out of their exercise of such discretion and such rights of approval, disapproval and interpretation and/or for their failure to exercise such discretion, rights of approval, disapproval and interpretation.

ARTICLE III

PARTY WALLS; UTILITY EASEMENTS

OVER LOTS

3.1 General Rules of Law to Apply to Party Walls. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article III and unless the owners of adjoining Lots should otherwise agree, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply to each party wall that is built or maintained at anytime within the Subdivision pursuant to plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee. In the event that any portion of any structure, including, but not limited to, any foundation, footing, overhang, firewall or party wall that has been constructed on or along a Lot line in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee shall protrude not more than twelve inches (12") onto or over an adjoining Lot, such protrusion shall not be deemed to be an encroachment upon the adjoining Lot or Lots, but the rights and obligations of the adjoining Lot owners with respect thereto shall be governed by this Article III and no Lot owner shall maintain any action for the removal of such protrusion. In the event there is a protrusion as described in the immediately preceding sentence, it shall be deemed that there shall be a perpetual easement in favor of the encroaching party, so long as such use shall be maintained, for: (i) continuing maintenance and use of such protrusion, including the right to extend, remodel and reconstruct the same; and (ii) lateral support of such protrusion by the subsoil of and minerals in and under the servient parcel; provided, however, that the foregoing easement shall not be construed to prevent the owner of any Lot from making excavations on his Lot for construction, reconstruction, enlargement, maintenance or repair of his dwelling so long as he shall protect the rights granted to the adjoining Lot owner hereunder in making such excavations. The foregoing shall also apply to any replacements of the original structure or party wall. The foregoing rights, once established, shall not be subject to amendment or change by way of amendment of this Declaration. This section shall apply only to party walls that have been properly located under plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
in advance of construction and shall not be deemed to validate or to waive the right of any Lot owner to require the removal of any encroachment that has not been so approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

3.2 Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Lot owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.

3.3 Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Lot owner who has used the wall may restore it, and, if the adjoining Lot owner thereafter makes use of the wall, he shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use without prejudice however, to the right of the Lot owner who restores the wall to call for a larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

3.4 Right to Contribution Runs with Land. The right of any Lot owner to contribution from any other Lot owner under this Article III shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Lot owner's successors in title.

3.5 Arbitration. In the event any dispute shall arise concerning a party wall under the provisions of this Article III, the owners of the Lots affected shall be deemed to have agreed to submit the dispute to arbitration under Chapter 2711 of the Ohio Revised Code and the decision of the arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties. Upon demand by either party the dispute shall be presented to three arbitrators. Each party shall choose one arbitrator, the arbitrators so chosen shall choose one additional arbitrator, and the decision shall be by a majority of all the arbitrators. The place of arbitration shall be Lucas County, Ohio. Each party shall pay all costs of his arbitrator. The costs of the third arbitrator and of the arbitration proceeding shall be borne equally by the parties.

3.6 Utility Easements Across Lots and Through Dwellings. The utility lines serving one Lot in a pair of Lots may extend over the adjacent Lot and/or through the dwelling located on such adjacent Lot. Where such situation should occur, there is hereby created an easement for such lines over the servient Lot and, to the extent necessary, through any dwelling located thereon for the benefit of the benefited Lot and the dwelling located thereon with right of access, upon reasonable notice, to maintain, replace and repair such lines at the sole cost of the benefited Lot and in such manner as will cause the least disturbance to the servient Lot.

ARTICLE IV

CRYSTAL CREEK VILLAS ASSOCIATION

4.1 Membership in Association. All owners of Lots in the Subdivision, and all persons who hereafter acquire title to a Lot in the Subdivision, shall automatically become members of the Crystal Creek Villas Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association") and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of such membership and subject to all of the duties and obligations thereof as set forth in the Plat, this Declaration, and the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the Association.
(g) to carry out all other purposes for which it was organized or which it may hereafter be authorized to undertake.

4.4 Ownership of Common Area. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.1 of this Article IV and notwithstanding any recital, plan note, certification or designation of "common area" on the Plat, neither the Association nor any owner of any Lot shall have any ownership interest in or any right to control the use or development of any such Common Area unless and until Developer shall convey such Common Area to or for the benefit of the Association. Thereafter, the owners of the Lots in the Subdivision shall have only those rights with respect to the Common Area as are granted them hereunder and under the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the Association.

This Section 4.4 is being included in this Declaration for the purpose of amending the Plat to reflect that the Association, upon conveyance from the Developer, shall own and control all of the Common Area in the Subdivision, and that the Lot owners shall have no ownership interest in the Common Area, but shall only have such rights with respect to the Common Area as are set forth in this Declaration and as may be granted to the Lot owners by the Association. Upon recording of this Declaration, it is the intent of the Developer that the Plat be amended in accordance with this Section 4.4, and that each of the Lot owners shall automatically be bound by the provisions hereof by acceptance of a deed to any Lot in the Subdivision.

The Developer, its successors and assigns, hereby reserves the right, at any time and from time to time, to convey fee simple title to all or any portion of the Common Area and/or buffer lot(s) in Plat 1, and in such instance, the Association shall be required to accept delivery of a quitclaim deed for such purpose; provided, however, that the Association shall not be required to accept title to the Common Area or buffer lot(s) until such time as fifty percent (50%) of the Lots in the Subdivision are owned of record by persons or entities other than the Developer.

4.5 Voting. Each member of the Association other than Developer, its successors and assigns, shall be entitled to one vote in the Association for each Lot that such member shall own. When more than one person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, all persons holding such ownership interest shall be members of the Association and in such event the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the owners among themselves determine, but not in such event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Where a vote is cast by one of two or more owners of any Lot, the Association shall not be obligated to look to the authority of the member casting the vote. Notwithstanding the above, so long as Developer shall hold title to any Lot in the Plat or in subsequent plats of Crystal Creek Villas, Developer shall be deemed to have fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes in the Association.

ARTICLE V
ASSESSMENT

5.1 Annual Assessment. For the year commencing January 1, 2000, and each calendar year thereafter, each and every Lot and Lot owner in the Subdivision shall be subject to an annual assessment in such amount as may be annually determined by the Association through its Board of Trustees. The assessment for each calendar year shall be determined by the Association...
prior to the end of the preceding calendar year and shall be paid to the Association in not more than four (4) quarterly equal installments. The number of installments over which the annual assessment is payable and the due dates of such payments shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees. The assessment for any Lot owned by Developer shall be one-half (1/2) of the amount applicable to all other Lots.

5.2 Special Assessments. If the majority of the owners of Lots determines that the Association has an urgent need for funds that may not be satisfied through the payment of the installments of the annual assessment, a majority of the Board of Trustees may authorize the levying of a special assessment. The Board shall establish the amount and due date of the special assessment, which due date shall not be sooner than twenty (20) days following notice to the members that such assessment has been levied. Any special assessment shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.3. Special assessments against a particular Lot or group of Lots in the Subdivision for matters affecting only such Lots may be levied, only by written agreement between the Association and the owners of the Lots so affected.

5.3 Assessment Lien; Enforcement of Payment. The annual assessment shall become a lien against each Lot on the first day of the year for which it is due and special assessments shall become a lien on the date notice of the special assessment is given to the member. Annual and special assessments shall also be the personal obligation of the owner (and the joint and several obligation of all owners if more than one) of each Lot at the time when the assessment becomes a lien. Members who fail to pay any annual or special assessment or any installment thereof within twenty (20) days of the due date shall be subject to a finance charge on the delinquent amount at the maximum rate permitted by law. If default continues in any payment of the annual or special assessment or any installment thereof for a period of sixty (60) days after its due date, a “Notice of Lien” in substantially the following form may be filed and recorded in the lien records in the office of the Recorder of Lucas County, Ohio:

Notice of Lien

Notice is hereby given that Crystal Creek Villas Association claims a lien for unpaid annual assessments for the year(s) ___________ in the amount of $________ and special assessments in the amount of $________ against the following described premises:

(insert legal description)

The records of the Association indicate that ___________ ___________ is (are) the present owner(s) of such premises.

CRYSTAL CREEK VILLAS ASSOCIATION

By: _______________________________
In the event any installment of any assessment is not paid when due, the Association may, when and as often as delinquencies occur, proceed by process of law to collect the amount then due by foreclosure of the above-described lien or otherwise and in such event the Association shall also be entitled to recover and have and enforce against each Lot a lien for its costs and expenses of collection and foreclosure in that behalf, including attorney fees. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for any assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Areas or any facilities located thereon or by abandonment of his Lot. The lien of assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage encumbering a Lot. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien; provided, however, that the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to foreclosure of a first mortgage which was recorded prior to the notice of lien shall extinguish the lien of such assessment as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer but shall not extinguish the personal liability of the owner(s) of such Lot for such assessment. No sale or transfer shall relieve a Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

5.4 Application of Assessments. The annual assessments shall be levied against all Lots in the Subdivision except for any Lots owned or leased by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the owners of Lots in the Subdivision. The assessments may be applied toward the payment of the following costs and expenses:

(a) Utilities and waste removal for the Common Areas and the utility easement areas.

(b) Fire, casualty and liability insurance to protect the Association and its Trustees and members, for liability incident to the ownership and use of the Common Area and the utility easement areas and, with respect to the Trustees, their actions as Trustees.

(c) Landscaping, snow and trash removal, utilities serving the Common Area and maintenance, improvement, repair and replacement of the facilities and equipment located on the Common Area and the utility easement areas.

(d) Employment of services and personnel required for the maintenance or operation of the Common Area and the utility easement areas and facilities located thereon, the operation of the Association, and the enforcement, if necessary, of the terms and conditions of this
Declaration of Restrictions; the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the Association, and any violations or infractions thereof, including legal and accounting services.

(e) All real estate, personal property and other taxes levied against the Association or any of the Common Areas and utility easement areas and to discharge any lien or encumbrance for taxes or otherwise against the Association or its assets.

(f) Operation and maintenance of all underground utility lines owned by the Association, if any.

(g) Any other costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Association in performing its obligations under this Declaration or under the Articles of Incorporation or Code of Regulations of the Association.

(h) The establishment of reserves to pay the estimated future costs of any of the foregoing.

The Association shall exercise its discretion and judgment as to the amount of its funds to be expended in connection with each of the purposes for which its funds are collected, and its discretion in reference thereto shall be binding upon all interested parties.

ARTICLE VI

EASEMENTS

6.1 Reservation of Easement Rights. Developer reserves to itself, and to its successors and assigns, the exclusive right to grant consents, easements and rights of way for the construction, operation, maintenance and use of electric light, cablevision, telephone poles, wires and conduits, including underground facilities, to serve the Subdivision, the Lots therein, and any adjacent land to the Subdivision; and for drainage, sewers and any other facilities or utilities deemed convenient or necessary by Developer or its successors and assigns for the service of the Subdivision, the Lots therein and adjacent land on, over, below, or under all of the areas designated as “Common Area,” “Drainage and Utility Easement,” and “Sanitary Sewer Easement” or with words of similar import, on the Plat of the Subdivision, and along and upon all roadways now existing or hereafter established and abutting all the Lots in the Subdivision. Developer also reserves to itself, and to its successors and assigns, the right to go upon or permit any public or quasi-public utility company to go upon the Lots from time to time to install, maintain and remove such utility lines and to trim trees, shrubbery or other growth or obstructions that may interfere with the successful and convenient operation of such equipment. No structures, or any part thereof, shall be erected or maintained over or upon any part of the areas designated as “Common Area,” “Drainage and Utility Easement,” or “Sanitary Sewer Easement” or with words of similar import, upon the Plat, except as expressly authorized under Section 2.4 hereof. The term “structures” as used in the preceding sentence shall include houses, garages and other buildings, but shall not include Lot improvements such as driveways and paved parking areas. No owner of any Lot shall have the right to reserve or grant any easements or rights of way upon or over any of the Lots without the prior written consent of the Developer, its successors and assigns.
6.2 Reservation of Easement Rights Over Lot 4 and Lot 17. Developer reserves to itself, and to its successors and assigns, the exclusive right to install upon the north sides of the dwellings constructed on Lot 4 and Lot 17 any and all electric meters, remote water meters, timer clocks and other facilities used in the operation and maintenance of any and all sprinkler systems that may be installed in the Common Area, together with the right of ingress and egress over, upon, across and through Lot 4 and Lot 17 for the purpose of operating, maintaining and using such facilities.

ARTICLE VII
DURATION OF RESTRICTIONS, AMENDMENTS

7.1 Term. This Declaration shall run with the land and shall be binding upon Developer, the Association, and all persons claiming under or through Developer or the Association until the first day of January, 2020, at which time this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years.

7.2 Amendments; Termination. This Declaration may be amended prior to January 1, 2020 and may be amended or terminated on or after January 1, 2020, provided that the written approval of the then owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots in the Subdivision is obtained, which amendment or termination shall become effective from and after the filing with the Recorder of Lucas County, Ohio of an instrument stating such action signed by all approving Lot owners with the formalities required by law. In the event the Association shall be dissolved or otherwise cease to exist, ownership of its property shall automatically thereupon be transferred to the then owners of the Lots in the Subdivision with each owner having an equal undivided interest in the Common Areas for each Lot owned, provided, however, that in no event and under no circumstances shall there be any partition in the Common Areas and facilities through judicial proceedings or otherwise unless approved by the owners of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots in the Subdivision.

ARTICLE VIII
ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS, OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Violations Unlawful. Any violation or attempt to violate any of the covenants or restrictions herein shall be unlawful. Developer, the Association, the Architectural Control Committee or any person or persons owning any Lot in the Subdivision may prosecute any proceedings at law, or in equity, against the person or persons violating or attempting to violate this Declaration to prevent or enjoin him or them from so doing, to cause the removal or cessation of any violation, and to recover damages for such violation or attempted violation.

8.2 Saving Clause. The invalidation of any of the restrictions herein contained by judgment or court order or amendment hereof by the act of the owners of Lots in the Subdivision shall not affect any of the other provisions contained in this Declaration, which shall remain in full force and effect.

8.3 Transfers Subject to Restrictions. All transfers and conveyances of each and every Lot in the Subdivision shall be made subject to this Declaration.
8.4 **Notices.** Any notice required to be sent to any owner of a Lot or any part thereof or to Developer or to the Association or to the Architectural Control Committee shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person who appears as such owner or to the Developer or to the Association or to any member of the Architectural Control Committee as such address appears on the applicable public record or on the records of the Association or the Architectural Control Committee.

8.5 **Developer's Rights Assignable: Interpretation of Restrictions.** The rights, privileges and powers granted by this Declaration to, and/or reserved by, Developer shall be assignable at any time and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Developer, and any such assignment by Developer shall be in writing and shall be recorded in the office of Recorder of Lucas County, Ohio. Developer shall have the right to enforce, construe and interpret this Declaration and its construction and interpretation, made in good faith, shall be final and binding as to all persons and property benefited by this Declaration. Developer reserves the right to relinquish its power to construe, interpret and enforce this Declaration by written instrument delivered to the Association whereupon all rights with respect thereto shall thereafter be exercised by the Association and all obligations of Developer hereunder shall terminate.

8.6 **No Waiver of Violations.** The failure to enforce any violation or breach of any of the provisions of this Declaration, no matter how frequent, shall not abrogate or invalidate any such provisions nor shall it constitute a waiver of any subsequent violation or breach.

8.7 **Limitation of Warranties: Indemnification of Trustees, etc. of Association.** By acceptance and recording of a deed to a Lot in the Subdivision, each Lot owner shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that there are no representations or warranties, express or implied, by the Developer to the Association or any Lot owner, or by the Association to any Lot owner with respect to (i) the merchantability, fitness, or suitability of the Lots for the construction of residences or any other purpose, (ii) any improvements to or for the benefit of the Subdivision whether constructed by or at the direction of Developer or under Developer's supervision, or (iii) any other aspect or feature of the Subdivision other than as expressly stated in writing (a) by the Developer to the Lot owner; or, (b) in this Declaration; or, (c) in the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the Association. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association provide that the Trustees, officers, employees and agents of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association in the fullest extent permitted by law for their actions taken on behalf of the Association, including their actions taken under this Declaration.

8.8 **Waiver of Restrictions by Architectural Control Committee.** Each Lot owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, agrees and consents and shall be deemed to agree and consent for himself and for his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, that if, in the opinion of the Architectural Control Committee, the shape, dimensions, number of structures, location of natural features such as trees, or topography of the Lot upon which a building or improvement is proposed to be made, is such that a strict construction or enforcement of the requirements of the Plat or of any provision of this Declaration would work a hardship, the Architectural Control Committee may, in writing, grant waivers from this Declaration as to such Lot so as to permit the erection of such building or the making of the proposed improvements.
8.9 Modification of Restrictions: Hardship. In the event of a material change in conditions or circumstances from those existing at the time these restrictions are adopted that would cause the enforcement of these restrictions to become a hardship upon any of the owners of Lots, or which would cause this Declaration to cease being beneficial to the owners of such Lots, Developer and/or any owner or owners of Lots shall have the right to modify this Declaration so as to remove the hardship, or cause this Declaration to be beneficial to all Lot owners, by filing for record with the Lucas County, Ohio Recorder an instrument adopting such modification to this Declaration and signed by the owner or owners of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots in the Subdivision with the formalities required by law. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed as a limitation upon the right of the Architectural Control Committee to modify the provisions of this Declaration as provided in Section 8.8 or a modification of the procedure for amending this Declaration as provided in Section 7.2 under any other circumstances.

8.10 Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings contained in this Declaration have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be used in the construction and/or interpretation of this Declaration.

8.11 Trustee. It is expressly understood and agreed that Trustee is executing this Declaration as Trustee for the sole purpose of consenting to same as the record titleholder and assumes no liability whatsoever hereunder. Developer hereby indemnifies and holds Trustee harmless from any and all expenses or liabilities arising out of its execution hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have caused this Declaration of Restrictions to be executed on July 30, 2000.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

Louisville Title Agency of N.W.
Ohio, Inc., Trustee

By: John W. Martin, President

Moses Leffler, Ltd.

By: J. Moses Construction, Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company

Jeffrey J. Moses, Manager

By: James C. Moses, Manager

By: Tant Co., Incorporated, an Ohio corporation

Richard M. Leffler, Jr., President

STATE OF OHIO )
COUNTY OF LUCAS ) SS.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of July, 2000, by John W. Martin the President of Louisville Title Agency of N.W. Ohio, Inc., Trustee, an Ohio liability company, on behalf of the company.

ROONEY R. FREY
Notary P. A., State of Ohio
Co., Ohio Co.
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-5-2002

[SEAL]
STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF LUCAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of July 2000, by Jeffrey J. Moses in his capacity as managing member of J. Moses Construction, Ltd., a member of Moses Leffler, Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company, on behalf of the company.

[SEAL]

My Commission Expires: ________________________________

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF LUCAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of July 2000, by James C. Moses in his capacity as managing member of J. Moses Construction, Ltd., a member of Moses Leffler, Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company, on behalf of the company.

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My Commission Expires: ________________________________
STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF LUCAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of July, 2000, by Richard M. Leffler, Jr. in his capacity as President of Tant Co., Incorporated, a member of Moses Leffler, Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company, on behalf of the corporation.

VICKI L. FEIT
Notary Public, State of Ohio
Commission Expires 4-14-2002

My Commission Expires: _____________________________ [SEAL]

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

Sharon M. Fulop, Esq.
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MORTGAGEE'S CONSENT

The undersigned, Mid Am Bank, a national banking association, the holder of a certain Open-End Mortgage encumbering the lands included in Crystal Creek Villas Plat One, which mortgage is dated October 21, 1999, and recorded at Book 89 of the Lucas County, Ohio Records, hereby consents to the execution and delivery of the foregoing Declaration of Restrictions and to the filing thereof in the Office of the County Recorder of Lucas County, Ohio, and further subjects the above-described mortgage to the provisions of the foregoing Declaration of Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Mid Am Bank has caused this consent to be executed by its duly authorized officers as of this 20th day of July, 2000.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

[Signatures]

Mid Am Bank

By: [Signature]

Title: ASSISTANT V.P. PRESIDENT

STATE OF OHIO

) SS:

COUNTY OF Lucas

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of July, 2000, by Karen A. Johnson, the Assistant Vice President of Mid Am Bank, a national banking association, on behalf of the association.

[Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: [signature]

[SEAL]

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

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